NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

1. NAME

COMMON: "Old Main"

AND/OR HISTORIC:
formerly Crozer Theological Seminary, Crozer Normal School

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
21st Street and Upland Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Upland, Chester

STATE:
Pennsylvania

3. CLASSIFICATION

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PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Agricultural
- Commercial
- Educational
- Entertainment
- Government
- Industrial
- Military
- Private Residence
- Religious
- Park
- Museum
- Scientific
- Transportation
- Other (Specify)

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Crozer-Chester Medical Center

STREET AND NUMBER:
15th Street and Upland Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Upland, Chester

STATE:
Pennsylvania

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Delaware County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Front and South Streets

CITY OR TOWN:
Media

STATE:
Pennsylvania

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Pennsylvania Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks

DATE OF SURVEY:
continuous

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
William Penn Memorial Museum

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 1026

CITY OR TOWN:
Harrisburg

STATE:
Pennsylvania
The "Old Main" building of the Crozer-Chester Medical Center (formerly owned by the Crozer Theological Seminary) is a three-story stone structure with the basement half above the grade. The facade is stucco on stone with a smooth surface and painted. The building consists of three pavilions connected by a corridor with flanking rooms. The three pavilions are slightly forward of the plane of the front facade. In the rear, however, there are two wings projecting back a good distance. The plan looks like the letter "F".

The decorative treatments are mainly confined to the front elevation, with the rear being very plain. The facades of the three pavilions consist of pilasters. The end pavilions have giant pilasters over one-story pilasters. The windows in all elevations except the facade or the central pavilion are plain, square-headed double hung. All three pavilions have a pedimented gable on the main facade and are topped by a cupola, the largest cupola being on the center pavilion.

The center pavilion is the most elaborate. Wide steps lead from grade to the first floor level. The entrance is in a recessed portico with three two-story arches on the facade. Above the portico is the plain pilaster treatment. The windows above the portico are in pairs with rounded heads. The gable end of the roof and the cupola are in the "Italianate" or "Bracket" style. The main doorway consists of a double door with a fan window above.

The first floor contains offices and lounges and the upper floors were used as dormitory rooms. The interior has undergone little change. The dormitory room doors still show the filled-in small peepholes made when the building was a hospital during the Civil War. Graffiti, possibly made by Civil War soldiers, are still to be found in the center cupola.
Construction was begun on Old Main in 1857 to house a Normal Institute for Boys and finished at a cost of $45,000. John Price Crozer, a textile manufacturer in the Village of Upland, provided the land and the funds.

In June, 1862, Mr. Crozer offered the building to the United States without charge, as a hospital. On July 17, 1862, the steamer, State of Maine, arrived with 223 sick and wounded Union soldiers on board, who had been captured and later exchanged in the Seven Days' Fight before Richmond. The building contained nearly a thousand beds, but so great was the demand that thirteen hundred persons, including patients, surgeons, attendants, and guards, were gathered within the walls. Until the 14th of July, 1863, the hospital was used almost exclusively for wounded Union soldiers, but after the battle of Gettysburg the Confederate wounded, left on the field by General Lee in his retreat, were so many that the Government was compelled to designate a certain hospital for the reception of the Confederate wounded. Old Main in Chester was selected.

After the hospital was set apart for the reception of Confederate wounded, a picket fence, twelve feet in height, was built surrounding the grounds, and guards were stationed to prevent the escape of convalescent prisoners of war. The graffiti in the tower with names, addresses and dates preserve a record of the presence of Confederate soldiers. The rectangular windows, in the doors off the corridors were made for hospital guards to check patient-prisoners.

In 1865, the building was returned to its owner and in December of that year Col. Theodore Hyatt leased the property until 1868 for the Pennsylvania Military Academy.

John P. Crozer having died in 1866, the family in 1868 as a memorial to their father, established the Crozer Theological Seminary.
9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Keighton, Robert E. *A Layman's Ministry, John Price Crozer, 1793-1866*.
Martin, John Hill, *Chester-Delaware County in Pa.* 1877.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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11. FORM PREPARED BY:

Pennsylvania Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

Box 1026

Harrisburg

DATE: June, 1972

12. STATE LIASON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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: 

Title: 

Date: 

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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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8. Significance (continued)

"Old Main"
Crozer Theological Seminary

From 1868 to 1970 Old Main housed the principal activities of the seminary. Although Baptist related, the theological school served an ecumenical and international clientele. The seminary graduated some 2,000 clergymen who have served with distinction in the United States and abroad. Martin Luther King, Jr., class of 1951, lived while a student in room 52 of Old Main.

Old Main is located in the approximate center of thirty acres of campus. Other buildings located on the grounds include:

Sunnyside House - 1863  Vedder House - 1887  
President's House - 1868  Evans House - 1890  
Humpstone House - 1868  Lewis House - 1891  
Pollard House - 1868  Eastgate House - 1916  
Bucknell Library - 1871  Neisser House - 1919  
Davis House - 1881  Weston and Franklin Apts. - 1949  
Crozer Hall - 1881  Chec House - 1960

On adjoining property Crozer-Chester Medical Center, owner of the Seminary campus and buildings since 1970, is located. The two properties constitute about sixty acres of land.

All buildings on the campus are presently being utilized for purposes of the Medical Center which include health care, mental health and a wide range of educational programs.

The Medical Center proposes to preserve the present campus setting and the nineteenth century architecture of the buildings.
Keighton, Robert E. A Layman's Ministry, John Price Crozer, 1793-1866.
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Smith, J. Wheaton. The Life of John Price Crozer, 1866.

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11. FORM PREPARED BY: Mr. W. Clinton Powers, Director of Development
Crozer-Chester Medical Center

For: Pennsylvania Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks

ORGANIZATION
Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

DATE
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Date: 12/14/72

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