

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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RECEIVED

1. Name

historic I.P. Pardee Mansion

SEP 7 '83

and/or common Same

NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION

2. Location

street & number 235 North Laurel St. and 28 Aspen St. (Carriage House) not for publication

city, town Hazleton vicinity of

state PA 18201 code county Luzerne code

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	x Rental Apartment
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Gordon Trask and Anna Jean Muckler

street & number 235 N. Laurel St.

city, town Hazleton vicinity of state Pa 18201

5. Location of Legal Description

Office of the Recorder of Deeds for Luzerne County
courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Deed Book Vol. 2073 P. 521, 523

street & number City Hall

city, town Hazleton state PA

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

None Known

title has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Israel Platt Pardee mansion is located in the older section of Hazleton in an area formerly known as Pardee Square. The property sits on a corner lot approximately 75' x 190' and is fenced on the two street sides by the original wrought iron fence. The front faces Laurel St. and is noted by a huge tin roofed wrap around porch of 80' in length. The front door is 5' x 9' of oak with 12 beveled glass windows. The original front window wood shutters are also available to be hung. The turret extends from floor 1 to floor 3 and has 4 curved glass original plate windows. There are four tiffany type original windows (dining room and two bedrooms) visible from the street. Approximate house dimensions are 50' wide, 75' long, and 50' high, enclosing 5500 square feet (excluding basement). The house is of clapboard design, fully plastered with 10" walls. Upper exterior portions have fish scale designed siding (all original). The roof is red cedar individual split shingles plus tin decorative ridging.

The carriage house is a 30' x 65' cedar clapboard structure which originally housed the caretaker. The bottom is a garage with original 1 1/4" oak tong and groove ceiling. It has the original wood work benches, raised wood platform for horses and underground gas pump plus boiler room. The upstairs is the caretakers apartment which has 2 bedrooms, living room, kitchen and enclosed sun porch.

The architect was George W. Barber who was a well known patternbook architect of the time. The "Bailey House" in Florida is another of his homes on the National Register.

The main house is a large 19 room Queen Anne Clapboard Victorian. The house is in near mint condition as it pertains to historical and architectural features but shows signs of weathering, inefficient heating, and an old unsafe electrical system. A huge beveled glass oak door leads to a vestibule with inlaid tile floor and opalescent light (all original). A second oak double hutch door leads to a 15' x 17' foyer with large oak fireplace and original wainscoating. Three steps lead up to a turret room landing with fretwork and oak bannister. Double oak sliding parlor doors lead to the front parlor with a carved fireplace. All rooms have 12' ceilings and original 1 1/4" oak floors. The second set of parlor doors lead to the back parlor with a third oak carved fireplace surrounded by original built in oak bookcases. The parlor ceiling has dropped wood archways. There is a hidden office room with an all oak built-in desk, bookcases, and couch. The third set of parlor doors lead to a huge formal dining room containing a built in buffet, stained glass window and original light fixture. The original Pardee oak lions head round table with a set of 7 matching chairs plus the original Pardee oak corner cupboard is here.

The first floor also has a large kitchen with Philadelphia Pine woodwork, original large butler's pantry, fruit pantry, and a servants entrance. Upstairs is 5 bedrooms, 3 carved oak fireplaces and two more stained glass windows plus hardwood floors. Two original baths contain nickle plated fixtures made of the best material available in 1893. The house has the original unique air tunnel theatre heating system designed by Mr. Pardee.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Historical Significance

Mr. Israel Platt Pardee (1852-1934) had the home built in 1893 by Mr. Barber, an architect nationally known for his Victorian designs. The home served as his only residence and is the only remaining Pardee mansion. I. P. Pardee was the son of Ario pardee (1810 - 1892) who was the founder of the city of Hazleton with his building of the Beaver Meadow Railroad in 1833. He was the original pioneer Hazleton coal operator on an organized scale who opened the first mine, laid out the town and marketed the product for fifty years. The firm of A. Pardee and Co. was the largest individual shipper of anthracite coal in Pennsylvania. He endowed the chair of mathematics at Lafayette College with over \$500,000 to build "Pardee Hall" which was the largest and most scientific college building in the United States when dedicated in 1873 and he served as Presidential Elector of the college. During the civil war he fitted a military company at his own expense. This multi-millionaire is buried in Vine Street Cemetery in Hazleton.

The most prominent son, Israel Platt Pardee, continued to be one of the most liberal donors to Lafayette College where an infirmary was named in honor of his mother "The Anna Robison Pardee Memorial Infirmary". He presided as president of Lafayette College for 11 years (1914-1925). I. P. Pardee was a director of the Anthracite Separator Co., the Hanover Fire Insurance Co. of N. Y. and a member of the Wyoming Valley Historical Society and the Bankers Club of New York. He was associated with banking and served as founder and president of the Hazleton National Bank. He died at his home at 235 N. laurel Street in Hazleton in 1934. His widow remained in the home until 1948 when ownership passed to Dr. George Dornblaser, a surgeon in the city for over 50 years. Shortly prior to his death in 1983, Dr. Dornblaser sold the home to Gordon and Anna Jean Muckler under the understanding the home would be restored to maintain the original architectural features.

The town of Pardeesville, Pennsylvania, is named after the Pardee family.

Source: The plain speaker - Standard Sentinel
 Tues. Aug. 26, 1941 Edition
 Copy at Public Library of Hazleton, Church St.

9. Major Bibliographical References

(see continuation sheet)

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property .3

Quadrangle name Hazleton, PA

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

A

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

B

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C

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Verbal boundary description and justification

(see continuation sheet)

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Gordon T. Muckler

organization N/A

date 8/20/83

street & number 235 N. Laurel Street

telephone (717) 455-2180 (Home)

city or town Hazleton

state PA

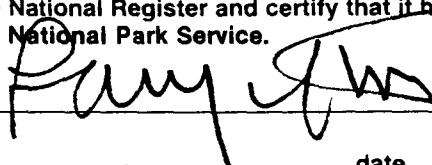
12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature



title Larry E. Tise, State Historic Preservation Officer

date 11/23/83

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Item number 9 & 10

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9. Major Bibliographical References:

Backman, Bill. "Who Was First Hazleton Coal Operator on Organized Scale?"
"Standard-Sentinel." Hazleton, November 3, 1955

"Pardee Co., Was Largest Individual Shipper of Coal"
Standard-Sentinel. Hazleton, November 4, 1955

"Ario Pardee Was Associated with First Hazleton Bank."
Standard-Sentinel. Hazleton, November 5, 1955

"Tributes Paid to Ario Pardee in Press and From the Pulpit."
Standard-Sentinel. Hazleton, November 7, 1955.

"Ario Pardee's Son, Israel, was Benefactor of Lafayette."
Standard-Sentinel. Hazleton, November 8, 1955

"Old Map Shows Interesting Features of Early Mining Days."
Standard-Sentinel. Hazleton, November 11, 1955.

Pardee, C. and William G. Foulke. Calvin Pardee. Philadelphia
Pardee Company, 1510 2 Girard Plaza, 1979, 200p.

10. Verbal Boundary Description:

The following description form deed of March 1, 1983 between
Geroge B. Dornblaser (Grantor) to Gordon T. Muckler and Anna Jean Muckler
(Grantees). Book 2093 P. 521

All those certain lots, pieces or parcels or land situate in the City of
Hazleton, County of Luzerne and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, being the
northerly one-half of Lot No. Eight (8) and all of the Plan of the City of
Hazleton, more fully bounded and described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at a point in the Southeast corner of Diamond Avenue and North
Laurel Street;

THENCE (1) eastwardly along the southerly line of Aspen Street for a distance
of one hundred ninety (190) feet to a point, the southwesterly corner of
Aspen Street and Manhattan Court;

THENCE (2) southwardly along the westerly line of Manhattan Court for a
distance of seventy-five (75) feet to a point in the center line of Lot No.
Eight (8);

THENCE (3) westwardly along the center line of Lot No. Eight (8) for a
distance of one hundred ninety (190) feet to a point in the easterly line of
North Laurel Street.

THENCE (4) northwardly along the easterly line of North Laurel Street
for a distance of seventy-five (75) feet to the point or place of BEGINNING.

IMPROVED with a two and one-half story fram single dwelling known as
235 North Laurel Street, Hazleton, Pennsylvania, and a garage and overhead
apartment known as 28 Aspen Street, Hazleton, Pa.

Israel Pratt Pardee Mansion
Luzerne County
Zone 18 E418130 N4534560

