

# Public Comment:

580 Pelham Rd. / 333 W. Upsal  
St.

Wolstenholme Twin

**Heather Hendrickson**

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**From:** preservation  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 6, 2026 2:58 PM  
**To:** Heather Hendrickson  
**Subject:** Fw: In support of historic designation for 330 Upsal Street

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**From:** Mary South <msouth12@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 6, 2026 2:56 PM  
**To:** preservation <preservation@Phila.gov>  
**Subject:** In support of historic designation for 330 Upsal Street

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The Wolstenholme twin mansion at 330 Upsal Street/580 Pelham Road is under threat of demolition. Built by Drexel & Company/Wendell & Smith for the Pelham development in the Mount Airy section of Philadelphia, it features a terra cotta medallion at the center of the Flemish gable depicting two angels blowing trumpets. First occupied by the Wolstenholme brothers, heirs to a textile fortune, in the late 1890s.

Pelham is perhaps the most intact "Arts and Crafts" movement neighborhood in the United States. Its developers wanted to emulate the philosophy of the English philosopher John Ruskin. All of its homes were built by prominent architects: Horace Trumbauer, Boyd & Boyd, William Lightfoot Price, and Chester Kirk.

The loss of this home would be a blow to the integrity of a neighborhood whose craftsmanship and careful layout cannot be replicated today. It is vitally important that Philadelphia protect its architectural history, which is so rich and beautiful. Please let's NOT knock down another gorgeous piece of our history to make way for something cheap and ugly. There are empty parcels, and lots with uninteresting and decrepit properties, that can be cleared for development. Let's not permit the destruction of our important and interesting architectural heritage.

Sincerely,  
Mary South  
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**From:** sberisoty@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 7, 2026 11:31 AM  
**To:** preservation  
**Subject:** Wolstenholme twin mansion at 330 Upsal Street/580 Pelham Road

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Hello,

It is absolutely APPALLING that anyone would even consider allowing the Wolstenholme twin Mansion at 330 Upsal and 580 Pelham to be demolished.

Do your jobs. Please protect our built environment. This building is irreplaceable and contributes so much beauty to its neighborhood. The proposed apartment building would be a leach, sucking profit out of a beautiful neighborhood. The proposed building would not contribute quality to the area, it would actively degrade it.

It is incredibly sad that such a proposal is even given any consideration. Stop this madness.

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## Heather Hendrickson

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**From:** preservation  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 7, 2026 3:12 PM  
**To:** Heather Hendrickson  
**Subject:** Fw: Support for 580 Pelham/330 Upsal Street nomination

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**From:** Alice Berman <aberman@akb-associates.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 7, 2026 3:09 PM  
**To:** preservation <preservation@Phila.gov>  
**Subject:** Support for 580 Pelham/330 Upsal Street nomination

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I am writing in register my support for the preservation and nomination of the property, 580 Pelham/330 Upsal Street . I do so as both an architect and neighbor of this beautiful and significant property in the Pelham neighborhood. I understand it is under threat of demolition after being purchased by a developer. That would be a tragedy and loss to the history and fabric of an architecturally and socially important community.

Thank you for your attention to preservation in Philadelphia.

V/r,  
Alice



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Heather Hendrickson

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**From:** Heather Hendrickson  
**Sent:** Friday, May 8, 2026 1:44 PM  
**To:** Heather Hendrickson  
**Subject:** RE: I support the nomination of 330 Upsal Street/580 Pelham Road

**From:** Carla Pagan <[cpagan422@gmail.com](mailto:cpagan422@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 7, 2026 9:24:14 PM  
**To:** preservation <[preservation@Phila.gov](mailto:preservation@Phila.gov)>  
**Subject:** I support the nomination of 330 Upsal Street/580 Pelham Road

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Dear Preservation Alliance.

I support the nomination of 330 Upsal Street/580 Pelham Road!

Please don't let this historic site be demolished or altered on the exterior.

History, beauty, trees, and architectural awesomeness brought me to Mt. Airy. Please do not allow our neighborhood to be destroyed by greed.

The Wolstenholme twin mansion at 330 Upsal Street/580 Pelham Road was a showpiece house built by Drexel & Company/Wendell & Smith for the Pelham development in the Mount Airy section of Philadelphia. The terra cotta medallion at the center of the Flemish gable depicting two angels blowing trumpets is a striking detail. It was first occupied by the Wolstenholme brothers, heirs to a textile fortune, in the late 1890s. Pelham is perhaps the most intact "Arts and Crafts" movement neighborhood in the United States. Its developers wanted to emulate the philosophy of the English philosopher John Ruskin. All of its homes were built by prominent architects: Horace Trumbauer, Boyd & Boyd, William Lightfoot Price, and Chester Kirk. It was connected to Center City Philadelphia by the streetcars of the Philadelphia Traction Company on Germantown Avenue and the Chestnut Hill West Line of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Save our history. Save Mt. Airy. Save Philadelphia.

Sincerely,

Carla E. Pagan  
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Heather Hendrickson

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**From:** preservation  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2026 7:12 AM  
**To:** Heather Hendrickson  
**Subject:** Fw: stop the demolition

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**From:** Bruce Rosen <brosen@recdc.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 9, 2026 3:14:35 PM  
**To:** preservation <preservation@Phila.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: stop the demolition

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Please protect this lovely home at 30 Upsal Street/580 Pelham Road

Demolition of these historic homes makes our region poorer. They can't be replaced.

