

BOELSON COTTAGE
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ADDENDUM TO:

BOELSEN COTTAGE

(Pig's Eye Cottage)

(Tom Moore's Cottage)

(Belmont Cottage)

(Aunt Cornelia's Cottage)

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Pennsylvania	COUNTY Philadelphia	TOWN OR VICINITY Philadelphia
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Boelsen Cottage (Fairmount Park Historian)		HABS NO. PA-5929
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Pig's Eye Cottage; Tom Moore's Cottage; Belmont Cottage; Aunt Cornelia's Cottage		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) West River Drive, Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) circa 1800	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Boelsen Cottage is an example of early 19th century tenement housing, and is notable for its siting (and survival) in what is now Fairmount Park. It was probably built for use as a housing source for workers or domestics for Belmont Mansion.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Random fieldstone; roof rafter system inaccessible.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 1½ story gambrel-roofed stone structure, now measuring 45'-6" by 18'-7".		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Matching doors and windows on both east and west facades.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Back-to-back fireplaces on first floor. Boarded-up fireplace on south side of second floor hearth.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Wood-framed addition to south side circa 1950. Original flooring removed and replaced on first floor. Original doors and windows removed and replaced. Most or original wood- and ironwork removed and replaced.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Currently used as office space by Friends of the Philadelphia Parks, who renovated the building to its present good condition in 1989-1990.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Philadelphia Historical Commission Landmark; John McIlhenny, Fairmount Park Historian.		
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