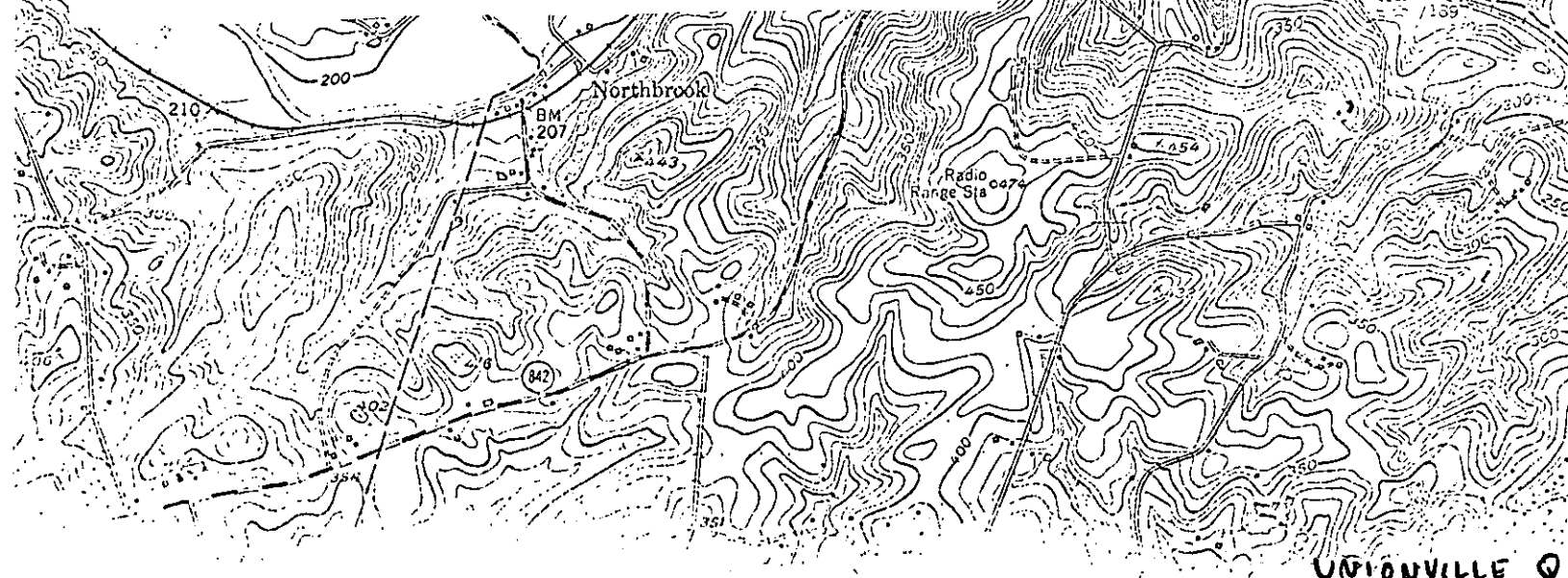




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Bradford Friends Meeting



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Pennsylvania	
COUNTY: Chester	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Bradford Friends Meeting House

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Marshallton Meeting House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
East Side Northbrook Rd., South of Strasburg Rd. (Pa. Route 162)

CITY OR TOWN:
Marshallton

STATE Pennsylvania	CODE 42	COUNTY: Chester	CODE 029
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Trustees, Bradford Meeting c/o Arthur Cooper

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 981

CITY OR TOWN:
Coatesville

STATE:
Pennsylvania

CODE:
42

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Chester County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
High and Market Streets

CITY OR TOWN:
West Chester

STATE:
Pennsylvania

CODE:
42

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Pennsylvania Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks

DATE OF SURVEY: **1970** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 1026

CITY OR TOWN:
Harrisburg

STATE:
Pennsylvania

CODE:
42

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
(Check One)			(Check One)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Altered			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		
			<input type="checkbox"/> Moved		
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Bradford Meeting House's early appearance was much the same as it is today.

Bradford Meeting is a typical example of eighteenth century south-eastern Pennsylvania Quaker architecture. The Meetinghouse was built in 1765. The porch which extends on two sides is a nineteenth century addition. The main entrance is in the southeastern gable end.

The interior of the meetinghouse is unusual in that it is divided into four, rather than two rooms. The two large rooms, separated by a removable partition divided the men's and women's meeting. Although popular legend claims that the smaller rooms were built so that slaves could accompany their masters to meeting, there is no basis for this statement in fact. The smaller rooms were used for meetings.

The photographs appended to this report show the present appearance of the meeting.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1764**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The minutes of Chester Quarterly Meeting show the receipt and approval, on September 9, 1719, of a petition by the "Friends in the Forks of the Brandywine" for establishment of a winter meeting every other first and fifth day. A request for continuation of this meeting in the summer months was approved March 14, 1721, and approval was granted on March 10, 1725 for increasing the frequency of meetings to include every first and fifth day.

Abraham Marshall, father of botanist Humphry Marshall, was instrumental in the establishment of this meeting, and the Bradford Friends assembled in his home, "Derbydown", for worship from 1722 through 1727, because they did not have a meetinghouse. On October 10, 1729, Abraham Marshall, Richard Woodward, Peter Collins, and Richard Buffington, trustees of the meeting, purchased land from Edward Clayton in what is now the village of Marshallton. The first house of frame or logs was moved to the land from the Marshall property. After construction of a brick meetinghouse in 1735, it was used as a stable. Neither of these structures is still standing. The graveyard now occupies the location of the 1735 building.

The present meetinghouse was erected on the site in 1764-5. Its upper part was destroyed by a fire which occurred March 2, 1788; repairs were made at a cost of £ 115.

Abraham Marshall and his wife were buried at the Bradford Meetinghouse Cemetery in 1767 and 1769 respectively. Humphry Marshall was buried there in 1801, his first wife in 1786 and his second wife in 1823.

The Bradford Friends Meeting House is important not only because of its age and architecture. Of at least equal significance is the continuity of the use of the site. There has been a meeting there continuously since the building was built. The meetinghouse provided a focal point for the community, and around its walls, the town of Marshallton grew up.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 12.1 Acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Pennsylvania Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks

ORGANIZATION: **Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission** DATE: **2/5/71**

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 1026

CITY OR TOWN: **Harrisburg** STATE: **Pennsylvania** CODE: **42**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name S. V. Stutz
 State Liaison Officer

Title **Executive Director**
Pa. Historical and Museum Commission

Date **February 26, 1971**

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST: _____

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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