Note to the Reader:

Since the initial sections of this survey were completed, determinations of eligibility have been modified for certain properties. In order to find the most recent determination of eligibility, consult the "Sites List and Municipal Maps" section of the introductory narrative (Vol. I). The determinations of eligibility on the survey forms are superceded by those on the list.
SITES LISTS AND MAPS

Below is a list of all sites included in the Monmouth County Historic Sites Inventory. Sites location maps are also provided for each municipality. The sites lists are arranged by municipality and then alphabetically by street address or geographical location. Next to each site is a determination of its eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places.** Eligibility is notated by the following symbols:

Y = Yes
N = No
P = Possible
D = District

Sites which are located within eligible districts but which are also individually eligible are labeled "Y" instead of "D". The "Possible" category is limited to those properties which require additional research on construction date, quality of the interior (interiors generally were not examined), ownership history, and/or degree of alteration in order to determine eligibility.

The survey project followed federal standards for National Register eligibility which are set forth in "How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation" (National Park Service, Department of the Interior, 1982). National Register eligibility is subject to review and final approval by the Office of New Jersey Heritage and the New Jersey State Review Board of Historic Sites. Eligibility may change due to building alterations made subsequent to this survey. Since the initial field work for this project was completed during 1980-1982, determinations of eligibility on the survey forms are superceded by those on the below updated lists.

**The National Register is the official list of properties significant in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture. The National Register was established by the Historic Sites Act of 1935 and the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. It is maintained and expanded by the National Park Service on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior. Properties listed on the National Register receive a limited form of protection and certain benefits. For information concerning the effects of listing, contact the Office of New Jersey Heritage in Trenton (609-292-2023).
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**ROLL NUMBER** 5  
**COUNTY** Monmouth  
**MUNICIPALITY** Freehold Township

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**SURVEY** Monmouth County  
**DATE:** March 1981
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**NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION**  
**BUILDING COMPLEX SURVEY FORM**  
**HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1316-1**

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### ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

A. A five-bay Italianate house with N. kitchen wing roughly contemporary with main block. Original features obscured by 1981 addition of vinyl siding and removal of window and cornice trim. Remaining early elements include recessed entry with paneled double door and rectangular transom; three bay porch with octagonal columns (repeated on E. entry portico); and fenestration (6/6 sash on first story are slightly larger than second story windows). Only two of the four twin end chimneys remain, plus an interior chimney on the kitchen wing.

B. **Built in three sections, with "breezeway" connecting the S. perpendicular wing to the other two English-plan sections.**

C. **Gable end-facing shed with fieldstone and brick foundation; open shed addition on W. side and garage addition on the East.**

### CONDITION COMMENTS:

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SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES: SEE ATTACHED PLAN

LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

Siting: House and barns face south on a 71.45 acre parcel.

Topography: Level at buildings' site; downslopes north of barns to rolling open meadow.

Vegetation: Conifers and deciduous trees near house. Former pasture and cropland are kept mowed. Patches and strips of woodland.

Water:

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

This largely-intact farm complex is characteristic of those built during the 19th century in Freehold Township and central Monmouth County. The persistent five-bay house form, an accrual of shingled barns and sheds are arranged in a linear plan at the end of a long driveway from the road. Located along the old Burlington Path, the farm was built possibly by a member of the Wikoff (Wykoff, Wyckoff) family. William Henry Wikoff (b. 1833, d. ?) is shown as the owner on the 1860, 1873 and 1889 county maps. The name Baysholm, an old English term meaning "young calves meadow", was given to the farm by Helen Herrmann, who owned it from 1946 to 1969 when she deeded the property to the Monmouth County Parks System for a conservation area. An aerial photograph, in the MCPS Baysholm file, shows land use division on the farm during the twentieth century; pasture and terraced, contoured cropland are divided by strips of woodland. The Parks System has preserved the lovely rolling meadows and woodland.

ORIGINAL USE: Farm
PRESENT USE: Park/Conservation Area

REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes □ Possible □ No □ Part of District □

THREATS TO SITE: Roads □ Development □ Zoning □ Deterioration □
No Threat □ Other □

COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:
1. Lightfoot Map, 1851.
2. Beers Map, 1860.
5. Interview with Helen Hermann, 1981.
6. Monmouth County Parks System, Baysholm File
7. Ellis, History of Monmouth County, New Jersey (1885), p. 517.

RECORDED BY: Gail Hunton
DATE: March, 1981

ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Parks System/Monmouth County Historical Association
Map:

Site Plan:

Shed: C

Barn: B

House: A

Small Sheds

Not to Scale

Burlington Road (A.K.A. Stone Hill Road)
### Significant Structures

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### Additional Architectural Description

A: According to owner, house was moved to present site in late 19th century from original location about ½ mi. east on the same side of Burlington Road. Small rectangular dwelling with minimal ornamentation. Close eaves; 6/6 sash windows with small cornices; four-panel door with simple enframement. Interior chimney on East end has been removed. Ell has fieldstone foundation on rear section and 6/3 sash on upper story windows.

B: Hay and livestock barn built in several sections.
LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
Siting: Faces North on a 90.67 acre parcel.

Topography: Level

Vegetation: Mature trees around house; cultivated fields surround buildings.

Water: 

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

This is one of only a few remaining farm properties in the northeastern part of Freehold Township; the complex contributes to the rural character of an area which is under considerable development pressure. The original owner is not known; the house was moved to this site sometime between 1873 and 1889, after which time the barns and outbuildings were constructed. The house is currently uninhabited and is under restoration. Corn and grains are grown on the surrounding land.

ORIGINAL USE: Farm
PRESENT USE: Farm

REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes ☐ Possible ☐ No ☑ Part of District ☐

THREATS TO SITE: Roads ☑ Development ☑ Zoning ☐ Deterioration ☐
No Threat ☐ Other ☐

COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:
1. Lightfoot map, 1851.
2. Beers map, 1860.
4. Wolverton atlas, 1889.

RECORDED BY: Gail Hunton
DATE: March 1981
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System/Monmouth County Historical Association
Map:

Site Plan:

- Burlington Road
- (A.K.A. Stone Hill Road)

- House (A)
- Sheds (C)
- Corncrib (D)
- Barn (B)

Not to Scale
General View of Complex; View South

House (A): View SE

Sheds (C): View SE
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A: House built in three sections. 1 ½ story E. wing is the original structure, dating from the middle to late 18th c., reportedly before the Revolution. It is a two-room cottage with an exterior end chimney. Older wood shingles cover the E. facade. The middle section of the house, which rests on a fieldstone foundation, has 2 bays on the N. side and 2 over 3 bays on the S. side. The central door sandwiched between two small windows is characteristic of 18th c. structures (see detail of S. side), although this part of the house reputedly dates from about 1830. The 3 bay by 2 bay W. section completes the five bay plan, and was built in the Greek Revival Style, on a brick foundation, about 1860. It was probably at this time that the main block acquired the modillioned cornice, porches, and matched window sash. Later addition of slate tile roofing. Very few subsequent alterations.

B: Wagon Shed/Stalls: Appears to have had, at one time, living space for hired help. New foundation.

C: Hay/Livestock Barn: Smaller section is older, built in late 19th c. Larger barn is early 20th c. and has a basement level.
LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

Siting: Faces North on a 20.41 acre parcel.

Topography: Mostly level; house sits on slight rise above present road grade.

Vegetation: Large trees and shrubs around house; cultivated fields and pasture comprise rest of property.

Water:

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

SIGNIFICANCE:
The house on this farmstead is one of the oldest surviving dwellings in Freehold Township, and illustrates the characteristic expansion from a 1½ story cottage to a formal five bay plan. It is also well-conserved, retaining most of the original exterior and interior features. The site is located along what was known as the Burlington Path, a major early route which ran from Crosswicks to Shrewsbury. Local tradition dates the East wing of this house c.1770, but the source of this date has not been discovered, and may be incorrect. Examples of these cottages, the traditional pioneer dwellings of English and Scottish settlers, have been found from the early 18th century in Monmouth County. It is possible that this site may be one of the original Forman farmsteads in an area which became known as "the Forman Neighborhood" (see also 1316-4, 1316-6, 1316-29, 1316-30). It is known that the Forman family owned this farm throughout much of the 19th century. Preliminary research on the Formans points to two possibilities as the original owners of this site: John Forman, who came to America c.1685 and "settled about 1½ mile southeast of Freehold Borough" (Ref. 2); or Thomas Forman, who "settled in Monmouth, near Freehold, on the Burlington Road in 1691" (Ref. 4).

ORIGINAL USE: Farm
PRESENT USE: Equestrian Center

REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes□ Possible□ No□ Part of District□
THREATS TO SITE: Roads□ Development□ Zoning□ Deterioration□
No Threat□ Other□

COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:
1. New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory.
3. Genealogical Records on the Forman Family, Monmouth County Historical Association.
5. Lightfoot map, 1851.
8. Wolverton atlas, 1889.

RECORDED BY: Gail Hunton
DATE: March 1981
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System/ Monmouth County Historical Association
Map:

Site Plan:

Not to Scale
House (A); View SE

House (A); View North. Portion of S. side showing 18th c. wing
Shed (B); View NW

Barn (C); View SE
**HISTORIC NAME:** J.F.T. Forman Jr. Farm  
**LOCATION:** N. side Colt's Neck Rd.*  
 **c. 500' W. of E. Freehold Rd.**  
**MUNICIPALITY:** Freehold Twp.  
**USGS QUAD:** Freehold  
**OWNER/ADDRESS:** *County Hwy. 537*

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**ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION**

A: A five bay Italianate house with integrity of form and design. Narrow rectangular center-hall plan. Intact wood trim and ornamentation. 2/2 sash windows with pronounced cornices and louvered shutters. Three bay porch with octagonal columns, which are repeated on the door enframement. Paneled double door with two-light rectangular transom. Slate roof. No 20th century exterior alterations.

B: Four bay wagon and equipment shed possibly constructed in two sections. 6/6 sash windows and scalloped slate roof. The center, wood-slatted hinged door is the oldest. The two garage bays on the east side are 20th century alterations to accommodate automobiles.

C: Large hay and cattle barn which retains early doors and windows. Concrete buttresses at open basement level are 20th century additions to bolster fieldstone foundation.

**CONDITION COMMENTS:** 

E • C • F • P • E • G • F • F • E • G • F • P • E • G • F • F
LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

Siting: Complex faces South on a 87.88 acre parcel.

Topography: Mostly level, except for downslope to creek bed.

Vegetation: Large, old deciduous and coniferous trees around house; scattered border shrubbery; surrounding fields were cultivated until recently but lie fallow in 1982.

Water: Debois Creek runs along the western border of the property, past the barn (C).

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Urban ☐ Suburban ☑ Scattered Buildings ☑
Open Space ☐ Woodland ☐ Residential ☑ Agricultural ☑ Village ☐
Industrial ☐ Downtown Commercial ☐ Highway Commercial ☒ Other ☐

SIGNIFICANCE:

This nineteenth century farmstead is significant as one of the last intact farm properties on the immediate periphery of Freehold Borough. It was originally the farm of John Fisher T. Forman, Jr. (c.1840-1877), and was probably a gift to him from his father, whose farm was located next door to the East (see 1316-6). The Forman family were early Scottish settlers in the Freehold area, the first arriving about 1685. By the nineteenth century a considerable number lived in central and southwestern Monmouth County. This section of Freehold Township became known as "the Forman Neighborhood" (see 1316-3, 1316-6, 1316-29, 1316-30 for remaining Forman farmsteads).

Although simple in design, the farmstead structures are unadulterated examples of farm building practices in rural Monmouth County during the third quarter of the nineteenth century. The farmstead is arranged in a courtyard plan, oriented toward the South, and facing the road at the end of a long driveway. It is interesting to note that the house, though constructed in the then-popular Italianate mode, is built upon a fieldstone foundation, a holdover from earlier practices.

ORIGINAL USE: Farm
PRESENT USE: Farm

REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes ☑ Possible ☐ No ☐ Part of District ☐

THREATS TO SITE: Roads ☑ Development ☑ Zoning ☑ Deterioration ☐
No Threat ☐ Other ☐

COMMENTS: Encroaching subdivisions! Property atlas already lists house on 100'x 200' lot within the larger parcel, in preparation for subdivision.

REFERENCES:

1. Lightfoot Map, 1851.
2. Beers Map, 1860.

RECORDED BY: Gail Hunton
DATE: March 1981
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System/Monmouth County Historical Association
Map:

Site Plan:

- B Wagon/Equipment Shed (B)
- C Barn (C)
- A House (A)

Colts Neck Road (County Hwy 537)

Not to Scale
General View: North

House (A): View NE
Wagon/Equipment Shed (B):
View NW

Barn (C): View NW
HISTORIC NAME:  N. side Colt's Neck Rd. (County Hwy. 537), c. 600' W. of Wilson Ave.
MUNICIPALITY:  Freehold Township
USGS QUAD:  Freehold
OWNER/ADDRESS:  

COMMON NAME:  30E-11
BLOCK/LOT  Monmouth
COUNTY:
UTM REFERENCES:  Zone/Easting/Northing

DESCRIPTION
Construction Date:  c. 1800
Architect:  
Style:  Federal
Number of Stories:  2
Foundation:  Fieldstone (brick on wing)
Exterior Wall Fabric: Clapboard
Fenestration:  5 symmetrical bays
Roof/Chimneys:  Gable; interior end chimney; ridge chimney on wing
Additional Architectural Description:

Exposed hearthback on East side (chimney is gone). 9/6 sash windows with simple surrounds. Four-pane rectangular transom over simple slender entry. Rear wing appears to be a mid-nineteenth century addition.

PHOTO  Negative File No.  1-25, 26, 27
Map (Indicate North)
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

Faces south on a 60.52 acre parcel. Various dilapidated barns and sheds dating from the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

Although now derelict, the inclusion of this site records a Federal-era house type found in Monmouth County. Typically, farmhouses like this one have five-bay rectangular center hall plans, with gable roofs and two interior chimneys. The single exposed hearthback, instead of twin hearthbacks found on earlier Georgian houses, is a function of the narrower, one-room deep plan. Federal Style detailing is minimal, appearing mainly on the entry.

Dr. John R. Conover (1813-1871), a physician and member of the New Jersey State Legislature for three terms beginning in 1841, lived on this farm from 1858 until his death. He was born on a farm "near Freehold", the oldest son of Colonel Robert Conover (b. ? d. 1826). Research suggests the possibility that this is the farm on which he was born, thereby making Colonel Robert Conover the original owner and builder.

ORIGINAL USE: Farmhouse  
PRESENT USE: Vacant  
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: The barns have been used recently as an auction site by the current owner.

REFERENCES:

1. Lightfoot Map, 1851.
2. Beers Map, 1860.
5. Monmouth County Historical Association, Genealogical Collection, Conover Notebook.
6. "Map of the Farm of the Estate of Dr. John Conover, deceased, near Freehold, as surveyed December 1872", Monmouth County Historical Association.

RECORDED BY: Gail Hunton  
DATE: March, 1981  
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Parks System/Monmouth County Historical Association
NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
BUILDING COMPLEX SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: Dr. Samuel Forman Farm
LOCATION: NE cr. Colts Neck Rd.(County Hwy 537) and East Freehold Rd.
MUNICIPALITY: Freehold Twp
USGS QUAD: Marlboro
OWNER/ADDRESS:

COMMON NAME: 32-9A
BLOCK/LOT: Monmouth
COUNTY:
UTM REFERENCES: Zoning/Northing/Easting
NEGATIVE FILE NO: 1-33 through 37

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1316-6

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ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

A: Barn appearsto be late 19th century; may have been built on the foundation of an older barn, or partially reconstructed.

NOTE: The Samuel Forman house, reportedly built c. 1820 and visible in the attached copy of a turn-of-the-century photograph, was moved in the 1960's to a site on the west side of East Freehold Road c.4 mi. south of the village of East Freehold. Due to subsequent alterations, it has been omitted from the survey. The present house is too new for inclusion in the survey. Several barns and outbuildings have also been removed.
LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
Siting: Barn faces south on a 2.95 acre parcel, directly behind house. Smokehouse lies SE of house, close to Colts Neck Road.
Topography: Level land, situated on a rise above Colts Neck Road.
Vegetation: Mature yard trees, shrubbery, and hedges.
Water:

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

SIGNIFICANCE:
These two outbuildings are surviving structures from the former farm of Dr. Samuel Forman (1764-1845). The present parcel is only a fraction of the original acreage, but the site is one of several large Forman farmsteads east of Freehold Borough in an area which became known as "the Forman Neighborhood." (See also 1316-3, 1316-4, 1316-29, 1316-30.) John Fisher T. Forman (1801-1877) lived on his father's farm and became the owner after his father's death. The smokehouse, constructed of local sandstone which was commonly used in building foundations before c. 1830, is one of the few remaining stone smokehouses in the county.

ORIGINAL USE: Farm Outbuildings  PRESENT USE: Storage and/or unused
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes ☑ Possible □ No □ Part of District □
THREATS TO SITE: Roads □ Development □ Zoning □ Deterioration □
No Threat □ Other □
COMMENTS: May be viewed as obsolescent by owner, since house and other outbuildings are no longer on the site.

REFERENCES:
1. Monmouth County Historical Association, Print File (Drawer 9, Folder 23).
2. Lightfoot map, 1851.
4. Wolverton atlas, 1889.

RECORDED BY: Gail Hunton  DATE: March 1981
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System/ Monmouth County Historical Association
Smokehouse
View East

Barn
View North
**HISTORIC NAME:** Parker Farm  
**LOCATION:** N. side County Rt. 537, 0.5 mi. S. of Gravel Hill Rd.  
**MUNICIPALITY:** Freehold Township  
**USGS QUAD:** Adelphia  
**OWNER/ADDRESS:** William Clayton/same  
**COMMON NAME:** Clayton Farm  
**BLOCK/LOT:**  
**COUNTY:** Monmouth  
**UIM REFERENCES:** Zoning/Northing/Easting  
**NEGATIVE FILE NO:** 5-4 through 12

### Significant Structures

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### Additional Architectural Description

A. Five asymmetrical bay I-house. The original section was a 1½ story cottage, which included the three bays on the first story of the present structure. At some time during the 19th century, the roof was raised and the house was enlarged to five bays. Other changes made in the late 19th and early 20th centuries include the ell addition on the rear of the house; porch with Doric columns; slate tile roofing; 1/1 sash windows; and exterior end chimneys.

B. One of the largest barns in Monmouth County. Four large bays on S.E. side; open garage/shed on N.W. side. Slate tile roof and 6/6 sash windows. Replaced original barn on site which burned before 1911.

C. 19th century one-bay barn with lean-to shed addition on S.E. side.

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SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES: SEE ATTACHED PLAN

LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
Siting: Faces S.E. on a c. 68 acre parcel
Topography: Mostly level
Vegetation: Small yard around house with shrubs and trees. Remainder of land is under cultivation (wheat and soybeans).
Water:

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

This farmstead is a significant element of the rapidly disappearing agricultural landscape on the southern periphery of Freehold Borough, once dominated by substantial farms and now becoming a landscape of suburban houses. The building complex together with its natural setting strongly contribute to the historical character of Monmouth County. The site belonged originally to the Parker family, who were among the earliest settlers in the area and who had large landholdings in the vicinity of Smithburg. Jesse Parker probably occupied the original 1½ story cottage, built for him by his mother (the widow of William Parker) on a fourteen acre tract. Jesse Parker acquired additional land, and the enlarged farm was passed down to Henry William Parker in the late 19th century. The farmstead has been in the Clayton family since 1900; William D. Clayton (the present owner) has lived there since his birth in 1909. In recent years he has sold some land so that it now encompasses only 68 acres. (See also Edmund Parker Farm, 1316-8.)

ORIGINAL USE: Farm
PRESENT USE: Farm
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes□ Possible□ No□ Part of District□
THREATS TO SITE: Roads□ Development□ Zoning□ Deterioration□
No Threat□ Other□
COMMENTS: Present owner is in his 70's. Future ownership and use of the property are uncertain.

REFERENCES:
1. Interview with owner (William D. Clayton), March 1981.
4. Lightfoot Map, 1851.

RECORDED BY: Gail Hunton DATE: March 1981
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Parks System/Monmouth County Historical Association
Complex; View West

House (A); View West
**NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION**  
**BUILDING COMPLEX SURVEY FORM**

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| COMMON NAME:     | Clayton Farm |
| BLOCK/LOT:       |              |
| COUNTY:          | Monmouth |
| UTM REFERENCES:  | Zoning/Northing/Easting |
| NEGATIVE FILE NO: | 4/32-37; 5/2-3 |

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**ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION**

A. A five bay L-house with Greek Revival elements. 6/6 sash windows (slightly smaller on second story). Tripartite Greek Revival doorway with transom and sidelights (storm door is recent addition). May have had some Greek Revival wood trim. Late 19th and early 20th century changes include: ell addition; porch on two sides with square posts; asbestos shingle siding; and stucco veneer on brick chimneys.

B. One of the largest barns in Monmouth County. Complex plan of at least five sections. Multiple bays, loft doors, and windows. Replaced earlier barns on site which burned in 1899.

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LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

Siting: Complex faces north on a 134.5 acre parcel

Topography: Mostly level

Vegetation: Trees and shrubbery around house. Cultivated fields (grain crops and soybeans) surround house.

Water: Small stream runs through western side of property

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban □ Suburban □ Scattered Buildings ☒

Open Space ☒ Woodland □ Residential ☒ Agricultural ☒ Village □

Industrial □ Downtown Commercial □ Highway Commercial □ Other □

SIGNIFICANCE:

This farmstead is a significant element of the rapidly disappearing agricultural landscape on the southern periphery of Freehold Borough, once dominated by substantial farms and now becoming a landscape of suburban houses. The building complex together with its natural setting strongly contribute to the historical character of Monmouth County.

Edmund Parker built the house on this site. The Parkers were among the earliest settlers in the area and had large landholdings in the vicinity of Smithburg. This farm was partitioned from that "Parker Tract". J. Parker (perhaps James, son of Edmund) continued family ownership of the farm in the late 19th century. Joseph Brakeley, of the Brakeley Cannery in Freehold Borough, acquired the property about 1912. Russell Clayton has been the owner for at least thirty-five years, perhaps longer. (See also the Parker Farm, 1316-7.)

ORIGINAL USE: Farm

PRESENT USE: Farm

REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes ☒ Possible □ No □ Part of District □

THREATS TO SITE: Roads ☒ Development ☒ Zoning □ Deterioration ☒

No Threat ☒ Other □

COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:

2. Ellis, History of Monmouth County (1885), p. 105.
3. Lightfoot map, 1851.
5. Beers atlas, 1873.
6. Wolverton atlas, 1889.

RECORDED BY: Gail Hunton
DATE: March 1981
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System/Monmouth County Historical Association
Complex; View South

House (A); View South
Barn (B); View SE

Barn (B); View SE

Barn (B); View North
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| **COMMON NAME:** | |
| **BLOCK/LOT:**   | 91-20 |
| **COUNTY:**      | Monmouth |
| **UTM REFERENCES:** | Zone/Easting/ Northing |

| **DESCRIPTION** | |
| **Construction Date:** | 1860 |
| **Architect:** | |
| **Style:** | Italianate |
| **Number of Stories:** | 2 1/2 |
| **Foundation:** | Stucco veneer |
| **Exterior Wall Fabric:** | Wood shingles |
| **Fenestration:** | 5 symmetrical bays |
| **Roof/Chimneys:** | Gable; 3 interior end chimneys. |
| **Additional Architectural Description:** | Five-bay house with Italianate elements, including 4/4 sash windows with cornices and a double door with rectangular two-light transom. Atypical close eaves; possible alteration of roofline. Originally had four twin end chimneys. Gabled portico is a later addition; three-bay porch has been removed. |

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SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

Faces NW on a three acre parcel. SE of the house is a frame rectangular barn with wood shingles and a gable roof, which is in poor condition.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

This house is the most prominent (though not the oldest) remaining structure in the small village of Smithsburg, located at the crossroads of County Hwy 537 and Siloam Road. It originally belonged to William M. Smith, son of Asher Smith, after whom Smithsburg is named. Asher Smith kept an inn across the road until 1856, when he was succeeded by his son, who sold it in 1863.

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

REFERENCES:

2. Ellis, History of Monmouth County (1885), p. 507.

RECORDED BY:  Gail Hunton  DATE:  March 1981
ORGANIZATION:  Monmouth County Park System/Monmouth County Historical Association
HISTORIC NAME: Moore's Inn
LOCATION: SE cr County Hwy 537 and Stillwells Corner Road
MUNICIPALITY: Freehold Twp.
USGS QUAD: Adelphia
OWNER/ADDRESS:

COMMON NAME: Moore's Inn
BLOCK/LOT: 85-1
COUNTY: Monmouth
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Easting/Northing

DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: Late 18th c. with 19th c. additions and alterations
Architect:
Style: Vernacular
Number of Stories: 2½
Foundation: Fieldstone and brick
Exterior Wall Fabric: Wood shingles and weatherboards
Fenestration: 6 over 10 asymmetrical bays
Roof/Chimneys: Gable; two interior end chimneys; two exterior chimneys on rear wing

Additional Architectural Description:
A portion of this building was constructed in the late 18th century, possibly in 1793 as the facade sign claims. The structure was gradually enlarged during the early and middle 19th century. The rectangular front section ("A" on the plan diagram) is the oldest, but itself was probably built in at least two sections. A bow in the roof indicates separate construction dates for the North end (3 over 4 bays) and the South end (2 over 3 bays). Four entries on the main facade. 6/6 and 2/2 sash windows with small cornices.

PHOTO Negative File No. 4-13, 14, 15, 16, 17

Map (Indicate North)
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

Faces NW on a 250' by 159' corner lot.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:  Urban [ ]  Suburban [X]  Scattered Buildings [ ]
Industrial [ ]  Downtown Commercial [ ]  Highway Commercial [ ]  Other [ ]

SIGNIFICANCE:

This is one of a handful of 18th century inns remaining in Monmouth County. Though it has undergone additions and alterations, the building has survived remarkably well-intact, and is still operated as a tavern. The first tavern keeper there is believed to have been Moses Mount, who served as a private in the Monmouth Militia during the Revolution. Mount's petition (dated c. 1798) for renewal of his tavern license is on file at the Monmouth County Historical Association. Deed research by James S. Brown (Ref. 1) has shown that the Solomon family (see 1316-11) may have been the first owners. Although the inn's original name and owner remain inconclusive, the place was referred to as Mount's Tavern from its early years until at least 1855. The intersection now known as West Freehold was called Mount's Corner during that time. Moses Mount's grandson, John H. Mount, reportedly kept the inn from about 1836 to 1855, after which time it was called West Freehold Hotel and was run by William H. Strong. The business changed hands several times until 1908, when John C. Moore purchased it. The building stayed in the Moore family, who continued to operate a tavern there, until 1979.

ORIGINAL USE:  Tavern/Inn  PRESENT USE:  Tavern/Restaurant
PHYSICAL CONDITION:  Excellent [X]  Good [ ]  Fair [ ]  Poor [ ]
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY:  Yes [X]  Possible [ ]  No [ ]  Part of District [ ]
THREATS TO SITE:  Roads [X]  Development [ ]  Zoning [ ]  Deterioration [ ]
No Threat [ ]  Other [ ]

COMMENTS.

Proximity to a county highway intersection makes this site vulnerable to future road expansion.

REFERENCES:

2. Lightfoot map, 1851.
4. Ellis, History of Monmouth County (1885), p. 507.

RECORDED BY:  DATE:  March 1981
Gail Hunton  Monmouth County Park System/Monmouth County Historical Association
ORGANIZATION:
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

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DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: Late 18th c.; early 19th c. additions and alterations

Source of Date: Ref. 1; Stylistic

Builder:

Architect:

Style: 5 Bay

Form/Plan Type: Rectangle with S. wing

Number of Stories: 2½

Foundation: Fieldstone and brick

Exterior Wall Fabric: Wood shingles

Fenestration: 5 over 5 asymmetrical bays

Roof/Chimneys: Gable; 4 interior twin end chimneys

Additional Architectural Description:

Original 18th century dwelling consists of all or part of the North three bays, which are built on a fieldstone foundation. The two bay South section has a brick foundation and may date from the 1830-1860 period. It may have been at this time that the new roof was built, with wider eaves and gable returns. Main facade has narrow 4/4 sash windows; older 12/6 sash can be seen in the gable on the South end. The pedimented entry with sidelights is not an original enframement.
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:
Faces SE on a 19.72 acre corner parcel. Farm also includes B85, L2 (18.1 acres) across the street, and B70, L21 (12.5 acres) behind site #1316-16. SW of the house is a large rectangular barn with a rubble foundation, weatherboard exterior, and gable roof.

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

A large condominium complex has been built recently behind this site, on the former Applegate Farm.

SIGNIFICANCE:
This is one of the 18th century farms located at the periphery of the Battle of Monmouth, and which suffered damage by the British. Hannah Solomon, possibly the widow of Jonas Solomon, owned the farm at the time of the battle, in 1778, and reportedly had to rebuild part of the house after the British set fire to it. Although the property's early history is undetermined, it can be verified that Levi Solomon owned and enlarged the farm in the 19th century. About 1820 he and Elisha Combs owned much of the land at or near the corner now known as West Freehold. In his recollections, T.A. Smith said of the place:

It is a grand old house with spacious rooms and a wide entrance hall. The land is considered as good as any in the township. The property now belongs to the Moore Brothers. Every inch of the farm is the best of potato land. Frank B. Solomon was the last of the name to own it.

Today, the house, remaining farm buildings, and the surrounding farmland strongly contribute to the rural character of West Freehold.

ORIGINAL USE: Residence and Farm
PRESENT USE: Same

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.
This site may be vulnerable to the development pressures which are manifest in the surrounding new construction (both residential and commercial), particularly because of its strategic location at an important intersection.

REFERENCES:
2. Lightfoot map, 1851.
5. Ellis, History of Monmouth County (1885), p. 507.

RECORDED BY: Gail Hunton
DATE: March 1981
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System/Monmouth County Historical Association
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**DESCRIPTION**

- **Construction Date:** c. 1858
- **Source of Date:** Ref. 1, 2, 3
- **Architect:**
- **Style:** Vernacular
- **Builder:**
- **Form/Plan Type:** Rectangle with rear lean-to
- **Number of Stories:** 2 1/2
- **Foundation:** Concrete veneer over rubble
- **Exterior Wall Fabric:** Asphalt siding
- **Fenestration:** 2 over 3 bays by 4 bays
- **Roof/Chimneys:** Gable; two ridge chimneys

**Additional Architectural Description:**

Simple rectangular frame store building with residence in rear. Original form is intact but many features have been altered or removed. Some early 6/6 sash windows remain. Front door (store entrance) is now covered but retains gabled portico. Asphalt siding is a mid-20th c. addition over the original clapboard cladding. Entrance to rear residence on S. side.

**PHOTO**

Negative File No. 5-13, 14
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

Faces SW on a small triangular parcel.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

Though in disrepair, this building is an example of the few remaining pre-Civil War country stores in Monmouth County. Clark Clayton established a general store here about 1858, which served the surrounding rural area and travelers along the turnpike to Freehold. The business was carried on by the Clayton family until at least 1890. For a time the triangular crossroads was called Clayton's Corner, after the store; by the 1880's it became known as Elton.

ORIGINAL USE: Store and residence
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:

1. Ellis, History of Monmouth County (1885), p. 507.
3. Lightfoot map, 1851.

RECORDED BY: Gail Hunton DATE: March 1981
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System/Monmouth County Historical Association
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DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: Late 19th century

Architect: 
Style: Colonial Revival*

Number of Stories: 2½
Foundation: Concrete veneer over brick
Exterior Wall Fabric: Wood shingles
Fenestration: 3 bay main block plus 3 bay E. wing
Roof/Chimneys: Intersecting gable; exterior end chimney
Additional Architectural Description:

* Reflects Colonial Revival alterations, such as the Doric columned portico and pilastered door enframement, which date from the mid-20th century. Original section of house (A) is three bays and has pedimented gable with round-headed window, modillion cornice, and 4/4 sash. Wings B and C are also 20th century.

PHOTO
Negative File No. 3-20, 21, 22, 23

Map (Indicate North)
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

Faces south, at end of long driveway, on N.J. State Parks property. Large frame rectangular barn (see photo) lies northeast of house and is now used for storage.

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

Cornfields surround the site.

SIGNIFICANCE:

See Monmouth Battlefield NRHP District.
This farm, which does not appear on county atlases as late as 1889, lies on land which was originally part of the historic Craig Plantation (1316-26). It was known as the Tark Farm, and Battleground Farms, in the twentieth century. Ernest Tark was the last owner before the State of New Jersey purchased the property in 1965.

ORIGINAL USE:  Residence  PRESENT USE:  Offices
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:

Part of Monmouth Battlefield NRHP District

REFERENCES:
3. Patrick Clarke, Monmouth Battlefield State Park.

RECORDED BY:  Gail Hunton  DATE:  March 1981
ORGANIZATION:  Monmouth County Park System/Monmouth County Historical Association
New Jersey Office of Cultural and Environmental Services
Historic Preservation Section
Individual Structure Survey Form

Historic Sites Inventory No.: 1316-14

Historic Name: Bond House
Location: NW cr. Gully Rd. & Wemrock Rd
Municipality: Freehold Township
USGS Quad: Adelphia
Owner/Address: 

Common Name: 
Block/Lot: 86A-20
County: Monmouth
UTM References: Zone/Northing/Easting

Description

Construction Date: Between 1860 & 1873
Source of Date: Ref. 1, 2
Builder:

Architect:

Style: Italianate

Form/Plan Type: Rectangle with west wing

Number of Stories: 2 1/2

Foundation: Brick

Exterior Wall Fabric: Clapboard

Fenestration: 5 bays

Roof/Chimneys: Gable; 4 interior twin end chimneys

Additional Architectural Description:

Ornamented cornice with modillions, scroll brackets, and sawtooth frieze molding. Segmental arch windows with pronounced cornices and 2/2 sash. Full porch with slender turned posts. Original four-panel double door with segmental arch transom light.

Photo Negative File No.: 3-32, 33

Map (Indicate North)
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

Faces south on a 49.54 acre irregular parcel. Farm outbuildings northwest of house are severely dilapidated.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

Although now in disrepair, this Italianate farmhouse is a good example of its type because it retains its original form, wood trim, windows, and doors. The Italianate Style became popular in Monmouth County residential buildings after 1860, but was most often employed in the traditional three or five bay rectangular house form. J.J. Bond is shown as the owner of this property on the 1873 atlas, and L. Bond the owner in 1889.

ORIGINAL USE:  Residence  PRESENT USE:  Residence
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:

Roof, gutters, foundation mortar, window sash, and porch flooring are among those things in need of repair.

REFERENCES:

1. Beers map, 1860.
2. Beers atlas, 1873.
3. Wolverton atlas, 1889.

RECORDED BY:  Gail Hunton  DATE:  March 1981
ORGANIZATION:  Monmouth County Park System/Monmouth County Historical Association
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**ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION**

A. Five bay Italianate farmhouse with few alterations. Has fieldstone foundation below ground level. Characteristic Italianate features include paneled frieze with scroll brackets; three bay porch with octagonal columns; 6/6 sash with molded projecting cornices; and double door with segmental arch transom.

B. Three bay wagon/equipment shed with mortise and tenon jointing on major members.

C. Large hay and livestock barn built in at least two sections. Retains some early sash, doors and hardware.

**CONDITION COMMENTS:**

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LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
Siting: Faces south on a c. 120 acre parcel
Topography: Gently rolling
Vegetation: Yard trees around house and barns. Tree-lined driveway from Elton-Adelphia Road; cultivated fields surround complex.
Water: Stream borders parcel on east side.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:
In Monmouth County farmhouses built between 1830 and 1860, the Italianate Style is characterized by dwellings such as this one. Almost invariably they cling to a rectangular five bay plan with gable roof; symmetrical fenestration with 6/6 sash; central entry; and a front porch, usually three bays wide. The standard ornamentation includes highlighted cornices with brackets on roof-lines and windows. Porch supports tend to be heavy columns, often octagonal, rather than the turned and slotted posts found on later Italianate houses. Doors may retain a Greek Revival enframement, or may feature a molded segmental arch. (See also 1316-24 and 1316-1; for later comparison see 1316-4 and 1316-14.)

This farm was built during the mid 19th century boom in Monmouth County agriculture and may have been first owned by a Conover (W.R.?). It was also a dairy farm in the 20th century. The site is a significant element of the rapidly-disappearing agricultural landscape on the southern periphery of Freehold Borough, once dominated by substantial farms and now becoming a landscape of suburban houses.

ORIGINAL USE: Farm PRESENT USE: Residence
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes □ Possible□ No□ Part of District□
THREATS TO SITE: Roads□ Development□ Zoning□ Deterioration□
No Threat □ Other □
COMMENTS: Owner (absentee) is holding property for real estate speculation. Plans subdivision of land and demolition of house.

REFERENCES:
1. Lightfoot Map, 1851.
2. Beers Map, 1860.

RECORDED BY: Gail Hunton DATE: March, 1981
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Parks System/Monmouth County Historical Association
**HISTORIC NAME:**
**LOCATION:** 356 W. Main St. (County Hwy 537)
**MUNICIPALITY:** Freehold Twp.
**USGS QUAD:** Adelphia
**OWNER/ADDRESS:**

**COMMON NAME:**
**BLOCK/LOT:** 70-23
**COUNTY:** Monmouth
**UTM REFERENCES:** Zone/Easting/Northing

**DESCRIPTION**

**Construction Date:** 1st half 19th c.
**Architect:**
**Style:** 2 over 3 bay
**Number of Stories:** 2
**Foundation:** Fieldstone
**Exterior Wall Fabric:** Natural wood shingles
**Fenestration:** 2 over 3 bays by 2 bays
**Roof/Chimneys:** Gable; two exterior end chimneys
**Additional Architectural Description:** Small square house with minimal ornamentation. Close eaves. 2/2 sash windows. Exterior end chimneys are replacements. Door and two-sided columned porch are early 20th century alterations.

**PHOTO** Negative File No. 4-18, 19, 20

**Map (Indicate North)**
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

Faces NW on a 100' by 357' lot. To the rear of the house is a small shed with a wood shingle exterior. The cultivated land behind this site belongs to the Solomon Farm (1316-11).

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

This house is representative in scale and form of the early dwellings in the village of West Freehold. The settlement had its beginnings in the eighteenth century (see 1316-10, 1316-11, 1316-34). By the mid-nineteenth century about ten to fifteen small houses lined the road to Freehold near the jnction of Wemrock Road. The square plan, two over three bay fenestration, and the fieldstone foundation on this structure are all eighteenth century elements which persisted on small houses as late as the 1840's in rural Monmouth County.

ORIGINAL USE: Residence
PRESENT USE: Residence

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:

1. Beers map, 1860.

RECORDED BY: Gail Hunton
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Parks System/ Monmouth County Historical Association
DATE: March 1981
Map:

Site Plan:

Long driveway to Iron Bridge Rd.

Not to Scale
Complex; View North

House (A); View North

Barn (B) and Shed (C); View Northwest
**HISTORIC NAME:** W. side Marlboro Rd., c.400', S. of East Freehold Rd.  

**COMMON NAME:** Smith Homestead  

**LOCATION:** Freehold Twp.  

**BLOCK/LOT:** 19-92  

**MUNICIPALITY:** Freehold  

**COUNTY:** Monmouth  

**USGS QUAD:** Freehold  

**UIE REFERENCES:** Zoning/Northing/Easting  

**OWNER/ADDRESS:** Smith, Emmons, and Darby/ Same  

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**ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:**

A: 5 bay house built in at least three sections. The original dwelling, reportedly dating from the mid 18th century, was probably a ½ story cottage now incorporated into the present structure. During the 19th century the roof was raised and the house was enlarged to five bays. Late 19th and early 20th century changes include the rear addition; projecting bay on the S. side; 1/1 sash window replacements; Colonial Revival porch with slender Doric columns and balustrade; stucco veneer on chimneys; and wooden paneled outer doors with upper lights.

B: Well-conserved 19th century barn with 3 bays on S. side and four cross-hatched doors on E. side.

C: Five adjoining small sheds, retaining early sash windows and cross-hatched doors. Shed #4 has curious 16/12 sash.
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES: SEE ATTACHED PLAN

LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
Siting: Faces East on a 2.25 acre parcel, partitioned from larger parcel which is now leased out for farming.
Topography: Gently rolling.
Vegetation: Trees and shrubs around house; cornfields surround site.
Water: 

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

The significance of this site rests on the visual quality of the farmstead as a whole: a well-conserved house, an accrual of neat outbuildings arranged in a courtyard, and an agricultural setting. The house, while of no particular architectural style, illustrates one way Monmouth County farmhouses were typically expanded. 18th century cottages consisting of 1½ stories with two or three bays were enlarged and incorporated into two story structures with five symmetrical (or almost symmetrical) bays. This farmstead is an early one in northern Freehold Township, and is located along an old road from Freehold to Matawan and points north.

ORIGINAL USE: Farm PRESENT USE: Residence
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes □ Possible□ No□ Part of District□
THREATS TO SITE: Roads□ Development□ Zoning□ Deterioration□
No Threat□ Other□
COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:

1. Lightfoot map, 1857.
2. Beers map, 1860.
4. Wolverton atlas, 1889.

RECORDED BY: GaIl Hunton DATE: March 1981
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System/Monmouth County Historical Association
Map:

Site Plan:

Not to Scale
Complex; View West

House (A): View North
HISTORIC NAME: W. side Marlboro Rd. (State Hwy 79) c. 700' N of E. Freehold Rd.
LOCATION:
MUNICIPALITY: Freehold Twp.
USGS QUAD:
OWNER/ADDRESS: Freehold

COMMON NAME: Monmouth
BLOCK/LOT 15-6
COUNTY
UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Easting/Northing

DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: C. 1820-1840
Source of Date: Stylistic
Architect:
Builder:
Style: Greek Revival elements
Form/Plan Type: Rectangle with N. wing and rear ell.
Number of Stories: 2 1/2
Foundation: Brick
Exterior Wall Fabric: Wood shingles and clapboard
Fenestration: 5 symmetrical bays plus 1 bay wing
Roof/Chimneys: Cross gable; exterior end chimney and interior end chimney
Additional Architectural Description:

Five-bay farmhouse with narrow rectangular plan. Greek Revival elements include box cornice with gable returns and frieze; angled cornices on windows; and triangular-pedimented door enframement. 9/6 sash on first story; 6/6 on second. Cross gable and porch appear to be later 19th century additions. Door is vintage mid-20th century.

PHOTO Negative File No. 1-12,13

Map (Indicate North)
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

Faces East on a 39.36 acre parcel.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

Since this house is now vacant and the property is scheduled for subdivision, it is included as part of the survey record of farmhouse types and styles. The two-story, five bay house form is persistent, as is the tendency to combine Greek Revival with later Picturesque elements (such as cross gables and wood trim). The sloped roof wing with a falsefront cornice is a characteristic most commonly found in western Monmouth County.

The property history of this site is not known. Marlboro Road was the major route from Freehold to Matawan, and there were several closely-spaced farms along this section of the road in the nineteenth century.

ORIGINAL USE: Farmhouse
PRESENT USE: Vacant

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:

Property is scheduled for subdivision.

REFERENCES:

1. Lightfoot map, 1851.
2. Beers map, 1860.

RECORDED BY: Gail Hunton
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System/Monmouth County Historical Association.
DATE: March 1981
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: Holmes Earl House
LOCATION: 227 Marlboro Rd. (State Hwy 79)
MUNICIPALITY: Freehold Twp.
OWNER/ADDRESS: Freehold

COMMON NAME: 20-10
BLOCK/LOT
COUNTY: Monmouth
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Easting/Northing

DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: c. 1860-1865
Architect:
Style: Italianate
Number of Stories: 2½
Foundation: Concrete veneer
Exterior Wall Fabric: Asbestos shingles
Fenestration: 5 symmetrical bays
Roof/Chimneys: Hip; interior end chimney; two exterior end chimneys
Additional Architectural Description:
4/4 sash windows with cornices. Three bay porch supported by slender square posts. Prominent central entry with wide molding, large rectangular transom, and a double door. Asbestos shingles and siding in frieze (attic story) are twentieth century alterations.

PHOTO Negative File No. 1-24

Map (Indicate North)
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

Faces East on a 255' by 176' corner parcel.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

Though the twentieth century asbestos siding detracts from its architectural character, this substantial dwelling is a good example of an Italianate farmhouse in Freehold Township. Its vertical massing, hip roof, and attic story make it a "truer" statement of the Italianate Style than the more common gable roof version (see, for example, 1316-4). The site was originally a small twenty acre farm, with barns and outbuildings (now gone), and was probably first owned by Holmes Earl (Reference 2 & 3).

ORIGINAL USE: Residence  PRESENT USE: Residence
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:

1. Beers map, 1860.
2. Beers atlas, 1873.
3. "Map of a Farm belonging to Holmes Earl, 1868" Monmouth County Historical Association, Map Collection.

RECORDED BY: Gail Hunton  DATE: March 1981
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System/Monmouth County Historical Association
HISTORIC NAME: Georgia Road School
LOCATION: SE cr. Mill Rd. & Georgia Rd.
MUNICIPALITY: Freehold Twp.
USGS QUAD: Adelphia
OWNER/ADDRESS:

COMMON NAME: Georgia Road School
BLOCK/LOT: 105-1
COUNTY: Monmouth
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Easting/Northing

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: 1862
Source of Date: Ref. 1
Architect:
Builder:

Style: One-room Schoolhouse with millwork trim
Form/Plan Type: Rectangle

Number of Stories: 1½
Foundation: Fieldstone
Exterior Wall Fabric: Clapboard

Fenestration: 3 bays by 3 bays
Roof/Chimneys: Gable; interior end chimney

Additional Architectural Description:

Wood shingles on roof. Square inset belfry with tent roof and spire. Bargeboard on eaves. Windows not visible; covered by louvered and paneled shutters. Main facade has full porch with turned posts, and separate paneled doors for boys and girls.

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Negative File No. 5-22, 23, 24, 25

Map (Indicate North)
Faces south on township-owned land (2.86 acres) which serves as a public picnic area.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

This and the West Freehold School (1316-32) are the only one-room schoolhouses still standing in Freehold Township, which owns both structures. School has been taught at this crossroads, known as "Georgia Schoolhouse" and then "Georgia," since the late eighteenth century, when classes were held in a nearby house. Two other school buildings preceded the present one on this site. The first school was erected about 1808, the second about 1842. In 1889, Georgia School District No. 9 comprised a large portion of the southeastern section of the township, a sparsely-populated area on the northern fringe of the Pine Barrens. This building was last used as a school in 1934, and five years later the property was transferred to Freehold Township.

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

REFERENCES:

1. Ellis, History of Monmouth County (1885), p. 509.
2. Freehold Transcript (September 13, 1940; December 6, 1935).

RECORDED BY: Gail Hunton DATE: March 1981
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System/Monmouth County Historical Association
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: S. side Oakerson Rd., 0.2 mi. E. of Halls Mill Rd.
LOCATION:
MUNICIPALITY: Freehold Twp
USGS QUAD: Farmingdale
OWNER/ADDRESS:

COMMON NAME: 79-2
BLOCK/LOT
COUNTY: Monmouth
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Easting/Northing

DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: Between 1820 and 1850 with later alterations
Source of Date: Ref. 1, 2; Stylistic
Builder:
Architect:
Style: 5 Bay with Victorian millwork
Form/Plan Type: Rectangle with E. wing
Number of Stories: 2½
Foundation: Fieldstone
Exterior Wall Fabric: Wood shingles
Fenestration: 5 bays
Roof/Chimneys: Cross gable (N. side only); 4 interior twin end chimneys

Additional Architectural Description:

Appears to be an early 19th century farmhouse with later 19th century alterations. 6/6 sash windows all around. South side (original main facade) has symmetrical fenestration and a central transomed entry. Later Picturesque additions include bracketed gable ends, and porches with turned posts and scroll brackets.
The facade pictured below is the North, street-facing, elevation. Originally a long driveway from Halls Mill Road ran to the South side of the house. Oakerson Road was constructed sometime between 1860 and 1873.

PHOTO Negative File No. 5-26, 27, 28, 29

Map (Indicate North)
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

North-South orientation on a 7.74 acre parcel. Several small farm buildings on the property, all in poor condition.

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

The land West and Southwest of the house is still farmed.

SIGNIFICANCE:

This is one of several remaining nineteenth century farmhouses in an area of Freehold Township formerly dominated by substantial farms which grew potatoes, corn, and grain. It represents one way in which earlier nineteenth century dwellings in Monmouth County were modified to later decorative tastes. Maps and genealogical research indicate that the farm was probably first owned by a member of the Hulsart family (also spelled Hulse, Hulshart, Hults, Hulsenart), Dutch settlers who migrated to Monmouth County from Long Island in the early eighteenth century. C. Hulse and G. Hulsart are shown as the owners of this site on the 1851 and 1860 maps respectively; because of frequent changes in the spelling of the surname, they may be the same person. J.C. Pittenger had purchased the farm by 1873.

ORIGINAL USE:  
- Residence

PRESENT USE:  
- Residence

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:

The new route for State Highway 33 is planned to go just south of this site.

REFERENCES:

1. Lightfoot map, 1851.
2. Beers map, 1860.

RECORDED BY:  
- Gail Hunton

DATE:  
- March 1981

ORGANIZATION:  
- Monmouth County Park System/Monmouth County Historical Association
J. DuBois House
322 Pond Road
Freehold Twp.
Freehold

COMMON NAME: 5B-7
COUNTY: Monmouth
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Easting/Northing

DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: c. 1840-1850
Source of Date: Ref. 1; Stylistic
Architect:
Builder:
Style: Greek Revival
Form/Plan Type: Rectangle w/ rear wing
Number of Stories: 2½
Foundation: Brick
Exterior Wall Fabric: Asbestos shingles
Fenestration: 5 symmetrical bays
Roof/Chimneys: Gable; 3 interior end chimneys

Additional Architectural Description:
Five bay Greek Revival farmhouse with center hall plan, built on a heavy timber frame with brick-lined walls. Box cornice with gable returns. 6/6 sash windows with molded cornices. Entry is framed by two sets of Doric pilasters and a rectangular transom. Three bay porch with octagonal columns. Originally had four chimneys and clapboard exterior. Porch on South side is 20th century addition.
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

Faces East on a 1.28 acre parcel. Three remaining wood-shingled sheds SW of house; large barn has been demolished.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

This is a prototypical example of a Greek Revival farmhouse in central Monmouth County, where nineteenth century farms were comparatively substantial and prosperous, but where architectural tastes were seldom extravagant or unconventional. Restrained "Grecian" motifs are applied to a rectangular five bay form which deviated little from late eighteenth century Georgian plans.

Map research indicates that J. DuBois (possibly John or Jonathan) was the original owner of this farm, living there until at least 1890. The DuBois' were a large "Jersey Dutch" (French Huguenot via Holland) family who settled in Monmouth County in considerable numbers. The site was a potato and corn farm throughout most of its history, and is now surrounded by suburban houses.

ORIGINAL USE:  Farmhouse  PRESENT USE:  Residence
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:

1. Lightfoot map, 1851.
2. Beers map, 1860.
4. Wolverton atlas, 1889.

RECORDED BY: Gail Hunton  DATE: March 1981
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Historical Association/Monmouth County Park System
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ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

A. 5 bay I-house built after 1860 and before 1873. Late Greek Revival characteristics in the massing and fenestration; close eaves; plain frieze; 6/6 sash with small cornices. The portico, with facing benches, is a Colonial Revival addition. The doorway with elliptical fanlight also appears to be a replacement.

B. 2 bay storage and equipment shed with additions. Unknown alterations; may have had doors at one time

C. Has served as a horse barn recently.
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES: SEE ATTACHED PLAN

LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

Siting: Faces north on a 74.68 acre parcel.

Topography: On the slope of a hill rising to the south.

Vegetation: Conifers near house. Horse pasture north of house. Underbrush and new growth south of house. Land appears to have been uncultivated for some time.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

Although the house on this site stylistically appears to have been built before 1860, map research indicates a later construction date. As such, the late Greek Revival elements on a I-house form attest to the conservative tastes and building practices of Monmouth County farmers. It is common, as in the case of this house, to see Colonial Revival alterations, particularly to doors and porches, on older dwellings. While evidence is sketchy, this modest farm may have first belonged to John H. Miller, whose name appears here on the 1873 and 1889 county maps, and on property deeds for a neighboring parcel (1316-1). The future disposition of this property is important because of its proximity to the Park System's Bayshholm Conservation Area (1316-1).

ORIGINAL USE: Farm
PRESENT USE: Horse Farm

REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes[ ] Possible[ ] No[ ] Part of District[ ]
THREATS TO SITE: Roads[ ] Development[ ] Zoning[ ] Deterioration[ ]
No Threat[ ] Other[ ]

COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:
1. Lightfoot map, 1851.
2. Beers map, 1860.
4. Wolverton atlas, 1889.
5. Monmouth County Park System, Bayshholm File.

RECORDED BY: Gail Hunton DATE: March 1981
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System/Monmouth County Historical Association
Map:

Site Plan:

↑ New house

Not to Scale

Long Driveway to Randolph Road

A House (A)

B Shed (B)

C Barn (C)
House (A); View SE

Shed (B); View NE

Barn (C); View West
**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**
**OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION**
**INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM**

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**DESCRIPTION**

| Construction Date:          | c. 1840-1850 |
| Architect:                  |              |
| Style:                      | Greek Revival/Italianate |
| Number of Stories:          | 2½            |
| Foundation:                 | Brick         |
| Exterior Wall Fabric:       | Clapboard     |
| Fenestration:               | 5 symmetrical bays |
| Roof/Chimneys:              | Gable; interior end chimney on ell |

Additional Architectural Description:

Box cornice with gable returns and scroll brackets, which are repeated on the 6/6 sash windows. Pilastered Greek Revival entry with rectangular transom and two-thirds sidelights (the door is a replacement). Double projecting bay on the North side, with Italianate molding and brackets, is possibly a later 19th century addition. Colonial Revival porch, an early 20th century addition, has Doric columns and extends on three sides of the house, with a porte-cochere on the North end. Chimneys on the main block have been removed.
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

Faces west on a 5.41 acre parcel. Small clapboard cottage NE of house.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

This is a good example, in Freehold Township, of a substantial pre-Civil War farmhouse with Greek Revival and Italianate stylistic elements. The large Colonial Revival porch harmonizes well with the classical form and references of the original design. William Campbell, a farmer of some wealth, lived in Freehold Borough prior to building this house. The property was in the Campbell family until at least 1889.

ORIGINAL USE: Farmhouse
PRESENT USE: Residence

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

REFERENCES:

1. Lightfoot map, 1851.
2. Beers map, 1860.
4. Wolverton atlas, 1889.
5. Ellis, History of Monmouth County (1885), p. 395, 509.

RECORDED BY: Gail Hunton
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System/Monmouth County Historical Association
DATE: March 1981
NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: Job Emmons House
LOCATION: 140 Schanck Road
MUNICIPALITY: Freehold Township
USGS QUAD: Adelphia
OWNER/ADDRESS:

COMMON NAME: 70-34
BLOCK/LOT:
COUNTY: Monmouth
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: c. 1800
Architect:
Style: Georgian
Number of Stories: 2½
Foundation: Coursed stone blocks
Exterior Wall Fabric: Asbestos shingles
Fenestration: 5 symmetrical bays
Roof/Chimneys: Gable; 2 interior end chimneys

Additional Architectural Description:
Five bay Georgian-plan house. Simple doorway with tall transom (now closed in). Single exposed brick hearthback on E. end. 19th century changes include: roofline with wider eaves and gable returns; slate roofing; addition to rear of house; three bay porch with turned posts; and 2/2 sash windows. Exterior wall fabric was probably wood shingles, replaced in the 20th century by composition shingles.

Source of Date: Stylistic; Ref. 1
Builder:
Form/Plan Type: Rectangle with rear ell addition

PHOTO  Negative File No. 4-21,22
Map (Indicate North)
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

Faces South on a 19.6 acre subdivided parcel. No old barns on site. Cultivated fields surround house, an enclave amidst suburban tract developments.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

This house, though now altered and poorly-maintained, is typical of the substantial five bay farmhouses built during the 1780-1820 period in Monmouth County. At that time full Georgian-plan houses were still relatively uncommon in the county. 1 and 1½ story cottages, and 2 story three bay houses (2/3 Georgian plans, with or without wings), comprised the bulk of the housing stock.

According to the research of the Emmons family genealogist cited below, the original owners of this house were Job and Hannah Emmons. Job Emmons (1751-1817) is believed to have spent his early years in or near Hunterdon County, and served as a private in Capt. Tucker's detachment, First Regiment, Hunterdon County, during the Revolution. He married Hannah Bonham (1759-1824) of that county in 1779. The exact date of the house is undetermined, but there is a mortgage on the property in 1797 (see reference in Emmons book). Job and Hannah Emmons had ten children, and are buried in the Baptist Cemetery in Freehold. The 175 acre farm was left jointly to their sons Job and Asa, who moved to Ohio and owner on the 1851 Lightfoot map.

ORIGINAL USE: Residence

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent □

REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes □

THREATS TO SITE: Roads □

COMMENTS: Eligibility contingent upon restoration of house and results of further research on property.

PRESENT USE: Residence

FAIR □

POOR □

POSSIBLE X

NO □

DEVELOPMENT □

ZONING □

DETERIORATION X

No Threat □

OTHER □

REFERENCES:

1. Lightfoot Map, 1851.
2. Beers Map, 1860.

RECORDED BY: Gail Hunton
DATE: March 1981; updated 1984
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System/Monmouth County Historical Association
NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: Craig House
LOCATION: S. side Schibandorf Lane, 800' W. of U.S. Hwy 9
MUNICIPALITY: Freehold Township
USGS QUAD: Freehold
OWNER/ADDRESS: State of New Jersey/Dept. of Conservation

COMMON NAME: Craig House
BLOCK/LOT: 4-32
COUNTY: Monmouth
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: c. 1710 (east wing)
Architect: c. 1747 (main block)
Style: Georgian
Number of Stories: 2½; 1½ story wing
Foundation: Fieldstone
Exterior Wall Fabric: Round-butt wood shingles; weatherboard
Fenestration: 3 bay by 2 bay main block; 3 bay wing
Roof/Chimneys: Gable; two interior end chimneys

Additional Architectural Description:
The original section, a 1½ story 3 bay English cottage with a weatherboard exterior, dates from about 1710 and is now the kitchen wing of the main house. Its north facade has a lean-to plan with two small fixed windows. The 2½ story Georgian main block measures 30' by 30' and has a side-hall plan. Its principal design features include the long round-butt shingles; 9/9 and 9/6 sash windows with 3-panel shutters; a half-story stairwell window on the north side; and 6-panel Dutch-type doors with 4-light transoms and simple enframements. See HABS plans, elevations, and data sheets for detailed documentation of the structure in 1940. The house was restored and partially rebuilt during the 1960's and 1970's by the State of New Jersey.

PHOTO Negative File No. 3-13 through 19

Map (Indicate North)
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

The main orientation of the house is south; the north side faces onto an old farm road (Schibandorf Lane). Opposite the house, on the north side of the road, is a restored English-plan barn with a weatherboard exterior and rubble foundation (see photo). The site is located at the northeast corner of the Monmouth Battlefield NRHP District and State Park.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:  
- Urban [ ]  
- Suburban [ ]  
- Scattered Buildings [X]  
- Open Space [X]  
- Woodland [ ]  
- Residential [X]  
- Agricultural [X]  
- Village [ ]  
- Industrial [ ]  
- Downtown Commerical [ ]  
- Highway Commercial [ ]  
- Other [X]  
- State Park [ ]

SIGNIFICANCE:

In addition to its association with the Battle of Monmouth (see NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES), the Craig House is among the more architecturally significant 18th century houses remaining in Monmouth County. If the c. 1747 construction date for the main block (reportedly based on account books and family records) is correct, the structure is a very early statement of the Georgian Style in Monmouth County. It was also among the largest houses built at the time, when most Monmouth residents lived in small 1½ story dwellings. Interestingly, Archibald Craig, who is attributed with building the large Georgian house, served as a construction manager of nearby Tennent Church (built 1752), which is considered to be the first distinctly Georgian-styled building in eastern Monmouth County.

The origins of the property date from the early 18th century; between 1702 and 1717 Archibald Craig, a Scots Presbyterian settler, acquired the 400 acre tract that became the Craig Plantation. Archibald Craig died in 1758 at the age of 73; his will made in 1751 granted the entire farm to his grandson John Craig, who served in the local militia during the Revolution. The farm remained in the Craig family until sometime between 1825 and 1850, when...SEE CONTINUATION SHEET....

ORIGINAL USE: Farmhouse  
PRESENT USE: Museum/residence

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent [X]  
Good [ ]  
Fair [ ]  
Poor [ ]

REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes [X]  
Possible [ ]  
No [ ]  
Part of District [X]

THREATS TO SITE:  
- Roads [ ]  
- Development [X]  
- Zoning [ ]  
- Deterioration [ ]  
- No Threat [X]  
- Other [ ]

COMMENTS:  
Part of NRHP Monmouth Battlefield District.

REFERENCES:

2. Research data prepared for the Craig House restoration, Monmouth Battlefield State Park.

RECORDED BY:  
Gail Hunton

DATE:  
March 1981

ORGANIZATION:  
Monmouth County Park System/Monmouth County Historical Association
Significance, cont'd:

Anna Maria Craig married Enoch L. Cowart. The property was owned by the Cowarts until 1944, and is referred to as the East Cowart Farm in most records of the period. From 1944 to state purchase in 1965, the house was part of the Tark Farm (see 1316-13) and served as living quarters for migrant workers on the farm.
Craig House, late 19th century. View from NW.

Barn. View from South.
### Historic Preservation Section

**Individual Structure Survey Form**

**Historic Name:**
SE cr. Siloam Rd. and Ely-Harmony Rd.

**Municipality:**
Freehold Township

**Owner/Address:**
Adelphia

**Common Name:**

**Block/Lot:**
109-1

**County:**
Monmouth

**UTM References:**
Zone/Northing/Easting

### Description

**Construction Date:**
c. 1830-1850

**Source of Date:**
Stylistic; Ref. 1

**Architect:**

**Builder:**

**Style:**
3 over 4 bay

**Form/Plan Type:**
Rectangle with rear ell and lean-to

**Number of Stories:**
2½

**Foundation:**
Concrete veneer over fieldstone

**Exterior Wall Fabric:**
Wood shingles

**Fenestration:**
3 over 4 bay plus lean-to entry

**Roof/Chimneys:**
Cross gable; interior end chimney

**Additional Architectural Description:**
Sawtooth shingles on gable ends. Interior end chimney on south end has been removed. Ell has embankment on north side. One-room deep plan. 6/6 sash.

**Photo**
Negative File No. 5-17, 18

**Map (Indicate North)**
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

Faces west on a 5.6 acre irregular parcel.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

This is a relatively intact example of the I house type which was built in this region, generally by English settlers, from the late eighteenth century through much of the nineteenth century. Characteristically, this dwelling is two stories, one room deep, two or more rooms long, with interior end chimneys and two front doors. The cross gable is a Picturesque feature and would not appear on I houses built before c. 1830. It is one of the earliest remaining structures in the village of Siloam (also known, at one time, as McIntyre's Corners). John C. Hendrickson is shown as the owner of the property of in 1851.

ORIGINAL USE: Residence ☑ PRESENT USE: Residence ☑
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:

1. Lightfoot map, 1851.
2. Ellis, History of Monmouth County (1885), p. 507.

RECORDED BY: Gail Hunton
DATE: March 1981
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System/Monmouth County Historical Association
NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: Siloam M.E. Church
LOCATION: W. side Siloam Rd.,
2 mi. S. of Ely-Harmony Rd.
MUNICIPALITY: Freehold Township
USGS QUAD: Adelphia
OWNER/ADDRESS:

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1316-28
COMMON NAME: 102-80,81
BLOCK/LOT
COUNTY: Monmouth
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: 1870-1871
Source of Date: Ref. 1, 2; Stylistic
Builder:
Architect:
Style: Vernacular
Form/Plan Type: Rectangle
Number of Stories: 1
Foundation: Fieldstone
Exterior Wall Fabric: Asphalt shingles
Fenestration: 1 by 3 bays
Roof/Chimneys: Gable with square inset belfry
Additional Architectural Description:

Double hung sash windows with colored glass panes; small casement windows have been inserted in the bottom. Original exterior was clapboard or wood shingles. Doorway enframement is twentieth century alteration. Bell has been removed but woodwork on belfry is intact.

PHOTO Negative File No. 5-19, 20, 21

Map (Indicate North)
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

Faces east on a small irregular lot.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

Though altered and now serving as a residence, this building reflects the scale and form of simple late nineteenth century churches in rural southern Monmouth County. These buildings have few stylistic associations except for some millwork trim typical of the era. The Methodist congregation organized at the place in 1860, calling it Siloam. They were housed in the schoolhouse (formerly adjacent to the church) until this church was built ten years later.

ORIGINAL USE:    Church  PRESENT USE:  Residence
PHYSICAL CONDITION:  Excellent [ ]  Good [ ]  Fair [X]  Poor [ ]
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY:  Yes [X]  Possible [ ]  No [ ]  Part of District [ ]
THREATS TO SITE:  Roads [ ]  Development [ ]  Zoning [ ]  Deterioration [X]
No Threat [ ]  Other [ ]
COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:

1. Ellis, History of Monmouth County (1885), p. 507.

RECORDED BY:  Gail Hunton  DATE:  March 1981
ORGANIZATION:  Monmouth County Park System/Monmouth County Historical Association
NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: David Forman Farm
LOCATION: N. side State Hwy 33, c. 1800' W. of E. Freehold Rd.
Adelphia
Garden State Refrigeration Co.
Same

COMMON NAME: Block/Lot
COUNTY: Monmouth

DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: c. 1780
Source of Date: Stylistic; Ref. 1,2
Architect:
Builder:
Style: Georgian (w/ alterations)
Form/Plan Type: Rectangle; lean-to on West side
Number of Stories: 2½
Foundation: Coursed ashlar
Exterior Wall Fabric: Wood shingles
Fenestration: 5 symmetrical bays
Roof/Chimneys: Gable; three interior end chimneys
Additional Architectural Description:
Appears to have been built in one unit as a full Georgian plan house. Exposed hearthback on east end (interior corner fireplace). Original features (including exterior fabric) are obscured due to alterations over the years. New 6/6 sash; replacement windows are slightly smaller. E. entry and W. lean-to are 20th century additions. Door enframement and portico are not original, but are compatible with design of house.

PHOTO Negative File No. 3-4,5,6,7
Map (Indicate North)
Faces south on a 11.85 acre parcel. Deciduous trees around house. Two late 19th century barns at rear (NW) of house: attached rectangular plans; wood shingles and vertical wood siding; gable roofs; in poor condition.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

This is the residence of "Sheriff David" Forman (1733-1812), so named because he served as Sheriff of Monmouth County in 1779, and to distinguish him from his famous cousin General "Black David" Forman, also of Freehold. The Forman family were early settlers in the Freehold area, the first arriving in 1685; by the nineteenth century a considerable number lived in the southwestern quadrant of the county. This area of Freehold Township (see also 1316-3, 1316-4, 1316-6, 1316-30) became known as "the Forman Neighborhood." Tunis Forman inherited this farm from his father, and then Jonathan T. Forman owned it until the late nineteenth century.

The house itself, although it has undergone several remodellings, still retains its original five-bay Georgian form. It is rare to find two-story, full Georgian houses (erected as five-bay units) which were built before 1790 or 1800 in Monmouth County. The usual eighteenth century scheme was to first construct two-thirds Georgian dwellings, with later additions of two bays to complete the full Georgian plan.

ORIGINAL USE: Residence (Farm) PRESENT USE: Offices
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:
Remodelled 1980-81: new siding; new windows; alterations to fenestration and to interior.

REFERENCES:
1. Ellis, History of Monmouth County (1885), p.387.
2. Battleground Historical Society research.
3. Lightfoot map, 1851.

RECORDED BY: Gail Hunton DATE: March 1981
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System/Monmouth County Historical Association
NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: John C. Forhan Farm
LOCATION: S. side State Hwy. 33, ½ mi W. of East Freehold Rd.
MUNICIPALITY: Freehold Township
USGS QUAD: Adelphia
OWNER/ADDRESS: 

COMMON NAME: Reid Sod Farm
BLOCK/LOT: 49-10
COUNTY: Monmouth
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: c. 1820
Source of Date: Ref. 1, 2
Architect: Builder:
Style: 5 bay Form/Plan Type: Rectangle
Number of Stories: 2½
Foundation: Concrete veneer over fieldstone
Exterior Wall Fabric: Wood shingles
Fenestration: 5 symmetrical bays
Roof/Chimneys: Gable; 3 interior end chimneys
Additional Architectural Description:

Full Georgian plan house. Heavy timber frame with brick-lined walls. Simple understated entries on North (main facade) and South sides. Alterations, made c. 1955, include new door enframement with pilasters and pediment; shingles; 6/6 sash with shutters; and plate glass window on East side. Nineteenth century photographs show house with full porch, which was removed in the mid-twentieth century.

PHOTO Negative File No. 3-8

Map (Indicate North)
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

Faces north on a c.90 acre parcel in agricultural use. No old barns or outbuildings remaining; large mid-twentieth century concrete block barn at rear of house.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

Though many of its original features have been removed, this farmhouse exemplifies the tenacity of the five-bay Georgian plan in Monmouth County dwellings. Research by the current owners indicates that the house was built with little stylistic ornamentation. This site was one of several substantial Forman farms east of Freehold in an area which became known as "the Forman Neighborhood." (See also 1316-3, 1316-4, 1316-6, 1316-29.) The farm remained in the family until 1885, when it was purchased by John H. DuBois, after which it passed into the Reid family through the maternal side. J. Calvin Reid, the current owner, was born and raised on this farm. He grew potatoes and grain until about twelve years ago, when sod and soybeans became the principal crops.

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

REFERENCES:

2. Research (deeds; marriage records) by Mr. and Mrs. Reid, current owners.
3. Lightfoot map, 1851.

RECORDED BY: Gail Hunton DATE: March 1981
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System/Monmouth County Historical Association
**HISTORIC NAME:** N. side Three Brooks Rd, ½ mi. W. of Halls Mill Rd.

**LOCATION:** Freehold Twp.

**MUNICIPALITY:** Adelphia

**OWNER/ADDRESS:**

**HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO.:** 1316-31

**COMMON NAME:** 72/89-1 and 89-2

**BLOCK/LOT:**

**COUNTY:** Monmouth

**UTM REFERENCES:** Zone/Easting/Northing

**DESCRIPTION**

**Construction Date:** Late 18th-Early 19th c.

**Source of Date:** Stylistic; Ref. 1

**Architect:**

**Builder:**

**Style:** 5 Bay

**Form/Plan Type:** Rectangle with rear wing

**Number of Stories:** 2

**Foundation:** Fieldstone

**Exterior Wall Fabric:** Natural wood shingles

**Fenestration:** 5 bays by 2 bays

**Roof/Chimneys:** Gable; two interior end chimneys; central ridge chimney on rear wing

**Additional Architectural Description:**

Five bay house with narrow rectangular plan. Main block has heavy timber frame with brick-lined walls; may have been built in more than one section. Door enframement (with transom, sidelights, and pedimented gable overdoor) appears to be a replacement. Rear wing is 19th century and has porch on East side with turned posts. Renovated by owners within the last five years: new roof; new wood shingle siding; new 6/6 sash; partial reconstruction of rear wing; alterations to interior plan.
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

Faces south on a c. 3 acre parcel. West of house are two small barns/sheds, partially reconstructed and now used for insulation business.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

This represents a type of simple farmhouse which can be found in Monmouth County. Because of the incremental additions and alterations common to such structures, their original form and features are often uncertain. Built upon a fieldstone foundation with a heavy timber frame, this house could have been constructed anytime from the late eighteenth century to about 1850. W.W. Conover (unidentified member of the numerous Conover family in Monmouth County) is shown as the owner of this property on the 1860, 1873, and 1889 county maps.

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

COMMENTS.

REFERENCES:

1. Lightfoot map, 1851.
2. Beers map, 1860.
4. Wolverton atlas, 1889.
5. Interview with owner (Mrs. V. Tedrow), March 1981.

RECORDED BY: Gail Hunton
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Historical Association/ Monmouth County Park System
DATE: March 1981
**HISTORIC NAME:** Freehold Corner School Dist 15  
**LOCATION:** E. side Wemrock Rd., 100' N. of County Hwy 537  
**MUNICIPALITY:** Freehold Township  
**USGS QUAD:** Adelphia  
**OWNER/ADDRESS:** Township of Freehold

**COMMON NAME:** West Freehold School  
**BLOCK/LOT:** 69-37A  
**COUNTY:** Monmouth  
**UTM REFERENCES:** Zone/Easting/Northing

**DESCRIPTION**

**Construction Date:** c. 1847 w/ later modifications  
**Source of Date:** Ref. 1; Stylistic  
**Architect:**  
**Style:** One-room Schoolhouse  
**Builder:**  
**Number of Stories:** 1  
**Foundation:** Fieldstone and brick  
**Exterior Wall Fabric:** Clapboard  
**Fenestration:** 3 bays by 4 bays deep  
**Roof/Chimneys:** Gable

**Additional Architectural Description:**

A c. 25' by 40' one-room schoolhouse with hand-hewn beams. Original appearance and extent of later modifications is unknown. 4/4 sash windows with cornices and louvered shutters. Main facade has gable returns; milled sunburst motif in gable; separate four-panel doors for boys and girls; and a full porch with turned posts. A plaque reads "C. 1847 RESTORED TO 1900." Building has been re-painted white since survey photograph.

**PHOTO** Negative File No. 4-6,7,8

**Map (Indicate North)**
FACES WEST ON A SMALL 45' BY 160' LOT.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

This and the Georgia Road School (1316-20) are the only one-room schoolhouses still standing in Freehold Township. (In 1885, there were six districts, each with a schoolhouse.) Rufioff Schenck, a Freehold Township resident, donated the land to the school district trustees in 1818, and the first schoolhouse was constructed shortly thereafter. This is the second school building on the site.

ORIGINAL USE: School  PRESENT USE: Vacant
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.

Needs protection from vandalism.

REFERENCES:

1. New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory.
2. Lightfoot map, 1851.
4. Ellis, History of Monmouth County (1885), p. 506.

RECORDED BY:  Gail Hunton  DATE:  March 1981
ORGANIZATION:  Monmouth County Park System/Monmouth County Historical Association
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

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| COMMON NAME:            | BLOCK/LOT 68-2 |
| COUNTY:                 | Monmouth      |
| UTM REFERENCES:         | Zone/Easting/Northing |

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: 2nd half 18th c.
Source of Date: Stylistic; Ref. 1
Builder:

Architect:  
Style: 3 Bay
Form/Plan Type: Square with rear lean-to; garage addition

Number of Stories: 2
Foundation: Fieldstone

Exterior Wall Fabric: Wood shingles

Fenestration: 3 bays

Roof/Chimneys: Gable; exterior end chimney (brick and cinder block)

Additional Architectural Description:

Appears to be a mid-eighteenth century house with 2/3 Georgian plan, similar to those commonly built in Monmouth County between 1750 and 1820. Due to numerous alterations and severe deterioration, only the original three bay form remains. Interior inspection is necessary for further analysis.
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

Faces SE on state-owned land (Monmouth Battlefield State Park). Also on the site are late 19th and early 20th century barn, sheds, and house (see Continuation Sheets).

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

Apple orchards surround site; pine trees near house and barn.

SIGNIFICANCE:

See Monmouth Battlefield National Register District.

The early property history of this site was not researched on the NRHP Nomination. The original owner was an undetermined member of the Rhea family, early Scotch-Presbyterian settlers in the Tennent area (see Ellis, p. 508). Because the tenant of the farm was named Carr at the time of the Battle of Monmouth (1778), traditionally it has been called the Rhea-Carr Farm. Ellis' 1885 county history mentions the demolition of a still-older house on the site.

ORIGINAL USE: Residence
PRESENT USE: Vacant

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent □ Good □ Fair □ Poor □

REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes □ Possible □ No □ Part of District □

THRATHS TO SITE: Roads □ Development □ Zoning □ Deterioration □
No Threat □ Other □

REFERENCES:

1. Ellis, History of Monmouth County (1885), p. 508.
3. Lightfoot map, 1851.

RECORDED BY: Gail Hunton
DATE: March 1981
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System/Monmouth County Historical Association
**NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION**

**BUILDING COMPLEX SURVEY FORM**

| HISTORIC NAME: | (See Statement of Signif.) | COMMON NAME: |  
| MUNICIPALITY: | Freehold Twp. | BLOCK/LOT: | 69-35  
| USGS QUAD: | Adelphia | COUNTY: | Monmouth  
| OWNER/ADDRESS: | Elizabeth Oakley/ Same | UTM REFERENCES: | Zoning/Northing/Easting  
| HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. | 1316-34 | NEGATIVE FILE NO: | 3/34-37; 4/2-5 |

**SIGNIFICANT STRUCTURES**

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**ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION**

A: Five bay plus wing farmhouse built in at least four sections. Structural analysis necessary to adequately date/document house. Earliest section (A?) was a 1½ story cottage believed to have been built in the early 18th century. At some later date the roof may have been raised and a larger two bay house (B) built around the original cottage. The West section (C), a three bay by three bay square, was constructed in the early 19th century and completes the five bay plan. It has a Greek Revival entry with pilasters, transom, and sidelights. The East wing (D) was moved to the site sometime during the 19th century. Other changes include: addition of three bay porch with bracketed cornice and tapered square posts; slate tile roof; 6/1 sash window replacements; removal of at least two interior end chimneys.

B: Three adjoining wagon/equipment/storage sheds, which retain some early doors, windows, and hardware.

**CONDITION COMMENTS:**

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SITTING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES: SEE ATTACHED PLAN

LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
Siting: Faces south on a c. 120 acre parcel.
Topography: Mostly level.
Vegetation: Yard trees. Property no longer farmed.
Water:

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban□ Suburban□ Scattered Buildings X
Open Space □ Woodland □ Residential X Agricultural X Village □
Industrial □ Downtown Commercial □ Highway Commercial □ Other □ New State Rte 33 borders N. side; new condo complex opposite site on S. side of Wemrock Road.

SIGNIFICANCE:

This is one of the earliest remaining farmsteads in Freehold Township. The structure incorporates elements of a cottage perhaps dating from the early 18th century. The house typifies one way 18th century dwellings were expanded so that the oldest portions were not externally visible. 1 and 1/2 story cottages consisting of two or three bays gradually were enlarged (as in the conjecture on the reverse side) to two story structures with formal five bay plans.

Deed research suggests that Peter Wilson may have erected the original cottage. James Robinson, owner of the farm between 1810 and 1842, is believed to have built the three bay west section. Richard Salter Hartshorne owned and enlarged the farm between 1842 and 1873, after which Acton Civil Hartshorne acquired it. The site warrants further research in order to ascertain the 18th century origins and later history of the house.

ORIGINAL USE: Farm PRESENT USE: Residence
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes □ Possible X No □ Part of District □
THREATS TO SITE: Roads □ Development X Zoning □ Deterioration □
No Threat □ Other □
COMMENTS: Elderly owner; future disposition of property unknown.

REFERENCES:

1. Deed Research sponsored by owner (Elizabeth Oakley).
2. Interview with owner, March 1981.
3. Lightfoot map, 1851.
5. Beers atlas, 1873.
6. Wolverton atlas, 1889.

RECORDED BY: Gail Hunton DATE: March 1981
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System/Monmouth County Historical Association
House (A);
View North

Sheds (B);
View Northwest

Barn (C);
View Northeast
House and Barn; View NW

Barn; View West

Shed; View NW
January 19, 1984

Ms. Elizabeth Oakley
P.O. Box 223
Freehold, New Jersey 07728

Dear Ms. Oakley:

In an effort to clear up our backlog, this office is reviewing inactive pending New Jersey/National Register applications. Our file for the Peter Wilson Plantation, Freehold Township, indicates that you have not responded to our February 8, 1983, letter requesting additional information (see enclosed). If we do not hear from you within 60 days of the date of this letter the file will be closed out and the information will be placed into the New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory (NJHSt) as permanent resource information.

Sincerely,

Terry Karschner
Historic Preservation Specialist

TK/js
Enclosure

February 8, 1984

Elizabeth Oakley
P.O. Box 223
Freehold, NJ 07728

Dear Ms. Oakley:

Thank you for submitting the requested photos of the Peter Wilson plantation. The Office of Historic Preservation is unable to determine potential eligibility of the farmstead based on information you submitted and that completed by the Monmouth County Historical Association.

As an early farm, there is little visual evidence of an 18th century building. Later modifications and alterations have obscured any earlier fabric. To be nominated to the New Jersey and National Registers as an 18th century farmstead the association with Peter Wilson the earliest section must be firmly established as an 18th century building. This must be done structurally and backed up by further research. (One suggestion would be to review the 1755 Inventory of Peter Wilson for any discussion of buildings and rooms divisions).

Visually the farmstead expresses a mid-19th century appearance. Although the survey form indicates an early 19th century expansion for the house, the center doorway details are more likely ca. 1840 transitional Federal/Greek Revival features. The cultural resource survey of Monmouth County shows numerous similar farmsteads in Freehold Township (complete with outbuildings), so the Peter Wilson farm is not a rare survivor. Consequently, it will be difficult to make a case for the significance of this farm during the 19th century unless considerable additional information is associated with it.

I realize what we are asking requires considerable effort, but it is essential that National Register applications carefully research, record, and document cultural resources. You may wish to hire a preservation consultant to prepare the nomination. Enclosed is a list of survey consultants for your information.

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Submission of additional information does not guarantee eligibility for the State or National Register of Historic Places. The new information will be carefully evaluated based on the standards established by the Secretary of the Interior for Historic Structures. (enclosed)

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Historic Preservation at the above number and a staff member will help you.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Terry Karschner
Historic Preservation Specialist

Elizabeth Oakley
P.O. Box 23
Freehold, NJ 07728

February 13, 1984

Terry Karschner,

Hi,

I have contacted Jill Haines to have her do further research on the Butter Wilson Plantation, Freehold Township. She will not be able to begin her research until August in September.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Oakley
Dear Mr. Karoshner,

It has occurred to me that possibly when I sent the photographs of the house and barns on December 20, 1982 that I did not place my name in the package. If so, there was a picture of the house and two of the barns. (To identify, a tractor is under a shed). If I recall correctly, these were two views taken in 1914.

If I was that careless, I apologize.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Oakley

October 27, 1982

Miss Elizabeth Oakley
P.O. Box 223
Freehold, N.J. 07728

Dear Miss Oakley:

Thank you for submitting a State and National Register nomination form for the Peter Wilson Plantation, Freehold Township, Monmouth County. Preliminary review of the nomination will get underway within the next few weeks.

Nomination forms are reviewed by our Register staff for completeness and accuracy. They are then prioritized for final review and presentation to the State Review Board. Factors considered for high priority review include National significance, Contextual evaluation, underrepresented type or area, threat to property, tax act potential and how well the nomination form addresses the property's significance. It generally takes six months to two years for final processing of Register nominations.

You will be notified if additional information is required to complete your Register submission. Should you have any questions concerning the Registers or our other historic preservation programs, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Susanne C. Hand, Chief

SCH/nh
November 23, 1982

Miss Elizabeth Oakley
P.O. Box 223
Freehold, NJ 07728

Dear Miss Oakley:

The survey form and other documentation regarding the Peter Wilson Plantation has been reviewed and evaluated by the register committee. The historical information is adequate for review but, the accompanying photographs are incomplete. There are three photos, none of which show the main building in its entirety. We would appreciate photos of the main building and all our buildings before we can pursue the project further.

We will hold the file pending (low priority) until we receive the necessary photos.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Historic Preservation at the above number and a staff member will help you.

Sincerely,

Terry Karschner
Historic Preservation Specialist
THE PEOPLE WHO LIVED ON THE PROPERTY

The first three owners apparently had no buildings on the property. Thomas Cook was one of the first proprietors of East Jersey who died in 1698. Nicholas Larsen, a name written rather strangely in the deeds, was one of the first settlers of Piscataway-Woodbridge. His name appears in the vital statistics records for the period 1664-1714. He was also one of the petitioners to the King to appoint a governor in July 1701. Very little can be found of John Bowde. He apparently was from Burlington.

So we pass very quickly from 1690 to 1713.

PETER WILSON (1)

Peter (1) was one of the first settlers of Piscataway-Woodbridge appearing in the vital statistic records in 1692. He was also one of the petitioners to the King to appoint a governor in 1701. The inhabitants of East Jersey were afraid that the proprietors would not appoint a suitable person as governor (See Appendix Exhibit 1.)

In 1705, as an officer of the court, Peter was involved in inventories of estates in the Middletown-Shrewsbury area. In 1712 Peter appears on the records of the Baptist Church in Middletown. By 1735 his name was removed by his death. The records of that Church are scant only indicating 1712, 1731-35 records. His actual date of death is not recorded by the Church.

In May of 1713, he bought the Freehold Property. He quickly established himself and represented Freehold in county affairs prior to 1714 as witnessed by the following.

In the minutes of the General Assembly March 1710, a decision was made to locate the court house and gaol at the center of the county. Peter Wilson represented Freehold at that meeting and voted the new location to be Freehold. In August 1714, John Reid conveyed the land to the county. In May 1715, at the Sessions in Shrewsbury, Peter Wilson was appointed legal manager of the gaol and courthouse and ordered "to proceed in the building the said gaol and courthouse in such a manner as the law directs."

During the summer, 1715 a courthouse was built. It was a small wooden building with shingled walls. A grand jury was appointed and Peter Wilson became the foreman.

The building was not very sturdy. The Sheriff complained in 1717 that two prisoners "broke" the gaol. It was repaired but burned down in December, 1727. The popular old picture of the courthouse was the second building which was built to replace the burned one in 1730.

In 1715 a controversy also took place as to whether the county seat ought to be in Middletown, Easton or Freehold. A court injunction names Peter Wilson and two others to decide. They chose Freehold.

In 1717, he was a county Freeholder and involved in a law suit over taxes for the gaol and courthouse.

Peter Wilson (1) died in 1723 leaving his house farm and plantation to his wife as long as she lived and then to his son Peter (2) (See appendix exhibit 2).

Peter (2) lived until 1755 leaving the property to his wife, Hannah, and at least one minor child, Deborah. Hannah resigned as administrator (See exhibit 3.) Joshua Anderson was chosen by Deborah Wilson as her guardian.

In 1771 he presented the final accounting of Peter Wilson (2) estate to the court showing that the property had been rented following Peter's death for the thirteen years until Deborah came of age. (See Appendix exhibit 4.) Deborah Wilson married Jonathan Forman. In 1787, they sold the property to Elisha Walton.

ELISHA WALTON

Elisha Walton owned the property from 1787 to 1799. He operated the Mill at Millhurst during this time. Elisha was a major in the First Regiment Light Dragoons State troops from 1777-1779. Just before he sold the property he was a member.
Oakley Property

of the New Jersey Legislative Council and General Assembly, 1796-9. The Monmouth Gazette and East Jersey Intelligencer, a newspaper by Philip Freneau was distributed from his Mill.

In 1798 he sold the property to Jacob West.

JACOB WEST

Jacob was a farmer who farmed the land and lived in the house until his death.

His heirs sold the property to James Robinson in 1810.

JAMES ROBINSON

James Robinson was born May, 1769 and married Elizabeth Conover in 1791. They had ten children. Eight of these children were alive in 1810. Seven of them probably were living at home in 1810. These seven ranged in age from one to sixteen years old. Two more children were born (1812, 1815) after James bought the property. James died in 1844. Attention is called to the number of children living at home to point out a need for an enlarged house. It is believed that James Robinson expended much money in doubling the size of the house in about 1812. He could not meet his bills. In 1817 he was foreclosed and title to his property was taken by William T. Conover and Robert Covenhoven. These two buyers may have been in-laws of Robinson.

In 1818 several deeds were filed from the Robinsons Conovers and Covenhovens for the same property to Elijah Combs. Apparently title was not clear as to the correct owners in 1817-18, so deeds were obtained from all interested parties.

ELIJAH COMBS

From 1818 until the 1830's the property was farmed by Elijah Combs and his family. In the early 1830's the heirs of Elijah Combs sold the property to Rufus R. and Esther Schenck.

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RUFUS R. SCHENCK

In 1818, Schenck had donated the lot on which the present West Freehold School (one room) stands. In 1842, Rufus and Esther Schenck sold the property to Richard Saltar Hartsborne.

RICHARD SALTAR HARTSBORNE

Richard was born in Matawan in 1814. Until 1842 he was a prominent New York businessman owning an oil company. In 1842 he sold his oil business and came to Freehold where he became a farmer. In 1872, while stowing hay in the barn, he fell out of the loft and died of his injuries. The heirs of Richard sold the property to Richard's son, Acton Civil Hartsborne in 1873.

ACTON CIVIL HARTSBORNE

Acton was born in the house on Wenrock Road on October 12, 1843, a year after his father came to Freehold. He went to the West Freehold One-room school, then to the Woodhull school in town.

In 1869, he became a clerk for Holmes W. Murphy, Esq. chiefly doing title searching and preparing title abstracts. In 1866, he became a law clerk in Joel Parker's office. In 1870 he was admitted to the bar as an attorney. In 1876, he became a counsellor at law. In 1877, he formed a partnership with Hon. Chilton Robbins, Robbins and Hartsborne.

In his early years, Acton was an extensive traveler. He spent the winter of 1850-9 travelling through the Southern States. While on that trip he met the lady who became his wife - a granddaughter of the former governor and United States Senator Bibb of Alabama. After that time his trips south were frequent. On November 28, 1877 he married Georgie Z. Bibb at Carlowville, Alabama. In the fall of 1871 he went abroad with Dr. D. McLean Fornan and remained nearly six months, traveling through England, France, Italy and Egypt. Sicily, Malta, passing through the Suez Canal and climbing the Pyramid of Cops.

In 1863 he went abroad with Hon. Henry
Little, Aaron Rhea Throckmorton, Dr. John Vought, Jonathan Longstreet and Henry C. Pitney, remaining nearly four months visiting England, Ireland, Scotland, Belgium, France, Germany, and Switzerland. He attended the World's Exposition at Vienna as a commissioner from New Jersey appointed by the Governor, under an act of the Legislature.

He was an active member of St. Peter's Church, Freehold and had been one of its vestrymen for many years.

In 1911, Acton sold the Hartshorne Homestead to Charles Oakley, Jr.

STRUCTURE CHANGES

Remains of the first structure are visible in the crawl space of the house. A fieldstone foundation with log (barked) joists and plinth approximately eight feet by twelve feet are all that remain. The fieldstones are quite small and unmortared. It was common at that time to build temporary small housing with that kind of foundation. The first foundation was probably done in 1713-14 for Peter Wilson.

Within a few years, surely within the lifetime of Peter Wilson(1), a second larger house was built. It was on a fieldstone foundation perhaps as large as eighteen feet by thirty-five feet. The roof is made of hand-hewn, and pegged beams made of logs still showing bark. The height of the building was one and one-half stories.

The walls were brick lined. A fireplace foundation is still visible in the crawl space near the front of the building on the southerly side.

Changes in the flooring at the rear of the upstairs indicate that a stairway was covered over. One and one-half story buildings had stairways for access to attics used for storage and sleeping.

The time of the raising of the roof from a one and one-half to a two and one-half story building cannot be pinpointed. More than likely it was done prior to 1810 when James Robinson made the next major change. Perhaps it was done during the time of Eliza Walton, who operated the Mill. However, no clue can be gotten from the owners between Wilson and Robinson. But, physical evidence shows that the work was indeed done.
Oakley Property

Between 1810 and 1812, James Robinson doubled the size of the house and added modern, for that day, decorations. Eight or nine of Robinson's children lived with him. A two or three bedroom house, the two and one-half story building, was expanded to a seven bedroom house by the addition of the entire left side of the building from the front door to the driveway. Interior doorways are flanked with late Georgian (1780-1800) pilasters and carved rosette cornices. The front door is a classic Federal period doorway (1800-1820.) The door at the opposite end of the central hallway has all the carpentry and design of the federal door but excluded the decorative glass and metal work. It contains plain, undecorated glass areas.

All of these modern architectural changes were prevalent in that period, 1810-1820. Just about the time the changes were completed Mr. Robinson's property was foreclosed because he could not pay his creditors.

The double tree line noticeable from the front door is a southern tradition. It is possible that Georgia Bibb Hartshorne was the creator of the tree line. She was from a prominent southern family.

Mary V. Evans 1978

Researched & Prepared by:
MARY T. EVANS
FREEHOLD, N.J.
APRIL, 1978

Oakley Property

APPENDIX

Exhibit 1 - Petition to the King 1701

Exhibit 2 - Will of Peter Wilson - March 1, 1723

Exhibit 3 - Abstract of Will of Peter Wilson (2) July 26, 1755

Exhibit 4 - Abstract of Accounting of Deborah Wilson, ward 1769-71

Photographs:
Second Floor Southerly Wall
Attic End Soffters - Southerly Wall
1773 original foundation


Item land purchased from proprietors 1690.

#10

First structure to 2nd floor. Stairway and a half house with only crawl space. Also secret closets & walls on 2nd floor, back bedroom. Stairs from cellar or 1812 addition, probably a trap door.

#2 - 2-story and a half house. Extended all across.

#3 - Story and a half house. Extended all across.

#4 - Root cut. Same pitch, raised to present height.

#5 - 1812 addition. Lower also inside, cellar entrance in the back of cellar.

#6 - 1914 = Bay window

#7 - 1924 = Story and a half raised to full height