

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:
COUNTY:
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:

Haledon Hall

AND/OR HISTORIC:

Ailsa Farms

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

300 Pompton Road

CITY OR TOWN:

Wayne

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

Eighth

STATE

New Jersey 07470

CODE

34

COUNTY:

Passaic

CODE

031

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input 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:

State of New Jersey
William Paterson College of New Jersey

STREET AND NUMBER:

300 Pompton Road

CITY OR TOWN:

Wayne

STATE:

New Jersey

CODE

34

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:

Passaic County Court House, Registrar's Office, Book 0 15, page 347

STREET AND NUMBER:

Court House

CITY OR TOWN:

Paterson,

STATE

New Jersey 07505

CODE

34

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

Map of Property Situated in the Boroughs of Haledon, North
Haledon, & the Township of Wayne, Passaic County, belonging to the state

DATE OF SURVEY:

8/10/1948

☐ Federal☒ State☐ County☐ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

Passaic County Court House, Registrar's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:

Court House

CITY OR TOWN:

Paterson

STATE:

New Jersey

CODE

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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 building presently known as Haledon Hall on the campus of William Paterson College was first erected in 1877 by a Scottish immigrant named John Mac Cullough. The land consisted of two parcels of property. One was purchased on April 22, 1875 from Henry and Mary Hillman for \$705 and the other came from Robert Mac Cullough on June 13, 1874 for the price of \$1000. By the late 1870's John Mac Cullough had made a considerable fortune in the wool industry and was intent upon building a home suitable to a gentleman of his status.

Early photographs of the original building indicate a castle-like appearance that was typical of the tactics of newly wealthy men of British heritage. Originally the building was two stories high and rectangular in shape.

It was constructed of heavy fieldstone with two eight sided turrets facing over the valley on the east. At the center of the peaked roof there was a large octagonal cupola with a domed roof. On the south side there was a large bay window with a mansard roof extending over the second floor. All other visible windows were of plain design indicating a functional rather than decorative purpose. The main door to the building was covered by a small wooden vestibule which supported a small porch accesible from the second floor. Subsequent photographs indicate the removal of the wooden vestibule and its replacement by a single story stone entranceway.

The building was purchased at public auction by Jennie Tuttle Hobart, the widow of the Vice President. The date was May 16, 1902 and the purchase price was \$5,285.

In 1915 Garret Hobart Jr. added a three story wing on the original building. It included fireplaces in nearly every room and a central air conditioning unit. By the time the final work was done on the building the manor house consisted of forty rooms with eight baths and a spiral staircase at the main entrance. The turrets were removed and leaded glass bay windows were put in their place. On the east side of the house a fieldstone and tile terrace was added which added to the impressive appearance of the building. On the roof a solarium was constructed.

The Hobart family added a total of eleven plots of land to the original acreage and the area became known as Ailsa Farms. The exterior of the building has remained virtually unaltered since the time of the Hobarts with only minor accomodations for its present purpose. The interior still reflects its past grandeur with numerous structural evidences of an upper class home. The marble fireplaces are not functional but still maintain their integrity. The early light fixtures and bathroom facilities have been virtually untouched.

The title to Ailsa Farms passed to the state on August 13, 1948 for use by Paterson State Teachers College. It was known as Haledon Hall and became the Library and Administrative Offices with classrooms in the basement. The Library moved out on January 4, 1956 and a number of rooms were subdivided. Presently it houses the offices of the Registrar, Director of Admissions, and the Director of Academic Advisement.

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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)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Aboriginal☐ Education☐ Political☐ Urban Planning☐ Prehistoric☐ Engineering☐ Religion/Phi-☒ Other (Specify)☐ Historic☐ Industry

losophy

Architectural

☐ Agriculture☐ Invention☐ Science

Heritage

☐ Architecture☐ Landscape☐ Sculpture☐ Art☐ Architecture☐ Social/Human-☐ Commerce☐ Literature

itarian

☐ Communications☐ Military☐ Theater☐ Conservation☐ Music☐ Transportation

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Hobart Manor House does not warrant recognition based solely on its age or location. It does, however, take on considerable significance when viewed as one of the last remaining examples of the castles of the Victorian era of Paterson.

It is one of the few buildings of its type that have escaped destruction or massive renovation, and for a number of years was a center of upper class activity in the Paterson area.

The house first came into the Hobart possession when Esther Jane Tuttle (AKA Jennie Tuttle) Hobart bought it at public auction in 1902. She was the widow of Garret A. Hobart Sr., the 24th Vice President of the United States who died in 1899. While her husband served in Washington, Mrs. Hobart often acted as official hostess in the place of the chronically ill Mrs. Mc Kinley. After her return to private life she became a prominent leader in the social, philanthropic and religious activities of the community. As a result of her aid during World War I, Mrs. Hobart was decorated by King Alfred of Belgium with the Chevalier de l'ordre Leopold II, this was the highest honor the Belgians can bestow and it was presented to her on September 10, 1952. On June 3, 1933 she was awarded the Doctor of Philanthropy from Rutgers in recognition of her humanitarian efforts both at home and overseas. Garret Hobart Jr., who took possession on December 22, 1902, was responsible for the major addition to the house. He was a notable of the Passaic County area in his official designation as the first President of the County Park Commission and the Vice President of the Paterson Savings Institute.

Throughout the period that the Hobarts lived there Ailsa Farms was the scene of a number of important social events. In 1931, Mr. Hobart's daughter Elizabeth Frye Hobart made her debut and on July 20, 1935 she was married at the manor house. From approximately 1915 to after World War II, the Hobart Manor House was a focal point of activities for the upper class socialites of the period between the wars.

The house now stands as a last vestage of a bygone era of the recent past. Paterson has changed and Wayne is a new suburban township. The Manor House is a vital link to the community's past and as such deserves to be recognized and preserved as a landmark for the area.

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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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
New Jersey	34	Passaic	031
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Ronald C. Mc Arthur - Chairman Historic Site Committee		
ORGANIZATION William Paterson College Bicentennial	DATE	
STREET AND NUMBER: 300 Pompton Road		
CITY OR TOWN: Wayne	STATE New Jersey	CODE 34

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 _____

Title _____

Date _____

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

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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