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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

** HISTORIC
Ailsa Farms
AND/OR COMMON

Haledon Hall

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

300 Pompton Road

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

CITY, TOWN

Wayne

VICINITY OF

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

New Jersey

34

Passaic

031

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
State of New Jersey, William Paterson College of New Jersey

STREET & NUMBER
300 Pompton Road

CITY, TOWN

Wayne

VICINITY OF

STATE

New Jersey

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Passaic County Court House, Registrar's Office, Book 0 15, pg. 347

STREET & NUMBER

Court House

CITY, TOWN

Paterson

STATE

New Jersey

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory (3251.1)

DATE

1961

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
Historic Sites Office, Box 1420, Department of Environmental Protection, Trenton, New Jersey 08625

CITY, TOWN

Trenton

STATE

New Jersey

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

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 MacCullough. The land consisted of two parcels of property. One was purchased on April 22, 1875 from Henry and Mary Hillman for \$705.00 and the other came from Robert MacCullough on June 13, 1874 for the price of \$1,000.00. By the late 1870's John MacCullough 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 with a hip roof.

It was constructed of heavy roughly coursed 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 accessible 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 \$5,285.00.

In 1915 Garret Hobart Jr. added a three story brick 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.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> _PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> _ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> _COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> _LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> _RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> _1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> _ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> _CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> _LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> _SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> _1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> _AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> _ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> _LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> _SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> _1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> _EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> _MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> _1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> _ART	<input type="checkbox"/> _ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> _MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> _THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> _1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> _COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> _EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> _PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> _TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> _1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> _COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> _INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> _OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> _INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Erected in 1877 by John MacCullough, an important figure in Paterson's wool industries, and renovated by Garrett Hobart, Jr. in 1915, this estate was the focal point of high society for Paterson and surrounding regions from the late 19th century to 1941, when Hobart and his mother, and ex-officio First Lady, died. Hobart was the son of the 24th vice-president of the United States. Vice-President Hobart died in office in 1899 and from 1902 onward his wife, Esther Jennie Tuttle Hobart, dwelt in Ailsa Farms with her son, a noted financier.

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 high society of the Victorian era of Paterson.

It is one of the few buildings of its type having escaped destruction or massive renovation 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. McKinley. 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 Alisa Farms was the scene of a number of important social events. In 1931, Mr.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 No. 3, December, 1955
 Deeds: Passaic County Deeds, Books H 5 321; D 5 517; O 15 347;
 X 15 44; O 24 485; O 24 489
 Hobart, Mrs. Garret A. Second Lady. New York: Privately printed,
 1933.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	18	567570	4532610	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE (Minor revisions by Terry Karschner, Historic
 Ronald C. Mc Arthur - Sites Section, DEP
 ORGANIZATION DATE
 William Paterson College Bicentennial 3/1975
 STREET & NUMBER TELEPHONE
 300 Pompton Road
 CITY OR TOWN STATE
 Wayne New Jersey

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection

DATE NOV 20 1975

FOR NATIONAL REGISTER USE ONLY

HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 4/30/96

ATTEST

DATE 4-29-76

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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7. Description (Continued)

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 accommodations 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 (Continued)

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 socialities 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.

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