

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Pennsylvania	
COUNTY: Delaware	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 71.3.42.0016	DATE 3/11/71

1. NAME

COMMON:
(Caleb) Pusey House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
15 Race Street, Landingford Plantation

CITY OR TOWN:
Upland

STATE Pennsylvania	CODE 42	COUNTY: Delaware	CODE 045
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	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	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

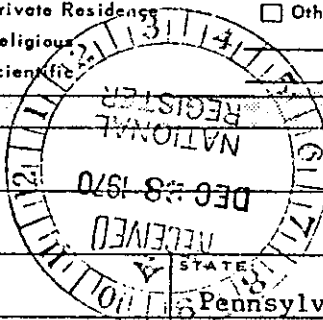
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Friends of Caleb Pusey, Inc.

STREET AND NUMBER:
P. O. Box 256

CITY OR TOWN:
Swarthmore

STATE: Pennsylvania
CODE: 42



5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Delaware County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Media

STATE: Pennsylvania
CODE: 42

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY:
 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE:
D. C.

CODE: 11

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

 Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

 Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

 Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Caleb Pusey House was built in two distinct sections probably a few years apart. The earlier eastern portion with its native stone construction, low, broad proportions and simple plan consisting of one great room below and loft above is very much in the vernacular tradition of the sixteenth and early seventeenth century simple yeoman houses in Pusey's native Berkshire, England.

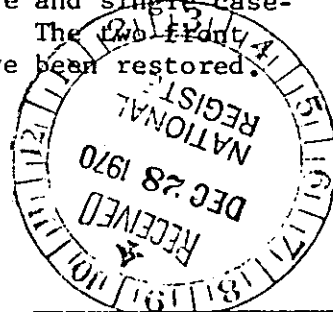
Bricks, interspersed randomly throughout the construction, were probably replacements for stones which came loose and fell out. There was a basement under the eastern half of this east section.

Architectural evidence suggests that the western section with its stone well may have originally been an enclosed area without roof to house animals or a garden with wellhouse. The walls were soon built up and roofed over, however, and it is believed that this was completed by 1696 when Chester Monthly Meeting held sessions here.

Facing south, the home measures 46 by 18 feet, with walls 1 1/2 feet thick. The pitch roof of the west section is original. The gambrel roof over the east section was probably erected after a fire at an unknown date completely destroyed the framing of the east and some of the west portions. It is probable that the dormer window was installed at the same time. The earliest known sketch of the house shows window in the east end wall was added for light sometime between 1843 and 1862. The window above was at an unknown date made into a door.

A large walk-in fireplace stretches along the center wall with its principle opening to the east. A low wooden shed built against the west center wall protected the large cooking kettle and projecting beehive oven. Sometime in the early nineteenth century the fireplace, bake oven and kettle stand were dismantled and replaced by two corner fireplaces using a common chimney along the rear wall. As these corner fireplaces blocked the original doorway between the two sections, a new passageway was cut through the original fireplace. At a later date this first floor and the second floor passageway, in the shape of a keystone arch, were blocked up. The interior has all been restored to a 1725 cutoff date by the Friends of the Caleb Pusey House, Inc.

During the nineteenth century many of the original window openings were made smaller and fitted with new double-hug wooden sash. Investigation revealed that the original windows were double and single casements and these have been custom made and installed. The two front doorways had also been reduced in size and these have been restored.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1683

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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 type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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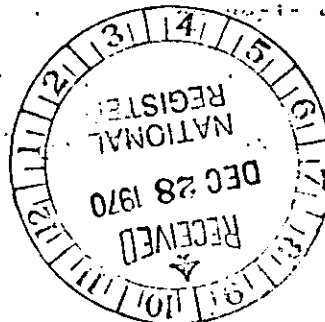
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Caleb Pusey House is the earliest surviving English-built house in Pennsylvania, and the only dwelling left in America in which it is known that William Penn visited upon at least one occasion.

Born in Berkshire, England in ¹⁷²⁷1651, Caleb Pusey was a maker of lasts for shaping shoes. In 1681 when plans were being made for the colonization of Pennsylvania, a number of Quaker investors put up money to establish a mill in Upland, "for the grinding of corn and the sawing of boards." Caleb Pusey, given one share, was to manage the mill and be its agent. Richard Townsend, an experienced builder and miller, also received shares and was to erect the mill with framed parts sent out from London and to build the miller's house. Charles Ashcom's 1683 map of Chester County shows that Caleb Pusey's house was standing by that time.

In 1708, having become so involved in the affairs of the Province and Chester County, Pusey sold his shares in the mill. Among other public services he performed, he was a member of the Pennsylvania Assembly and the Executive Council. Late in life Pusey moved to Marlborough Township where he died in 1727.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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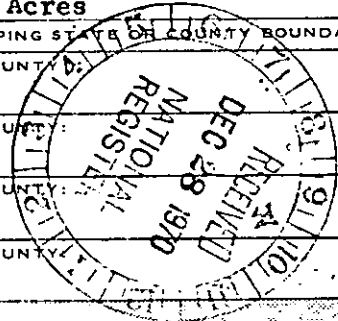
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **9 Acres**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Elizabeth Donaghy

ORGANIZATION: Historic Delaware County, Inc. DATE: 8/11/70

STREET AND NUMBER: P. O. Box 267

CITY OR TOWN: Swarthmore 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. K. Slade

Title Executive Director

Date September 22, 1970

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

Edward A. Connelly
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

MAR 11 1971

Date _____

ATTEST:

William J. Smartt
Keeper of The National Register

Date **FEB 22 1971**

OK



LATITUDE
39° 51' 04"
LONGITUDE
75° 23' 13"

680 000 FEET
(DEL.)

1.3 MI. TO U.S. 13

200 000 FEET
(PA.)

DARBY 7.8 MI.
PHILADELPHIA (CITY HALL) 15 MI.

RIDLEY PARK 2.8 MI.
PHILADELPHIA (CITY HALL) 15 MI.

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REDDYSTONE 2.5 MI.
PHILADELPHIA (CITY HALL) 16 MI.

BRIDGEPORT 2 MI.
ATLANTIC CITY 65 MI.

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