

OCEAN TOWNSHIP



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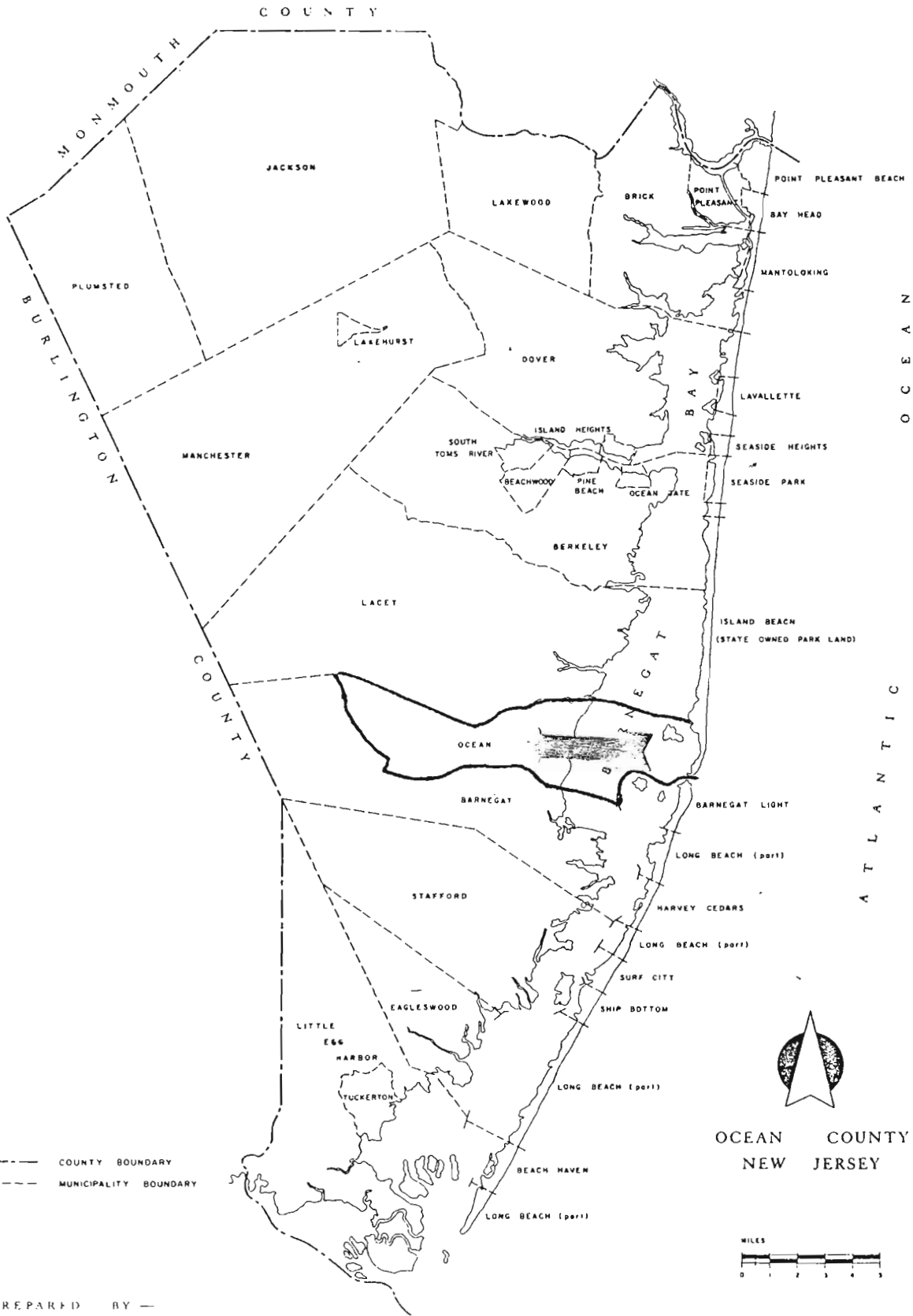
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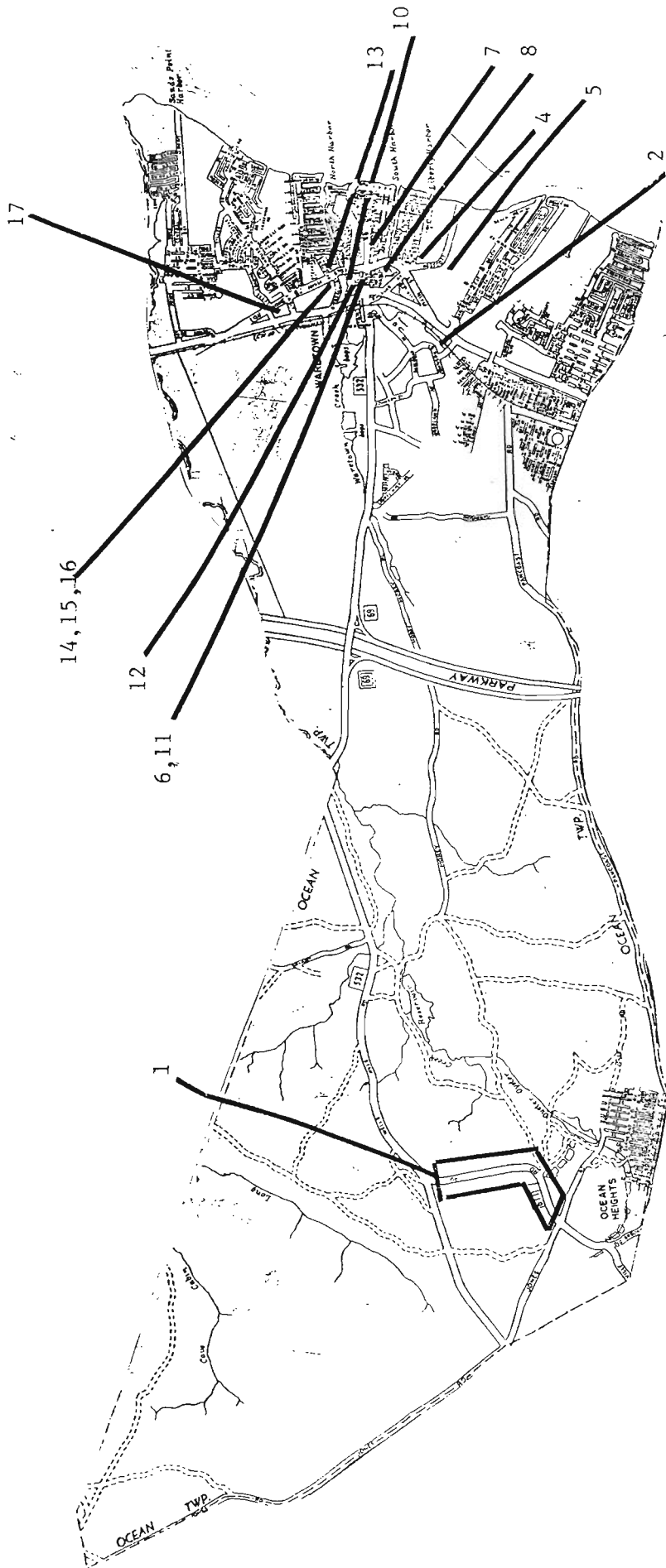
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Ocean Township
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OCEAN TOWNSHIP

Ocean Township, located along Barnegat Bay, between Lacey and Barnegat Townships, contains 3,520 residents over 20.62 square miles. Waretown, the largest and earliest settlement in the township, is located east of Route 9 along the western shore of Barnegat Bay. Other 18th and 19th century settlements existed; however all but Brookville in western Ocean Township have been abandoned.

Since its founding in 1737, Waretown has been known as Waeir Creek, Waeir Mill, Wiretown, Weartown, Wiretown Branch, and Waretown Mill.¹ The village, first developed from a mill owned by Abraham Waeir, an early settler and member of the Rogerines who came to the area in 1737 after being expelled from Connecticut because of their objections to the Puritan Sabbath laws of New England.² The mill was located south of Birdsall Street along Waretown Creek.

In the late 18th century, Waretown became an important shipbuilding and trading center populated with sea captains, sailors and their families. Large ships were built along the meadows and loaded with lumber and charcoal, cut and produced inland. Other 18th century industries included the Newlin Saltworks located south of the village.

Inland communities such as Brookville and Well Mills supplied Waretown and other coastal villages with lumber, bog ore, and charcoal which they shipped to New York in the late 18th and first half of the 19th century. A network of roads connected the pineland communities to the bay settlements for the transporting of goods to the docks. South of town was the landing where much of the pineland products were brought by cart along the Pancoast Road. Other means of transporting goods were the small streams which were

often filled with lumber that was floated to the bay.³ During the 19th century many of the inland resources were depleted. By 1850 most prime lumber in the area had been cut, causing the decline of the shipbuilding industry. Production of charcoal, which became popular as a fuel in the 1830s also declined soon after the Civil War due to the introduction of new fuel sources.

During the Civil War, many of Waretown's captains had become wealthy men since the risk of transporting goods brought high shipping revenues. The depletion of natural resources and the closing of inlets due to storms brought Waretown's coastal trade to an end soon after the 1860s.

The late 1860s brought a new influx of wealth to Waretown. Captains from Toms River, Forked River, Barnegat and Waretown who had prospered during the war, now organized the First National Bank of Toms River and developed the Toms River and Waretown railroad in 1866.⁴ The railroad, connected to Waretown in the early 1870s, brought New York and Philadelphia, via the New Jersey Southern Railroad, to the bay communities and sparked a new building boom. In Waretown, construction of boarding houses and the enlarging of hotels were completed in the 1870s.⁵ A report of 1878 states that the town contained 2 hotels,⁶ most likely serving the needs of the pleasure resort visitor. Although Waretown's resort industry increased after the introduction of the railroad, it was shortlived due to other bay town competition and the development of seaside resorts on the barrier beaches.

In contrast, Brookville, located 8 miles west of Waretown soon became an isolated community after the depletion of its lumber, bog ore, and charcoal industries. Now pine barren communities relied on moss, huckleberry and cranberry gathering for their livelihood. The village which was once known as Milville, Tattletown, Tattlertown and Headleyville, during its peak years contained over 50 dwellings, a store, school and mill. Today only a handful

of houses and the Brookville Methodist Church can be found.

A variety of architectural types are found in the township today. Waretown contains a number of early 18th century structures, including captains' homes, while small farms and mill workers housing are located at Brookville. The property at 23 Bryant Road (1521-9) is typical of early 18th century structures. This small proportioned house is 1-1½ stories high and 2 bays wide. Few pure examples of 18th century vernacular / saltbox architecture exist today due to later changes and additions. Larger 18th century dwellings such as the Wescott Home (1521-5) and the Birdsall Homestead (1521-14) are typical 2½ story, 3 bay, clapboard structures with 6/6 windows and steep gable roofs. Like the smaller buildings, side wings were often added to the structures.

In the 19th century a variety of building styles existed. The Dugan Home on Birdsall Avenue and Main Street (1521-16) is perhaps one of the finest mid-19th century houses in the area. This building is 2½ stories, 5 bays wide with a clapboard exterior, center door and gabled roof. The house has a decorative roofline and porch with sawn brackets, modillions and cut-out posts.

Small 2 story, 2-3 bay structures (1521-1) with little architectural decorative elements were built in the Brookville area during this time. These buildings are similar to 18th century architecture of the bay area, however, this form of housing existed throughout the 19th century in the pine forest.

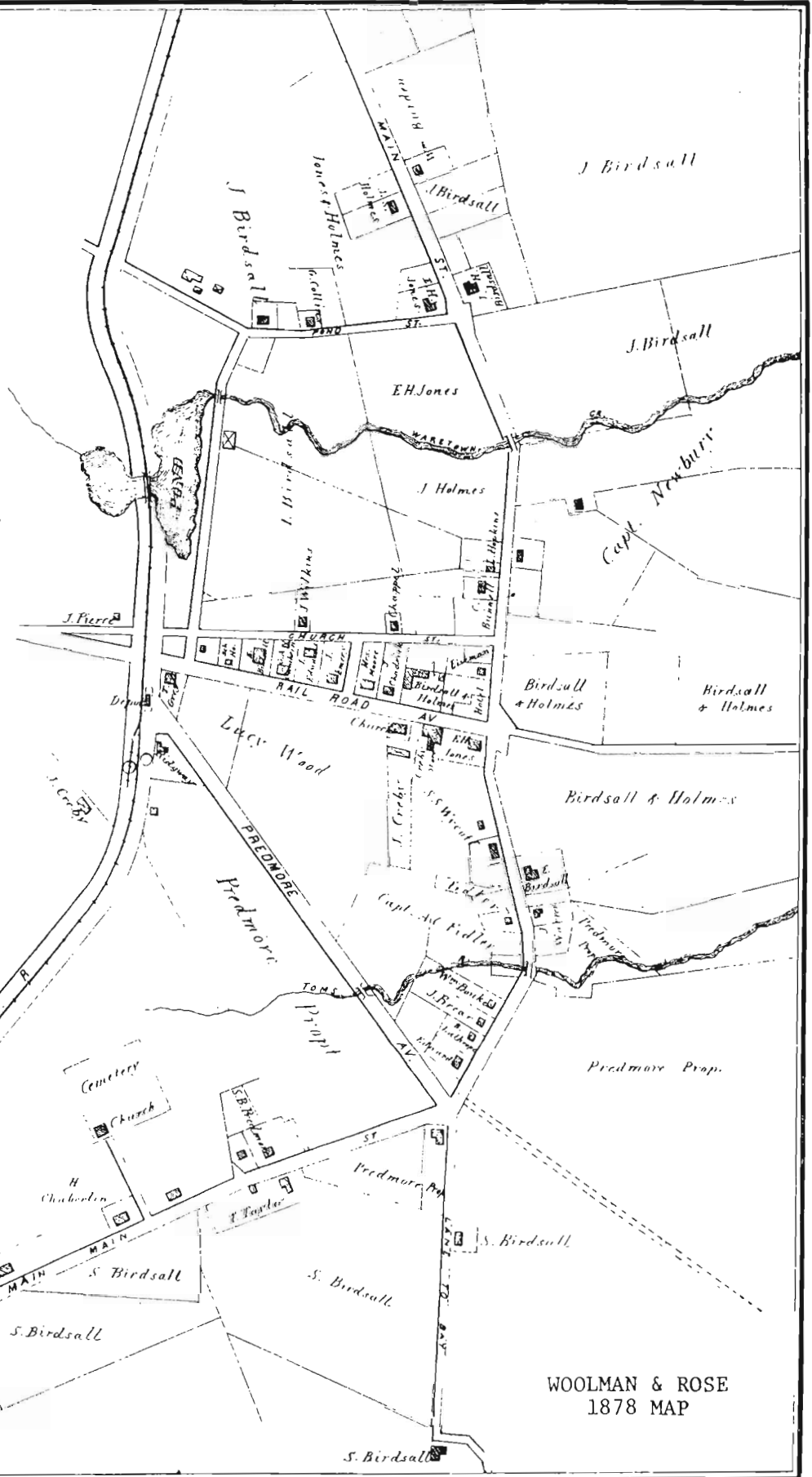
Late 19th century architecture of Waretown is similar to other bay communities. The L-plan structure with turned porch elements and pointed arch attic windows were common. Similar features could be found in turn of the century structures such as (1521-2) on Route 9 and at (1521-8) on Main Street.

Both Ocean Township's concentrations of 18th and 19th century architecture (Waretown and Brookville), have remained intact due largely to their

locations off the main roadway and the lack of significant building tracts in the 20th century. Waretown, unlike other south Ocean County communities is found east of Route 9 sparing the village from 20th century commercial development. Both small communities are unusual in Ocean County since many of their original buildings remain with few intrusions. It is recommended that they be considered for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places in the near future.

WARETOWN

Surveyed by
H. C. WOOLMAN
1877
Scale 400 ft. per inch



WOOLMAN & ROSE
1878 MAP

OCEAN TOWNSHIP

FOOTNOTES

¹ John O. Beattie and Lillian Lopez. Compiled by Ocean the Centennial Township. Toms River: Ocean Township, 1976. p.1.

² Ibid. p.1.

³ Ibid. p.16

⁴ Alfred M. Heston, South Jersey - A History 1664 - 1923, Vol. 1. New York: Lewis Historical Publishing Co., Inc. p.257

⁵ Ibid. p.257.

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⁷ Ocean The Centennial Township. p.9-10.

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NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY # 1521-1
HISTORIC DISTRICT SURVEY FORM

DISTRICT NAME: Brookville Historic District UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Northing/Easting
MUNICIPALITY: Ocean Township A
COUNTY: Ocean B
TYPE OF DISTRICT: C
USGS QUAD: D

DESCRIPTION: (General description of district as a whole and boundaries)

The Brookville Historic District incorporates approximately eleven buildings located along Brookville Road between Route 554 and Wells Mill Road. These structures, which include a Methodist Church, an old school (now a lodge) and residential buildings, are separated by large wooded areas. The structures are usually found within a few feet of the main road. Small lanes, both paved and unpaved, intersect the road at various points, usually where old structures exist. A small pond can also be found in the district at a bend in the road. The buildings in the district are 1-1½ stories high and have narrow one room deep plans, 2/2 and 6/6 windows and asbestos siding or shingled exteriors and few decorative elements. The scale and massing of these structures are similar to 18th and early 19th century structures along the bay, however most of these buildings date from the mid-late 19th century.

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURES: Excellent % Good 50% Fair 50% Poor %
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes Possible No
THREATS TO DISTRICT/LOCAL ATTITUDES:
COMMENTS:

SIGNIFICANCE:

Brookville, once known as Millville, Tattletown, Tattlertown and Headleyville, was one of the many inland communities which supplied the bay towns with bog ore, lumber and later cranberries, which they shipped to New York or other cities. At its peak, Brookville contained over fifty dwellings, a store, school and mill. Today its eleven structures are among the few remaining buildings which stand as reminders of the pinelands' major role as a supplier of raw material during the late 18th and 19th centuries. With the depletion of inland resources, Brookville declined into a small backwoods community relying on the gathering of huckleberries, cranberries and moss for the residents' livelihood. These products were shipped to places such as Barnegat and Waretown where there were railroad connections to New York and Philadelphia. By the early 20th century, Brookville became a small residential community with many of its residents traveling to other towns for employment.

REFERENCES: (Include representation in existing surveys)

RECORDED BY: M. May
ORGANIZATION: Heritage Studies
DATE: May 1981

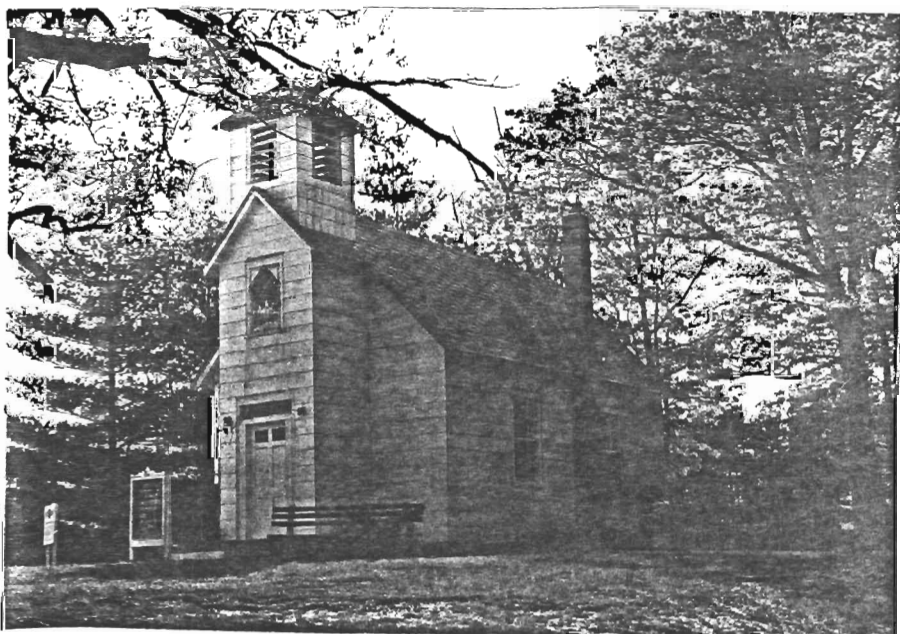
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NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1521-2

HISTORIC NAME:

LOCATION: Route 9

COMMON NAME:

BLOCK/LOT 61/

MUNICIPALITY: Ocean Township

COUNTY: Ocean

USGS QUAD:

UTM REFERENCES:

OWNER/ADDRESS:

Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: late 19th century

Source of Date: style

Architect:

Builder:

Style: vernacular / Queen Anne

Form/Plan Type: irregular

Number of Stories: 2½

Foundation: low, possible brick

Exterior Wall Fabric: clapboard and decorative shingle

Penetration: 3 bay

Roof/Chimneys: hip, with gable

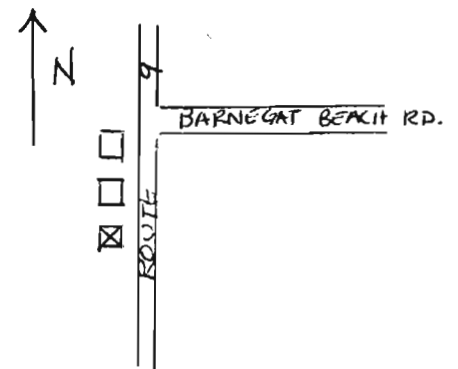
Additional Architectural Description:

An enclosed porch is found on the facade. Windows are 2/2. A modillion cornice runs around the building. A gabled projection has large end brackets, a bay window and decorative shingle exterior.

PHOTO Negative File No. 1521-2



Map (Indicate North)



SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

The building is located on the main road through Ocean Township and is found close to the street near two other 19th century structures.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban Suburban Scattered Buildings
Open Space Woodland Residential Agricultural Village
Industrial Downtown Commercial Highway Commercial Other

SIGNIFICANCE:

The structure is one of the few late 19th century Queen Anne style buildings in the area. It is typical of South Jersey vernacular / Queen Anne architecture; since it has a shingled pattern exterior, angled walls and 2/2 windows.

ORIGINAL USE: Residential
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent Good Fair Poor
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes Possible No Part of District
THREATS TO SITE: Roads Development Zoning Deterioration
No Threat Other

COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:

RECORDED BY: M. May
ORGANIZATION: Heritage Studies

DATE: May 1981

NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1521-3

HISTORIC NAME: Waretown Railroad Station
LOCATION: 13 Clearwater Street

COMMON NAME:
BLOCK/LOT 194/16

MUNICIPALITY: Ocean Township
USGS QUAD:
OWNER/ADDRESS: John Ferredino
764 St. Mary's Avenue
Plainfield, N.J. 07062

COUNTY: Ocean
UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: c.1871 - moved in 1895

Source of Date: Ocean Township Historical Society

Architect:

Builder:

Style:

Form/Plan Type:

Number of Stories: 2

Foundation: low, possible brick

Exterior Wall Fabric: clapboard

Fenestration: 3 bay

Roof/Chimneys: gable

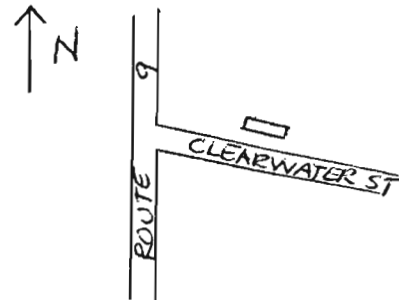
Additional Architectural Description:

This narrow structure has 6/6 windows and an unusual window arrangement.
An off center door contains a gable hood.

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Map (Indicate North)



SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

The structure is located on a small road near the corner of Route 9. Wooded lots are found adjacent to the building.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban Suburban Scattered Buildings
Open Space Woodland Residential Agricultural Village
Industrial Downtown Commercial Highway Commercial Other

SIGNIFICANCE:

The first Toms River and Waretown depot was built in the early 1870s and now stands on Clearwater Road. Unlike most railroad stations of the late 19th century in the area, the building is two stories high and a narrow one bay wide.

ORIGINAL USE: Railroad Station
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent Good Fair Poor
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes Possible No Part of District
THREATS TO SITE: Roads Development Zoning Deterioration
No Threat Other

COMMENTS:

Structure moved in 1895.

REFERENCES:

Beattie, John O. and Lillian Lopez. Compiled by Ocean The Centennial Township. Toms River: Ocean Township. 1976.

RECORDED BY: M. May
ORGANIZATION: Heritage Studies

DATE: May 1981

NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1521-4

HISTORIC NAME:

LOCATION: Westcott Avenue

COMMON NAME:

BLOCK/LOT 221/1

MUNICIPALITY: Ocean Township

USGS QUAD:

COUNTY: Ocean

UTM REFERENCES:

OWNER/ADDRESS: Kenton and Ethel Garrison
Main Street
Waretown, N.J. 08758

Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: poss. late 18th - early 19th Source of Date: style
century

Architect:

Builder:

Style: saltbox

Form/Plan Type: rectangular with wings

Number of Stories: 1½

Foundation: low, stone

Exterior Wall Fabric: natural wood shingle

Fenestration: altered, poss. 3 bay

Roof/Chimneys: gable roof / 1 corbelled chimney

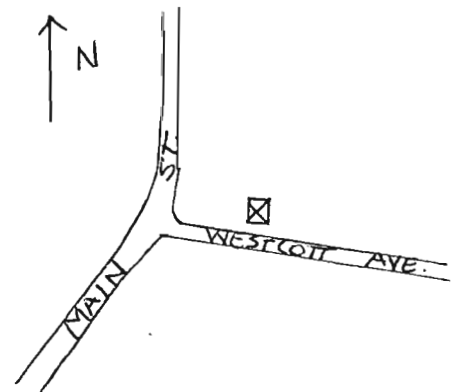
Additional Architectural Description:

An enclosed porch runs across the facade. Lean-to additions are found on the north, east and west elevations. Windows are 6/6.

PHOTO Negative File No. 1521-4



Map (Indicate North)



SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

The structure is located off a small side street which leads to the bay. Open land and modern houses are found in the adjacent areas.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban Suburban Scattered Buildings
Open Space Woodland Residential Agricultural Village
Industrial Downtown Commercial Highway Commercial Other

SIGNIFICANCE:

This early structure is typical of vernacular / saltbox architecture of the late 18th and early 19th centuries of Ocean County. The building is believed to be the servant's residence for the Westcott- Birdsall house located farther up Westcott Avenue.

ORIGINAL USE: Residential
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent Good Fair Poor
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes Possible No Part of District
THREATS TO SITE: Roads Development Zoning Deterioration
No Threat Other

COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:

Beattie, John O. and Lillian Lopez. Compiled by Ocean The Centennial Township. Toms River: Ocean Township. 1976.

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1521-5

HISTORIC NAME: Falkinburg Farm
LOCATION: Westcott-Birdsall Farmhouse

COMMON NAME:
BLOCK/LOT 221/10

MUNICIPALITY: Ocean Township
USGS QUAD:
OWNER/ADDRESS: Morton Sanborn
P.O. Box 5
Waretown, N.J. 08758

COUNTY: Ocean
UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: 1732-1786

Source of Date: Ocean Township Historical Societ

Architect:

Builder:

Style:

Form/Plan Type: rectangular with side wing

Number of Stories: 2½

Foundation: low, poss. brick

Exterior Wall Fabric: painted shingle

Fenestration: 3 bay

Roof/Chimneys: gable / 3 chimneys

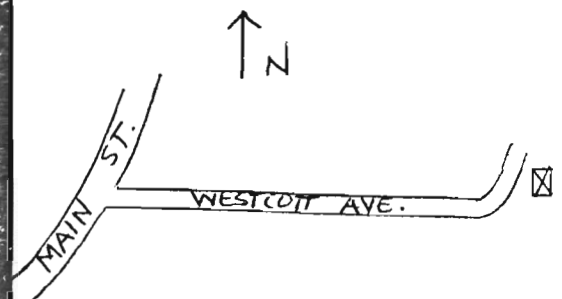
Additional Architectural Description:

The main section is 3 bays and contains a side-hall door with transom and 6/6 windows. An east wing is 1½ stories and has a wall dormer and front porch with square posts.

PHOTO Negative File No. 1521-5



Map (Indicate North)



SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

The structure is located on an unpaved road surrounded by open fields and woodland. Farther down the lane are charcoal docks.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban Suburban Scattered Buildings
Open Space Woodland Residential Agricultural Village
Industrial Downtown Commercial Highway Commercial Other

SIGNIFICANCE:

The structure is one of the earliest houses remaining in the township. The building has had additions over the years, but is relatively unchanged. The house and surrounding land was owned by the Falkinburg, Westcott and later Birdsall families, large land owners of the area.

ORIGINAL USE: Residential
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent Good Fair Poor
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes Possible No Part of District
THREATS TO SITE: Roads Development Zoning Deterioration
No Threat Other

COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:

Beattie, John O. and Lillian Lopez. Compiled by Ocean The Centennial Township. Toms River: Ocean Township. 1976.

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NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
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INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1521-6

HISTORIC NAME: R. Lathrop House
LOCATION: 57 Main Street

COMMON NAME:
BLOCK/LOT 194/11

MUNICIPALITY: Ocean Township
USGS QUAD:
OWNER/ADDRESS: Rudy Camburn
P.O. Box 72
Waretown, N.J. 08758

COUNTY: Ocean
UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: c.1849

Source of Date: Ocean Township Historical Society

Architect:

Builder:

Style: vernacular / side-hall plan

Form/Plan Type: rectangular

Number of Stories: 2½

Foundation: low, stone

Exterior Wall Fabric: asbestos siding

Fenestration: 3 bay

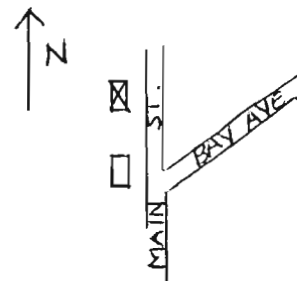
Roof/Chimneys: gable roof

Additional Architectural Description:

An enclosed porch runs across the facade. Windows are 6/1. The door contains a transom and sidelights.

PHOTO Negative File No. 1521-6

Map (Indicate North)



SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

The building is located in the heart of the village across from a modern store and post office.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban Suburban Scattered Buildings
Open Space Woodland Residential Agricultural Village
Industrial Downtown Commercial Highway Commercial Other

SIGNIFICANCE:

This mid 19th century structure is typical of houses constructed in Waretown during this period since it contains 3 bays, 6/6 windows and a side-hall plan.

ORIGINAL USE: Residential
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent Good Fair Poor
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes Possible No Part of District
THREATS TO SITE: Roads Development Zoning Deterioration
No Threat Other

COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:

Woolman and Rose. Historical and Biographical Atlas of New Jersey Coast.
Philadelphia: Woolman and Rose, 1879.

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DATE: May 1981

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1521-7

HISTORIC NAME: Ezekiel Birdsall House
LOCATION: 68 Main Street, Waretown

COMMON NAME:
BLOCK/LOT 200/1

MUNICIPALITY: Ocean Township
USGS QUAD:
OWNER/ADDRESS: Henry Gerken
Box 212
Waretown, N.J. 08758

COUNTY: Ocean
UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: c.1830

Source of Date: Ocean Township Historical Society

Architect:

Builder:

Style:

Form/Plan Type:

Number of Stories: 2½

Foundation: low, poss. brick

Exterior Wall Fabric: asbestos siding

Fenestration: 5 bay

Roof/Chimneys: gable with returns / 3 chimneys

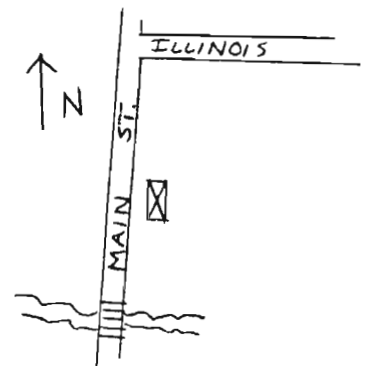
Additional Architectural Description:

Built in two sections (2 and 3 bays), the house is unified by an open front porch with square posts. Each section has its own door, (a 6 panelled door is found on the southern section.) The 2 bay north end has short second floor eyebrow windows, a center door, and lean-to addition. Windows are 6/6 and 1/1.

PHOTO Negative File No. 1521-7



Map (Indicate North)



SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

The structure is located on the corner of Main Street and Illinois Avenue north of a small stream. A similar structure is found across the street.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban Suburban Scattered Buildings
Open Space Woodland Residential Agricultural Village
Industrial Downtown Commercial Highway Commercial Other

SIGNIFICANCE:

The structure is typical of early 19th century architecture of Ocean County since it contains a side wing, 6/6 and eyebrow windows. The building was originally owned by the Birdsall family, early settlers of the area.

ORIGINAL USE: Residential
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent Good Fair Poor
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes Possible No Part of District
THREATS TO SITE: Roads Development Zoning Deterioration
No Threat Other

COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:

Woolman and Rose. Historical and Biographical Atlas of New Jersey Coast.
Philadelphia: Woolman and Rose, 1879.

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DATE: May 1981

NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1521-8

HISTORIC NAME:
LOCATION: 67 Main Street, Waretown

COMMON NAME:
BLOCK/LOT 194/ 7 - 8

MUNICIPALITY: Ocean Township
USGS QUAD:
OWNER/ADDRESS: Jas. Emmer
P.O. Box 366
Waretown, N.J. 08758

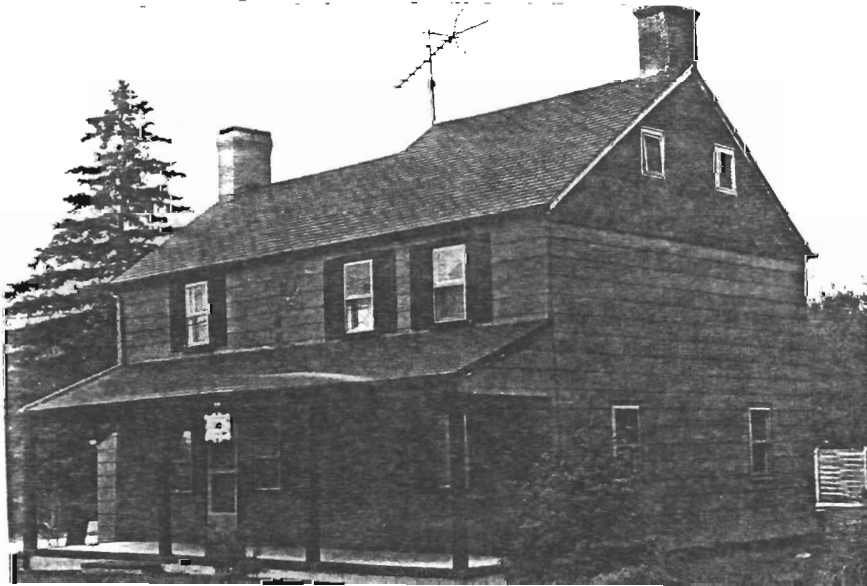
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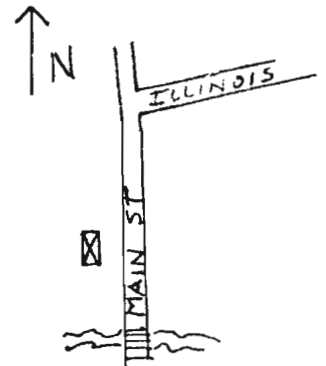
Construction Date: c.1835	Source of Date: Ocean Township Historical Society
Architect:	Builder:
Style:	Form/Plan Type: rectangular with side additions
Number of Stories: 2½	
Foundation: low, stone	
Exterior Wall Fabric: asbestos siding	
Fenestration: 4 bay	
Roof/Chimneys: gable roof / 2 chimneys	
Additional Architectural Description:	

The structure was built in 2 sections - each 2 bays wide. A lean-to is located on the south end. An open porch extends across the facade. Windows are modern 1/1.

PHOTO Negative File No. 1521-8



Map (Indicate North)



NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
OFFICE OF CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION, 109 WEST STATE STREET, TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08625 (609) 292-2023

SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

The structure is located on the main road north of a small creek. Across the road is a similar building.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban Suburban Scattered Buildings
Open Space Woodland Residential Agricultural Village
Industrial Downtown Commercial Highway Commercial Other

SIGNIFICANCE:

The structure is typical of early 19th century architecture of Ocean County. Although altered, the building still retains its original massing.

ORIGINAL USE: Residential
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent Good Fair Poor
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes Possible No Part of District
THREATS TO SITE: Roads Development Zoning Deterioration
No Threat Other

COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:

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INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1521-9

HISTORIC NAME:
LOCATION: 23 Bryant Road

MUNICIPALITY: Ocean Township
USGS QUAD:
OWNER/ADDRESS: Joann Krestan
254 Oxford Avenue
Fairhaven, N.J. 07701

COMMON NAME:
BLOCK/LOT 193/6

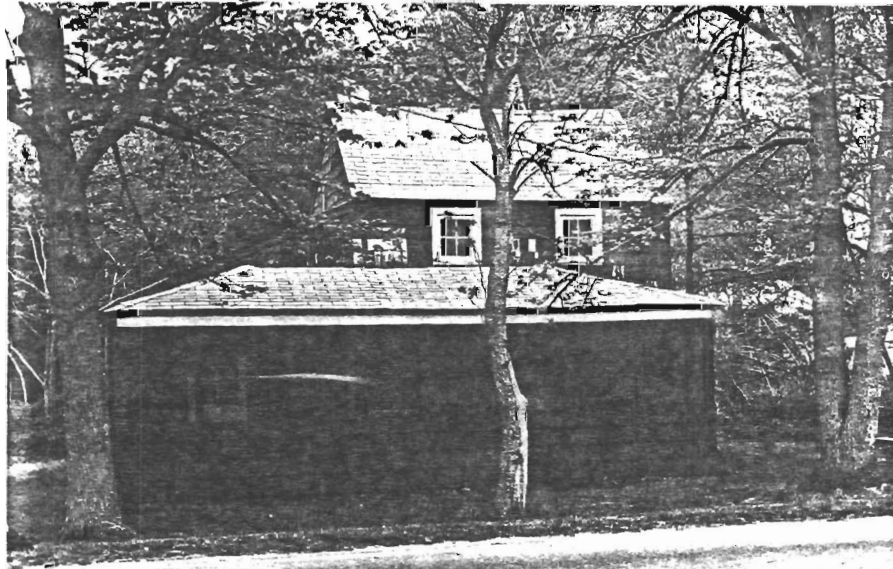
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Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION

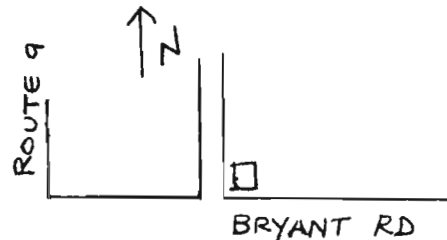
Construction Date: poss. early 19th century Source of Date: style
Architect: Builder:
Style: Form/Plan Type: rectangular / 1 room
Number of Stories: 1½
Foundation:
Exterior Wall Fabric: painted shingle
Fenestration: 3 bay
Roof/Chimneys: gable / 1 chimney
Additional Architectural Description:

A screened porch runs across the facade. A 2 bay lean-to is found to the west side. The door is centered. Short second floor windows and some original 6/6 windows are employed.

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Map (Indicate North)



SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

The structure is located on a side street between Route 9 and Main Street. A small lane runs adjacent to the property. Modern houses are found across the road.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban Suburban Scattered Buildings
Open Space Woodland Residential Agricultural Village
Industrial Downtown Commercial Highway Commercial Other

SIGNIFICANCE:

The structure is an excellent example of late 18th, early 19th century architecture of the region since it contains a center door, eyebrow and 6/6 windows and a lean-to. Few buildings of this type are found in the county today.

ORIGINAL USE: Residential PRESENT USE: Residential
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent Good Fair Poor
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes Possible No Part of District
THREATS TO SITE: Roads Development Zoning Deterioration
No Threat Other

COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:

Woolman and Rose. Historical and Biographical Atlas of New Jersey Coast.
Philadelphia: Woolman and Rose, 1879.

RECORDED BY: M. May
ORGANIZATION: Heritage Studies

DATE: May 1981

SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

The structure is perpendicular to the road near other 19th century buildings. A small picket fence borders the property.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban Suburban Scattered Buildings
Open Space Woodland Residential Agricultural Village
Industrial Downtown Commercial Highway Commercial Other

SIGNIFICANCE:

This structure, originally "select" school, became the Universalist Meeting in 1867, and off-spring of the Universalist Church at Good Luck, Lacey Township. In 1883 the building was enlarged.

ORIGINAL USE: School PRESENT USE: Residential
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent Good Fair Poor
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes Possible No Part of District
THREATS TO SITE: Roads Development Zoning Deterioration
No Threat Other

COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:

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NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1521-11

HISTORIC NAME:
LOCATION: 22 Chapel Street
MUNICIPALITY: Ocean Township
USGS QUAD:
OWNER/ADDRESS: Yost Estate
206 Woodcrest Road
West Chester, Pa. 19380

COMMON NAME:
BLOCK/LOT 193A/2
COUNTY: Ocean
UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Northing/Easting

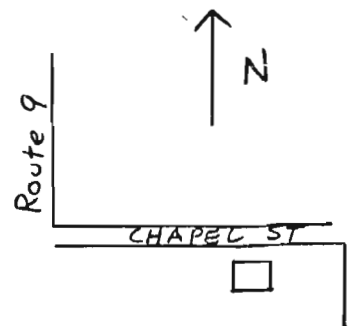
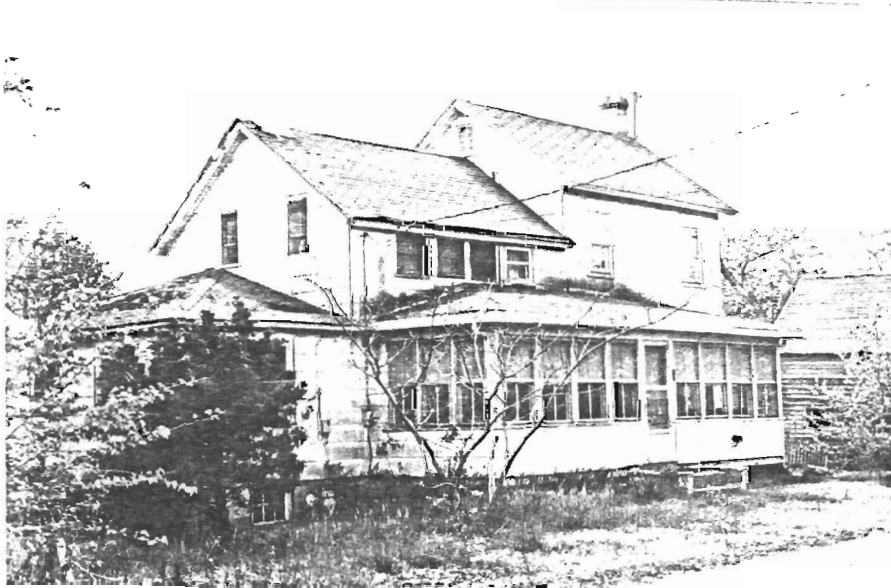
DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: early 19th century Source of Date: style
Architect: Builder:
Style: Form/Plan Type: rectangular with east side wing
Number of Stories: 2½
Foundation: low, unknown material
Exterior Wall Fabric: asbestos siding
Fenestration: 2 bay
Roof/Chimneys: gable roof / 2 chimneys
Additional Architectural Description:

A 1½ story, 4 bay east wing has short second floor windows. An enclosed porch runs across the entire facade. Windows are 2/2. The east wing has four short windows and smaller proportions.

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Map (Indicate North)



SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

The structure is on a small street near the roadway. An open field is located adjacent to the building. Later 19th century structures are found on the street. A small lane runs to the east of the building between Chapel and Bryant Streets.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban Suburban Scattered Buildings
Open Space Woodland Residential Agricultural Village
Industrial Downtown Commercial Highway Commercial Other

SIGNIFICANCE:

Although altered, the structure is typical of late 18th and early 19th century buildings since it contains side wings and eyebrow windows.

ORIGINAL USE: Residential PRESENT USE: Residential
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent Good Fair Poor
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes Possible No Part of District
THREATS TO SITE: Roads Development Zoning Deterioration
No Threat Other

COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:

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NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1521-12

HISTORIC NAME:		COMMON NAME:	
LOCATION:	95 Main Street	BLOCK/LOT	192/15
MUNICIPALITY:	Ocean Township	COUNTY:	Ocean
USGS QUAD:		UTM REFERENCES:	
OWNER/ADDRESS:	Colonel Milton C. Walker P.O. Box 215 Waretown, N.J. 08758		Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION

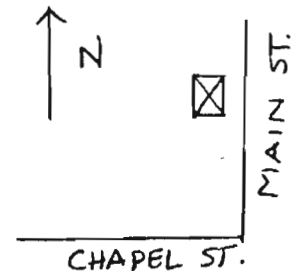
Construction Date:	mid 18th century	Source of Date:	style
Architect:		Builder:	
Style:	vernacular / side-hall plan	Form/Plan Type:	rectangular with side wing
Number of Stories:	2½		
Foundation:	low, poss. brick		
Exterior Wall Fabric:	asbestos siding		
Fenestration:	3 bay		
Roof/Chimneys:	gable roof / 2 chimneys		
Additional Architectural Description:			

The main section is 2½ stories, 3 bays with 6/6 windows. A south wing has a large chimney, shed roof dormer and an enclosed front porch. The entrance is off center and contains a transom and gabled roof portico.

PHOTO Negative File No. 1521-12



Map (Indicate North)



SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

The structure is located on a large lot on the corner of Chapel Street and Main Street. A large open yard surrounds the structure. Other 18th and 19th century buildings can be found in the area.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban Suburban Scattered Buildings
Open Space Woodland Residential Agricultural Village
Industrial Downtown Commercial Highway Commercial Other

SIGNIFICANCE:

According to the Ocean Township Centennial booklet, the structure is said to have been built in the early 1700s. However it is typical of 18th-19th century houses since it has a side-hall plan with 6/6 windows and a side wing.

ORIGINAL USE: Residential PRESENT USE: Residential
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent Good Fair Poor
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes Possible No Part of District
THREATS TO SITE: Roads Development Zoning Deterioration
No Threat Other

COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:

Beattie, John O. and Lillian Lopez. Compiled by Ocean The Centennial Township. Toms River: Ocean Township. 1976.

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NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1521-13

HISTORIC NAME:
LOCATION: 122 Main Street

MUNICIPALITY: Ocean Township
USGS QUAD:
OWNER/ADDRESS: John Burden
Box 344
Waretown, N.J. 08758

COMMON NAME:
BLOCK/LOT 144/1

COUNTY: Ocean
UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION

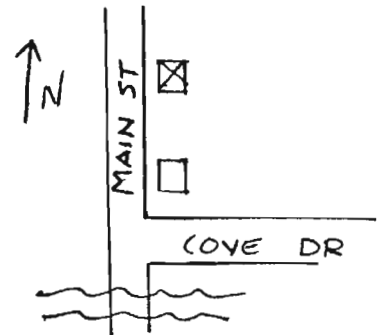
Construction Date: poss. early 18th century Source of Date: Ocean Township Historical Society
Architect: Builder:
Style: Form/Plan Type: rectangular
Number of Stories: 2
Foundation: low, poss. brick
Exterior Wall Fabric: clapboard
Fenestration: 3
Roof/Chimneys: gable / central chimney
Additional Architectural Description:

An open porch runs across the facade. A 1 story lean-to addition is found on the north end. The second floor facade windows are short. All other windows are 6/6. An old cookhouse and outhouse are found in the rear yard.

PHOTO Negative File No. 1521-13



Map (Indicate North)



SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

The structure is located on the main 18th-19th century road. Later buildings are found across the street. Wooded lots are located to the north and east.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban Suburban Scattered Buildings
Open Space Woodland Residential Agricultural Village
Industrial Downtown Commercial Highway Commercial Other

SIGNIFICANCE:

This 18th century house contains short proportions similar to other buildings constructed during this time in the area. In the rear yard are a detached kitchen and the original outhouse.

ORIGINAL USE: Residential
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent Good Fair Poor
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes Possible No Part of District
THREATS TO SITE: Roads Development Zoning Deterioration
No Threat Other

COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:

Beattie, John O. and Lillian Lopez. Compiled by Ocean The Centennial Township.
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DATE: May 1981

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1521-14

HISTORIC NAME: J. Birdsall House
LOCATION: 11 Birdsall Street

COMMON NAME:
BLOCK/LOT 131/11

MUNICIPALITY: Ocean Township
USGS QUAD:
OWNER/ADDRESS: Louis W. Rieder
RD 1, Box 184
Waretown, N.J. 08758

COUNTY: Ocean
UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: late 18th-early 19th century Source of Date: style

Architect:

Builder:

Style:

Form/Plan Type: rectangular with west additions

Number of Stories: 2½

Foundation: low. Jersey bog iron sandstone

Exterior Wall Fabric: clapboard

Fenestration: 3 bay

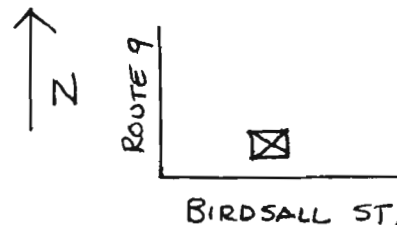
Roof/Chimneys: gable / 3 chimneys

Additional Architectural Description:

A 2 story, 2 bay, center door wing was added to the west (left.) A lean-to addition, 1½ stories high is found to the extreme west end. A screened porch crosses the facade. Windows are 6/6 and 2/2. Lunette windows are found in the east gable end.

PHOTO Negative File No. 1521-14

Map (Indicate North)



SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

The structure is located on a small lane (Birdsall Street) between Main Street and Route 9. Wooded lots and scattered buildings are found in the area.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban Suburban Scattered Buildings
Open Space Woodland Residential Agricultural Village
Industrial Downtown Commercial Highway Commercial Other

SIGNIFICANCE:

The structure is an excellent example of early 19th century architecture since it still retains most of its original features, including 6/6 windows, clapboard exterior and side wing. The house was owned by the Birdsall family who owned a large amount of land and also ran the mill which was located south of Birdsall Street. The road later held other Birdsall buildings.

ORIGINAL USE: Residential PRESENT USE: Residential
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent Good Fair Poor
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes Possible No Part of District
THREATS TO SITE: Roads Development Zoning Deterioration
No Threat Other

COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1521-15

HISTORIC NAME: Enoch Jones House
LOCATION: 17 Birdsall Street

COMMON NAME:
BLOCK/LOT 131/10

MUNICIPALITY: Ocean Township
USGS QUAD:
OWNER/ADDRESS: Leon A. Cymansky
102 Beaufort Avenue
Livingston, N.J. 07039

COUNTY: Ocean
UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: early 19th century

Source of Date: style

Architect: -

Builder:

Style:

Form/Plan Type: rectangular with side wing

Number of Stories: 2

Foundation: stone

Exterior Wall Fabric: clapboard

Fenestration: 3 bay

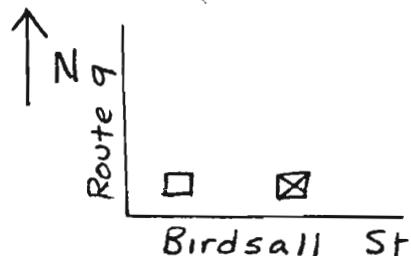
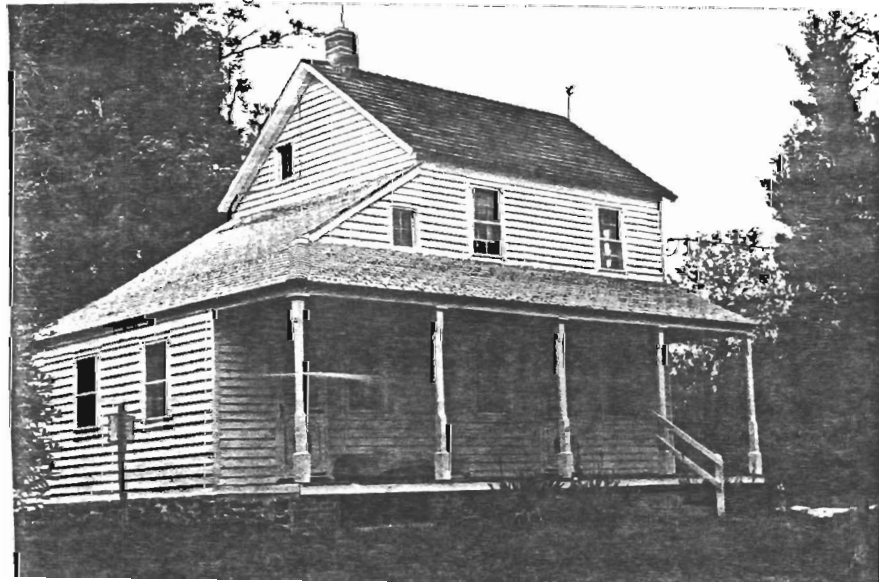
Roof/Chimneys: gable roof / 1 chimney

Additional Architectural Description:

A 1½ story, 2 bay west lean-to was added to the structure in the 19th century. An open porch with chamfered posts runs across the facade. The center door has a transom. Windows are 6/6.

PHOTO Negative File No. 1521-15

Map (Indicate North)



SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

The building is located on a small lane between Main Street and Route 9. Wooded areas are found adjacent to the structure.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban Suburban Scattered Buildings
Open Space Woodland Residential Agricultural Village
Industrial Downtown Commercial Highway Commercial Other

SIGNIFICANCE:

This early 19th century structure was once owned by Judge Enoch Jones, who had a store on the southeast corner of Main and Bay Streets in Waretown. The building is typical of early 19th century south Jersey architecture since it has a center door, is 3 bays wide and contains a small lean-to wing.

ORIGINAL USE: Residential PRESENT USE: Residential
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent Good Fair Poor
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes Possible No Part of District
THREATS TO SITE: Roads Development Zoning Deterioration
No Threat Other

COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:

Beattie, John O. and Lillian Lopez. Compiled by Ocean The Centennial Township. Toms River: Ocean Township. 1976.

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NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1521-16

HISTORIC NAME: E.H. Jones House
LOCATION: 23 Birdsa11 Street

COMMON NAME:
BLOCK/LOT 131/9

MUNICIPALITY: Ocean Township
USGS QUAD:
OWNER/ADDRESS: Jas. Dugan
P.O. Box 193
Waretown, N.J. 08758

COUNTY: Ocean
UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: pre 1878

Source of Date: style - maps

Architect:

Builder:

Style: vernacular / center hall of Italianate Form/Plan Type: rectangular elements

Number of Stories: 2½

Foundation: low, brick

Exterior Wall Fabric: asbestos siding

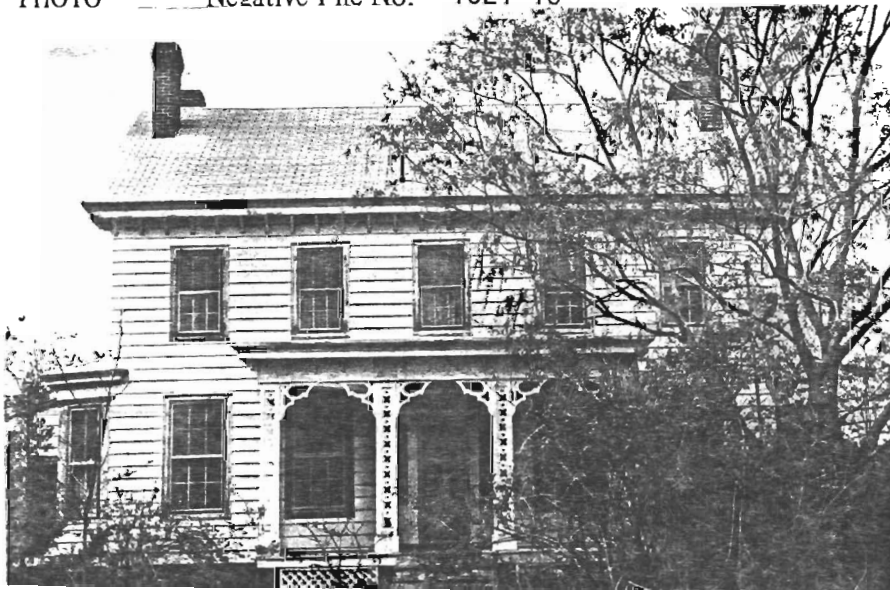
Fenestration: 5 bay

Roof/Chimneys: gable roof with returns / 4 double end interior chimneys

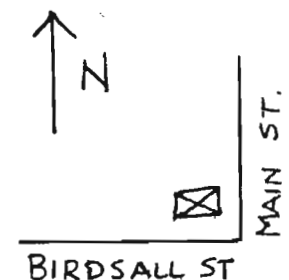
Additional Architectural Description:

An open front porch has a flat roof, bracketed cornice, cut-out designed posts and sawn brackets. The door is centered and contains a transom and side-lights. A bracketed cornice runs around the entire building. Windows are 6/6. A bay window is found on the west end.

PHOTO Negative File No. 1521-16



Map (Indicate North)



SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

The structure is located at the corner of Birdsall and Main Streets. Wooded lots and scattered buildings are found in the area. A shed is found in the side yard.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban Suburban Scattered Buildings
Open Space Woodland Residential Agricultural Village
Industrial Downtown Commercial Highway Commercial Other

SIGNIFICANCE:

This mid 19th century structure is one of the most decorative houses of its time in the Waretown area. Similar to other houses of the period, the building is 2½ stories high, 5 bays wide with a center door. The house also contains a sawn bracketed cornice and ornate front porch with sawn brackets and cut-out design posts.

ORIGINAL USE: Residential PRESENT USE: Residential
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent Good Fair Poor
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes Possible No Part of District
THREATS TO SITE: Roads Development Zoning Deterioration
No Threat Other

COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:

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SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

The structure is located near the road and is surrounded by woods and other 19th century buildings.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban Suburban Scattered Buildings
Open Space Woodland Residential Agricultural Village
Industrial Downtown Commercial Highway Commercial Other

SIGNIFICANCE:

The structure is one of the few 18th century structures in the area. It is typical of early 18th century houses containing side wings and lean-to additions.

ORIGINAL USE: Residential PRESENT USE: Residential
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent Good Fair Poor
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes Possible No Part of District
THREATS TO SITE: Roads Development Zoning Deterioration
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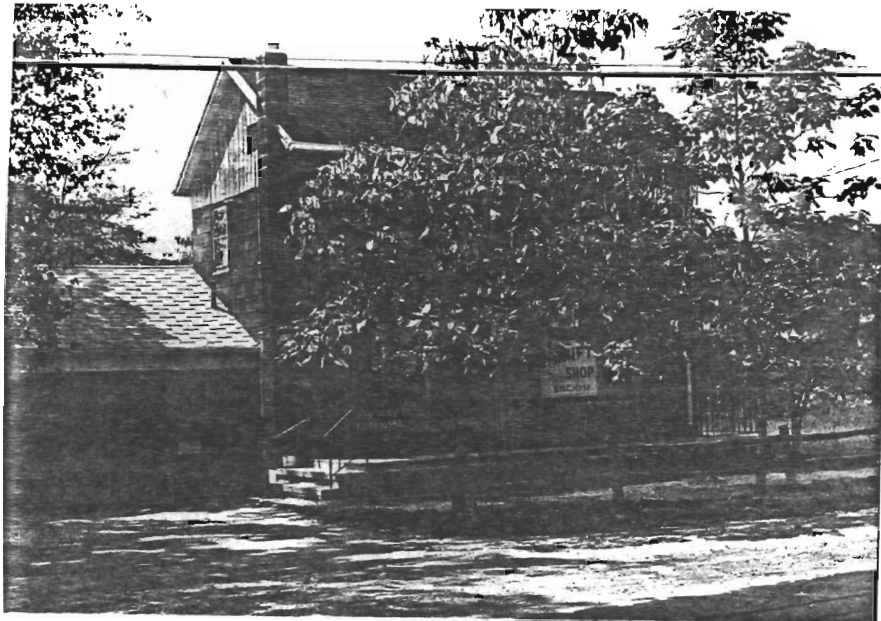
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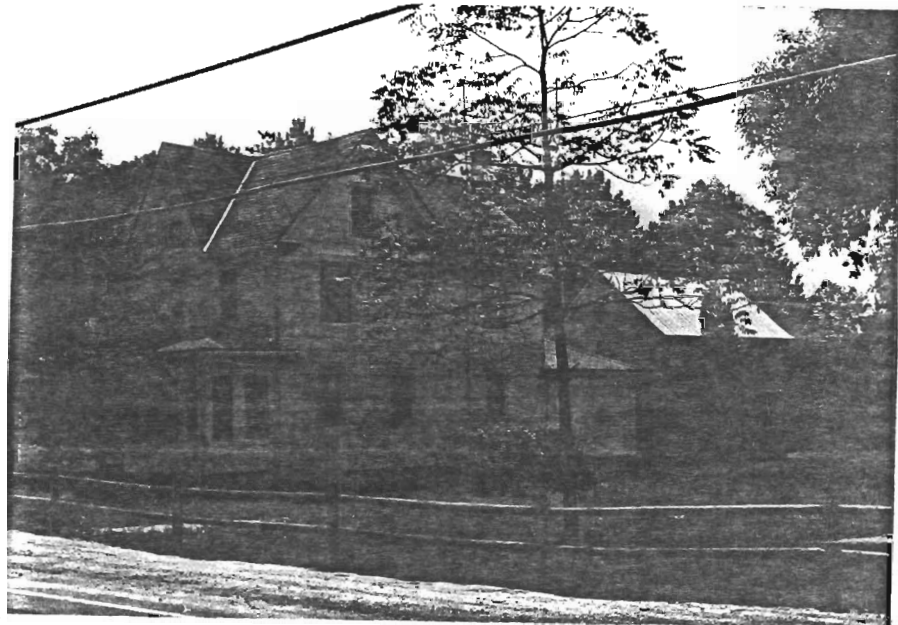
1521-L1



Letts House / Thrift Shop / Main Street

2½ story, 3 bay, asbestos siding, gable roof. This early 19th century structure has been extensively altered by the installation of 1/1 windows, asbestos siding and a modern wing to the south.

1521-L2



163 Main Street

2½ story, 3 bay, asbestos siding, cross gable roof, c.1870. Windows are 2/2. An enclosed porch has turned posts. An outbuilding was once an icehouse and cook's shed.

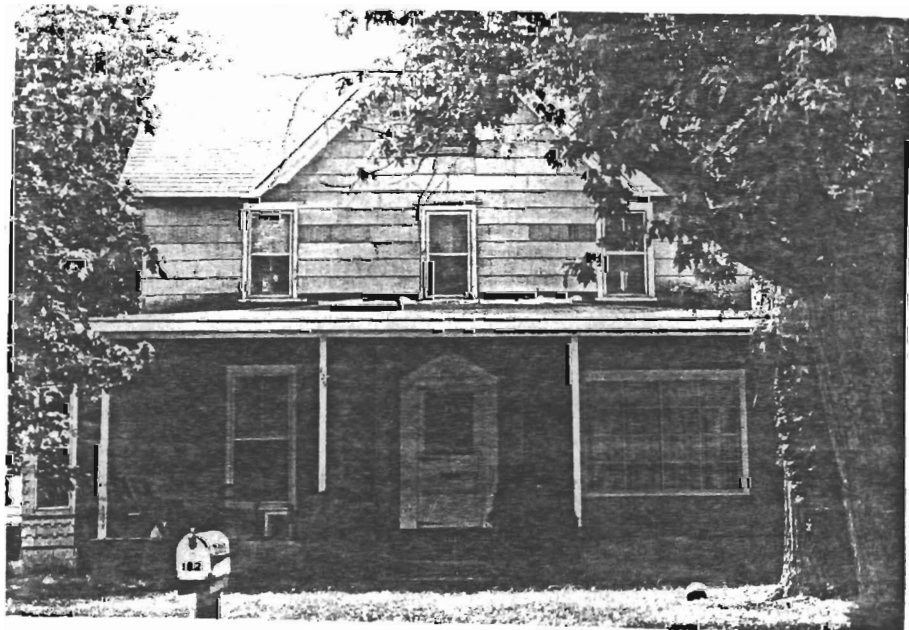
1521-L3



Main Street (west side)

2½ story, 3 bay, aluminum siding, gable roof, possible mid 19th century. The building has been significantly altered but still retains some 6/6 and 2/2 windows and a center door.

1521-L4



125 Main Street

2½ story, 3 bay, asbestos and clapboard exterior, cross gable roof, c.1870. This structure has been altered by the installation of a "picture window" and the replacement of its open front porch. Many 2/2 windows are still intact.

1521-L5



121 Main Street

2½ story, 3 bay, aluminum siding, cross gabled roof, pre 1878. A double center door contains a transom. Windows are 2/2. A tripartite 2nd floor center window and a pointed arch attic light are also employed. An open front porch contains square posts with arched spans. Two corbelled chimneys are found on the center roof.

1521-L6



Captain Newbury Home / 97 Main Street

2½ story, 3 bay, asbestos siding, gable roof, pre 1872. A screened porch runs across the facade. A modern projecting bay is found on the second floor. The yard still contains an old icehouse.

1521-L7



Main Street (east side)

2½ story, 3 bay, natural wood shingle exterior, gable roof with end facing street, late 19th century. A screened front porch contains turned posts and sawn brackets. Windows are 2/2. A pointed arch window is found in the gable peak.

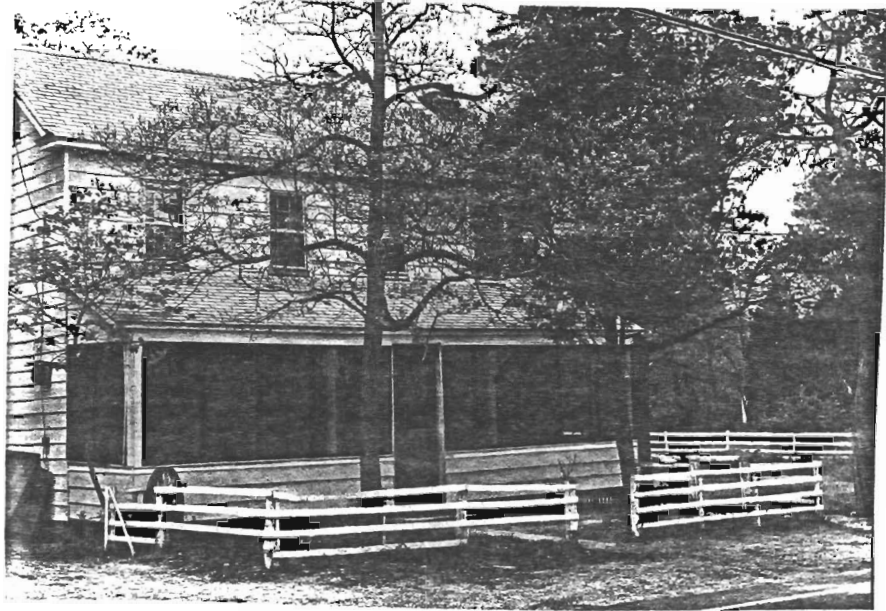
1521-L8



Gaskill Emporium / 88 Main Street

2½ story, 3 bay, asbestos siding with staggered butt shingle peaks, gable roof, late 19th century. A double leaf door contains a transom. An open front porch has turned posts, sawn brackets and a blind balustrade. The building was once the post office (1900 - 1913) and an ice cream and soda emporium.

1521-L9



83 Main Street

2½ story, 4 bay, asbestos siding, gable roof, possible mid 19th century. A screened porch has square posts and fan brackets. Windows are 6/6. A modern center door has been installed.

1521-L10



House and Shop / 55 Main Street

2½ story, 3 bay, aluminum siding, hipped roof, early 20th century. Open porch with Doric columns and a standard railing. Hip roof dormers are found on each elevation. A 1 story, 3 bay gabled roof shop is connected to the house. The shop has 2/2 store front windows and a center door.

1521-L11



28 Main Street

2½ story, 3 bay, painted shingle exterior, gabled roof, pre 1872. An enclosed porch is found in the center of the facade. Windows are 6/6 with louvered shutters.

1521-L12



23 Chapel Street

2½ story, 2 bay, asbestos siding, gable roof, c.1880. Windows are 2/2. A pointed arch attic light is found in the gable end. An enclosed porch runs across the facade.

1521-L13



19 Chapel Street

2½ story, 2 bay, clapboard exterior, gable roof, L-plan, c.1880. An enclosed porch runs across the facade. Windows are 2/2.

1521-L14



71 Railroad Avenue

2 story, 2 bay, asbestos siding, gable roof. An enclosed porch extends across the facade. A center door is flanked by 1/1 windows. A lean-to is located on the west side. The structure is typical of late 18th, early 19th century architecture of the region.

1521-L15



Elizabeth Street (west side)

2 story, 2 bay, clapboard exterior gable roof. This early 19th century (possible late 18th c.) building is typical of late 18th-early 19th century architecture of the pine barrens region. The second floor windows are eyebrows. An enclosed porch runs across the facade.

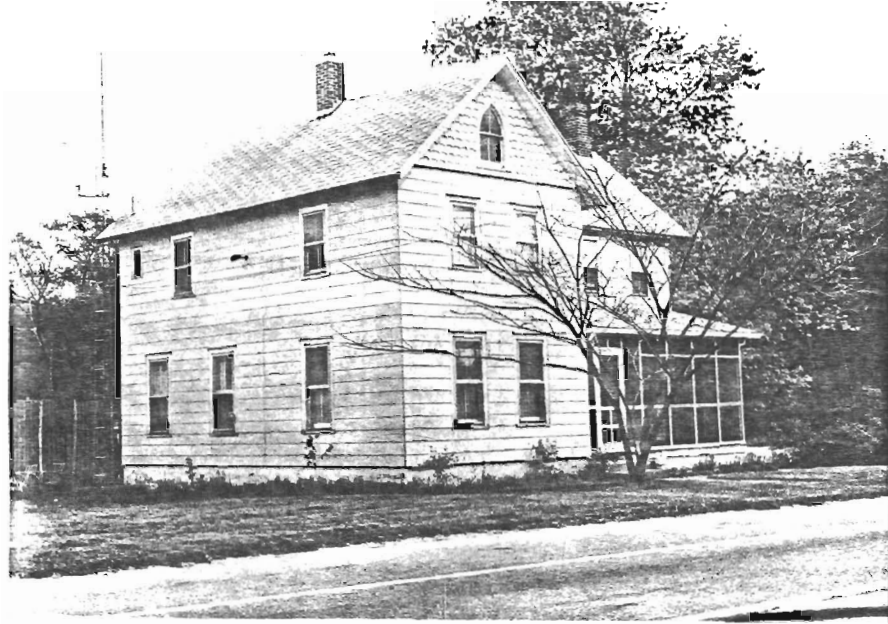
1521-L16



Route 9 (west side south of Waretown)

2½ story, 2 bay, natural wood shingle, gable roof, possible mid 19th century. A screened porch runs across the facade. Windows are 2/2. A shed roof dormer is centered on the facade.

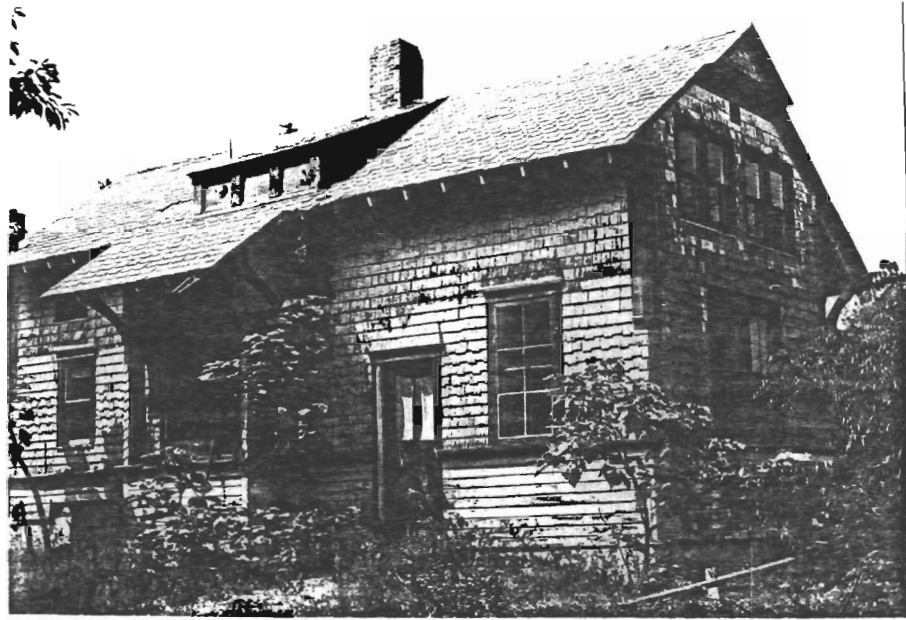
1521-L17



Route 9 (east side south of Waretown)

2½ story, 5 bay, asbestos siding, gable roof, L-plan, late 19th century. The gabled peaks are staggered butt shingled and contain pointed arch windows. All other windows are 2/2. A screened porch is found on the facade. The structure is typical of late 19th century architecture of the region.

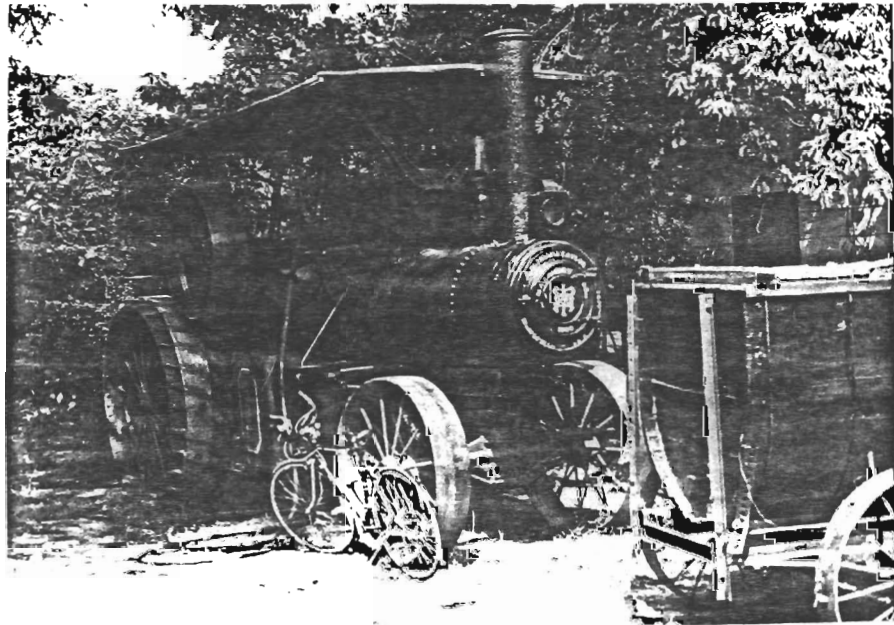
1521-L18



Railroad Avenue

1½ story, 3 bay, clapboard and patterned shingle exterior, gable roof. This structure was the railroad depot constructed at Waretown in the 1870s. The building was moved recently to its present location. It still retains much of its original elements including large knee-brackets, exposed rafter tails and chamfered corner-boards.

1521-L18A



Steam Engine Locomotive

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<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: recreationa

4. Owner of Property

name New Jersey Conservation Foundation

street & number 300 Mendham Road

city, town Morristown _____ vicinity of _____ state N.J. 07960

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Ocean County Courthouse

street & number 113 Washington Street

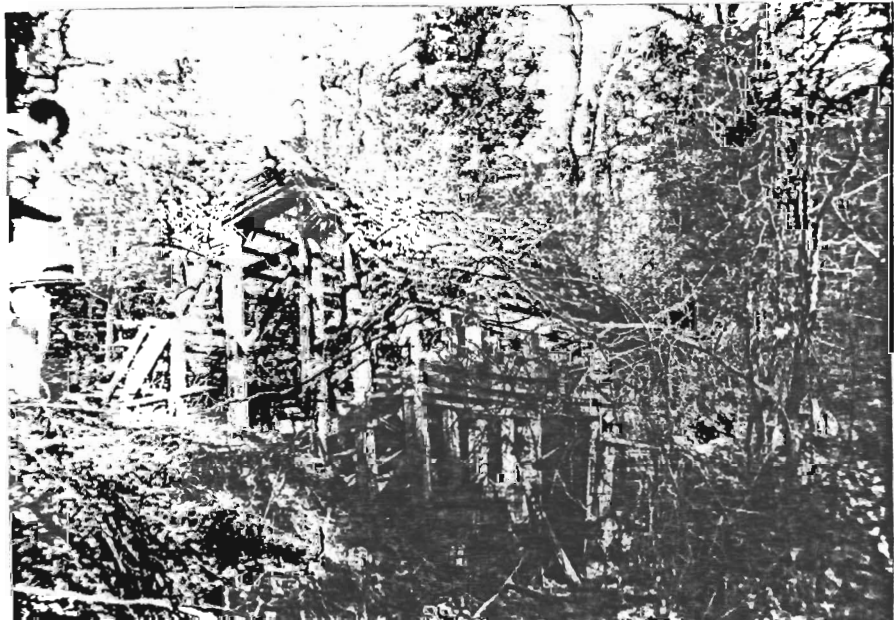
city, town Toms River _____ state _____

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Ocean County Historical Society Sites Survey, Old Mills 1978 has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1978 _____ federal _____ state county _____ local _____

depository for survey records Ocean County Historical Society



7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved

date January 14, 1980

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Wells Mills is in the Pine Barrens section of Ocean Township, Ocean County. When James Wells purchased the tract in 1787 it was located in Stafford Township in Monmouth County. Before Ocean County was separated from Monmouth County in 1850, the site became part of Union Township. In 1876 it became part of Ocean Township.

The land on which the nomination is located is slightly rolling and heavily forested. Relief varies from 40 feet above sea level below the mill site to 70 feet just north of the part in question. Vegetation consists of an oak-pine forest on the higher ground and a cedar swamp in the basin of Oyster Creek. Soils in the stream area support cranberries. Forest products and some agriculture items have come from the higher ground. There is a large field and evidence of succession next to the settled area.

At present there are two extant dwellings on the site. One is a circa 1920 lodge. The other is a house that is contemporary with the mill. The lodge consists of a large central room and many smaller rooms off it. The old house is in very poor condition and is threatened by a nearby campsite. They are over 200' from each other.

The original section of the old house consisted of one room downstairs and a knee-wall garrett consisting of two rooms. The stairway and the fireplace are on the west wall of the structure. There is a lean-to section beyond the west wall, a porch across the south front towards the pond, and a section to the north that is as large as the original house. The additions seem to be 19th century.

There are three very delapidated outbuildings north and west of the house. These appear to be contemporary or newer than the newest section of the house. They consist of a wagon shed, a chicken coop, and a privy.

Several hundred feet to the east of this complex are two other delapidated structures. Both of these seem to have had some agricultural use or modification. One could also have been a spring house.

Outlines of the land, contours, stream and dam site are quite apparent at the mill site. There are small wooded posts extant above the ground and planking below the water level. There is also a large pile of scantling at the east end of the mill.

There is a new concrete flood gate adjacent to the mill. The dam seems to be in fairly stable condition but the main gate at the southeast edge of the pond is in deteriorated condition.

Several other features including house sites are known. While the main concentration of these lie north of the pond, a few are known to have existed south and east of the main industrial complex.

Except for some oral history, little is known of the former appearance of the village or mill. A mill is shown on or near the site in 1765 according to the G. Lawrence Map. The 1781 J. Hills Map shows a mill pond at Brockville, west of the site. Thomas Gordon's Map of 1828 and the Robert Hornor edition of 1849 indicate the location of the mill.

The best cartographic representation of the mill is on the Beers, Comstock, and Cline 1872 Map of Ocean County. This indicates 2 dwellings and the mill operated by Predmore and Company. The place name but not the mill is on several geological maps.

The lodge is used for recreational purposes by the former owners. Except for this, there are no modern intrusions on the site.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The historical significance of Wells Mills centers around the sawmill and the small community that developed at the headwater of Oyster Creek. This significance falls into three categories. These are industry, architecture, and historic archeology. They are considered to be of local significance and it is suggested that they meet Criteria D of the National Register.

INDUSTRY: Wood was the major extracted and processed industry of the P Barrens. Its use augments or supplements all other industry. Wells Mills was one of over 100 sawmills that used the hydro-power of the dendritic system of streams to produce lumber. These small mills were for the most part "up country" and had ties with people and commerce in the coastal area. The mills often cut major stands of pine, oak, and cedar timber and then were altered for other wood uses until the timber grew back. They are a paradigm of technical change of which little or nothing is known.

ARCHITECTURE: The one remaining house at Wells Mills is an excellent example of vernacular architecture in a rural setting. It is a common type which only a few examples remain. The fabric, foundation, and framing is an early type of house that could date to the beginning of James Wells in

ARCHEOLOGY - HISTORIC: The most significant aspect of the Wells Mills Site is its archeological potential. In this the dynamics of both technological change and social order can be studied. Surface indications and extant features are abundant and suggest concentrations of activity joined by a network of roads between the features and towards areas of raw materials and marketing. The wet and silting conditions of the mill site suggest well preserved artifacts and features. Other sites, such as the house or barn site, seem to have had little or no disturbance by vandals or pot hunters. The social aspects of the community are interesting and reflect a relatively unaltered social setting around a working place which is tied to the seasons rather than to a clock. Artifactual evidence should indicate this agricultural-industrial nucleus.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Deed Book Z, p 790 @ Freehold (1787 purchase of land by James Wells)
2. Deed Book G2, p 242 @ Freehold (1816 sale of land at Wells death)
3. Deed Book 3, p 446 @ Freehold (1832 documents, existence of sawmill)

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9. Major Bibliographical References Continued from back

4. Beck, Henry Carlton, 1962, More Forgotten Towns of Southern New Jersey, Rutgers University Press, New Brunswick
5. Beck, Henry Carlton, 1945, Jersey Genesis, Rutgers U. Press, New Brunswick
6. 1872 Map of Ocean County, N.J. Beers, Comstock, & Cline, 1" = 1 mile

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 197.12

Quadrangle name Brookville

Quadrangle scale 1" = 2000'

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See attached survey and tax map.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Budd Wilson, Archaeologist

organization

date January 14, 1981

street & number R. D. 2, Box 145

telephone 609-965-2685

city or town Egg Harbor City

state New Jersey 08215

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title date

For HCRS use only

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

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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STATE AND NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

ON REGISTERS:

PENDING STATE REVIEW:

RECOMMENDED FOR STATE AND NATIONAL REGISTERS

The following list of buildings, districts or sites have been reviewed by the survey team and are considered eligible to be placed on the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places. For a complete explanation of the register program and criteria, contact the Office of Cultural and Environmental Services, 109 West State Street, Trenton, N.J. 08625. Telephone: (609) 292-2023.

FORM #	NAME AND ADDRESS	PART OF	
		YES	POSSIBLE DISTRICT
1521-3	Waretown Railroad Station, 13 Clearwater St.		X
1521-4	Westcott Ave., (Block 221 Lot 1)		X
1521-5	Falkinburg Farm (Block 221 Lot 10)		X
1521-6	R. Lathrop House, 57 Main St.		X
1521-7	Ezekiel Birdsall House, 68 Main St., Waretown		X
1521-8	67 Main St., Waretown		X
1521-9	23 Bryant Road		X
1521-10	"Select" School / Universalist Church, 27 Chapel St.	X	X
1521-11	22 Chapel St.		X
1521-12	95 Main St.		X
1521-13	122 Main St.		X
1521-14	J. Birdsall House, 11 Birdsall St.	X	X
1521-15	Enoch Jones House, 17 Birdsall St.		X
1521-16	E.H. Jones House, 23 Birdsall St.		X
1521-17	170 Main St.		X