

Official historic site

Haledon renamed Hobart

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Haledon Hall as been officially re-named Hobart Manor at the ceremonies in honor of its former owners, the family of the 24th vice-president of the United States, Garrett Hobart. The 19th century building, once Paterson's center of social and political activity, was this year entered into both the state and national Register of Historic Places as Alisa Farms, its earliest known name.

A portrait of Hobart Manor, commissioned by New Jersey Bank for their centennial eight years ago, was donated to the college at the ceremonies last Wednesday. "Since Garrett Hobart was an early trustee of our bank, we want to share in the recognition of the Hobart manor house and the college's celebration of achieving recognition for the manor as an historic site," said Bob Masiello, New Jersey Bank public relations director.

WPC's Bicentennial Historic Site Committee, headed by Ron McArthur, assistant director of admissions at WPC, worked nearly a year researching the building's history as an upper class 19th century home.

"We are immensely proud of our campus state and national historic site and see it as a permanent reminder of WPC's successful efforts in actively celebrating our nation's bicentennial," McArthur said.

A plaque commemorating the renaming of the building and its inclusion into the state and national historic registers was presented to the college by the Alumni Association President Helen Wienke, who spoke on the alumni association's input in researching the structure.

"William Paterson alumni have

participated in the whole range of bicentennial events conducted over the past three years, with special interest in this old building we have all loved," said Nancy Thompson, director of alumni and development. "We are proud to participate in this commemorative event."

Letters confirming the historic site status of the building will also be mounted inside of Hobart Manor.

The research committee included Virginia Randall, retired coordinator of Alumni Affairs; Sally Burke, retired college librarian, and Dr. Ken Job, WPC's bicentennial activities coordinator.

Karl Krauss, a member of the Alumni Council Executive Board hosted the ceremonies which began at 1:00 p.m.