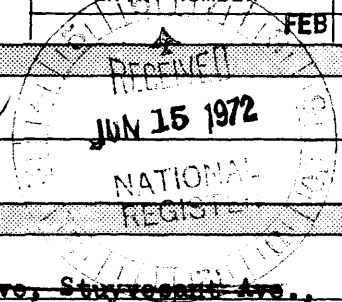


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INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:
The Mansion House ~~in Cadwalader Park~~

AND/OR HISTORIC:
McCall House; Ellarslie

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Cadwalader Park, bounded by Parkside Drive, Stuyvesant Ave.,

CITY OR TOWN: ~~Abernathy Drive~~
Trenton

STATE New Jersey	CODE 34	COUNTY: Mercer	CODE 021
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) ZOO
YES: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
City of Trenton

STREET AND NUMBER:
City Hall

CITY OR TOWN: Trenton	STATE: New Jersey	CODE 34
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Mercer County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
209 South Broad St.

CITY OR TOWN: Trenton	STATE: New Jersey	CODE 34
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE:
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7. Description

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE.						
<p>The McCall House is an Italianate villa of irregular plan. The main portion of the house is two stories in height; the tower rises three stories. The house is set on an eminence in the midst of a rolling heavily wooded landscape that stretched to the feeder canal of the Delaware & Raritan Canal, at the foot of the hill. Although other structures and facilities -- playgrounds, restrooms, a small zoo, etc. -- have intruded upon the grounds since they have been used as a public park, the contours and major plantings of a mid-nineteenth century planned, romantic landscape survive.</p> <p>The house was built of brick, roughcast with stucco scored to simulate stone, and originally painted a warm, rosy beige. The original finish has since been cemented over; the cement is also scored, and presently is painted cream color. The building's ornament is quite plain. A broad, flat, masonry belt course marks the division between the two stories. Similar flat bands frame the windows, the belt course forming the lower part of the frame of the second story windows. There is a gap of about a foot between the window-sill and the belt course, giving the effect of a recessed panel. The windows of the lower floor are treated in similar fashion, although the bottom course is not continuous. Although there is some variation in window size and type, most of the windows of the lower floor are casement, with a two-light transom, and two lights in each lower section. The second floor windows are double-hung, four-over-four sash. There is an arched window on the stair landing, and a triple row of arched windows on each side of the third floor of the tower.</p> <p>Although this was a country house and evidently always rather simple, the exterior trim was once far richer. The house faces the Delaware River to the south. This south front has a projecting square bay as an entrance; originally there was a typical Italianate balcony over the door. A roofed cast iron veranda reached towards the west from this entrance bay; it continued around the projecting semi-hexagonal bay at the southwest corner of the house. The north front was originally the main entrance to the house. It still retains a broad, arched doorway, framed with a band of masonry. Originally there was a substantial wooden porte-cochere, pierced on three sides by arches like that of the entrance door. All the windows were provided with "exterior Venetian blinds"; that is louvered wooded shutters with thin, movable slats. All this exterior trim was removed in the course of a WPA project in 1935-6.</p> <p>The house is roofed with metal. The rooflines are rather flattish, as is usual in the Italianate style. Originally the roofline was given added variety by the arrangement of clustered chimnies. These have since been reduced in height and encased in concrete.</p> <p>The interior plan is most clearly revealed in the basement, where the structure is supported on a series of brick vaults and arches. There were five principal rooms, plus a hall, on each floor. The stair rose in the tower, while the servants' rooms and kitchen were relegated to a lower two-story wing to the east. On the first floor the partitions between four of the principal rooms have been removed. Plywood ceilings</p>						

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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) 1845/6

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Mansion House in Cadwalader Park is a prime example of an increasingly rare, although once important, Victorian domestic building type, the Italianate villa. It is, now that Riverside at Burlington has been demolished, probably the earliest surviving example in New Jersey designed by the architect who introduced the Italianate villa to America, John Notman. Although it has lost a good deal of superficial ornament, its basic forms have not been tampered with. It retains the ample proportions, free plan, and generous interior spaces that characterize Notman's work.

Furthermore, it retains the major portion of the landscape which was an integral part of Notman's planning for such suburban or country villas.

The house was built in 1845 or 1846 for Henry McCall, a wealthy Philadelphian with business interests in Trenton, mainly as a summer home. At the time, Notman was working in Trenton as architect for an enlargement of the New Jersey State House, and on several projects in Princeton. His own pride in the house is shown in his use of it as a demonstration site when he was called on to design a house for John and Sarah Stockton of Princeton. The house was sold to the Park Commission of the City of Trenton in 1898.



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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: **100 acres**

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

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Constance M. Greiff, Supervisor**

ORGANIZATION: **Heritage Studies** DATE: **6/8/71**

STREET AND NUMBER: **17 Clover Lane**

CITY OR TOWN: **Princeton** STATE: **New Jersey** CODE: **34**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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: *Richard J. Sullivan*
 Richard J. Sullivan
 Title: COMMISSIONER, Department of Environmental Protection

Date: May 12, 1972

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Robert Van Urtley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 2/6/73

ATTEST: *Carmen M. ...*
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 1-29-73

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have been inserted throughout the house, so that it is impossible to determine whether any original plaster trim remains. The only remarkable surviving interior decorative feature, therefore, is the gracefully curving staircase, with its heavy wooden rail and cast iron balusters.

Section 9. (Continued)

Trenton Sunday Times, January 11, 1953. Article by Harry J. Podmore

Congressional Representation

Frank Thompson, Jr., Congressman (4th District)
Clifford P. Case, U. S. Senator
Harrison A. Williams, U. S. Senator

