

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in How to Complete National Register Forms  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

017 Nomination

1. Name

historic Cintra (New Hope MRA)

and/or common N/A

2. Location

street & number 181 West Bridge Street (Tax parcel #27-006-64) N/A not for publication

city, town New Hope N/A vicinity of

state Pennsylvania code 42 county Bucks code 017

3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<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 checked="" 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	N/A 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 Joseph M. Stanley, Dewey Lee Curtis

street & number 181 West Bridge Street

city, town New Hope N/A vicinity of state Pennsylvania 18938

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Bucks County Courthouse

street & number Main and Court Streets

city, town Doylestown state Pennsylvania

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Bucks County Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1979-80  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

city, town Harrisburg state Pennsylvania

# 7. Description

**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved date

N/A

**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

Located to the west of the main community of New Hope (District #2), Cintra commands an elevated view of the Old York Road being located on a slight rise south of the road. Its location and style made Cintra a very impressive structure during the 19th century.

Unusual in design, Cintra is said to have been designed after a Portugese palace. Basically L-shaped in plan, Cintra has a central hub flanked by two identical wings. Built of stuccoed stone this two and one-half story structure has a hipped roof now covered with asbestos shingles. Dormers pierce the roof over the central doorway in the hub and over the end elevations of the wings. The fenestration is symetrically placed flanking a central doorway in the hub. Windows are 6 over 6, double hung sash, with wooden lintels and sills. Second story windows have louvered shutters, first floor windows paneled shutters.

The main doorway is approached by a flight of stone steps. The rather plain paneled door is topped by a four-light transom. During the late 19th century the entrance way was framed by a wooden porch, as evidenced in historic photographs. At that time the second story center window was changed to a door by the addition of an apron below the window which could be lowered into the floor. With the raising of the lower sash and the lowering of the apron access to the second story of the porch was possible. At sometime in the early 20th century the porch was removed. A false iron balustrade was added to the second story window/door. This represents the only major alteration to the exterior appearance of the structure.

# 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** 1824

**Builder/Architect** N/A, William Maris

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

Commanding a prominent location on the Old York Road, Cintra is an excellent example of an early industrialists' mansion. As the home of William Maris, a significant local industrialist, Cintra's grandeur bespeaks Maris's hope in the success of his cotton mill built in 1820 (District I). Cintra's unusual style is also reflective of its owner, William Maris, who was also an architect. Maris was responsible for the design of the Delaware Bridge House (27-010-125) and the Union Mills (27-009-04) and several other New Hope structures.

After the demise of the cotton mill in 1835, Maris was forced to sell his mansion to the Ely family, early Quaker settler in New Hope.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Davis, William W.H. History of Bucks County. Chp. XIV, Vol II.  
Title search.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 4.6

Quadrangle name Lambertville, PA, NJ

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

### UTM References

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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

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# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Ann Niessen

organization New Hope Borough

date 1983

street & number 41 N. Main Street

telephone (215) 862-2981

city or town New Hope

state Pennsylvania 18938

# 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 7/18/83

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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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Continuation sheet Cintra, Bucks County

Item number 10

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Verbal Boundary Description:

Starting at a point on south side of Old York Road moving southwest for 355.35 feet; then southeast for 500 feet; then southwest for 64.42 feet; then east for 22.45 feet; then northeast for 435 feet to the southside of Old York Road; then northwest along southside of Road for 459.67 feet to starting point.

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