

Free Quakers Meetinghouse
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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE PENNSYLVANIA		COUNTY PHILADELPHIA	TOWN OR VICINITY PHILADELPHIA
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FDR NAME) FREE QUAKERS MEETINGHOUSE			HABS NO. PA-1120
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FDR RURAL SITES) 500 Arch Street (Fifth and Arch Streets)			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1783		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Samuel Wetherill and Timothy Matlack	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Fine example of nationalist influence on traditional Quaker plain style, and built for a group of dissenting Free Quakers who were expelled from the Religious Society of Friends for participation in the American Revolution. That group was dissolved in 1836.			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rectangular; 48'-4" (three-bay front) X 36'-3"; two stories			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Georgian-like features. Pedimented doorway; rusticated stucco lintels; dentil cornice; stringcourses; projecting brick corners.			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Auditorium plan with galleries along with interior walls.			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Addition on south elevation removed during restoration.			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Restored 1961-69 and open to the public as a museum.			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Most of the information is based on Richard Webster's <u>Philadelphia Preserved</u> , published in 1976 by Temple University Press.			
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