

LIBERTY HALL  
1235 West Broad Street  
Quakertown  
Bucks County  
Pennsylvania

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Pennsylvania	COUNTY Bucks	TOWN OR VICINITY Quakertown
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) LIBERTY HALL		HABS NO. PA-5593
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 1235 West Broad Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1772 (PA. Hist. & Museum Comm. Inven.)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Built by Abel Roberts in 1772, it represents the simple colonial Quaker style. It was the first permanent residence in the town, an important crossroads. In Sept. 1777 the Liberty Bell was hidden behind this house while en route to safe-keeping in Northampton town		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) colonial Quaker house type		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) stone, coursed ashlar block front with rubble stone rear and side elevations		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) small, two-story, three-bay-by-one-bay structure		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE ashlar block stone front facade, pent roof over first story front, 2-story gable roofed front and gambrel roofed rear, rounded arch windows at side elevation		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) plastered fireplace with paneled over-mantel with boxed stairway with paneled walls and doors, recessed windows, wide board flooring		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES A older, perhaps log, section was once attached at the east gable end (based on lack of original stairway, pointing & stone laying treatment, etc.).		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE good condition, vacant, owned by city		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Was once the home of John Foulke, prominent Quaker and member of the Provincial Assembly.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission Inventory of Historic Places, prepared by Blake H. Eisenhart, July 1977. Letter from Albert F. Ruthrauff, AIA, Ap 1980 (earlier bldg.)		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION C. Lavoie, HABS historian	DATE March 1991	

ADDENDUM TO:  
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COLOR TRANSPARENCIES

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