

Paul Busti House  
(Kirkbride Residence)  
46th Street and Haverford Avenue  
Philadelphia  
Philadelphia County  
Pennsylvania

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE PENNSYLVANIA		COUNTY PHILADELPHIA	TOWN OR VICINITY PHILADELPHIA
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) PAUL BUSTI HOUSE			HABS NO. PA-1628
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Kirkbride Residence			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 46th Street and Haverford Avenue			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1794		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The house is one of the early rural country houses that survived urban expansion. From 1799 to 1826 the house was the home of Paul Busti, an agent for the Holland Land Company and a founder of the city of Buffalo, New York. For many years the house was owned by Pennsylvania Hospital, whose original specialty was the treatment of mental illness.			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 54' (five-bay front) X 38', two-and-a-half stories.			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Dentil cornice, in the front and rear of the house and on the ends of the gambrel roof. Dormer windows. Balustrade on top of roof. Twin chimneys on either end of the house. Keystones on window tops.			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Good interior trim throughout. Handsome open string stairway. Notable fireplaces with Federal detailing on mantles and marble hearths. See HABS photographs for views of these features.			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Porch on the south side of the house was removed in 1960. HABS photograph taken in 1958 shows the porch. A two-story wing was added to the north side before 1908.			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Webster, Richard. <u>Philadelphia Preserved</u> . Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1976.			
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