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Directions
From Kelly Drive:
At the Grant Statue,
turn onto Fountain Green Drive.
At the top of the hill,
bear left on East Reservoir Drive.
ORMISTON is on the left,
just past Mount Pleasant Drive.

From 33rd Street:
Take the W. Oxford St park entrance.
Continue past the golf range,
basketball courts, Smith Playground
and Discovery Center.
At the stop sign,
turn right onto Reservoir Drive.
ORMISTON is on the left.
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ROYAL HERITAGE SOCIETY OF THE DELAWARE VALLEY, established in 1982, is a privately funded, nonprofit corporation. The Society’s mission is to preserve Pennsylvania’s British heritage and make a contribution to the city of Philadelphia by preserving and maintaining Ormiston Mansion in East Fairmount Park.

Ormiston Mansion

ORMISTON MANSION is a two-and-a-half story, well preserved, late Georgian house built of red brick on a central-hall plan. The building’s American-bond brickwork gives way to Flemish bond on the front. The façade is also adorned with a simple Tuscan porch; a smaller pedimented version of this porch is attached to the rear of the house. Early interior features such as fireplaces, moldings, and a Scottish bake oven have survived. Federal style dormer windows also adorn the cedar shake roof.

Major Edward Burd

MAJOR EDWARD BURD, grandson of Colonel James and son of Edward, both of Scotland, was born in Philadelphia on February 5th, 1749. He was appointed Prothonotary of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in September of 1778, and married Elizabeth Shippen in December. In 1798, he wrote to his sister, Mrs. Sarah Yeats: I have built myself a good house at Schuylkill which I expect to raise in a few days, and call it Ormiston, after the name of our Grandfather’s Seat near Edinburgh.

The Garden

SINCE 2019, the garden at Ormiston has enhanced community outreach by providing educational events and projects for schools, after-school centers, & families. In addition, adult volunteers plan & care for an evolving garden that provides an attractive venue for meetings & other community events. Find out more about the garden on Instagram @alphabetgarden.ormiston. Call / text to donate, help in the garden, or arrange an event: Claire Passantino 215 771 0046.

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MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY $

☑ INDIVIDUAL 50

☑ SUSTAINING / FAMILY 125

☑ SENIOR CITIZEN / STUDENT 25

☑ LIFE 1,500

☑ ADDITIONAL DONATION $ _________

TOTAL $ _________

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Royal Heritage Society of the Delaware Valley

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