### Colts Neck Township: 1309

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The Colts Neck District is a crossroads village located along a major Monmouth County thoroughfare, County Route 537, and on two smaller intersecting roads, Heyer's Mill Road (formerly the road to Holmdel prior to the construction of Route 34) and New Road. The district includes a small commercial core, consisting of an inn/restaurant, general store, a former blacksmith shop, and a few office buildings (some in former residences). There are two churches (one converted to a residence) and a modern firehouse. The remainder of the district is residential.

Three key structures establish the rural village character of the district along Route 537: the Colts Neck Inn, a two-story six-bay traditional frame building with a variety of additions; the Colts Neck General Store, an old general store built in a converted wagon shed with a large front porch and a variety of early 20th century signage on the exterior; and the Colts Neck Reformed Church, a well preserved Greek Revival church. Clustered around these buildings and extending up New Street and Heyer's Mill Road on village lots are many simple one and two story residences and small shops. To the west of New Street the lots increase in size and the houses become larger and more stylistically defined. At the time of the original 1981 survey, the south side of Route 537 was primarily open space, dominated by a large farm set well back (ca. 400 yards) from the road. The architecture of the district is predominantly 3 and 5 bay traditional houses, intermixed with good examples of Greek Revival and Gothic Revival styles, as well as some simple Italianate forms, and a Victorian Gothic church (formerly St. Mary's Catholic Church, now a residence). Many of the residences have outbuildings, primarily moderate-sized barns and sheds. There are three significant non-contributing structures in the district: the brick addition to the Colts Neck Inn, a wood-sided veterinary clinic and a brick firehouse. Significant structures are noted on survey forms.

The district includes: the north and south sides of County Route 537 West from Yellow Brook to Millbrook Lane, including the large farm (1309-1-5) on the south side of the road; both sides of Heyers Mill Road from Route 537 to the intersection with New Road; and New Road, from Route 537 to Village Lane (see district map for specific boundaries). The area surrounding the district is marked by a highway and shopping center on the east, new residential subdivisions to the north, south, and west.

2001 Update: Structures within the historic district are relatively intact, aside from the large farmhouse on the south side of Route 537 (1309-1-5) which burned in the 1980s. A subdivision has been built on that property well off Route 537. Cornfields line the road across from the district providing a buffer between the new subdivision and the historic district. The district boundaries have been adjusted to reflect the land use change of this parcel. Other recent construction includes new office buildings on the south side of Route 537, and two large residences at 62a and 62b Rt. 537 West, which were built on subdivided lots in the district, but are set back from the road behind the older houses.
SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:

Colts Neck Village is an early Monmouth County crossroads community. Located along the old Burlington Path, a former Indian trail and early trans-Jersey road, it retains much of the character of a 19th century rural village, having undergone significant change only in the past couple of decades.

Activity in the village can be traced back to 1717 with the establishment of the Colts Neck Inn (sections of the original building may still exist in the present building), which served travelers on the old Burlington Path going between the eastern shore points and the early villages of Middletown, Shrewsbury, Tinton Falls, and West Jersey. The village was recognized on a number of 18th century maps of the county. By the time of Gordon's 1834 Gazetteer, the village contained 15 to 20 dwellings, 1 tavern, 2 stores, 3 gristmills, and 2 sawmills, making it roughly the same size it is at present, if not larger. While few of the buildings survive from the 1830's, the character of the village is largely unchanged, though the recent construction of residential subdivisions around it and the heavy traffic on Route 537 have compromised that character.

The only surviving applejack distillery in the county was started in the Colts Neck Inn; its first recorded sale of spirits was in 1780 by Robert Laird. The company remains in the Laird family to the present, though the distillery was moved two miles to the east to Scobeyville in 1851. General George Washington apparently liked the Laird applejack enough to write requesting a recipe for the brew.

The village was also the site of a certain amount of activity during the Revolutionary War. It was the home of Capt. Joshua Huddy, a local patriot who was martyred during the war and hung by the British at Rumson Neck. Its location near a northern extremity of the Pine Barrens, (the area now occupied by the Naval Weapons Depot at Earle) left the village prey to the various marauders who took advantage of the turmoil of the period and of the wilderness of the Pines to rob and loot villages. A variety of local legends have developed from that period.

At the present, the district is one of a rapidly decreasing number of rural villages in Monmouth County. The simple unpretentious structures contrast sharply with the wealthy suburban construction that has come to characterize Colts Neck in the past decade. It remains a reminder of the town's agricultural past.

While there is some local appreciation of the qualities of the Colts Neck Village area, development pressures in the township as a whole are intense. Local designation of Colts Neck Village as a historic district would encourage the preservation of historic structures and building patterns within the village area, as well as compatible new construction.

2001 Update: With the exception of the alterations to the Colts Neck Inn, which have destroyed the historic architectural character of the building, most of the district is intact and still reflects the village's 19th century past. Note: boundaries of the district have been revised, based on the demolition of the large farmhouse on the south side of Route 537 (1309-1-5).

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RECORDED BY: James C. McCabe; 2001 update Robin French
SURVEY: Monmouth County Historic Sites Inventory
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System
DATE: March 1981; October 2001
HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-1

Colts Neck Historic District

Streetscape: Route 537 West, view East from Millbrook Lane. 1981 photograph.

Streetscape: Route 537 West, view West from Heyer’s Mill Rd. 1981 photograph.
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
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HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-1-1

HISTORIC NAME: Colts Neck General Store
LOCATION: 48 County Route 537 West, E. of New Road
MUNICIPALITY: Colts Neck
USGS QUAD: Marlboro

COMMON NAME: Colts Neck General Store
BLOCK/LOT: 30/14
COUNTY: Monmouth
OWNER/ ADDRESS:

DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: 1858
Source of Date: Ref. 4; stylistic

Style: Vernacular
Architect:

Number of Stories: 1 1/2
Builder:

Foundation: Concrete veneer
Form/Plan Type: Rectangular, full front porch; 2001

Exterior Wall Fabric: Clapboard (2001- red shingle siding)
update: rectangular addition at rear

Fenestration: 5 bay symmetrical

Rooft/Chimneys: Gable, 1 ridge chimney, a side wall chimney

Additional Architectural Description:

General form of building is very similar to the 3 bay wagon sheds that are common in the area. Has 2/2 sash windows with paneled shutters. Interior of building is open, supported by posts. Wide variety of advertising ephemera on windows and walls. Victorian porch with balustrade and turned posts.

2001 update: The front porch stairs were removed from their central location and replaced with a smaller set of stairs installed at the east end of the porch. The first floor windows were replaced and the clapboard siding has been replaced with shingles. An addition was added to the rear of the building.

PHOTO Negative File No. 4-23*, 9-23
MAP (Indicate North)

See District Map
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:
Faces south on a small village lot, set close to road

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

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:
See Colts Neck District form #1309-1.
The sign on the store claims the date 1849, but the 1885 History of Monmouth County claims the building was constructed by Levi Scobey in 1858. Built in the 19th century wagon house form., this building is among the early remaining commercial (and continuously operated) businesses in the county.

ORIGINAL USE: Store
PRESENT USE: Store
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent [ ] Good [x] Fair [ ] Poor [ ]
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes [ ] Possible [ ] No [ ] Part of District [x]
THREATS TO SITE: Roads [x] Development [x] Zoning [ ] Deterioration [x]
No Threat [ ] Other [ ]
COMMENTS: 2001 update: the store has competition from new commercial establishments toward Rt.34.

REFERENCES:
1. Lightfoot map, 1851.
2. Beers map, 1860.
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RECORDED BY: James C. McCabe; 2001 update Robin French
SURVEY: Monmouth County Historic Sites Inventory
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System
DATE: March 1981; November 2001
HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-1

Colts Neck General Store


View north. 2001 photograph.
HISTORIC NAME: Colts Neck Reformed Church
LOCATION: 72 Route 537 West
0.15 mi. W. of New Road
MUNICIPALITY: Colts Neck
USGS QUAD: Marlboro

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-1-2
COMMON NAME: Colts Neck Reformed Church
BLOCK/LOT: 29.01/14
COUNTY: Monmouth
OWNER/ADDRESS:

DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: 1854-55
Source of Date: Ref. 5
Style: Greek Revival
Architect:
Number of Stories: 1 1/2
Builder: Ebenezer Goltra, Long Branch
Foundation: Brick (2001 update: concrete veneer on sides)
Form/Plan Type: Rectangle with rear wing
Exterior Wall Fabric: Flush siding; clapboard
Fenestration: 1 bay by 4 bays (2001 update: 1 bay by 6 bays)

Additional Architectural Description:
Rural Greek Revival church, with Doric pilasters and Ionic columns. Full entablature with denticulated architrave, full pediment, and a circular light in the tympanum. Triple hung 16 light sash windows. Large recessed entry with large double doors. Additions and alterations include a later 19th century steeple with a shingled base, Italianate pilasters, and a short pyramidal roof.

2001 update: Rear addition shown in 1981 photo removed/renovated and two bays were added to the existing 4 bays. An additional rear section added mid-1980s continuing the roofline. Fenestrations on sides extending by two and all the windows, except for the first on each side, are stained glass. Replacement front doors (paneled).

PHOTO Negative File No. 4-31,32; 7-9,10,11,12*

MAP (Indicate North)

See District Map
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:
Faces south on a village lot, situated on a small rise.

2001 update: Stone pavers in concrete outside front door with a large brick patio in front of church.

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

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:
See also Colts Neck District form 1309-1.

This is the best preserved and most well-developed example of Greek Revival Church architecture remaining in Monmouth County. Other surviving examples of the form in Monmouth County include the Keyport Reformed Church (1322-3-30); the Englishtown Presbyterian Church (1312-1-1); and the First Baptist Church of Middletown (1331-3-11). The Colts Neck Reformed Church is a key structure in the Colts Neck District.

2001 Update: The church has undergone some structural changes, particularly with the additions to the rear, but the overall look is intact. The increased suburbanization of Colts Neck has caused the congregation to grow and the building was enlarged and otherwise altered (with a handicap ramp in the rear) to accommodate the influx of new members.

ORIGINAL USE: Church
PRESENT USE: Church

PHYSICAL CONDITION:
- Excellent [ ]
- Good [x]
- Fair [ ]
- Poor [ ]

REGISTER ELIGIBILITY:
- Yes [x]
- Possible [ ]
- No [ ]

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

COMMENTS: This building is also individually eligible for the National Register.

REFERENCES:
2. Lightfoot map, 1851.
5. "100th Anniversary of the Colts Neck Reformed Church" (booklet, 1956).

RECORDED BY: James McCabe; 2001 update Robin French
DATE: March 1981; November 2001
SURVEY: Monmouth County Historic Sites Inventory
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System
SITTING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:
Faces south on a village lot, situated on a small rise.

2001 update: Stone pavers in concrete outside front door with a large brick patio in front of church.

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

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ORIGINAL USE: Church
PRESENT USE: Church

PHYSICAL CONDITION:
- Excellent [ ]
- Good [x]
- Poor [ ]

REGISTER ELIGIBILITY:
- Yes [x]
- Possible [ ]
- No [ ]

THREATS TO SITE:
- Development [ ]
- Zoning [ ]
- Other [ ]

COMMENTS: This building is also individually eligible for the National Register.

REFERENCES:
2. Lightfoot map, 1851.
5. "100th Anniversary of the Colts Neck Reformed Church" (booklet, 1956).

RECORDED BY: James McCabe; 2001 update Robin French
DATE: March 1981; November 2001
SURVEY: Monmouth County Historic Sites Inventory
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System
CONTINUATION SHEET

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-1-2

Colts Neck Reformed Church

View northwest. 2001 photograph.
The History of Colts Neck Reformed Church

The Dutch had settled into Monmouth County in such numbers by the end of the 17th century, that services in the Dutch language were regularly held in various places. One of the first congregations, The First Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Freehold, (now known as Old Brick Reformed Church of Marlboro) was founded in 1699. Preaching in the area that is now Colts Neck, however, was done in homes, barns and schoolhouses for the next 150 years.

The Colts Neck Reformed Church was organized as a sister congregation of the Freehold Church on Tuesday, April 22, 1856. The charter members of the congregation, seventeen in number, were drawn from a number of other churches in the county. The official name chosen for the new church was The Reformed Dutch Church of Colts Neck, and the original building, measuring 40 x 60 feet; was constructed on donated land. In those early days, Sunday School was in session only during the warm months, and weekly prayer meetings were held in the school room on Saturday evenings. In August of 1866, the first Harvest Home Supper was held - a tradition which continues today as the Annual Election Day Dinner and Bazaar. A significant event in the life of the congregation occurred in 1872 when a revival was held in Colts Neck. Seventy-eight persons were baptized, one hundred and two were received on confession of faith and fourteen by certificate, for a total of one hundred and ninety four souls. The congregation ran two Sunday Schools totaling one hundred and sixty five persons, with two branch Schools in Montrose and Scobeyville.

The next fifty years would show the emergence of certain “constants” in the life of the congregation: strong leadership in the Sunday School and in the growing Christian Endeavor movement for young people; women’s work in missionary support; strong preaching and pastoral care for the congregation; and attentive care for the congregation’s facilities.

In 1906, a chapel was added to the church building. The stained glass windows in the sanctuary were installed in 1911. Various improvements were made to the parsonage over the years. (In 1932, indoor plumbing was installed!) It was in the years immediately following World War II, however, that major changes were made in the church facilities. During the 1950’s, a new kitchen and Sunday School rooms were installed in the basement, and the chandelier in the sanctuary was refurbished and rebuilt.

In the 1960’s, the area began to experience a rapid and sustained growth which would impact the life of the congregation significantly. From 1960 to 1973 the congregation increased in size from 177 to 456 members. This growth produced a surge of building activity. The education building was constructed; the sanctuary was renovated, a new pipe organ was installed and a new parsonage was bought to accommodate another minister on the staff.

In 1984, what had been a 20-year expansion program was finally completed. The sanctuary now accommodates 288 worshippers; the balcony was doubled in size, new classrooms and a nursery were constructed, and the choir has a rehearsal and robing room. The organ was increased to 18 ranks, using much of the existing organ.
New pews and new carpeting were also installed. The final step, in 1995, made our buildings handicapped accessible with the addition of an elevator and restroom in the education building.

The "constants" which emerged in the first fifty years of the congregation's life have remained effective over the years, and continue to give motivation and direction to the congregation in the conduct of its ministry today.

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THE PASTORS WHO HAVE SERVED COLTS NECK REFORMED CHURCH

In the course of our history, we have been served by many faithful and diligent pastors.

1856-1864  Jacob S. Wyckoff
1865-1878  James Bolton
1878-1882  Hendrick A. Hendrickson
1882-1889  George W. Labaw
1890-1891  Samuel R. Cunningham (Stated Supply)
1891-1901  Samuel R. Cunningham (Installed pastor)
1901-1918  Octave Van Beverhoudt
1919-1926  David P. Doyle
1927-1930  Dwight Parsons
1931-1932  Robert A. Ritchie (Seminarian)
1932-1937  F. Alvin Langwirth
1937-1946  Peter Boelhower
1946-1947  Leonard Sibley (Seminarian)
1946-1954  F. Howard Lloyd (Lay preacher)
1954-1958  Elie F. DeLattre
1958-1961  Harry A. Olson et al (Stated Supplies)
1961-1985  Samuel La Penta
1973-1977  David G. Dethmers
1977-1997  Charles D. Morris
1985-1994  Scott Brown
1995-1998  Shari K. Brink
1999-      Scott Brown
HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: Colts Neck Inn
LOCATION: 6 County Route 537 West at cr. of Heyers Mill Road
MUNICIPALITY: Colts Neck
USGS QUAD: Marlboro

COMMON NAME: Colts Neck Inn
BLOCK/LOT: 31.01/5
COUNTY: Monmouth
OWNER/ ADDRESS:

DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: Early to mid-18th century w/ later additions
Source of Date: Sign at Inn, stylistic
Style: Vernacular
Architect:
Number of Stories: 2 1/2
Builder:
Foundation: Not visible
Form/Plan Type: Rectangle, with rear wings and side wing
Exterior Wall Fabric: Shingle, clapboard (2001 update: faux brick, synthetic siding replaced clapboard)
Fenestration: 6 bay, asymmetrical

Additional Architectural Description:
The original section of this inn reportedly built in 1717, though the specific section is not known. The building has been expanded and altered numerous times through the years. The main rectangular sections appears to have been built in three parts; the central 3 bays may be earliest. First floor windows have been replaced with 2/2 sash. Large rear wing was originally a separate building which was later connected to the main building. Assorted ells have also been added to the rear to supplement the kitchen area. A large brick wing on the east side was added (1961-2); it is not sympathetic.

2001 update: Second floor windows covered over with siding. Front porch is enclosed by brick and 15 light sash wood windows. One section of shingle siding remains intact on the second floor eastern gable end.

PHOTO Negative File No. 4-20, 21*

MAP (Indicate North)

See District Map
SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Residential [x] Agricultural [x] Village [x]

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:
See Colts Neck District Form #1309-1.

The Colts Neck Inn has been the focal point of the Colts Neck village area since the 18th century. As a tavern and inn, it has long served as a public gathering place for area residents. Samuel Laird, who purchased the inn in 1812, established an applejack distillery on the property. The Laird family owned the inn until the late 19th century, but moved the distillery to Scobeyville in the 1840's (see1309-13).

2001 update: Alterations have diminished the historic integrity of this building.

ORIGINAL USE: Tavern/Inn/ Distillery
PRESENT USE: Restaurant

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent [x] Good [x] Fair [x] Poor [x]
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes [x] Part of District [x]
THREATS TO SITE: Roads [x] Development [x] Zoning [x] Deterioration [x]

COMMENTS: County Route 537 is a heavily traveled route, prone to expansion.

REFERENCES:
2. Lightfoot map, 1851.

RECORDED BY: James C. McCabe; 2001 update Robin French
SURVEY: Monmouth County Historic Sites Inventory
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System
DATE: March 1981; November 2001
CONTINUATION SHEET

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-1-3

Colts Neck Inn

View northeast. 1981 photograph.

View northwest. 2001 photograph.
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITE'S INVENTORY NO. 1309-1-4

HISTORIC NAME: Colts Neck Honey Store
LOCATION: 33 County Route 537 West, 0.2 mi. W of State Route 34
MUNICIPALITY: Colts Neck
USGS QUAD: Marlboro

COMMON NAME: Colts Neck Honey Store
BLOCK/LOT: 46/12
COUNTY: Monmouth
OWNER/ADDRESS:

DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: 1830-1850
Source of Date: Ref. 1, stylistic
Style: Vernacular
Architect:
Number of Stories: 2 and basement
Builder:
Foundation: Fieldstone
Form/Plan Type: Rectangular
Exterior Wall Fabric: Painted and natural wood shingle
Fenestration: 3 bay symmetrical
Roof/Chimneys: Gable, no visible chimneys

Additional Architectural Description:
The building was formerly a blacksmith shop. Has large double doors on the front facade, and 6/6 sash windows with plain surrounds. Renovations made within the last ten years include a new foundation, some new structural members, and the corrugated metal roof.

2001 update: Sheet metal roof is failing in places. The projecting bay above the front doorway predates 1940; the bay replaced sliding shed doors (Ref. 5).

PHOTO Negative File No. 4-24
MAP (Indicate North)
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:
Faces north on village lot, set close to road

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

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:
See Colts Neck District Form #1309-1
The building was a blacksmith shop throughout the second half of the 19th century.

2001 update: The building also served as a firehouse from 1927 to 1943 before becoming the Honey Store (Ref. 5). The building is now for sale and its future is uncertain.

ORIGINAL USE: Blacksmith Shop
PRESENT USE: Store

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

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

THREATS TO SITE:
- Roads [ ]
- Development [ ]
- Zoning [ ]
- Other [ ]

COMMENTS: County Route 537 is a heavily traveled road and a possible candidate for expansion.

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

RECORDED BY: James C. McCabe; 2001 update Robin French
DATE: March 1981; November 2001
SURVEY: Monmouth County Historic Sites Inventory
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System
HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-1-4
Colts Neck Honey Shop

Undated historic view of blacksmith shop. *(Asbury Park Press, July 12, 1981. p. 62).*

C. 1940 view. *(Gabrielan 1998, p. 89).*
**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE**  
**INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM**  
**HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-1-5**

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**Additional Architectural Description:**

Because the surveyor did not have access to the interior of this house for a closer examination, the date of this enigmatic farmhouse is undetermined. The structure may either be: (1) a late 18th century or early 19th century farmhouse, possibly only three bays originally, with substantial Colonial Revival additions and modifications; OR (2) a Colonial Revival version of a five-bay Georgian/Federal house with Dutch influence. Indications of earlier construction are the irregular fenestration (spacing differences between the east and west bays on either side of the entry), narrow 9/6 windows, and the placement of dormers with pilasters and round-headed windows; a Dutch Colonial Revival door enframement with leaded tracery and shed overdoor; and sculptural downspouts, generally rusted away.

2001 update: This house was demolished in the 1980s.

**PHOTO  Negative File No. 5-3**

**MAP (Indicate North)**

see District map
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

House faces south on 415-acre parcel, set well back from the road at the end of a tree-lined lane. The lot also includes a 1 1/2-story farm manager's house and a number of large 20th century cattle barns. A small private airfield with three small service buildings is located on the southern portion of the property.

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

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:
See Colts Neck District Form #1309-1.

This house exemplifies the character of the Colonial Revival Style in rural central Monmouth County, and some of the difficulties of stylistic analysis in the area. The design elements used in this house closely resembles those found in this section of the county in the late 18th and early 19th centuries, which makes differentiation between early buildings with alterations and bona fide Colonial Revival houses problematic. This particular site is an early one, owned by J. Van Mater (a wealthy Dutch farmer) during the mid-19th century, so the possibility of this building being older than this century remains. Dr. Armand Hammer raised Black Angus cattle on this farm during the 1930s and 1940s.

ORIGINAL USE: Farm
PRESENT USE: Vacant/Airfield (2001 update: demolished)

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

COMMENTS: .

REFERENCES:
2. Lightfoot map, 1851.

RECORDED BY: James C. McCabe
DATE: March 1981
SURVEY: Monmouth County Historic Sites Inventory
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System
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**DESCRIPTION**

Construction Date: c. 1784  
Style: Vernacular  
Source of Date: Stylistic; deed research  
Number of Stories: 2 1/2  
Foundation: Fieldstone  
Builder:  
Extterior Wall Fabric: Natural wood shingle, vertical wood siding  
Form/Plan Type: Square with side ell (2001 update 1-story addition on west)  
Fenestration: 3 bay + 2 over 3 bay wing  
Roof/Chimneys: Gable; 1 internal end chimney; center, ridge chimney on wing  
Additional Architectural Description:  
Three bay main block built on side hall Georgian plan, with lateral kitchen wing, 6/6 sash windows with molded surrounds; first floor windows are slightly taller than 2nd floor windows. Narrow fascia boards below eaves. Simple molded door surround; a trellis has been recently added around the doorway. The kitchen wing, originally one story and 2 bays wide, was expanded in the early 20th century. The center section roof was raised to create a second story after 1918, and a large 1-story wing was added to the west. A shed is attached to the back of the house.  
2001 Update: The house was resided with light tan cedar shingles in the spring of 2002.

PHOTO  Negative File No. 4-33

MAP (Indicate North)  
See District Map
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:
Faces south on a village lot, situated near road.

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

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:
See Colts Neck District Form #1309-1.

The Statesir House, built about 1784 by John Statesir (1760-1825), is one of the oldest surviving buildings in the Colts Neck Village District. John's father Isaac Statesir, emigrated from Holland and settled in Monmouth County in the mid-18th-century (Miles 1981:197). At the young age of 18, John served as a Revolutionary War soldier and was credited with capturing two prisoners south of Colts Neck (Elis 1885:387). In 1784, John Statesir purchased a small parcel of land "at Colts Neck" from Joseph Johnson, which bordered on Mine Brook and included an allowance for the "highway" (likely County Rt. 537) to run through the property (Monmouth County Deed T 265). On the south side of the highway he operated a tannery and built a house on the north side. Statesir married Agnes Aumuck in 1783 and they raised nine children in the house (Miles 1981:197-8). John was taxed on his house and lot beginning in 1785 and continuing throughout the late 18th century (Shrewsbury Tax Ratables 1785-1795).

John died without a will in 1825 and two of his sons were the administrators of his estate. His inventory provides some description of rooms in the house: a woolen wheel in the "middle room", beds in the "back room", "upper front room", and in the garret, a chest in the "upper back room", furniture in the kitchen with the cellar used for storage. Tannery equipment in the shop chamber and tan yard was prominently represented in the inventory as well (Monmouth County Inventory G 169). (SEE CONTINUATION SHEET).

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:
5. Primary documents as cited in text.
7. Lightfoot 1851; Beers 1873; Wolverton 1889.

SURVEY: Monmouth County Historic Sites Inventory
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System
HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-1-6

Statesir House

Significance Evaluation (continued):

In 1826, Mr. Van Vranken of the Reformed Dutch Church sometimes gave sermons at the Statesir house, while the new church was being built in Marlboro. Some of John Statesir's sons continued the tannery business and presumably resided at the house (Ellis 1885:738). His family continued to expand their landholdings in Colts Neck Village and elsewhere in the township.

In 1849, the heirs of John Statesir conveyed, "all those tracts or lots of land... belonging the estate of John Statesir" to Tunis Statesir (1806-1878), John Statesir's third son. Tunis Statesir continued to operate the tannery while also serving as the postmaster for the village of Colts Neck and as the town clerk for the newly formed township of Atlantic (Ellis 1885:666; History of Colts Neck 1965:16). Tunis was also occupied as a farmer according to population censuses beginning in 1850. He did not marry until he was 60 years old and he and his young wife, Ann Buck Denise, appeared in the 1870 population census with their daughter Alice, age 2, and two of his elder unmarried sisters, Elisabeth and Lena. He also employed and housed a farm laborer.

Tunis Statesir was a member of the Colts Neck Reformed Church (#1309-1-2) and he conveyed the land for the parsonage that still stands as a private home in the village (#1309-1-7) (Monmouth County Deed W6 286). Tunis insured his house and outbuildings in 1867 with the Holmdel Fire Insurance Company. His house was recorded as 24' by 26' with a 16' by 26' kitchen. Numerous other buildings were listed in the insurance record including a tenant house and a "curling shop" and several farm-related buildings. In 1873 Tunis was listed in the Atlantic Township business notices as a "farmer"; by that time he may not have engaged in tannery work (Beers 1873:29).

As Tunis neared his death in 1878, he and his wife conveyed the property to his brother, John Statesir, Jr., who soon after sold the house property to another brother, William Statesir. William in turn sold the property, described as 12+ acres, in 1886 to John Stapleton (Monmouth County Deeds 402 210). Stapleton appeared as the owner in the 1889 Wolverton Atlas and would remain the owner until well into the twentieth century. A photograph of Stapleton's house was taken c. 1918 which shows a full porch on the house (later removed) and the western section as 1 1/2 stories (Miles 1981:201). After Stapleton's death in 1921 the property was sold to Mary Jane Clader, a widow. She and her children/grandchildren owned the property until 1960. The roof of the western addition was raised to 2 stories sometime after 1918, probably during the Clader family's tenure. In 1948, Dick Clader sold 11 acres to Fire Company #1 (formerly occupying 1309-1-4), who constructed a firehouse west of the Statesir house in 1952-3. By 1965 the house was sold the present owners, the McCloys (Monmouth County Deeds 1152 140; 2986 446; 3405 451; Thompson 1990:119).
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HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-1-7

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| Fenestration: 3 bay symmetrical | |
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| Roof/Chimneys: Center cross gable; slate roofing, central ridge chimney (2001 update: asbestos shingles) | |
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**Additional Architectural Description:**

Gothic cottage with a projecting entrance pavilion. Side and transom lights frame doorway, sheltered by a small entryway porch with chamfered posts and an x-braced balustrade. Paired Gothic windows in gable ends, which formerly had a peaked hood with verge board. Eaves highlighted with verge board. Originally there were paired ridge chimneys; one has been removed. Undated postcard (see Continuation Sheet) shows building with clapboard siding, wood shingle roof, and peaked hoods over windows.

**2001 update:** A large addition has been added to the rear. A fire in 1992 probably caused the replacement of some of the exterior materials including the roof, formerly slate, the siding, and the shutters, all of which were replaced.

PHOTO Negative File No. 4-34

MAP (Indicate North)
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:
Faces south on village lot, aligned off of square with road.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
- Open Space [x]
- Residential [x]
- Village [x]
- Other

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:
See Colts Neck District Form #1309-1
For Church, see #1309-1-2

This was the parsonage for the neighboring Colts Neck Dutch Reformed Church from its construction in 1857 until 1969. The land for the parsonage was purchased from Tunis Statesir, a member of the church. The parsonage is a good local example of the pattern book Gothic Revival cottages popularized by Andrew Jackson Downing, and is based on a model in his house plan book published in 1850 (The Architecture of Country Houses).

ORIGINAL USE: Residence
PRESENT USE: Residence

PHYSICAL CONDITION:
- Excellent
- Good [x]
- Fair
- Poor

REGISTER ELIGIBILITY:
- Yes
- Possible
- No
- Part of District [x]

THREATS TO SITE:
- Roads
- Development
- Zoning
- Deterioration

No Threat [x]

COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:
1. "100th Anniversary of the Colts Neck Reformed Church" (1956).
3. Undated postcard, Collection of the Monmouth County Historical Association (see Continuation Sheet).

RECORDED BY: James C. McCabe; 2001 update Robin French
DATE: March 1981; November 2001
SURVEY: Monmouth County Historic Sites Inventory
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System
HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-1-7

Colts Neck Reformed Church Parsonage

Undated Postcard, Collection of the Monmouth County Historical Association.
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: St. Mary's R.C. Church
LOCATION: 40 Heyer's Mill Rd.
MUNICIPALITY: Colts Neck
USGS QUAD: Marlboro

DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: 1879-1880
Style: Victorian Gothic
Number of Stories: 1 1/2
Foundation: Brick
Exterior Wall Fabric: Brick
Fenestration: 3 by 4 bay symmetrical
Roof/Chimneys: Gable; external rear chimney

Additional Architectural Description:
Simple 3 bay by 4 bay country church, 30 by 55 feet, with buttressed brick walls, steeply pitched gable roof, and vaulted ceiling. Narrow pointed arch stained glass windows with highlighted brick surrounds. Converted into a residence with the addition of a kitchen, skylights, and the large cedar deck at the rear. The church originally had a stepped belfry on the ridge of the front gable, and gabled overdoor with Gothic vergeboard.

2001 update: One of the original stained glass windows was altered to include the names of the owners who converted the structure into a house in 1980. The rear half of the house has been modified to accommodate three floors of living space. The chimney at rear of house was added later and connects to the furnace in the basement.

PHOTO Negative File No. 5-2

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-1-8
COMMON NAME:
BLOCK/LOT: 31/9
COUNTY: Monmouth
OWNER/
ADDRESS:

Source of Date: Ref. 1-4
Architect: Austin H. Patterson
Builder:
Form/Plan Type: Rectangle

MAP (Indicate North)

See District map
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

Faces southwest on village lot.

2001 update: A garage toward the rear of the property was constructed in the early 1990's and the yard is extensively landscaped. Trees in front of the house obscure the front facade from the road. The lot was divided in half for the construction of a new house on the east.

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SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:

See Colts Neck District Form #1309-1.

St. Mary's Catholic Church is one of the oldest Catholic edifices in Monmouth County. The cornerstone was laid on August 17, 1879. It served the local parish until 1972, when it was replaced by the new church on Route 34 and sold for use as a private residence. This church is very much like St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Millstone Township.

ORIGINAL USE: Church

PRESENT USE: Residence

PHYSICAL CONDITION:

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COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:


RECORDED BY: James C. McCabe; 2001 update Robin French
DATE: March 1981; November 2001
SURVEY: Monmouth County Historic Sites Inventory
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System
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HISTORIC NAME:

LOCATION: 1 New Street
MUNICIPALITY: Colts Neck
USGS QUAD: Marlboro

DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: C. 1860
Style: Italianate
Number of Stories: 2
Foundation: Brick
Exterior Wall Fabric: Clapboard
Fenestration: 5 bay symmetrical
Roof/Chimneys: Center gable; slate roofing; 2 internal end chimneys

Additional Architectural Description:
A simple Italianate residence with brackets eaves, louvered quarter fans in gable end, and a louvered semi-circular fan in the center gable. 6/6 sash windows with projecting lintels. Side and transom lights with cranberry glass. Italianate paneling in door and below side lights. Bracketed 3 bay porch with square posts.

2001 update: House remains intact.

PHOTO Negative File No. 4-26, 27

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-1-9
COMMON NAME:
BLOCK/LOT: 29.13/14
COUNTY: Monmouth
OWNER/ADDRESS:

Source of Date: Ref. 1, 2
Architect:
Builder:
Form-Plan Type: Rectangular with rear ell

MAP (Indicate North)
See District map
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:
Faces east on village lot, a variety of trees and shrubbery surround house.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
- Open Space
- Woodland
- Residential
- Agricultural
- Village
- Industrial
- Commercial
- Highway Commercial
- Other

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:
See Colts Neck District Form #1309-1.

2001 update: This house is one the few in the district that has not been resided, but does need to be repainted.

ORIGINAL USE: Residence
PRESENT USE: Residence

PHYSICAL CONDITION:
- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

REGISTER ELIGIBILITY:
- Yes
- Possible
- No

THREATS TO SITE:
- Roads
- Development
- Zoning
- No Threat

COMMENTS:

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

RECORDED BY: James C. McCabe; 2001 update Robin French
SURVEY: Monmouth County Historic Sites Inventory
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System
DATE: March 1981; November 2001
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**Source of Date:** Deed search by owners (1981).
**Architect:**
**Builder:**
**Form/Plan Type:** Rectangular with side ell

### Additional Architectural Description:
The two bays on the east end are the original section (A); the original entry was on the east facade. Shed (C) is a recent addition. 6/6 sash windows on first floor. Recently resided.

**2001 update:** The house has been extensively altered with several new additions to the rear. (see 2001 photograph on continuation sheet)
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:
Faces south on a small village lot, behind a hedgerow; small send in rear.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
- Urban
- Suburban [x]
- Scattered Buildings
- Open Space
- Woodland
- Residential [x]
- Agricultural
- Village [x]
- Industrial
- Commercial
- Highway Commercial
- Other [x]
New subdivision recently built north of house.

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:
See Colts Neck District form #1309-1.

ORIGINAL USE: Residence
PRESENT USE: Residence

PHYSICAL CONDITION:
- Excellent
- Good [x]
- Fair
- Poor

REGISTER ELIGIBILITY:
- Yes
- Possible
- No

THREATS TO SITE:
- Development
- Zoning
- Other
- No Threat [x]
- Part of District [x]
- Deterioration

COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:
1. Beers map, 1860.

RECORDED BY: James C. McCabe; 2001 update Robin French
SURVEY: Monmouth County Historic Sites Inventory
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System
DATE: March 1981; November 2001
CONTINUATION SHEET

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-1-10

21 New Street

View NW. 2001 photograph
| **HISTORIC NAME:** |  |
| **LOCATION:** | 68 Route 537 West |
| **MUNICIPALITY:** | Colts Neck |
| **USGS QUAD:** | Marlboro |

| **COMMON NAME:** |  |
| **BLOCK/LOT:** | 29.13 / 17 |
| **COUNTY:** | Monmouth |

| **DESCRIPTION** |  |
| **Construction Date:** | Late 19th century |
| **Source of Date:** | Stylistic |
| **Style:** | Italianate |
| **Architect:** |  |
| **Number of Stories:** | 2 1/2 |
| **Builder:** |  |
| **Foundation:** | Brick |
| **Form/Plan Type:** | L-plan |
| **Exterior Wall Fabric:** | Aluminum siding |

| **Fenestration:** | 3 bays |
| **Roof/Chimneys:** | Intersecting gable with scalloped slate tiles; ridge chimney |

| **Additional Architectural Description:** |  |
| 2/2 sash windows with pedimented cornices. Round arched double leaf front door. |
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:
Faces south on a small village lot. Gable-roofed, wood shingled shed with misc. sash windows. Large concrete block gable-roofed shed with clapboard siding at rear of lot.

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

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:
See Colts Neck District form #1309-1.

This house contributes to the 19th century village character of Colts Neck Village. This house appears to have been owned by Dr. T. E. Cooper, a physician and surgeon according to the 1873 and 1889 atlases.

ORIGINAL USE: Residence

PRESENT USE: Residence

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

COMMENTs: This house retains its integrity.

REFERENCES:

RECORDED BY: James C. McCabe; 2001 update Robin French
DATE: March 1981; November 2001
SURVEY: Monmouth County Historic Sites Inventory
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System
HISTORIC NAME: 64 County Route 537 West
LOCATION: Colts Neck
MUNICIPALITY: Marlboro
USGS QUAD: 
DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: Late 19th century
Style: Gothic Revival patternbook
Number of Stories: 2 1/2
Foundation: Brick
Exterior Wall Fabric: Asphalt shingle siding
Fenestration: 3 bays
Roof/Chimneys: Steep cross gable; 1 interior end chimney

Additional Architectural Description:
Intact original 2/2 sash windows with pedimented cornices. Double leaf front door with segmental arch transom light. Full-length six light windows on first floor front facade. Full porch with tapered square posts.

PHOTO Negative File No. 4-29
MAP (Indicate North)
See District Map
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

Faces south on a small village lot. The three outbuildings on the property include a small shed, a modern garage, and a 2 1/2 story, gable-roofed, shingle-sided carriage house.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban ☐ Suburban ☑ Scattered Buildings ☐
Open Space ☐ Woodland ☐ Residential ☑ Agricultural ☐ Village ☑
Industrial ☐ Commercial ☐ Highway Commercial ☐ Other ☑ Two brand new mansions were built in 2001-2002 east of this house at 62a and 62b Rt. 537 West.

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:
See Colts Neck District form #1309-1.

This house contributes to the 19th century village character of Colts Neck Village. It appears to have been owned by S. Sherman 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: This house retains its integrity.

REFERENCES:

RECORDED BY: James C. McCabe; 2001 update Robin French
DATE: March 1981; November 2001
SURVEY: Monmouth County Historic Sites Inventory
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System
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| COMMON NAME:     | Laurgran Farm |
| BLOCK/LOT:       | 29.01 / 7 |
| COUNTY:          | Monmouth |
| OWNER/ ADDRESS:  |  |

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**Additional Architectural Description:**

2/2 sash windows. Full porch with turned posts, balustrade, and a pediment over entry.

**PHOTO** Negative File No. 4-35

**MAP (Indicate North)**

See District Map
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

Faces south on a small village lot. Carriage house in rear.

2001 update: Carriage house is no longer there, Miscellaneous shed (chicken coops?) behind house.

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

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:
See Colts Neck District form #1309-1.

This house contributes to the 19th century village character of Colts Neck Village. The house may have been owned by W.M. Bergen in 1889.

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

COMMENTS: This house retains its integrity

REFERENCES:
1. Lightfoot map, 1851

RECORDED BY: James C. McCabe; 2001 update Robin French
SURVEY: Monmouth County Historic Sites Inventory
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System
DATE: March 1981; November 2001
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
HISTORIC DISTRICT SURVEY FORM

DISTRICT NAME: Vanderburg Historic District
MUNICIPALITY: Colts Neck
COUNTY: Monmouth

TYPE OF DISTRICT: Village
USGS QUAD: Marlboro

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

The Vanderburg Historic District is a small hamlet located around the intersection of Heyer's Mill Road and Conover Road. It contains roughly 35 residences and outbuildings, primarily 1 and 2-story traditional 19th century frame buildings, clustered irregularly around the intersection, and a large Italianate farmhouse (1309-2-2) which is separated from the rest of the village by a portion of a school lot. The district is surrounded by a combination of woodland, farmland, open space, and modern residential subdivisions, and is bisected by a small stream, Fulling Mill Brook. Significant structures are recorded on individual forms; intrusions consist of a one-story brick firehouse, and a variety of residential subdivisions which lie on the perimeter of the district.

The boundaries are based on the historic location of the village as determined through map research, and on existing construction. The district includes both sides of Heyer's Mill Road and Conover Road at the north end to the bend in the road 1100' south of the intersection; and both sides of Conover Road from Woods End Road at the east, to Heyers Mill Road, and on the north side only from Heyers Mill Road to the northern boundary of site #1309-2-2. (Note: the lot for the Conover Road School has been divided so as to include the open space, but not the school building.)

2001 update: No major intrusions into the core of the district since the 1981 survey. However, a few of the buildings have been altered and the physical condition of others has declined.

APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF BUILDINGS: 35
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent 5 % Good 40 % Fair 40 % Poor 15 %
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes □ Possible □ No [ ]
THREATS TO DISTRICT/LOCAL ATTITUDES:
See "Significance" and # 1309-1.

COMMENTS:
SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:

Vanderburg is a small rural hamlet in Colts Neck Township, notable because, like the Colts Neck village (1309-1), it retains qualities which typified these rural centers during the 19th century. The district includes a variety of small vernacular buildings, clustered irregularly around the intersection of Heyer's Mill Road and Conover Road. The district also includes a substantial Italianate farmhouse, similar to several others in Colts Neck (see #1309-3, 1309-17, 1309-26, 1309-27).

The earliest mention of the village occurs in accounts of the march of the British army under General Clinton from Freehold to Sandy Hook following the Battle of Monmouth in 1778. A small skirmish occurred between local residents and the British forces; a casualty of that skirmish is buried in a marked grave on the edge of the village. During the 19th century the village was known as Edinburg and was the site of a couple of mills. Taylor's grist mill, which was built in 1822 was located a short distance to the north on Big Brook (no longer extant) and a saw mill was located on Fulling Mill Brook. A school was established in the village around 1814. The name of the village was changed in the late 19th century to Vanderburg when a post office opened there. The village is surrounded by woodland, farmland, and open space and a few recent subdivisions. The undeveloped land contributes to the character of the district, but, as with all land in the township, pressures for its development are considerable.

PHOTO: Negative File No. 2-21, 25, 26

REFERENCES:
See Colts Neck District #1309-1

RECORDED BY: James C. McCabe; 2001 update Robin French
SURVEY: Monmouth County Historic Sites Inventory
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System
DATE: March 1981; October 2001
VANDERBURG DISTRICT
1309-2
CONTINUATION SHEET

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-2

Vanderburg District


CONTINUATION SHEET

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-2

Vanderburg District

HISTORIC NAME: 33 Conover Rd.
LOCATION: Colts Neck
MUNICIPALITY: Marlboro
USGS QUAD:

DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: First half 19th C.
Style: Vernacular
Number of Stories: 2
Foundation: Brick
Exterior Wall Fabric: Wood shingle (2001: unpainted wood shingle)
Fenestration: 3 bay asymmetrical
Roof/Chimneys: Gable: shed roof on ell; external furnace chimney

Additional Architectural Description:
Small 1/1 sash windows. Gable returns. Rear ell is a later addition. Gabled portico is also an addition.

COMMON NAME: 14/4
BLOCK/LOT: Monmouth
COUNTY: OWNER/ ADDRESS:

Source of Date: Stylistic; Ref. 1
Architect:
Builder:
Form/Plan Type: Rectangular, with rear ell

PHOTO Negative File No. 2-28, 29

MAP (Indicate North)
See District Map
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:
Faces north on village lot, on small bluff above road.

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

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:
See Vanderburg District Form #1309-2

ORIGINAL USE: Residence
PRESENT USE: Residence

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

REFERENCES:
1. Lightfoot map, 1851

RECORDED BY: James C. McCabe; 2001 update Robin French
DATE: March 1981; October 2001
SURVEY: Monmouth County Historic Sites Inventory
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System
**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE**
**INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM**

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**Additional Architectural Description:**
The first floor of the east wing is the original section of the house; the roof was raised around the time of construction of the main block. The main block is a 2-1/2 story five bay Italianate residence, with scroll brackets at the eaves, 6/6 sash windows with pronounced cornices, and 3 bay columned porches. North and south facades are identical. The doors have classical enframements, with transom lights and sidelights of cranberry colored glass. Retains almost all of its early architectural features and fabric on the exterior and interior. Notable interior features include the elaborate and well-preserved window and door moldings, paneled doors, pocket door, staircase, floors, and wood trim throughout.

**2001 update:** A sunroom was added to the east end of the house in 1985. House was restored by present owners about 1999.

**PHOTO** Negative File No. 2-30, 31, 32, 33

**MAP (Indicate North)**

See District map
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:
North-south orientation on wooded 2.18 acre lot. The site formerly included a number of outbuildings, all of which have been removed.

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SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:
The Garret Conover House is significant as a well-preserved example of the large Italianate farmhouses constructed in central Monmouth County during the mid 19th century, which were built during the rapid expansion of agriculture in the county. This site, built on land once part of an earlier Conover farm (see #1309-10), is associated with one of the early settlement families of Colts Neck. Garret Rezo Conover acquired this farm after the death of his father, Daniel G. Conover, in 1823, when the homestead farm (#1309-10) was subdivided into two farms. This farm remained in the Conover family until about 1887, when it was purchased by James P. Bennett. Bennett sold the property in 1929 to Michael Crine, a local farmer from the Bradelvelt area.

2001 update: Since the time of the original 1981 survey, this house has assumed greater significance since similar houses have either been demolished (#1309-27) or significantly altered (#1309-3).

ORIGINAL USE: Residence and Farm
PRESENT USE: Residence

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REFERENCES:
1. Lightfoot map, 1851.
2. Beers atlas, 1873.
4. Wolverton atlas, 1889.
5. "Crine House", New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory.

RECORDED BY: James C. McCabe; 2001 Gail Hunton & Robin French
DATE: March 1981; October 2001
SURVEY: Monmouth County Historic Sites Inventory
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System
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HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-2-2

Garret Conover House

South elevation, 1999 (after construction of sun room).

North elevation, 1999 (after construction of sun room).
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE**  
**INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM**

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**Source of Date:** Ref. 1

**Architect:**

**Builder:**

**Form/Plan Type:** Rectangular

**Additional Architectural Description:**

*Typical school house details include narrow rectangular plan and tall windows with 9/9 sash. Has flat window surrounds and wide fascia boards. Alterations include an enclosed front porch, a side entry, a new roof with exposed rafter ends and a gable overdoor. Note: removed belfry on south side of house.*

2001 update: The front porch was enclosed prior to 1911 and the three western facade windows were all installed later, perhaps when the house was converted into a residence c. 1920 (Ref. 2).
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

Faces west on small rise, on an open corner lot.

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

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:

See Vanderburg District Form #1309-2.

ORIGINAL USE: School

PRESENT USE: Residence

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

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

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

REFERENCES:


RECORDED BY: James C. McCabe; 2001 update Robin French
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**Additional Architectural Description:**

Traditional 5 bay form with late 19th century elements which include generally vertical massing, tall, slender 4/4 sash windows with cornice, and a small transom light above the door. Asbestos shingles are a 20th c. addition.

2001 update: door was removed from rear ell and the windows were replaced. Windows on the main section were painted white and the front door was replaced, eliminating the transom window.

**PHOTO**  
Negative File No. 2-24

**MAP (Indicate North)**

See District map
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:
Faces east on irregular 1 acre village lot. Small shed north of house.

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

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:
See Vanderburg District Form #1309-2.

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

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

RECORDED BY: James C. McCabe; 2001 update Robin French  DATE: March 1981; October 2001
SURVEY: Monmouth County Historic Sites Inventory  ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System
**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE**
**INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM**

| **HISTORIC NAME:** John H. Sickles House | **HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO.:** 1309-3 |
| **LOCATION:** 175 Boundary Road | **COMMON NAME:** |
| **MUNICIPALITY:** Colts Neck | **BLOCK/LOT:** 6/13 |
| **USGS QUAD:** Marlboro | **COUNTY:** Monmouth |
| **DESCRIPTION** | **OWNER/ADDRESS:** |
| Construction Date: 1861 main block; kitchen wing on north end may be older | Source of Date: Ref. 1 & 2; 1861 datestone |
| Style: Greek Revival/Italianate | Architect: |
| Number of Stories: 2 1/2 | Builder: |
| Foundation: Brick | Form/Plan Type: Rectangle, with ell on north side |
| Exterior Wall Fabric: Wood shingle (2001: replaced with white synthetic shingles) | |
| Fenestration: 5 bay symmetrical with 2 bay ell | |
| Roof/Chimneys: Gable; 4 internal end chimneys | |
| Additional Architectural Description: Transitional Greek Revival/Italianate details include: 6/6 sash windows with large cornices; pronounced eaves with gable returns and a broad frieze; and a recessed double doorway with a classical enframement and rectangular transom light. Wing on north side is probably a later addition. New shingle siding. The house has a strong similarity to the Bray House on Hillside Road (#1309-27, now demolished). |
| 2001 update: wood shingles replaced with white synthetic shingles and the cornices were also replaced with synthetic replicas. Replacement 6/6 sash windows and shutters. The owner claims the kitchen wing is older. |

**PHOTO** Negative File No. 2-13, 14

**MAP (Indicate North)**
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:
Faces west on a 5 acre lot. Mature deciduous growth surrounds house.

2001 update: The house was formerly accompanied by a barn with a 1860 datestone and a milking parlor according to the current owner. A subdivision was recently built behind the house.

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

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:
This is one of a number of farms started in the northwest section of Colts Neck during the 1850's (see also 1309-26 and 1309-27). This was a growth period for Monmouth County, based on the expansion of truck farming, particularly potatoes. The close proximity of the farm to the marl beds in Marlboro made the area particularly prosperous. The substantial proportions of the house and the dramatic quality of the architectural elements, reflects the prosperity of the farm in the area.

2001 update: The exterior of the house has been altered with modern materials. The house no longer meets the criteria for eligibility to the National Register. Similar structures in this area, #1309-26 and #1309-27, have been demolished.

ORIGINAL USE: Farm and Residence
PRESENT USE: Residence

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

REFERENCES:
1. Lightfoot map, 1851
2. Beers map, 1860
3. Conversation with the owner, Peggy Brand, October 2001

RECORDED BY: James C. McCabe; 2001 Gail Hunton & Robin French  DATE: March 1981; October 2001
SURVEY: Monmouth County Historic Sites Inventory
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System
HISTORIC NAME: Marcus Spring Cottage
LOCATION: 161 Richdale Road
N.W. corner Bucklin and Richdale Rds
MUNICIPALITY: Colts Neck
USGS QUAD: Marlboro

COMMON NAME: Phalanx Cottage
BLOCK/LOT: 21.09/3
COUNTY: Monmouth
OWNER/ADDRESS:

DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: 1852
Source of Date: Ref. 1

Style: Gothic Revival
Architect:
Number of Stories: 1 1/2
Builder:
Foundation: Brick
Form/Plan Type: T-plan

Exterior Wall Fabric: Vertical board and batten
Fenestration: 1 over 3 bays symmetrical
Roof/Chimneys: Intersecting gable, steeply pitched, chimney in rear wing

Additional Architectural Description:
Gothic Cottage whose facade features floor-to-ceiling first floor windows, and paired second floor windows with pointed heads in a steeply pitched dormer. Building was moved to present site from original location next to Phalanstery building, south of Bucklin Road (now gone). Second floor of rear wing was added prior to 1981.
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:
Faces south on a 2.6-acre wooded lot, small frame garage also located on site.

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

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:
This site is significant as the last surviving building from the North American Phalanx, a 19th century Fourierist utopian community that existed here for two decades. Documents and records pertaining to the North American Phalanx are located in the collection of the Monmouth County Historical Association. The history of the utopian community is summarized and interpreted in Dolores Hayden, *Seven American Utopias* (cited below).

This Gothic Revival cottage is the best example of the Gothic Revival in Colts Neck, and one the best in the county. The house was built by Marcus Spring, one of the patrons of the North American Phalanx. Spring built the cottage because he desired some privacy from the general membership during his summer visits. The cottage was built a few years before the Phalanx community broke up, and to a certain extent, symbolizes the division that developed between the patrons and the general membership of the Phalanx over the direction the community should go.

2001 update: storm windows were added to this otherwise intact house.

ORIGINAL USE: Residence
PRESENT USE: Residence

| PHYSICAL CONDITION: | Excellent [x] | Good [ ] | Fair [ ] | Poor [ ] |
| REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: | Yes [x] | Possible [ ] | No [ ] | Part of District [ ] |
| THREATS TO SITE: | Roads [ ] | Development [ ] | Zoning [ ] | Deterioration [ ] |

| No Threat [x] | Other [ ] |

COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:
2. Beers map, 1860

RECORDED BY: James C. McCabe; 2001 Gail Hunton & Robin French
DATE: March 1981 (October 2001)
SURVEY: Monmouth County Historic Sites Inventory
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System
Marcus Springs Cottage

*From Dolores Hayden, Seven American Utopias (Cambridge, Mass., 1976)*

6.6 "Map of the Domain of the North American Phalanx," divided into farms and lots for sale, 1855. Shows meadows and orchards, Brisbane Hill in lower center; main pits to north; transport to New York as inset.
Marcus Springs Cottage

From Dolores Hayden, *Seven American Utopias* (Cambridge, Mass., 1976)

6.9 Central buildings on the Phalanx domain, including, left to right, communal dwelling, 1844; Phalanstery, 1849-1852; and cottage built by Marcus Spring, 1852. Frame construction.

6.10 Communal dwelling, 1844, schematic plans of existing part of structure (now relocated near barns).
CONTINUATION SHEET

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-4

Marcus Springs Cottage

From Dolores Hayden, *Seven American Utopias* (Cambridge, Mass., 1976)

6.13 Diagram of central portion of Phalanx site, in 1854. Buildings existing before 1843 are shaded.

*The Ideal and the Real*
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE**
**INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM**

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**DESCRIPTION**

- **Construction Date:** c. 1870
- **Style:** Vernacular
- **Number of Stories:** 2 1/2
- **Foundation:** Brick
- **Exterior Wall Fabric:** Natural wood shingle
- **Fenestration:** 5 bay symmetrical
- **Roof/Chimneys:** Gable; internal end chimney

**Additional Architectural Description:**

A simple 5 bay house with limited stylistic expression. 2/2 sash windows with plain surrounds. Paired round-headed windows in south gable end. Enclosed porch, with clapboard wall surface inside.


**COMMON NAME:**
**BLOCK/LOT:** 29/12

**COUNTY:** Monmouth
**OWNER/ADDRESS:**

**Source of Date:** Ref. 1, 2

**Architect:**
**Builder:**

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

**PHOTO** Negative File No. 5-31, 32, 33, 34

**MAP (Indicate North)**
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:
Faces west on small lot. Situated immediately north of mill wheel, which marks the site of the former Buck's Mill, which burned in the 1970's.

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

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:
This was the home of William C. Buck, a miller and operator of Buck's Mill which he acquired from Joseph P. Probasco in 1871. The mill formerly stood immediately south of the house on Yellow Brook, until it burned in the 1970's. A reconstructed mill wheel still stands at the spot. The mill site dated from the 18th century and was the last water powered mill standing Colts Neck. The house characterizes much of the simple vernacular architecture found in Colts Neck and central Monmouth County from the second half of the 19th century.


ORIGINAL USE: Residence
PRESENT USE: Residence

PHYSICAL CONDITION:
- Excellent [x]
- Good [ ]
- Fair [ ]
- Poor [ ]

REGISTER ELIGIBILITY:
- Yes [x]
- Possible [ ]
- No [ ]

THREATS TO SITE:
- Roads [ ]
- Development [x]
- Zoning [ ]
- No Threat [x]
- Other [ ]
- Part of District [ ]
- Deterioration [ ]

REFERENCES:
1. Beers map, 1860.
2. Beers atlas, 1873.

RECORDED BY: James C. McCabe; 2001 Robin French
DATE: March 1981; October 2001
SURVEY: Monmouth County Historic Sites Inventory
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System
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HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-5

William C. Buck House

Waterwheel, facing S. 1981 photograph.
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<td>Additional Architectural Description:</td>
<td>A simple 3 bay traditional house with a minimum of ornamentation. Details include 6/6 sash windows with projecting lintels, a narrow paneled door with a small transom light, and a late 19th century bracketed porch with turned posts. 2001 update: The house is mostly intact aside from the replacement of the clapboard siding and a few replaced windows. Owner says the house has three fireplaces.</td>
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SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

House faces east on a 3.68-acre lot with a deciduous and coniferous windbreak; the site also includes a large wagon shed, a new horse barn and a small tool shed.

2001 update: the horse barn at the rear was moved from elsewhere on the property and placed on a concrete foundation. Historic fixtures in horse barn. Wagon shed relatively intact with partial regrading; basketball hoop removed.

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

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:
Like many other farms in western Colts Neck, this well-maintained farm was built during the decade of the 1850's, a period of rapid growth in Monmouth County agriculture. Although it is situated on a small lot, the farmstead and its simple, unpretentious character serve to balance the expanding suburbanization which surrounds it.

2001 update: Benjamin D. Sickles (d. 1883) resided in the house according to the 1860 and 1873 maps. His son, Augustus Sickles occupied the house and farmed the property well into the twentieth century (Ref. 4 & 5).

ORIGINAL USE: Farmhouse

PRESENT USE: Residence/ horse farm

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

REGISTER ELIGIBILITY:
- Yes [ ]
- No [X]

THREATS TO SITE:
- Roads [ ]
- Development [ ]
- Zoning [ ]
- Other [ ]

COMMENTS:

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

RECORDED BY: James C. McCabe; 2001 Robin French
DATE: March 1981; October 2001
SURVEY: Monmouth County Historic Sites Inventory
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System
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HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-7

B.D. Sickles House

Wagon Shed, facing N.W. 1981 photograph.
**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE**
**BUILDING COMPLEX SURVEY FORM**

**HISTORIC NAME:** J.C. Barkalow Farm  
**COMMON NAME:** Buckalew Farm

**LOCATION:** 61 Cedar Drive  
**BLOCK/LOT:** 23/30

**MUNICIPALITY:** Colts Neck  
**COUNTY:** Monmouth

**USGS QUAD:** Marlboro  
**OWNER/ADDRESS:**

**NEG. FILE #:** 5-4, 5, 6, 7, 8

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**Additional Architectural Description:**

A. A 5 bay house with limited stylistic expression. 2/2 sash windows with projecting lintels; may have formerly been 6/6 windows. 2 light transom above doorway. Gable returns. Portico is a recent addition.

B. Side bays have been enclosed

C. Interior has been converted into a 2 story workshop.

2001 update: Both the wagon shed (B) and barn (C) burned down c. 1985. Current owner replaced deteriorating clapboard siding with vinyl siding and added another small addition the back of the house (A). The owner also plans to encease portico supports. The stable at the rear of the property was saved by the firemen and both the stable and garage have natural wood shingle siding. The inground pool behind the house is 30 years old.
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:
Siting: House faces north on 5-acre lot.
Topography: Gently slopes up to west.
Vegetation: Pasture, with a variety of mature trees scattered around the farmstead.
Water: A branch of Yellow Brook is located across Cedar Drive from the farmstead.

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

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:
This farmstead was first built during the 1850's, during a period of growth for Monmouth County agriculture. While the house and farm buildings are not individually notable, in combination they present a largely complete farm plan, typical of the area. The farmstead helps establish the agricultural character of the area, a quality that is rapidly compromised by suburbanization.

2001 update: The property has lost its significance as a farm complex since the outbuildings burned down when the current owner took occupancy about 15 years ago.

ORIGINAL USE:  Residence  PRESENT USE:  Residence

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

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

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

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

RECORDED BY: James C. McCabe; 2001 update Robin French  DATE: March 1981; October 2001
SURVEY: Monmouth County Historic Sites Inventory  ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System
CONTINUATION SHEET

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-8
J.C. Barkalow Farm

Map:

Site Plan:

Cedar Drive

A: House

Foundation

B: Wagon Shed

C: Barn

Stable

Not to Scale

Burnt down C. 1985
CONTINUATION SHEET

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-8
J.C. Barkalow Farm

House (A), facing S. 1981 photograph.

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-8
J.C. Barkalow Farm


## Historic Name: Big Brook Farms

### Location: 75 Conover Road
800' N. of Crine Road

### Municipality: Colts Neck

### USGS Quad: Marlboro

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### Source of Date:
- Ref. 1
- Visual assessment
- Visual assessment

### Style:
- Vernacular
- Vernacular
- Vernacular

### Stories:
- 2 1/2
- 2
- 1 1/2

### Foundation:
- Brick/Fieldstone
- Concrete
- Concrete block

### Ext. Wall Fabric:
- Clapboard
- Clapboard
- Shingle

### Form/Plan Type:
- Rectangle, with ell
- Rectangle, with ell
- Rectangle

### Roof/Chimneys:
- Gable, 2 internal end chimneys
- Rainbow roof, with ventilators
- Gable

**Additional Architectural Description:**

A. House was built in three sections. The ell is the earliest, (18th C., but exact date is undetermined), and the bay at the east end is the latest. 6/6 sash windows on main section, small attic windows on ell. Transom light and 2/3 length side lights around doorway. Wood shingled roof with wide overhanging eaves.

B. Originally built as a dairy barn

C. Originally a wagon shed.

Site is a large multi-building complex, most of which are 20th century. There are two farms on the property, a total of approximately 27 buildings.
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:
Siting: Two farms, situated on a 234-acre lot; house of surveyed farm faces north, 50 feet from road. (2001 update: the house stands on a 10,005-acre property)
Topography: Gently rolling hills
Vegetation: Pasture, perimeter of lot is outlined with evergreens, scattered trees around house
Water: Big Brook flows through farm

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

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:
Although none of the buildings on this farmstead area individually outstanding, as a whole it illustrates a composite 19th and 20th century farmstead, and contributes to the agricultural character of the area north of Crine Road. The farm was in the Taylor family through much of the 19th century. James J. Taylor and his brother William inherited the farm in 1835 and divided it between them. It was a dairy farm in the early 20th century.

2001 update: The house has synthetic siding and window surrounds. The windows have been replaced. The interior has also been renovated, according to the owner. The farmhouse now stands on a 10+-acre lot.

This farm was known for its well-bred South Down sheep in the mid-19th century with sales throughout the country. The farm was comprised of 611 acres during the first half of the 20th century and included six farmsteads, 125-acre apple orchard, and a game preserve. Walter C. Zimmerer, who resides at house he built well off Conover Road, purchased the large farm in 1949 and increased the acreage to 850. He planted an additional 100 acres of apple orchards, and raised prize-winning Angus cattle. He also built many subdivisions in Colts Neck and Holmdel, and may have built the development behind the older house (Ref. 4).

ORIGINAL USE:  Farmstead
PRESENT USE:  Farmstead

PHYSICAL CONDITION:  Excellent [ ]  Good [x]  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. Ellis, Franklin, History of Monmouth County (Philadelphia, 1885).
2. Lightfoot map, 1851.
CONTINUATION SHEET

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-9

Big Brook Farms

Map:

A: House
B: Barn
C: Stalls

Dwelling

Stalls

Grainary

Corn Crib

Road to second farmstead

Not to Scale

Site Plan:
CONTINUATION SHEET

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-9

Big Brook Farms

House (A), facing S. 1981 photograph.

Barn (B), facing N.W. 1981 photograph.
CONTINUATION SHEET

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-9

Big Brook Farms

Stalls (C), facing N.W. 1981 photograph.

Grainary, facing N. 1981 photograph.
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**HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE**
**BUILDING COMPLEX SURVEY FORM**

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**Additional Architectural Description:**

**House (A) - 1981 Description:** The house was built in several stages over the course of three centuries. Based on documentary sources, historical photographs and exterior physical evidence, the construction chronology is as follows: The first story of the east end of the main block (section with three closely-spaced windows) is the original house, a 1-1/2 story cottage like those on many Dutch farms in the area (for example, the Jan Schenck House in Holmdel, #1318-43). The original house was built in the early to mid 18th century. By the time of the 1798 federal tax, the house was two stories and measured 22' x 30'. The 3 bay addition on the west end of the house, which has a side-hall plan and Federal interior features, was built in 1802 according to a date inscription in a beam discovered by a prior owner (Howard Mullins, 1972). The roof above the original section was raised at some point in the late 18th or early 19th century, so that by 1863 (Ref. 8) the incremental additions had created a symmetrical five bay house of substantial size (30' x 55', with 15' x 30' shed). The east wing was formerly a lean-to shed, has a large kitchen fireplace; it was expanded and remodeled in the 20th century. Hand split round-butt shingles on main block. Windows include 9/9 sash (south elevation) and some 9/6 sash on the north (rear) elevation, west end. The doorway is flanked by wide sidelights and surmounted by a rectangular transom light with fan-pattern tracery. Variety of eave trim. Access to interior is required to fully document the construction chronology of this house.

**Wagon House (B) - 1981 Description:** Excellent example of traditional Wagon House with few alterations. Measures 26'2" by 43'6". Built on three bay 11-bent Dutch frame; rafters are joined at the side bays. Framing members are sawn rather than hand-hewn. Late example of Dutch framing. Original hardware; hoist in mow.

**Update - 1992:** House and outbuildings have been remodeled - loss of historic building fabric has compromised architectural integrity.
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:
Complex is set back from the road on 5.5 acre parcel, subdivided from former farm. House faces south, perpendicular to Conover Road. Remaining farm buildings face west and are lined up along a farm lane south of the house (see attached site plan). Large barns are now gone.

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

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:
This farm is one of a significant group of early Dutch farmsteads in Monmouth County that date back to initial settlement in the area and exhibit examples of Dutch building. The house is among the earliest in Colts Neck and includes two historically prominent house forms in Monmouth County - the traditional Dutch cottage and the large Georgian plan farmhouse. The original Dutch house is distinctive for its age, anchorbent timber frame construction, and rarity; such houses are only found in Dutch-settled areas of the Hudson River Valley and parts of New Jersey. The three bay wagon house, which unfortunately has been altered since the original 1981 survey, is an example of a Dutch-framed wagon house in Monmouth County. Both the house and wagon house illustrate the mixing of Dutch and English building traditions that occurred in Monmouth County in the late 18th and early 19th centuries.

This site is part of a larger headquarters farm originally owned by one branch of the numerous Covenhoven family (also spelled Couwenhoven, later Anglicized to Conover). Research indicates that Garret Covenhoven (1716-1797), son of Jacob Covenhoven, developed this farm and is the probable builder of the original house. The exact date Garret acquired this property is still unsubstantiated from research to date, which has attempted to find the deeds, wills, and other supporting evidence for the original construction of this house (Ref. 1). Garret Covenhoven married Neeltje (Nelly) Schenck in 1744. They lived on this farm for the remainder of their lives, and raised their nine children here. The 1798 Middletown Tax Duplicate (Federal Direct Tax of 1798) lists "Nelly Conover Widow" as the owner of the 149 acre farm, including a two story house, 22' (wide) x 30' (deep), with a kitchen and eleven windows. This would suggest that the original section of the house was two stories by this date. SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

ORIGINAL USE:  Farm  
PRESENT USE:  Residence

PHYSICAL CONDITION:  Excellent [ ]  
- Good [x]  
- Fair [ ]  
- Poor [ ]

REGISTER ELIGIBILITY:  Yes [ ]  
- Possible [ ]  
- No [x]  
- Part of District [ ]

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

COMMENTS:  Site was eligible in 1981 but integrity has been compromised by subsequent alterations.

REFERENCES:
1. Deed research from Maryann Kierman, Monmouth County Archives.
4. Lightfoot map, 1851.
5. Beers atlas, 1873.

RECORDED BY: James McCabe (1981); Gail Hunton (updates)  

SURVEY: Monmouth County Historic Sites Inventory  
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System
By the time of the 1798 Tax, the family name has been Anglicized to Conover. Garret and Nelly Conover are buried on the family cemetery on the property (Beekman, p. 30). [Note: This corner of Colts Neck is part of Middletown Township in 1798.]

After Garret Conover's death, his son Daniel Garritse Conover (1750 - 1823) inherited the homestead farm and lived there with his wife Margaret Rezeau (1763-1823). Daniel G. Conover is the builder of the large two story addition on the west end of the house. After Daniel's death the homestead farm was divided between his two sons, Daniel D. Conover and Garret Rezo Conover.

Daniel D. Conover (1800-1867) married Mary Vanderveer (1806-1898) and had eight children. The 1863 insurance policy on the farm (Ref. 8) includes the house (30' x 55') with attached shed kitchen (15' x 30'), a large barn (40' x 51'; the squarish dimensions suggest a Dutch barn), and seven outbuildings (see transcription attached). Their son Garret Vanderveer Conover (1838-1935) was the next owner. The farm left the Conover family in 1936, when his Cora Conover sold it to Mark Bradley (Deed Book 1716, page 268).
CONTINUATION SHEET

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-10
Covenhoven Farm, 100 Conover Road

Farm, view east from Conover Road. 1981 photograph.

House, view North. 1981 photograph.
CONTINUATION SHEET

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-10
Covenhoven Farm, 100 Conover Road

Wagon House (B), view east. 1981 photograph.

Shed, view east. 1981 photograph.
**HISTORIC NAME:** Shear-Wood  
**LOCATION:** 69 County Route 537 East  
0.2 mi. E. of Creamery Road  
**MUNICIPALITY:** Colts Neck  
**USGS QUAD:** Marlboro  
**COMMON NAME:** Shear-Wood  
**BLOCK/LOT:** 33/21  
**COUNTY:** Monmouth  
**OWNER/ADDRESS:**  
**NEG. FILE #:** 6-14, 15  

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**Additional Architectural Description:**

A. *Late 19th century Victorian farmhouse with 1/1 sash windows, with plain surrounds; a scrolled modillion roof cornice; and a round headed gable window. The porch, now enclosed, has a central pediment which resembles the roof shape.* (2001 update: one long transom window over double hung front door).

B. *Center gable similar to that on house.*

2001 update: house and barn are intact.
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:
Siting: House and barn face south on a 13 acre lot, in a densely clustered complex, which includes several other smaller buildings.
Topography: Flat.
Vegetation: Yard in front of house is landscaped with hedges and shrubbery.
Water: Yellow Brook flows to the north of the lot

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

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:
This is a good example of a late 19th century farmstead. The complex was built as a whole, and the general shape of the barn reflects that of the house.

2001 update: The complex appears to be relatively intact. An additional large outbuilding to the northwest may also be considered a part of the complex.

ORIGINAL USE: House and Farm  PRESENT USE: Residence

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

REFERENCES:

RECORDED BY: James C. McCabe; 2001 update Robin French   DATE: March 1981; October 2001
SURVEY: Monmouth County Historic Sites Inventory   ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System
CONTINUATION SHEET
HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-11

Map:

Site Plan:

County Road 537 East
CONTINUATION SHEET

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-11

House; facing N. 1981 photograph.

Barn; facing north. 1981 photograph.
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: Daniel Polhemus House
LOCATION: N. Side County Road 537 East, opposite Hockhockson Road
MUNICIPALITY: Colts Neck
USGS QUAD: Marlboro

COMMON NAME: 35/15
BLOCK/LOT: Monmouth
COUNTY: Monmouth County Park System
OWNER/ADDRESS:

DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: Between 1817 and 1830 (see Significance)
Source of Date: Stylistic; see Significance
Style: I-house with Federal features
Architect:
Number of Stories: 2
Builder:
Foundation: Random ashlar
Form/Plan Type: Rectangle, with rear ell

Exterior Wall Fabric: Composition shingle; clapboard
Fenestration: 5 bay symmetrical
Roof/Chimneys: Gable; internal chimney on east wall; exterior chimneys on west and north walls

Additional Architectural Description:
The structural system is heavy timber frame construction with brick infilled walls, resting on a mortared random ashlar foundation. The 2 story main block is built on a five bay center-hall I-house plan consisting of two main rooms on each floor (each with a fireplace) flanking a central hallway. The rear wing, which contains the kitchen, was originally 1-1/2 stories; the location of the former corner stairwell is still visible on the north interior wall. Later in the 19th century the rear wing was expanded on the west side and the roof was raised to create a full second story and additional bedroom space. There is a full basement under the main block, and a crawl space under the wing. The exterior walls are clad with composition shingle siding, except for under the porch on the kitchen wing where the original clapboard (with cut nails) remains. The original wood shingle siding exists underneath the composition shingles. Most of the windows are 2/2 double-hung sash, with two older (perhaps original) 6/6 sash windows in the gable ends of the main block. Original and/or early window trim and louvered shutters remain on the windows. (SEE CONTINUATION SHEET)

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

House faces south amidst an open landscape within Dorbrook Park. The house has a modest setback, and is surrounded by a variety of mature trees. A brick smokehouse stands behind the house; the late 19th/early 20th century frame horse barn that was on the site at the time of the original survey has been demolished.

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

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:
The Polhemus House is an intact remaining example of the simple farmhouses which characterized the majority of dwellings in Monmouth County during the early 19th century. The integrity of interior features and finishes is unusual for a vernacular house of its age, as most of these have been heavily modified. The brick smokehouse contributes to the character of the former farm site, which is now part of a large regional county park.

Structural and stylistic features date the house to the early 19th century. Although the exact date of the house could not be confirmed through documentary research, evidence indicates that it was built by Daniel Polhemus (1806-1876) between 1817 and 1830. Daniel Polhemus appears to have inherited the property from his grandfather John Polhemus. In his will, written in 1817, John Polhemus left his son, Daniel J. Polhemus (1760-1831), "the farm or plantation he now lives on" near Hockhockson Brook. He left half of the farm "I now live on and purchased from Garret Conover" (in 1775) and a portion of his estate north of Route 537 to his three daughters (part of the Shrewsbury farm). The eastern half was to be sold for the benefit of his grandchildren (Monmouth County Will B 334). The house that is the subject of this description was located on the eastern half of his estate, probably on what had been the 69-acre tract purchased by his father. A review of the land sold by the executors, Daniel J. Polhemus and Chirneyonce Schenck (husband of John's daughter Margaret) to document who received the eastern half was not conclusive.

John's grandson Daniel (1806-1876), son of Daniel J., appears to have received at least a portion of the eastern half of the estate, probably when he reached adulthood. A record of this conveyance could not be found in county records. Daniel Polhemus married Elizabeth Bennett in 1828 and together they raised a family of five on the farm during the mid-19th century. (SEE CONTINUATION SHEET)

ORIGINAL USE: Residence

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent

REGISTER ELIGIBILITY:

THREATS TO SITE: No Threat

COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:
1. Lightfoot map, 1851
2. Beers map, 1860
3. Beers Atlas, 1873
5. Primary sources cited in text (primary research compiled with the assistance of Mary Ann Kiernan, Monmouth County Archives).
7. Monmouth County Road Returns, 1822-1836.

RECORDED BY: Gail L. Hunton and Robin French
DATE: March 1981, update 2001
SURVEY: Monmouth County Historic Sites Inventory
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System
Daniel Polhemus House

Architectural Description (continued):
The 3 bay front porch, supported by turned posts, is a later 19th century addition, probably contemporaneous with the glazed and paneled front door. The brick chimney on the interior east wall is 19th century, whereas the two exterior brick chimneys are 20th century alterations.

The interior of the house retains a surprising amount of original and/or early features and finishes, which is unusual for a simple house of its age. These include wide plank wood floors, flush paneled doors and door hardware, window and door trim, baseboards and chair rail, Federal mantels, built-in cupboards, and wall plaster in the four principal rooms of the main block. The simple but intact Federal staircase in the center hall is also original. Later woodwork is evident in the upstairs rooms of the rear wing, which were added as noted above. The only major 20th century alteration to the interior space appears to be the creation of a bathroom in the small room at the top of the stairs. In sum, the house retains a remarkable degree of architectural integrity.

Significance Evaluation (continued):
In 1833, an application was filed by Daniel Polhemus and other neighbors to lay out Hockhockson Road, which intersects Route 537 just east of the house (Monmouth County Road Returns 1822-1836). The petition was granted at the meeting held at Daniel's house. Daniel would later go to serve as one of the first overseers of the highways of Atlantic Township, when the township was formed in 1847 (Colts Neck Historical Committee n.d.).

Daniel Polhemus and family were recorded in the 1850 population censuses with 2 black laborers, Edward Sheno, age 22, and Silas Cook, age 71. Silas may have been the same man listed in John Polhemus' 1823 inventory as "Sylus Negro Man". If so, this information establishes a long-term relationship between Silas and members of the extended Polhemus family.

Daniel insured the property with the Holmdel Mutual Fire Insurance Company in 1858 when the house was described as a 40 by 17 foot structure with a 15 by 25 foot attached kitchen and 8 by 30 foot attached shed. Numerous other building comprised the farmstead including a henhouse, woodhouse, barn, wagon house, tenant house, cow house, three additional sheds, and smokehouse. Only the house with the attached kitchen and the 6 by 6 foot smokehouse currently remain intact. Polhemus renewed the 5-year policy once in 1863 (Holmdel Mutual Fire Insurance Company 1858; 1863).

The farm was recorded in the 1860 Atlantic Township agricultural census when he owned 100 improved acres and 80 unimproved; his landholdings were probably not contiguous. Daniel kept an active farm with 8 horses, 8 milch cows, 4 working oxen, 10 "other cattle", 18 pigs, and 75 head of sheep. He produced many bushels of wheat (175), rye (50), Indian corn (1,000), oats (300), wool (75), Irish potatoes (1,500), buckwheat (40), as well as 800 lbs. of butter and 35 tons of hay. The cash value of his farm at that time was $15,000 (Productions of Agriculture 1860:3). Daniel Polhemus was also advertised as a "farmer" in F.W. Beers 1873 Atlas of Monmouth County (Beers 1873:29). He was one of the few farmers to advertise.

Daniel Polhemus died in 1876 and an inventory of his personal property was taken the following year. All of the items listed in three rooms of the house: a bedroom downstairs, the kitchen and an upstairs bedroom, were left to his wife Elizabeth according to his will. Various farming implements were listed in the inventory as well (Monmouth County Inventory M2 241). Daniel Polhemus left a farm to each of his four sons (Monmouth County Will M 8). His youngest son, Henry (1842-1914), received the northern portion of the homestead farm, which contained Daniel's house. According to Daniel's will his wife Elizabeth had right to two rooms of the house. She was listed as residing with Henry and his family in the 1880 U.S. population census.
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HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-12

Daniel Polhemus House

The 1880 agriculture census listed Henry Polhemus as owner of a 74-acre tract (50 improved, 24 unimproved). Seven of the acres were apple orchards, 15 acres of hay, 15 acres of Indian corn, 5 acres of rye, 3 acres of wheat, 2 of Irish potatoes and 1 acre of sweet potatoes. He raised a mixture of horses, cattle, pigs, and chickens. He employed farmhands for 25 weeks during 1879. His farm, including the land, machinery, and livestock was valued at was $5,900 (Production of Agriculture 1880:15).

Henry and his family occupied the house until his death in 1914 and his children jointly inherited the property. The children, Henry V. Polhemus, Daniel W. Polhemus, and Grace Brower and their spouses sold the 54.62-acre parcel to their brother William Polhemus that year (Monmouth County Deed 974 92). William and his wife, Emma, who may have occupied the house, later moved to Asbury Park, selling the property to Eleanor C. Fitch of Eatontown in 1937. Four years later Fitch conveyed the property to Rosenberg Investment Corporation of Newark with life rights to the house (Monmouth County Deeds 1694 22; 1869 80). Murray Rosenberg amassed a 380-acre farm which later became Monmouth County's Dorbrook Park. Fitch resided at the house until her death in 1982 (Thompson 1990:79). The house is presently unoccupied but is being preserved by the Monmouth County Park System.

18th Century Background:
The property appears to have been acquired by Daniel Polhemus (1706-1763), owner of the c. 1730 house that is still extant off Phalax and Laird Road (#1309-37). His descendants built the Polhemus house on Route 537. Deed research indicates that in 1751 Daniel purchased two contiguous tracts consisting of 100 acres from George Cooper and 69 acres from James Grover in Shrewsbury Township. The two tracts were bordered on the north by the "fifteen hundred acre brook or swimming river" (likely a reference to Yellow Brook) with the former tract bordered on the south by the "highway from Shrewsbury to Burlington" (Route 537) (East Jersey Deeds 12: 386, 360). A third tract composed of 104 acres, purchased by Daniel Polhemus from George Cooper in 1755, lies south of Route 537. At his death in 1763, Daniel Polhemus left his son, John "the Shrewsbury farm" (HABS NJ-693 1941:4). John Polhemus (1733-1823) married Mary Vannatter in 1758 and probably occupied "the Shrewsbury farm" prior to his father's death. In 1775, he purchased an additional 100-acre tract on the south side of Rt. 537 from Garret Covenhoven. Polhemus appeared in the Shrewsbury tax ratables in 1787 with 370 acres and 30 unimproved acres (Shrewsbury Tax Ratables 1787:12). Presumably the four tracts mentioned above comprised the bulk of his taxable estate.
CONTINUATION SHEET

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-12

Polhemus Farm

Smokehouse, view north. 1981 photograph.

Horse Barn, view northeast. 1981 photograph. Demolished.
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:
Siting: Complex is situated around tributary to Hop Brook.
Topography: Built on banks which flank brook, surrounding area is generally flat.
Vegetation: Scattered trees throughout complex.
Water: Small brook and man-made pond are in middle of complex.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:  
- Open Space [X]  
- Woodland []  
- Residential [X]  
- Agricultural [X]  
- Village []  
- Industrial []  
- Commercial []  
- Highway Commercial []  
- Other []

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:
Laird's Distillery is the last operating applejack distillery in the country. The first recorded sale of the product was in 1780 by Robert Laird, whose still was behind the inn and tavern he operated (Now Colts Neck Inn #1309-1-3). The distillery continued behind the inn until 1847 when it was destroyed by fire and a new one was built on a branch of Yellow Brook in Scobeyville. It consists of the cider mill, still house, barrel warehouse, and office building recorded on this survey form, as well as a couple of other minor buildings. The distillery was expanded on a number of occasions over the years; the primary operations are now carried out at a still in Virginia (so located because of its proximity to apple supplies) and in the large brick bottling plant located immediately south of the original buildings. The distillery has been in the Laird family throughout its history; it stands today as the sole survivor of what was once a thriving industry in Monmouth County, and New Jersey in general.

2001 update: The older complex buildings remain intact.

ORIGINAL USE: Distillery  
PRESENT USE: Distillery

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

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

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

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RECORDED BY: James C. McCabe; 2001 update Robin French  
DATE: March 1981; November 2001
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Additional Architectural Description:

A. Small one room office with portico over entry. Has large cinderblock addition to rear.

B. Has cinderblock addition to rear.

C. Built in two sections. Smaller lower section is original, larger upper section was built in the late 19th century. Built into bank.

See continuation sheet for additional buildings.

2001 update: The barrel warehouse is used for storage. The other buildings are not in use. The water tower on the property fell down.
**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE**
**BUILDING COMPLEX SURVEY FORM**

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**HISTORIC NAME:** Laird's Apple Jack Distillery

**COMMON NAME:** Laird & Company

**LOCATION:** N.E. cr. County Route 537 East and Laird Rd.

**BLOCK/LOT:** 35/12

**COUNTY:** Monmouth

**MUNICIPALITY:** Colts Neck

**OWNER/ADDRESS:**

**USGS QUAD:** Marlboro

**NEG. FILE #:** 6-16 to 27

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Additional Architectural Description:

A. Built into bank, has an extensive one-story ell. Includes large sheet metal hopper, and framework for turbine.

B. House was built in three sections; the eastern section is the earliest, reportedly built during the late 18th century, the central section was erected during the mid-19th century, and the west wing was added during the 1930's. Laird and Company expanded and remodelled the former Captain Scobey House for office use in 1934, hiring architects W.H. and J.H Conover of NY and Freehold, who specialized in Colonial Revival work (Ref. 3 & 4). The 1930's addition was accompanied by Colonial Revival alterations to the house, including new shingle siding, the large portico, the door enframent on the north facade, denticulated cornice, windows and shutters, and interior work.
Not Your Toddler's Apple Cider

Since Washington's Day, the Laird's Have Turned Out Their Signature Product, Applejack, and Fine Brandy

Peel, Distill, Mix and Stir
• Applejack Manhattan
  Gently stir 2 ounces applejack, 1 ounce sweet vermouth and a splash of bitters with ice and strain into a cocktail glass. Garnish with cherry.

• Applejack Margarita
  Pour 1 1/2 ounces applejack, 1/2 ounce triple sec, and juice of half a lemon over ice and strain into a glass. Garnish with cherry.
  Mix ingredients and pour into glass.

• Jersey Devil
  Shake 1/2 ounce time juice, 1/2 teaspoon sugar, 1/2 ounce applejack, 1/2 ounce cranberry juice with ice, and strain into a glass.

• Irish Bounce
  Pour 1 1/2 ounces applejack, a capful of triple sec, a dash of bitters over ice, 1/2 ounce cognac, and a dash of egg white (optional) into a glass with ice. Shake and strain into a glass.

By JOSEPH D'AGNESE

SCOOBYVILLE

OW and again, Laird Laid down another brick to his family's historic plant to a building where 50-gallon cast copper was raised from floor to ceiling. Harry Laid, his son, lived in the time of his youth, waiting, aging.

And the air around them is suffused with the aroma of apples.

"Isn't that a great day?" said Mr. Laird's daughter, Lisa Laid Dunn. "We get used to it," said Mr. Laird, the company president, with a chuckle.

Of course they do. The Lairds, holders of federal liquor license No. 1, belong to the nation's oldest family of distillers. Mrs. Dunn, the company's vice president, and her cousin John E. Laird III, executive vice president, represent the sixth generation of Lairds to produce spirits in this Moonshine County hamlet dotted with fruit orchards and apple trees.

Their signature product is applejack, an 80-proof amber product that's famed of apple brandy and other natural spirits. The federal government gives applejack as one of its least-cumbersome, peer-to-peer interactions, Scotch, brandy or gin.

One cannot help but be amazed as well by the family's history, which is packed with colorful characters, not to mention, recipes by historic figures. The tale begins in 1696, when the Scotchman William Laid departed to Canada, leaving his wife, Mary, and three children, Andrew, John and James, in the hands of his brother, James Laid, who then moved to the United States. In the early 1700s, in a small settlement, the family began distilling applejack in the back of their home. The business grew, and in 1880, the family moved to a larger, more modern facility. The original facility is now a museum, and the family continues to produce applejack to this day.

Today, Laird's produces more than 99 percent of America's apple brandy, and the family's only producer of blended applejack.

The Laird Distillery, located in Scoobyville, West Virginia, is one of the oldest and most historic distilleries in the United States. The distillery was founded in 1790 by James Laird, who was granted a license to produce distilled spirits. The distillery has been operated by the Laird family for over 220 years, and continues to produce high-quality applejack and other spirits.

The company operates under the guidance of James Laird, the current owner and president, who is the seventh generation of Lairds to work in the family business. The company prides itself on using only the finest ingredients, including locally grown apples, to produce its products.

Laird's Applejack is made exclusively from apples grown on the company's own orchards, and it is aged for at least 12 years in charred oak barrels to achieve its signature smooth, rich flavor.

In recent years, the company has expanded its product line to include a range of applejack-based cocktails, as well as other spirits such as whiskey and gin. The company has also partnered with local bars and restaurants to promote its products and to showcase its unique flavors.

The Laird family is committed to sustainability and environmentally friendly practices, and the company has implemented a number of initiatives to reduce its impact on the environment.

Trends in alcohol consumption, of course, are forever changing. Applesjack, as it once was, may not be as popular as it was a few years ago, but there is still a demand for its unique flavor and smooth taste. The company is constantly innovating and experimenting with new flavors and ingredients to stay ahead of the curve.

In conclusion, the Laird family continues to produce high-quality applejack and other spirits, using the finest ingredients and traditional methods. The company is a testament to the enduring appeal of applejack and the rich history of distilling in West Virginia.
CONTINUATION SHEET

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-13
Laird's Apple Jack Distillery

Map:
CONTINUATION SHEET

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-13

Laird's Apple Jack Distillery - Site Plan:
CONTINUATION SHEET

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-13
Laird's Apple Jack Distillery

Still House (B) and Vat; View Northeast. 1981 photograph.
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HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-13

Laird's Apple Jack Distillery

Left to right: Still House (B), Barrel Warehouse (C), Office (A), View Northeast. 1981 photograph.

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Fermenting Tanks, View North. 1981 photograph.

Barrel Warehouse (C), View East. 1981 photograph.
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Barrel Warehouse (C), View West. 1981 photograph.

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N. side of Route 537 | BLOCK/LOT:   | 39/11 |
| MUNICIPALITY: | Colts Neck | COUNTY:      | Monmouth |
| USGS QUAD:    | Long Branch | OWNER/ADDRESS: | |

**DESCRIPTION**

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**Additional Architectural Description:**

The house was built in four major sections. The earliest, section A (see above plan), consists of one room with a large kitchen fireplace and is believed to have been built in the early 18th-century. Two front bays (section B) were then added, and the roof may have been raised at the same time. A 2/3 Georgian plan (section C) was added about 1760-80. It has a denticulated cornice and 8/8 and 12/12 sash windows. The lean-to (section D) was enclosed in the last twenty years. Sidelights flank the doorway; the enrangement may be a later alteration. Considerable early hardware exists inside the house. 6/6 sash windows are found on the early sections. The house was insulated in 1980 by applying insulating material to the exterior and covering it with another layer of wood shingles.

2001 update: No changes appeared visible, owner concurred.

**PHOTO** Negative File No. 5-15, 16, 17*  

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

Faces south on a 20-acre horse farm. The house is surrounded by a variety of mature trees. Outbuilding associated with horse farm are modern and are not noteworthy.

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

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:

This is an early and well-preserved 18th century house in Colts Neck, significant for its age, degree of architectural integrity, and association with early settlement of the township. The house exhibits the characteristic manner in which Monmouth County farmhouses expanded during the 18th century. Beginning with a one or two room cottage, the house was gradually enlarged, and eventually modified to a Georgian plan and formal arrangement. This house is notable for the detailing on the Georgian section (C), the large kitchen fireplace, and the early hardware in parts of the house.

Documentary evidence indicates that the farmhouse was built or expanded by the Van Brunt family in 1750. The portion of the house which pre-dates 1750 may have been a tenant farmhouse. In 1750, Nicholas Van Brunt (d. 1780) purchased a 600-acre tract of land in Shrewsbury Township from Richard Salter, James Alexander, and Lewis Morris, attorneys for Robert Hunter Morris (East Jersey Deed H-2 399; DB N102). The tract conveyed may have been part of the original Tinton Falls Iron Works land, owned by Morris’s father, Lewis Morris, the first governor of New Jersey and before that his great uncle Colonel Lewis Morris (Ellis 1885: 586-590). The tract Van Brunt purchased was bordered by Swimming River on the north, the highway from Shrewsbury to Middletown on the east, by the Falls River to the south, and on the west by the lands of James Grover. When Nicholas wrote his will in 1760 (which was probated in 1785), he conveyed the northeastern half his “plantation at the falls” to his son Nicholas and the southwestern half (which contained this house) to his son Hendrick after the death or remarriage of his wife, Geassey (or Geets) (Secretary of State Will Book 34: 101). Nicholas Van Brunt appeared in the 1780 Shrewsbury Tax Ratables with 600 acres of land. His sons also appeared in the ratables, but were not taxed on acreage (HMNJ 1975: 28-37). (SEE CONTINUATION SHEET).

ORIGINAL USE: Residence  
PRESENT USE: Residence

PHYSICAL CONDITION:
- Excellent [x]  - Good [ ]  - Fair [ ]  - Poor [ ]

REGISTER ELIGIBILITY:  
- Yes [x]  - Possible [ ]  - No [ ]

THREATS TO SITE:
- Roads [ ]  - Development [ ]  - Zoning [ ]  - Other [x]

COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:

1. Lightfoot map, 1851; Beers map, 1860; Beers Atlas, 1873; Wolverton Atlas, 1889.
4. Beekman, George C., Early Dutch Settlers of Monmouth County, New Jersey (Freehold 1901), p. 75.
6. Primary sources as cited in text.

RECORDED BY: James C. McCabe; 2001 update Robin French  
DATE: March 1981; October 2001
SURVEY: Monmouth County Historic Sites Inventory  
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System
Significance Continued:

The Van Brunts were a prominent family in Monmouth County. Hendrick Van Brunt was a Major in the Continental army during the Revolutionary War and he and other officers were imprisoned by Loyalists for several years (Beekman 1901:75). His brother, Nicholas was sheriff of the county during the war and served in other political posts. Hendrick died in 1797 and his property was left to his brother Nicholas and to the sons of third brother, Cornelius. An inventory of Hendrick's estate was taken and it totaled in value at 876 pounds. Among the many inventoried items were a silver watch, three guns, and two pictures along with several pieces of furniture, livestock, and farm goods. The inventory of the house was organized by room and indicated the presence of a two story building. The rooms listed included the kitchen, kitchen chamber, milk room, an entry room, cellar, a cellar "in front", front room, bedroom, room over entry, and rooms over the parlors (Secretary of State Files 7769-74).

In 1799, the Van Brunts heirs sold Hendrick's 263-acre plantation for $10,000 to Okey Hoagland of Burlington County. Three years later Hoagland sold a portion of the plantation (153 acres) to Ezra Black of Chesterfield Township, Burlington County. It is unknown if either Hoagland or Black occupied the property or rented it. Black sold the property to Luke Conrow in 1814 and Conrow and his family resided at the farm through the mid-19th-century. Aside from himself and his wife, 7 children and 4 other adults resided at the farm in 1840 (U.S. Population Census 1840). Conrow left the property to his daughter Sarah at his death in 1847, and she and her husband Edward Hance occupied the farm. Hance appeared as the owner on the 1851 and 1860 maps. Hance and his wife Sarah were listed in the 1850 population census with 8 children and a female domestic servant from Ireland. Their four elder boys, ages 16-23, were occupied as farmers as well. The estate was valued at $20,000 at that time.

In 1868, Hance's children sold the property to Benjamin C. Wikoff (1824-1913). He and his wife Lydia resided at the farm in the late 19th century and he appeared as the owner in the 1873 and 1889 atlases. Like the previous owners, Wikoff was a wealthy farmer. In 1870 his real estate was valued at $25,000 and his personal estate was $3,240 (U.S. population census 1870:39). His farm, included in the 1880 agricultural census, consisted of 125 acres of improved land (tilled or pasture), 18 of which were apple and peach orchards, and 25 acres of woodland. Most of the acreage was devoted to pasture, corn, and potato crops. Farm animals included horses, cattle, sheep, pigs and chickens (U.S. Productions of Agriculture 1880:3).

Wikoff died in 1913 and he and his wife (d. 1903) are buried at the Christ Church/Presbyterian Church cemetery in Shrewsbury. He left the farm to his son, Benjamin Frank Wikoff, who in 1928 subdivided and sold off the 153-acre estate. The dwelling and farm buildings were sold as a 20-acre tract to a series of owners from 1928 to 1933. The property came into the hands of Dr. Clarence and Margaret Combs in 1945. Dr. Combs was a veterinarian who ran a clinic in Shrewsbury (Thompson 1990:185). The Combs family currently own the property and raise racehorses.
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1750 Robert Hunter Morris, Richard Salter, James Alexander, and Lewis Morris to Nicholas Van Brunt (Cited in DB N102, deed recorded at state) DB H-2 399

1781 Nicholas Van Brunt to Hendrick Van Brunt (his son) (Cited in DB N 102, will recorded at state). Will written in 1760, recorded by the state in 1781. WB 34 101

1797 Hendrick Van Brunt to Nicholas and Hendrick Van Brunt (Cited in DB 102, will recorded at state) Will written in 1794, recorded by state in 1797. Will file #7769-44

1799 Nicholas and Hendrick Van Brunt et al to Okey Hoagland $10,000 for 263 acres (deed recorded in 1802) DB N 102

1802 Ezra Black of Chesterfield Twp. $8,000 for 153 acres DB N 100

1814 Ezra Black and wife to Luke Conrow DB X 167

1847 Luke Conrow to Sarah Hance Will E 207

(E. Hance appears on 1851 and 1860 map)

1868 R. Applegate, L. Hance et al ux to Benjamin C. Wikoff DB 201 439

1913 Benjamin C. Wikoff to Benjamin Frank Wikoff Will B55 292

1928 B. Frank and Elinor Lloyd Wikoff to Wikoff Farms, Inc. DB 1437 473 153 acre Wikoff Farm subdivided (“Map of Wikoff Farms, Tinton Falls, N.J. by George D. Cooper, C.E.”)

1928 Stephen H. and Jane Darrow Tallman (Nov. 3) (farm buildings, dwelling and lane) DB 1461 171

1928 Harriet Jordan Steinhart (Dec. 3) DB 1467 155

1929 Beatrice Van Brunt (Aug. 27) DB 1494 74

1929 Clarence and Harriet Steinhart (Aug. 29) DB 1494 76

1932 John Joseph and Mary A. Delaney DB 1598 103

1933 Mary Lane Holding Co. DB 1632 82
1938  Howard Corlies  DB 1780 466
1945  Clarence C. and Margaret Combs  DB .... 62
1997  Brian C. and Craig S. Combs (48% interest)  DB 5569 199
**HISTORIC NAME:** Hockhockson Farm  
**LOCATION:** 228 County Route 537 East  
0.4 mi. east of Hockhockson Road  
**MUNICIPALITY:** Colts Neck  
**USGS QUAD:** Marlboro/Long Branch

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**Additional Architectural Description:**

A. 2/3 Georgian plan main section, with 3 bays and 2 bay sections to the east. The three sections appear roughly contemporary. Decorative elements are concentrated in main section which has a modillion and dentil cornice, a full triangular pediment in the west gable, a round headed stainhall window with tracery on the south facade, wide side lights and a transom light with Gothic tracery frame at the doorway of the north facade. 12/12 sash windows with molded surrounds and paneled shutters on all 3 sections. The house was modernized in 1933, though the extent of the changes is not known.

B. Converted from 3 to 5 bays.

C. Long ell on east side is on concrete piers, probably of later construction than the main section.

A 2-story tenant house was also part of the original complex, which dates to the 2nd half of the 19th century. It is rectangular with a rear ell, has a concrete foundation, and a gable roof with an internal end chimney. It also was covered in natural wood shingle as of the 1981 survey. 2001 update: the exterior is covered with clapboard siding.
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:
Siting: House is aligned north-south, with an ample setback from the road. Situated with 13 other buildings on a 253 acre tract. (2001 update: the farm is reduced to 86 acres).
Topography: Flat.
Vegetation: Pasture; a variety of mature trees surround house.
Water: Small, man-made pond in front of lot, Hockhockson Brook forms rear line of lot.

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

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:
This complex includes a very good example of Georgian architecture in Monmouth County, as well as a large complement of later 19th century and early 20th century farm buildings. The stylistic expression of the house is unusually well developed for the Georgian Style in central Monmouth County, which is generally characterized by rather simple design. The wide sidewalks are similar to those found on the Covenhoven house (1309-10) in Colts Neck, and the Gothic tracery is also found on the Longstreet Farm in Holmdel. The complex of farm buildings is among the largest in the county, and is comprised of buildings primarily from the 19th century.

The Hockhockson farmhouse stands on land purchased by Benjamin Van Mater (1702-1775) in 1761 from John and Lucy Hartshorne (Monmouth County Deed I 255). Van Mater was 59 at the time of the purchase and the property may have been intended for his children. Benjamin Van Mater died in 1775, outliving his eldest son Jacob by a few months. The property came into the hands of his grandson Benjamin (1757-1817) (Jacob's eldest son), who already occupied the property according to the will (Secretary of State Will file 4347-50). The elder Benjamin left his own plantation to his other son, Cornelius.

Jacob B. Van Mater, great-grandson of the original Benjamin, was one of the administrators of his father Benjamin's estate after his death in 1817. (Benjamin Van Mater did not leave a will). Jacob B. lost the property to debt in 1829 and the property was sold at auction to Frederick F. Hardenburg of South Amboy for $8,720. (SEE CONTINUATION SHEET)

ORIGINAL USE: Residence
PRESENT USE: Residence

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent [x] Good [ ] Fair [ ] Poor [ ]
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes [x] Possible [ ] No [ ] Part of District [ ]
threats to site: Roads [ ] Development [ ] Zoning [ ] Deterioration [ ] No Threat [x] Other [ ]
COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:
2. Lightfoot map, 1851.
3. "Hockhockson Farm", New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory.
4. Ellis, Franklin, History of Monmouth County, New Jersey (Freehold 1885).
7. Primary resources as cited in text.

RECORDED BY: James C. McCabe; 2001 update Robin French
DATE: March 1981; October 2001
SURVEY: Monmouth County Historic Sites Inventory
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System
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HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-15

Hockhockson Farm

Significance Evaluation Continued:

The following year Hardenburgh sold the property to Edward A. Cook (more recently spelled "Cooke") of Somerset (Monmouth County Deed T2 104; X2 57). Thus began the long succession of ownership by the Cookes, a prominent family of physicians who used the property as a gentleman's farm.

Dr. Robert W. Cooke, a noted allergist, took possession of the property in 1833 (Monmouth County Deed C3 371). Cooke, who practiced medicine in New York, served as the president of the Monmouth Medical Society in 1838 and 1844 (Ellis 1885:321-22). Cooke appeared as the owner of the farm on the 1851 map, but the house appears to have been occupied by John S. Cooke (probably Robert's son) in the mid-19th century (U.S. Population Census 1850; Beers 1860). Robert Cooke also owned farms in Holmdel Township and was the first postmaster there (Ellis 1885:815). Another Cooke farm still stands on Middletown Rd. in Holmdel.

The house and outbuildings were insured in 1868 by the Holmdel Fire Insurance Company. The house was listed as a 30' by 36' structure, with a 20' by 26' kitchen and several farm buildings including the wagon shed 28' by 49' and the barn, 38' by 51', both of which remain extant.

R.W. Cooke's son, Dr. Henry G. Cooke later owned the property, but resided elsewhere. In 1874, the property was conveyed to Robert W. Cooke, Jr. who appeared in the 1870 population census for Atlantic Township, even though he owned several other houses in Holmdel Township. Cook, age 32, was listed as a farmer with $35,000 value in real estate and $4,000 value in personal estate. His wife, Hilda, was listed with him and their 1-year-old son, Robert along with a domestic servant and an Irish farm laborer and his wife. Cook appears in the 1880 agricultural census with 15 acres of improved land (he may have rented the rest). He farmed 5 acres of rye, 1 acre of sweet potatoes, as well as cultivating 2 acres of vineyards, from which he sold 500 lbs. of grapes, and he maintained an apiary. The remaining acreage was pasture.

Robert W. Cooke Jr.'s son Robert A. was a prominent allergist, who taught at the Cornell University Medical School and directed the Institute of Allergy at Roosevelt Hospital in New York City (Thompson 1990:36). His son, Robert A. Cooke, Jr. inherited the property at the death of his father in 1960 and he and his Brazilian-born wife resided on the property for many years, transforming the potato farm into successful Black Angus beef cattle farm. Cooke, has broken with this tradition by becoming a full-time farmer (Asbury Park Press n.d.).

2001 update: No major changes have been made to the buildings according to the owner, Robert Cooke.
CONTINUATION SHEET

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-15

Hockhockson Farm

Map:

Site Plan:

Scale: 1" = 200'
CONTINUATION SHEET

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-15

Hockhockson Farm

Barn (C); facing S. 1981 photograph.

Barn (C); facing N. 1981 photograph.
CONTINUATION SHEET

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-15

Hockhockson Farm

View; facing S.E. 1981 photograph.

Tenant House (D); facing S.W. 1981 photograph.
HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

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DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: Late 18th C.

Style: Georgian

Number of Stories: 2

Foundation: Fieldstone; brick; cinderblock

Exterior Wall Fabric: Shingle (2001 update: resided with synthetic siding)

Fenestration: 5 bay symmetrical

Roof/Chimneys: Gable; 2 ridge chimneys

Additional Architectural Description:

Full Georgian plan. The house may have been built in two sections, the eastern 3 bays the earlier side. Doorway enframent has Doric order pilasters surmounted by a full entablature and a triangular pediment. Broad sidelights and a semicircular fanlight with tracer frame the door. Has a new, unsympathetic metal door. Clapboard section below the sidelights may also be an alteration. 6/6 sash windows with simple molded surrounds. Has gable returns on the front wall only. Rear of house has been extended beneath a flaring eave.

2001 update: The house was resided with synthetic siding, but the door enframent and windows are intact.

PHOTO Negative File No. 6-12, 13*
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

House faces north, set well back from road. It is part of a large beef cattle farm, which includes nine (9) other structures, all modern.

2001 update: These structures lie east of the house and are subdivided from the house lot. The house itself now sits on a 2.42 acre lot.

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

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:

This substantial Georgian house was a country home and farm for Charles Haight, a Philadelphia merchant involved in the China trade during the late 18th century. The building reflects the high style influences of the Philadelphia area; the door enframement in particular is unusual for Colts Neck. The house remained in the Haight family during the 19th century as a number from the family took up permanent residence in the area. Members of the Haight family operated the General Store in the village of Colts Neck prior to 1864. Two Chinese porcelain vases brought by Haight from China are in the collection at the Monmouth County Historical Association in Freehold.

2001 update: The house has been somewhat compromised by the altering of the exterior wall fabric and the new subdivision surrounding it.

ORIGINAL USE: Residence

PHYSICAL CONDITION:  Excellent [ ]  Good [x]  Fair [ ]  Poor [ ]
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY:  Yes [x]  Possible [ ]  No [ ]  Part of District [ ]
THREATS TO SITE:  Roads [ ]  Development [ ]  Zoning [x]  Deterioration [ ]
No Threat [ ]  Other [x]  A new subdivision surrounds the house

REFERENCES:


RECORDED BY:  James C. McCabe; 2001 update Robin French
DATE:  March 1981; November 2001
SURVEY:  Monmouth County Historic Sites Inventory
ORGANIZATION:  Monmouth County Park System
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HISTORIC NAME:  
LOCATION: 291 County Route 537 E.
MUNICIPALITY: Colts Neck
USGS QUAD: Long Branch

DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: 1855-1865
Style: Italianate
Number of Stories: 2 1/2
Foundation: Brick
Exterior Wall Fabric: Clapboard
Fenestration: 5 bay symmetrical
Roof/Chimneys: Gable: slate roofing; 2 sets twin end chimneys, ell chimney

Additional Architectural Description:
An Italianate farmhouse, similar to two others in Colts Neck. Paired brackets in eaves, gable returns. 6/6 sash windows with pronounced gable cornices. Side and transom lights frame recessed doorway, with a robust columned portico. If the rear section is an earlier section, it has been obscured by later changes.

PHOTO Negative File No. 5-13, 14

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-17
COMMON NAME: Colts Neck Stables
BLOCK/LOT: 40/5.01
COUNTY: Monmouth
OWNER/ADDRESS:
Source of Date: Stylistic
Architect:
Builder:
Form/Plan Type: Rectangle, with rear ell

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

Faces south on small rise on a four acre lot, set well back from road. Mature trees dot the yard in front of the house. Two small frame sheds are in the rear.

2001 update: The house sits on a 5.02 acre lot.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

- Urban [ ]
- Suburban [x]
- Scattered Buildings [ ]
- Open Space [x]
- Woodland [ ]
- Residential [x]
- Agricultural [x]
- Village [ ]
- Industrial [ ]
- Commercial [ ]
- Highway Commercial [ ]
- Other [ ]

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:

This is typical of the substantial farmhouses that were built in Colts Neck during the 1850's and '60's, a growth period of Monmouth County agriculture. Similar buildings include #1309-2-2, and #1309-26 (demolished). The house is well situated on a small rise with mature trees, and an ample setback. It was owned by F. Johnson during the 2nd half of the 19th century.

2001 update: The house is occupied by tenants who work at the horse farm to the east of the house. The house is intact, although it has suffered from general neglect (i.e. broken windows). A new subdivision lies to the west of the house.

REFERENCES:

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

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HISTORIC NAME: Stoutenburgh-Van Syckle Farm
LOCATION: 55 Mine Brook (formerly 157 County Rt. 537 West)
MUNICIPALITY: Colts Neck
USGS QUAD: Marlboro

COMMON NAME: Ride Proud Farm
BLOCK/LOT: 45.3/1, VQ, 2
COUNTY: Monmouth
OWNER/ADDRESS:

DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: c. 1930
Source of Date: Ref. 7

Style: Colonial Revival alteration
Architect:

Number of Stories: 2 1/2
Builder:

Foundation: Brick, concrete wing
Form/Plan Type: Rectangle with wing on west side

Exterior Wall Fabric: Wood shingle

Fenestration: 5 bays by 2 bays

Roof/Chimneys: Gable; 2 external end chimneys

Additional Architectural Description:
Colonial Revival house, 5 bays by 2 bays with wing on the west side, 6/1 sash windows, a Georgian Revival door enframingment with a broken pediment, and external chimneys. While it is possible that the building was built entirely in the 20th century, the asymmetrical fenestration and the unusual placement of the doorway indicate earlier construction. House may have been substantially rebuilt from older farmhouse on the site.

PHOTO Negative File No. 6-9, 10, 11
MAP (Indicate North)
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

The house faces north, with a substantial setback from the road, on an agricultural lot of 134.5 acres. A large barn complex is behind the house. The approach to the house is lined with mature sycamores, and marked at the road by 2 large stone gate posts.

2001 update: The house now sits on a 7.615-acre lot. The driveway has been cross cut by the newer road configuration (Mine Brook Road). The stretch of the driveway with the sycamores is abandoned, but the trees remain intact. The barn complex behind the house was constructed in sections and added to over time. A central portion appears to date to the 19th century. July 2002 update: the barn complex burned down.

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

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:

The house is representative of a large number of farms in Monmouth County that underwent substantial Colonial Revival renovations in the 20th century to become a gentleman’s farm. The origins of the farm itself date to the late 18th century and records show a large farm complex stood on property in the 19th century. The large setback and the tree-lined drive made the house and barns a dramatic presence along County Route 537, prior to the subdivision of the property and suburban development beginning in 1981. The agricultural land which formerly surrounded it, primarily in truck crops, extended the entire stretch between Hominy Hill Road and Mercer Road and established the character of that section of the heavily traveled county road. Although the house remains intact, the landscape surrounding the house has been altered with new development, a new street pattern and the abandonment of the tree-lined driveway.

The property was held by a series of families and by those who used the property for tenant farming. The Stoutenburgh family were the originally owners beginning in the late 18th century and extending until 1851. Benjamin Van Mater purchased the property in 1862 and his descendants resided on the property until the turn of the century. Frank Van Syckle, who bought the property at auction during the depression, made several changes to the buildings on the property and retained ownership until the late 1960’s.

See Continuation Sheet for more detailed historical information.

ORIGINAL USE: Residence  PRESENT USE: Vacant (2001 update: 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 land surrounding the house has been subdivided and roads constructed in the year since the initial field notes were taken in March of 1981. The house itself appears to be unthreatened, and was renovated c. 1980.

REFERENCES:
1. Lightfoot map, 1851.
2. Beers map, 1861.
5. Deeds on file at Monmouth County Hall of Records, Freehold, NJ.

SURVEY: Monmouth County Historic Sites Inventory
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System
CONTINUATION SHEET

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-18

Stoutenburgh-Van Syckle Farm

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION CONTINUED:
Historical Background:

The chain-of-title for this property extends back to the late 18th century when the land was purchased by Stephen Stoutenburgh (Monmouth County Deed G2 325). In his will, dated 1818, he states that his real estate was to be sold when youngest daughter reaches age 18 and that the "family to continue to live together" on the farm (Monmouth Will B 74). His son John L. Stoutenburgh, a chosen freeholder of Atlantic Township in 1849-50, occupied the property until 1851, when it was sold by Elizabeth Ann Stoutenburgh, the surviving executor of Stephen's estate, out of the family. John D. Forman was the buyer of the 170-acre farm and soon after resold it to David Baird. Baird occupied the property until 1861 (Monmouth County Deeds R5 155; Z5 29; Beers 1861).

Benjamin Van Mater purchased the property in 1862 and insured the buildings in 1863 (Monmouth County Deed 164 93; Holmdel Mutual Fire Insurance Co. 1862). The house was listed as a 26' by 32.5' structure with an attached kitchen and an assortment of farm-related outbuildings, including a new 32' by 88' barn. His father, John Van Mater, lived east of Benjamin's farm towards Colts Neck Village. Benjamin appears to have died in at a young age and his property was given to his brother John Van Mater, Jr., who served as guardian to Benjamin's son Charles. John continued to insure the property into the 1880s and appeared as the owner in the 1873 Beers Atlas. By 1889, Charles occupied the property (Wolverton 1889). Benjamin's wife Ann Eliza and his son Charles (who later moved to the Atlantic Highlands) sold the property in 1898 (Monmouth Deed 606 354). The farmhouse then appears to be occupied by a series of tenants, some of whom later became owners. Joseph Brakely, who operated a cannery in Freehold owned the property in the 1920's.

Elizabeth Makin Thompson asserts in Colts Neck, Old Homes and Families that the original house was moved onto another part of the property and occupied by tenant employees of the farm (Thompson 1990:30). (That house was reported to have burned down c. 1976). Frederick Van Syckle, who purchased the property in 1930, and may have occupied the property prior to that date, is credited with building the main house standing today (Monmouth Deed 1550 308). Van Syckle, who owned car dealerships and two banks, resided at the farm with wife and son. He died a resident of Perth Amboy in 1968. The property was sold by Van Syckle's son to Jerry Salamone in 1972 who owned the house until 1981, when it was renovated and sold to Harold and Eleanor Rover. At that time the farm was subdivided and new houses were built around the house and outbuildings. The Rovers sold the house the current owners in 1996 (Monmouth Deeds 3770 140; 4333 165; 5543 871).
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1996  Albert and Kathy Diantonio
       DB 5543 871

1981  Harold V. and Eleanor H. Rover
       DB 4333 165

       (Frank Van Syckle died as a resident of Perth Amboy in 1968, property sold for $460,000)
       DB 3770 140

1930  William R. O’Brien, Sheriff to Frank Van Syckle
       (Michael J. Tansey, defendant, Van Syckle bid $6,500)
       DB 1550 308

1927  Michael J. Tansey, of Newark
       DB 1422 389

1922  Joseph Brakely, Inc.
       DB 1174 183

1919  Edward J. Rinehan of Naugatuck, Connecticut
       (“farm or plantation formerly the property of Stephen Stoutenburgh, dec.”)
       DB 1095 35

1919  Garret W. Buck, widower of Atlantic
       DB 1081 43

1898  Heirs to William W. Taylor of Holmdel
       DB 606 354

1862  Benjamin Van Mater
       DB 164 93
       (134 95/100 acres “all that part of Stephen Stoutenburgh’s farm south of Colts Neck Road”)

1853  David Baird
       DB Z5 29

1851  Elizabeth Ann Stoutenburgh, exec. to John D. Forman
       DB R5 155
       (170 acres, being the property of Stephen Stoutenburgh, dec. (1818), lately in the occupation of John L. Stoutenburgh) (John L. was chosen freeholder in Atlantic Twp. for 1849-50 and may have owned a store in Colts Neck village - Ellis 1885: 666).

1818  Will of Stephen Stoutenburgh
       Will B 74
       (Real estate to be sold when youngest daughter reaches age 18 – “family to continue to live together” David Craig and Elizabeth Ann Stoutenburgh, administrators).

1796  ½ of property John and Sarah Shaw to Stephen Stoutenburgh
       DB G2 325
       ½ of property inherited by Hannah Lawrence, wife of Stephen Stoutenburgh
       (150 acres for 750 pounds. James and Elizabeth Hendrickson sold a deed of mortgage to Thomas Shaw in 1785. Thomas Shaw died and John Shaw of Hardwick, Sussex Co. was the heir. The other equal undivided ¼ part belonged to Hannah Lawrence who hath since intermarried with Stoutenburgh. (1790 sheriff’s deed ?) *This deed was not recorded until 1823).
CONTINUATION SHEET

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-18

House; facing S.E. 1981 photograph.

Barns; facing S.E. 1981 photograph.
**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE**
**INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM**

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**DESCRIPTION**

- **Construction Date:** c. 1867; elements of earlier dwelling within core of house (see below)
- **Style:** French Second Empire
- **Number of Stories:** 3
- **Foundation:** Fieldstone and brick
- **Exterior Wall Fabric:** Clapboard (cedar)
- **Fenestration:** 5 bay symmetrical
- **Roof/Chimneys:** Mansard; 2 sets twin end chimneys with terra cotta chimney pots

**Source of Date:** Stylistic

**Architect:**

**Builder:**

**Form/Plan Type:** Center hall plan, with porch on 3 sides, partially enclosed; large rear wing

**Additional Architectural Description:**

The existing house was built about 1867 around the core of an early 19th century dwelling. Some hand-hewn timber framing, fieldstone foundations and pine plank floors from the original building survive in the house, which was expanded and renovated in the French Second Empire Style. Character-defining features include wide bracketed eaves above a paneled frieze; 2/2 sash windows, with a paired central window and bracketed cornices, on the second floor; French doors on first floor; a double doorway with a segmental head transom light; and a bracketed wraparound porch with slotted posts. The mansard roof with cast iron roof cresting were removed in 1951 and replaced with a hip roof, which existed at the time of the 1981 survey (photograph below). 2004 update: The house was restored in 2004, and the mansard roof with cupola was reconstructed. The owners and their architect used historical photographs as models for the restoration. The ornate cast iron fence has been removed since the time of the original survey, and is in storage for safekeeping.

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

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

Faces south on a large lot, with substantial setback from the road. The front of the lot is marked by an ornate cast iron Victorian fence, in poor condition.

2001 update: The fence was removed and is stored in a shed behind the house awaiting restoration. The circular driveway in front of the house is no longer in use. A modern driveway lies to east of the house. The house sits on a five-acre lot. An in-ground pool lies behind the house.

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

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:

After its recent restoration by the current owners, the Ryall House is one of the best remaining examples of the French Second Empire Style in Monmouth County, retaining a high degree of its historic fabric and design features.

Historically the farm was known as the Stoutenborough Farm, owned and occupied by Captain John Stoutenborough (1754-1839) and his wife Catherine Holmes (1765-1838), who bought the 170-acre lot of land from David and Catherine Vanderveer in 1797 (Monmouth County Deed V3 86) and resided on the farm until their deaths. The Stoutenboroughs probably built the original section of the house (see Architectural Description). Portraits of the Stoutenboroughs are at the Monmouth County Historical Association in Freehold. Stoutenborough instructed his executors in his will to sell his house and farm (occupied by Abraham Johnston at the time Stoutenborough wrote his will in 1838). The property was sold to Hendrick Longstreet in 1842, who the following year sold it to John Longstreet (1790-1847), a son-in-law of John Stoutenborough (Monmouth County Will D 219; Monmouth County Deeds E4 363; H4 275).

Judge Daniel B. Ryall purchased the farm in 1850 from Hendrick H. and John S. Longstreet, who were the administrators for John Longstreet (Monmouth County Deed N5 474). An advertisement for the sale was placed in the February 28, 1850 issue of the Monmouth Democrat newspaper, which described the property as consisting of 240 acres (60 acres of which were woodland), a good two-story dwelling house, barn, wagon house, and other outbuildings. Also on the property were two apple orchards, and two peach orchards, which together contained 4,000 trees as well as other fruit bearing trees. (SEE CONTINUATION SHEET).

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 fence is awaiting future restoration; the house is well maintained.

REFERENCES:
2. Lightfoot map, 1851.
5. Information from the owner, November 2001.
8. Primary sources as cited in text.

SURVEY: Monmouth County Historic Sites Inventory
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System
CONTINUATION SHEET

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-19

Thomas W. Ryall House

(SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION CONTINUED):
The Honorable Judge Daniel Bailey Ryall (1798-1864), formerly a state and U.S. representative, owned the house from 1850 until his death in 1864, leaving the property to his three children. Thomas Wall Ryall became the sole owner in 1867 and is likely responsible for renovating the house in the Second Empire architectural style in the 1860s (Monmouth County Deed Book 202 177). Ryall was active locally and contributed to the building of Freehold's first firehouse in 1874, as a donor to the Freehold Lyceum Library and Reading Room in 1883, and serving on the committee of the Monmouth Battle Monument Association (Ref. 6).

Ryall appeared in the 1880 agricultural census with 190 improved acres and 50 acres of forest. His farm was valued at $30,000 and employed at least 4 farm laborers. He farmed the usual array of crops and kept as many 10 horses at the farm (Production of Agriculture 1880:10).

Ryall lost the property in 1894 and the house was sold at auction to Hugh Brien (Monmouth County Deed 536 389). The property changed hands a few times in the early 20th century; one of the owners was Joseph Brakely, owner of a cannery in Freehold (#1314-34). Nell Crusius bought the estate in 1929 and resided there with her husband Dr. Edward Crusius into the mid-20th century (Monmouth County Deed 1493 423). The Crusius family is thought to have removed the third floor in 1951, installing the hip roof above the second floor (Ref. 1).

The interior of the house is decorated in a Victorian style, with a Renaissance Revival style parlor, twin marble fireplaces, brass and crystal chandeliers, among other details. Information about the interior of the house and historical aspects are courtesy of the 2001 owner, Chris McKenna. The house adjacent to this house (#1309-20), was a service residence for the estate.
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**DESCRIPTION**

- **Construction Date:** C. 1870
- **Style:** Victorian Vernacular
- **Number of Stories:** 2 1/2
- **Foundation:** Brick
- **Exterior Wall Fabric:** Clapboard
- **Fenestration:** 3 bay asymmetrical
- **Roof/Chimneys:** Intersecting gable; 1 internal ridge chimney

**Additional Architectural Description:**

General characteristics include a picturesque plan with steeply pitched roofs of patterned slate. Terra cotta chimney caps. 2/2 sash windows with gabled cornices and peaked drip moldings. Full porch with "punched" millwork trim. Enclosure of the sections of porch along the sides of the house a later alteration.
Siting, Boundary Description, and Related Structures:
Faces south, with substantial setback from road. Approach is flanked by an assortment of large deciduous trees.

Surrounding Environment:
- Urban [ ]
- Suburban [X]
- Scattered Buildings [ ]
- Open Space [X]
- Woodland [ ]
- Residential [X]
- Agricultural [X]
- Village [ ]
- Industrial [ ]
- Commercial [ ]
- Highway Commercial [ ]
- Other [ ]

Significance Evaluation:
This is a good example of pattern book Victorian architecture. The house was service quarters for the large T.W. Ryall estate on the adjacent lot (#1309-19). The generous setback, and the mature tree growth do much to enhance the setting.

Original Use: Residence
Present Use: Residence

Physical Condition:
- Excellent [ ]
- Good [X]
- Fair [ ]
- Poor [ ]

Register Eligibility:
- Yes [ ]
- Possible [ ]
- No [X]
- Part of District [ ]

Threats to Site:
- Roads [ ]
- Development [ ]
- Zoning [ ]
- Deterioration [ ]
- No Threat [X]
- Other [ ]


References:
1. Beers map, 1860.

Recorded by: James C. McCabe; 2001 update Robin French
Survey: Monmouth County Historic Sites Inventory
Organization: Monmouth County Park System

Date: March 1981; October 2001
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE  
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM  
HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-21

HISTORIC NAME: Marcellus House  
LOCATION: 301 County Route 537 West  
MUNICIPALITY: Colts Neck  
USGS QUAD: Marlboro

DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: 1840's  
Style: Italianate, with Colonial Revival modifications
Number of Stories: 2 1/2  
Foundation: Brick
Exterior Wall Fabric: Brick, painted  
Fenestration: 5 bay symmetrical

Source of Date: see below
Architect:  
Builder:  
Form/Plan Type: Rectangular, with small rear ell

Additional Architectural Description:
The general proportions, and the window size and shape, suggest early 19th century construction. The bracketed eaves and round arch window in the east gable end reflect Italianate design. The door enframement and Colonial Revival portico, and the general lack of chimneys indicate early 20th century alterations.

2001 update: No changes have been made to the house, although it is in disrepair and has sustained some damage in recent years. A tree fell onto the sunroom on the western façade and the pagoda standing on the east side of the house fell down. Some of the wood was salvaged and the owner intends to reconstruct it.

PHOTO Negative File No. 4-9, 10*

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

Faces northwest, with ample setback, on a 17.51-acre lot. The approach to the house is framed by a variety of deciduous and coniferous growth. Four deteriorating barns are in the rear of the lot, more are noteworthy.

2001 update: A wagon house is the only remaining outbuilding; it is in fair condition. The property was divided into 3 lots totaling 19.84 acres. The front yard has grown over and the front facade is mostly obscured by trees.

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

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:

Set back from the road on a small rise, this elegant brick farmhouse was one of the most substantial residences in the area when it was constructed, since brick was an uncommon building material in central Monmouth County. The house is framed by mature deciduous and coniferous growth, which enhances its formal appearance.

The house was built by Adam V. Marcellus, who was originally from New York and purchased the farm property at auction for $6,000 in 1849 (Monmouth County Deeds H5 78). Marcellus (1809-1882) and his wife Catherine moved their young children to the farm where he also employed and housed two Irish farm laborers in 1850 (U.S. Population Census 1850). Adam Marcellus was a wealthy farmer whose real estate was valued at $20,000 and his personal estate valued at $5,000 in the 1870 population census.

The house and outbuildings were insured by the Holmdel Mutual Fire Insurance Company in 1868, which listed the dimensions of the house as 32' by 40', with an 18' by 26' kitchen and a long list of farm buildings, including a 30' by 50' barn, 22' by 50' cow barn, 26' by 38' wagon house, and several smaller outbuildings. Marcellus' farm appeared in the 1880 agricultural census with 160 improved acres, 3 acres of orchards and 37 acres of woodland. He kept a mixture of horses, cattle, a herd of sheep, pigs, and 80 chickens. His farm produced butter, wool, eggs, Indian corn, wheat, rye, oats, Irish potatoes, wood, and apples (U.S. Production of Agriculture 1880:14).

(SEE CONTINUATION SHEET)

ORIGINAL USE: Residence  
PRESENT USE: Residence

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

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

THREATS TO SITE:  
- Roads  
- Development [X]  
- Zoning  
- Deterioration [X]  
- Other  

REFERENCES:
1. Lightfoot map, 1851; Beers map, 1860; Beers Atlas, 1873.
2. Ellis, Franklin, History of Monmouth County, New Jersey (1885), pp. 239, 353.
5. Primary sources as cited in text.

RECORDED BY: James C. McCabe; update Gail Hunton & Robin French  
DATE: March 1981; 2001, 2004
SURVEY: Monmouth County Historic Sites Inventory
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System
CONTINUATION SHEET

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-21

Marcellus House

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION CONTINUED:

Vedder Marcellus (b. 1867), Adam and Catherine's youngest son, inherited the farm in 1882 (Will O 240). He studied dentistry in Philadelphia and moved to Manasquan to establish a practice (Lewis Historical Publishing Co. 1922:67). He and his wife Mary C. sold the 200-acre farm in 1912 to Edgar L. and Sidney Smith of New York City. The Smiths sold the property to Anna Lewis of Philadelphia in 1915, all of whom seem to have either rented the house and property or used it for a summer home. In 1931, the property was conveyed to James O'Day of New York City (Monmouth County Deeds 938 324; 1008 480; 1555 3). O'Day and other family members occupied the farm calling it the "Dawn O'Day Farm" (Thompson 1990:71). The property was sold in the fall of 1944 to William and Mary Tymesko and the property gradually was reduced in size (Monmouth County Deed 1977 92). The Tymesko's daughter, Luci B. DeAnglis currently occupies the house.

Note: Prior to the Marcellus ownership, this farm was owned by the Craig family, but the location of the earlier dwelling is not known. In 1804 Captain David Craig purchased 200 acres of land on the south side of the road from Shrewsbury to Freehold (Route 537), and a tract of woodland from John and Elizabeth Van Mater (Monmouth County Deed X 603). Craig previously resided in Freehold where he was postmaster in 1798. He also served as captain of the Freehold company which was called up by Thomas Jefferson in 1807 when the country almost went to war with England (Ellis 1885:239). Craig, and his wife Margaret, occupied the property and raised 6 children on the farm. He was taxed in 1808 on 180 acres of improved land in Shrewsbury Township, 4 horses, 9 cattle, and a wagon (Tax Ratables 1808). He remained a civic-minded individual as a member of the Monmouth County Bible Society in 1817 (Ellis 1885:353). Craig died in 1821 and the property was left to his wife and children. In 1843, after the death of Margaret, the surviving son, David D. Craig, sold the property at auction to El Nathan Field. Field apparently lost the property when he failed to cover the mortgage and the property was sold in 1849 to Adam V. Marcellus of New York.
HISTORIC NAME: Creamery Rd., over Yellow Brook
LOCATION: Creamery Rd. Bridge
COMMON NAME: Creamery Rd. Bridge
BLOCK/LOT: Creamery Rd. right of way
COUNTY: Monmouth
OWNER/ADDRESS:

DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: Early 20th c.
Source of Date: Visual

Style:
Number of Stories:
Foundation:
Exterior Wall Fabric:
Fenestration:
Roof/Chimneys:
Additional Architectural Description:
Single span, Warren pony truss bridge with a wooden deck and riveted construction. Abutments are wooden frames with loose fill, with supplemental support from concrete pilings. Span receives additional support from wooden pilings.

PHOTO Negative File No. 3-22, 23
MAP (Indicate North)
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:
On a lightly traveled lane, over a small brook.

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

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:
This is typical of the small steel truss bridges that could be purchased by the highway departments from a catalog. Bridges of this type were once fairly common in Monmouth County, but they have become increasingly rare as the population and the traffic flow have expanded. The bridge is unusual in that it still retains its wooden deck.

2001 update: Original bridge is no longer extant.

ORIGINAL USE: Bridge  
PRESENT USE: Bridge replaced

PHYSICAL CONDITION:  
- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor [x]

REGISTER ELIGIBILITY:  
- Yes
- Possible
- No [x]
- Part of District
- Deterioration

THREATS TO SITE:  
- Roads
- Development [x]
- Zoning
- Other [x] demolished
- No Threat

COMMENTS: Some rusting, the bridge has auxiliary support systems.

REFERENCES:

RECORDED BY: James C. McCabe  
DATE: March 1980

SURVEY: Monmouth County Historic Sites Inventory
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System