

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

1. Name

historic Joshua Ely House (New Hope MAH)

and/or common N/A

2. Location

street & number Rittenhouse Circle, Village II N/A not for publication

city, town New Hope N/A vicinity of Tax Parcel #27-008-5

state Pennsylvania code 42 county Bucks code 017

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Village II at New Hope, Inc.

street & number Village II

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 & Museum Commission

city, town Harrisburg state Pennsylvania

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/
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates N/A Builder/Architect N/A

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Joshua Ely House is one of the last examples of the large "Manor" type residences left in the Borough and bespeaks the wealth of the Ely family during the late 18th and early 19 centuries.

Once the farmhouse for a 130 acre tract, the first section of the structure was built for Joshua Ely in the late 18th century. The structure and fifty acres of his land was willed to his son in 1802. The second section of the structure was added during the mid 19th century.

Because this farm was located on the high ridge it served as a lookout and the location of one of three redoubts thrown up by the continental soldiers during their three week bivouac in Coryell's Ferry (New Hope) from December 8, 1776 through December 25, 1776. There has been no attempt to physically locate or excavate the site and references to its location come from local histories.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Davis, Wm. W.H. History of Bucks County. Vol II, Chp: XIV.

Title Search

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 5.05

Quadrangle name Lambertville, NJ, PA

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

A

1	8	5	0	3	5	4	0	4	4	6	7	0	5	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

Verbal boundary description and justification

Starting at a point on the E Side of the Deer Path moving N along E side of road for 237.5'; then NE 881.25'; then S along W side of the Deer Path for 250'; then SW 881.25' to starting point.

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

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organization New Hope Borough

date 1983

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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

For NPS use only

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

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

