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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

LOLLER ACADEMY

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

424 South York Road

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Hatboro

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8th

VICINITY OF

STATE

Pennsylvania

CODE

42

COUNTY

Montgomery

CODE

091

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
	<i>by Hatboro Borough</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: <i>Civil Defense</i>

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Hatboro-Horsham School District

STREET & NUMBER

229 Meetinghouse Road

CITY, TOWN

Horsham

VICINITY OF

STATE

Pennsylvania 19044

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Airy & Swede Street

CITY, TOWN

Norristown

STATE

Pennsylvania

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

DATE

3/8/78

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR

SURVEY RECORDS

Pennsylvania Historical & 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 _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Built in 1811, the original portion of the Loller Academy measures 65 feet by 56 feet. This two story stucco structure has a hipped roof topped by a 40 foot square cupola. A plain brick chimney is located near the center of the north wall. There is evidence that at one time there were three more chimneys. The main door and a large second story twelve light window with a three light transom are located in a central projecting frontpiece topped by a pediment with a sun-ray decoration. The main door is panelled with glass insets and a fanlight. This main doorway is approached by eight steps.

Windows in this five by three bay original section are paired two over two topped by one light rectangular transom.

Circa  a two story rear addition measuring 24 feet by 72 feet was made to the Academy. This addition is also stucco and is similar in style and character to the original Academy. The windows in the original were replaced at this time so that the windows in both sections are identical. Some first story windows in the addition are nine over nine. Also, at the time of the addition, the cupola was altered to its present appearance.

The most outstanding feature of the building is the belfry clock made by Isaiah Lukens. Isaiah Lukens was a noted local clockmaker from 1800 to 1836. The Loller Academy Clock was his first tower clock. Lukens was a founder and vice-president of the Franklin Institute. Circa 1828 he made a replacement clock for the State House. He also made the clock for the Second U.S. Bank in Philadelphia in 1820. This building later became the U.S. Custom House.

The Loller Academy clock is in running order and bears the inscription, "Sound me not in praise of aught but reason and merit."

11/11/70

Jack. interior

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 type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" 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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		<i>Horology</i>

SPECIFIC DATES *1811*

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Loller Academy was built in 1811 and was the gift by will of Robert Loller, a Colonel of the Pennsylvania Militia. He was also one of the framers of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, a member of the Pennsylvania Assembly, and served as an Associate Judge of the Montgomery County Court.

He left money to erect a building for an Academy or Seminary of Learning and the residue of his Estate for expenses and salaries.

The Academy was incorporated in 1812 as a private school. It became a combined public and private school in 1848, and in 1873 became a public school. It continued as such until 1960 when it had outlived its usefulness as a school building.

Loller Academy has always been a center of culture and learning, for adults, as well as for students. People came by carriage and horseback from miles around, some from as far as Doylestown to hear lectures and debates.

Among the speakers were Lucretia Mott, Charles Burleigh, General John Davis, Josiah Randall, E. Norris Davis, and Alfred Earle.

At a later date, in 1874, there was a series of seven lectures by Major George Jamison. That same year, there was a concert for the benefit of Horsham Sunday School.

This tradition is still being continued. It is a meeting place for 22 Clubs and organizations, including Civil Defense. For 165 years, Loller Academy has played an important part in the growth of Hatboro and the surrounding community. Last year, a group of over 125 concerned citizens raised money to preserve the structure.

The significance of the Loller Academy lies in its educational contribution to the local community and the survival of its tower clock, an example of the work of a local and important clockmaker.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Mrs. Lillian W. G. Hartung, Thomas R. Edmunds

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Loller Academy Fund

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

320 Mill Road

215-675-3430

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Hatboro

Pennsylvania

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 *WILLIAM J. WEWER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR*

DATE

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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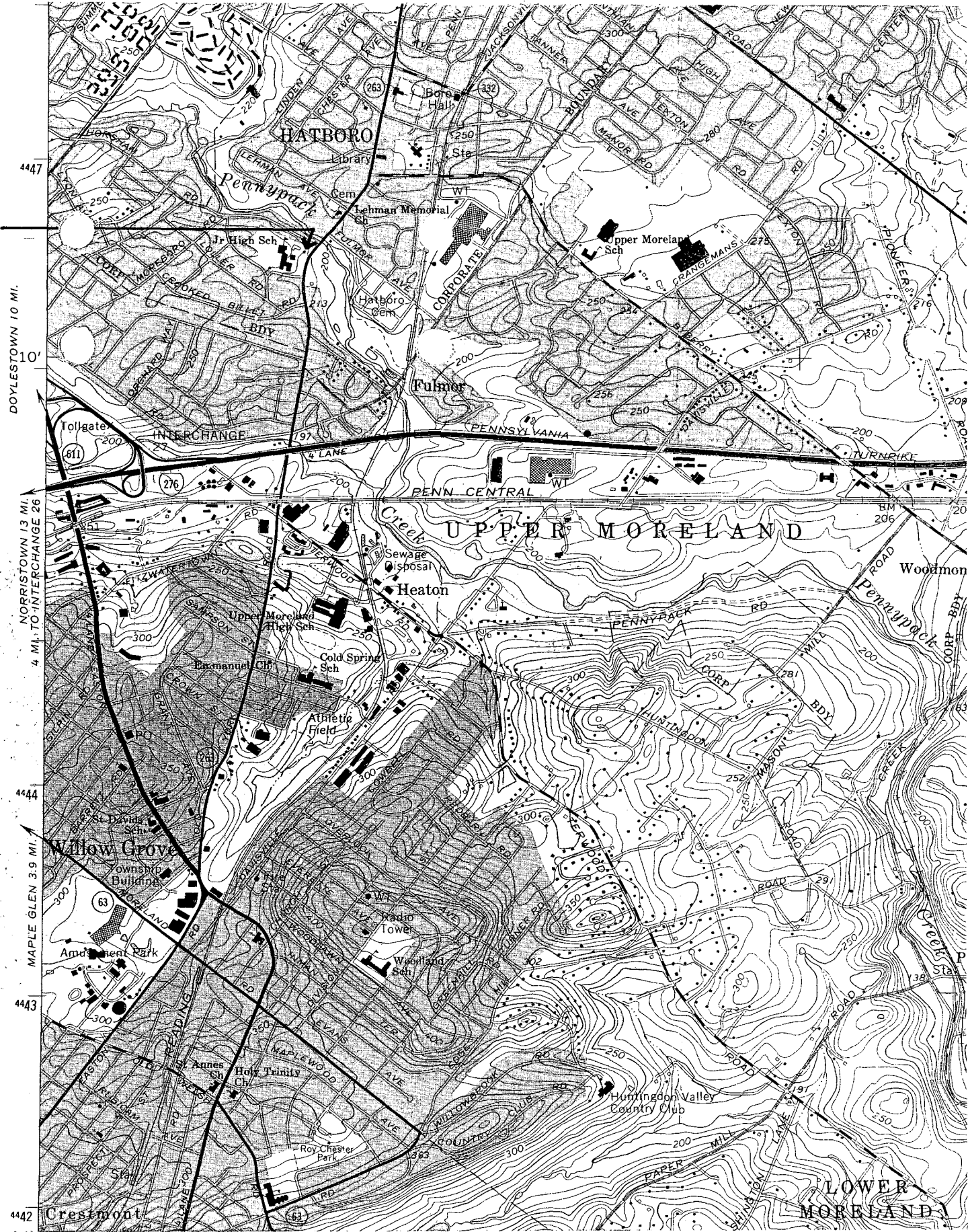
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JEMY



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DOYLESTOWN 10 MI.

NORRISTOWN 13 MI.
4 MI. TO INTERCHANGE 26

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MAPLE GLEN 3.9 MI.

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LOWER
MORELAND