HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC NAME:  

LOCATION: 28 Crine Road

MUNICIPALITY: Colts Neck
USGS QUAD: Marlboro

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: 2nd half 18th century

Style: Traditional

Number of Stories: 2

Foundation: Fieldstone

Exterior Wall Fabric: Wood shingle (2001 update: asphalt shingle replacement)

Fenestration: 4 over 5 bays

Roof/Chimneys: Gable; 2 internal end chimneys

Additional Architectural Description:
West side ell is probably the earliest section of the house. It has an exposed hearth back, now cemented over, and small, knee wall, 2nd floor windows. Large block is 2 full stories, with 6/6 sash windows. Entry was originally on the south side of the house, and is now obscured by an enclosed porch.

2001 update: The windows have been replaced with 1/1 sash. Siding and shutters were also replaced.

PHOTO  Negative File No.  2-34, 35*

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-23

COMMON NAME:  

BLOCK/LOT: 13/19

COUNTY: Monmouth

OWNER/ADDRESS:  

Source of Date: Stylistic

Architect:  

Builder:  

Form/Plan Type: Square with ell on west side, and enclosed porch on south side

MAP (Indicate North)
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:
Faces north on open, 5 1/2 acre lot, down a light grade from the road. Two derelict outbuildings are also on the lot.

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

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:
This house is typical of the size and form of farmhouses in central Monmouth County during the late 18th and early 19th century. It is unusual in that it has not been incorporated into a larger house. It was owned by H.W. Sickles in 1851 and 1860, and by G. Archibald in 1873, and by J. Bucklin in 1889.

2001 update: Most of the exterior elements have been replaced.

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 □  
No Threat [x]  Other □

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; October 2001
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:
Siting: House and farmstead are situated on a small rise on a lot of 3.64 acres.
Topography: Slightly rolling hills, generally flat.
Vegetation: Scattered deciduous trees in yard.
Water: A branch of Big Brook flows 1000' to the north

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

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:
This is a well-maintained, generally complete, 19th century farmstead. The house is a good example of a Greek Revival farmhouse with a 1 1/2 story original section, a fairly common combination in central Monmouth County. Although the current acreage of the site is small, it is free from intrusions and provides some balance to the creeping suburbanization that surrounds it. The farmstead is in the courtyard plan, which is common to central Monmouth County.

2001 update: The house is well maintained and appears to mostly unaltered since the 1981 survey. The smokehouse has been demolished. A small frame dwelling was built east of the shed. The property is currently for sale.

ORIGINAL USE: Farm and residence  
PRESENT USE: Horse farm and 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

REFERENCES:
1. Lightfoot map, 1851.

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
**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE**  
**BUILDING COMPLEX SURVEY FORM**

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                Cr. of Lenape Terrace | BLOCK/LOT: | 17/17 |
| MUNICIPALITY: | Colts Neck          | COUNTY:      | Monmouth    |
| USGS QUAD:    | Marlboro            | OWNER/ADDRESS: |             |
|               |                     | NEG. FILE #: | 3-14, 15, 16, 17* |

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**Additional Architectural Description:**

A. 5 bay "P" house with Greek Revival details including a classical cornice with a plain frieze and gable returns, louvered quarter fans in gable end, 6/6 sash windows with cornices, a transom light above the doorway and a classical, 3 bay enclosed porch. The ell predates the main section. It is 1 1/2 stories, with a partially enclosed porch and small attic windows.

B. Large central entryway. Built into bank with smaller barn connected to east side.

2001 update: The transom window has four lights. Shutters are not original.
Site Plan: 2001 update: Smokehouse was demolished.
House (A); facing N.E. 1981 photograph.

Work Shed and Smokehouse (2001 update: demolished); facing S.W. 1981 photograph.
Barn (B) and sheds; facing N.E. 1981 photograph.

Barn (B); facing S.W. 1981 photograph.
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**Additional Architectural Description:**

A. House was built in three sections. The large cooking fireplace (now cabinets) faces into the lean-to section (A), indicating that it was the original section, or replaced the original section of the house, which could have been built as early as the late 17th century. The 1 1/2 story section (B) was added during the early 18th century; the fenestration has been altered to accommodate larger 6/6 sash windows. The second floor has sliding 2-light windows. The main block (C) was built during the mid-18th century, and features a two-thirds Georgian Plan. It has an enclosed stairway, 9/6 sash windows with plain surrounds, eaves flush with the end wall, and a small four light transom above the door. A cement block stove chimney has been built adjacent to the door on the front facade.

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B. The barn is built on a Dutch, H-type frame, and has an English plan. Has a new concrete foundation. The barn which intersects with it has stalls and a hay loft, it was built during the middle or late 19th century.

C. The tenant house (now demolished) had balloon framing.

The property also contained a corn crib, which was a 1-story frame structure on stone piers with vertical slat siding and a gable roof.

2001 update: Several of the outbuildings have been demolished (see Site Plan) or modified. Windows and shutters have been added to the barns. Concrete porches added to the southern facade of the house and shutters were added to the windows.
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:
Siting: House faces south on a 96 acre lot; it faces into the farmyard. (2001 update: 39 of the former 96 acre tract are owned by Colts Neck Twp.)
Topography: Flat of gently rolling, drops steeply on north to Big Brook.
Vegetation: Deciduous windbreak forms west side of yard, complex is surrounded by pasture and grasses. Woodland along east side of lot.
Water: Big Brook flows approximately 20 yards behind the house.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

- Urban [ ]
- Suburban [ ]
- Scattered Buildings [X]

- Open Space [ ]
- Woodland [ ]
- Residential [ ]
- Agricultural [X]
- Village [ ]

- Industrial [ ]
- Commercial [ ]
- Highway Commercial [ ]
- Other [ ]

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:

This is a very important Colts Neck farmstead. It is the earliest, or one the earliest farms of the Smock family, Dutch settlers from Long Island who came to Monmouth County in the late 17th century, and remained in that family until the 20th century. The house and barn illustrate the mixing of Dutch and English building traditions that occurred in Monmouth County during the 18th century. The house combines a Dutch-framed ell section with a 2/3 Georgian, side hall plan main section. The barn, which appears in overall form to be an English barn, utilizes a Dutch H-type framing system. The complex itself illustrates the evolutionary character of farmstead development. The barn is a general-purpose type, which under 18th century farming practices contained most farm functions. The corn crib and other later buildings in the complex reflect the specialization of building function that accompanied changes in farm practices. The balloon frame tenant house illustrates dimension lumber in the mid-19th century. The building complex, the surrounding agricultural lands, and the Crine/Hillsdale Roads comprise one of the more unspoiled agricultural landscapes in Monmouth County.

2001 update: The complex has lost some important buildings, including the tenant house, corn crib, and wagon house (which has been replaced with a garage). The house and barn remained intact but have been altered. (SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS)

ORIGINAL USE: Farm and residence
PRESENT USE: Farm and residence

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

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

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

COMMENTS: The Hillsdale Road area is seriously threatened by encroaching suburbanization from the northeast.

REFERENCES:
1. Lightfoot map, 1851;
2. Wolverton Atlas, 1889;
3. Ellis, Franklin, History of Monmouth County (1885), p. 676.
4. R.D. Farr to James McCabe, April 1982;

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. 1309-25

Smock Family Farm

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION CONTINUED: PAGE 1

The Smock Family Farm stands on land owned by Samuel Holmes (d. 1762) in the mid-18th-century (as per Colonial Conveyance K-2 388). Holmes owned several hundred acres in northwest Atlantic Township, formerly part of Freehold Township. Holmes and his descendants, notably his son Asher Holmes, are thought to have resided at an estate called "Scotschester", an estate which included the Smock Family Farm. Hendrick Smock (1749-1814), born and raised in Holmdel, came to Freehold Township and received a portion of the Holmes land in the period between 1773-1790, although a record of conveyance could not be found in state and county records (Smock 1922:25). Smock's occupancy of the land was confirmed with primary documentation of neighboring properties (Monmouth County Mortgages B 40; B 210).

Hendrick Smock was politically active in Lower Freehold Township as of 1774. He served on a committee from the township to support the repeal of the Boston Port Bill (Nelson and Honeyman 1917:413). He also served as a member of the New Jersey General Assembly from 1777-9 (Ellis 1885: 108; Smock 1922:25). As a Revolutionary war captain, Smock was captured by the British at Sandy Hook in 1780 and sent to New York (Nelson 1914: 603).

Smock appeared in the 1784 Freehold tax ratables with 290 improved acres. In 1810, Hendrick and his wife Sarah sold 140 acres of land lying on both sides of Hop Brook to their 2nd eldest son, Aaron for $6,500 (Monmouth County Deed S 532). Aaron Smock (1783-1835), married Sarah C. Schenck in 1804 and they began having children before acquiring the property in 1810 (Miles 1981:75). Continuing in the military tradition of his father and grandfather, Aaron Smock was a soldier in the War of 1812 (MCHA papers). He and his wife were members of the Dutch Reformed Church in Marlboro; he served as a deacon and elder of the church for several years. Aaron was well known in the area and his neighbors called him by his nickname "Orrie". An avid agriculturist, he used natural marl deposits on his farm to great benefit and was the originator of a hardy type of peach, known as the Smock peach. He also helped introduce the "Orange Pippin" apple, developed by his cousin in Bound Brook. In addition to orcharding, he was a successful sheep farmer, shipping lamb each spring via Keyport to New York City (Lewis Historical Publishing Co. 1922:334-5; Misc. Family Name Collection -MCHA). His portrait is in the museum of the Monmouth County Historical Association.

Aaron Smock died without a will in 1835 and his farm was divided into ninths between the heirs by the Orphan's Court (Monmouth County Surrogate file # 21935). Aaron's inventory recorded items in the following rooms: storeroom, bedroom, front room, small bedroom, upstairs hallway, front room upstairs, kitchen, milking room, and cellar. A barn and cobbled house also stood on the property. His "moveable property" was offered for sale in 1835, which included livestock, farm implements, household and kitchen furniture, and crops in the field (Monmouth Democrat 1835).

Over the years, each of Aaron's heirs conveyed their claim to the property (1/9 share) to Daniel Polhemus Smock, Aaron's third son, who became sole owner in 1854. Daniel Polhemus Smock (1811-1896) first married Ann Schenck (1820-1842), daughter of DeLafayette Schenck, owner of the house on Rt. 34 (MCHSI # 1309-43) in 1838. His second marriage was to Sarah Jane Dubois (1824-1900) of Ohio, granddaughter of Rev. Benjamin Dubois, a prominent clergyman of the Dutch Reformed Church of Monmouth County. D.P. Smock carried on his father's farming tradition, perfecting the Smock peach, and employed progressive farming practices. He traveled extensively and was one of the first passengers on the Camden and Amboy steam railroad. He was also a profoundly religious man, who did not work or permit others to work on his farm on Sundays (Lewis Historical Publishing Co. 1922:335-6).

D.P. Smock insured the property several times with the Holmdel Mutual Fire Insurance Company in 1860s and 70s. The house was recorded as 28' by 31', with a 26' by 28' kitchen. Among the outbuildings insured was a smokehouse and an ash house, as well as the 34' by 44' barn, which still stands. According to the 1880 agricultural census, Smock kept a mixture of livestock, including 30 head of sheep. He also produced apples from 12 acres of orchards as well as other crops (U.S. Production of Agriculture 1880:10). (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2).
SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION CONTINUED: Page 2
He resided at the farm for the duration of his life. After his death the farm was sold out of the family in 1897 and was tenant-farmed for much of the 20th century (Thompson 1990:113-4). The farm was later reduced to 96 acres, 39 of which are owned by the township (Monmouth County Deed 4390 1135).

REFERENCES CONTINUED:
10. Genealogical Collections at the Monmouth County Historical Association.
13 Primary documents as cited in text.
Site Plan. Farm complex in 1981.
CONTINUATION SHEET

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-25
Smock Farm Complex

House (A), view north. 1981 photograph.

Tenant house and Corn Crib, view east. 1981 photograph.
2001 update: Both structures demolished.
CONTINUATION SHEET

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-25
Smock Farm Complex

Barns, view southeast. 1981 photograph.

Complex, view east. 1981 photograph.
CONTINUATION SHEET

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-25
Smock Farm Complex

House (A), view north. 2001 photograph.

Barn (B), view southeast. 2001 photograph.
HISTORIC NAME: Rev. Garret Conover Schanck House
LOCATION: 78 Hillsdale Road
MUNICIPALITY: Colts Neck
USGS QUAD: Marlboro

DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: 1850-1860
Style: Vernacular with Italianate details
Number of Stories: 2 1/2
Foundation: Brick
Exterior Wall Fabric: Wood shingle
Fenestration: 5 bay symmetrical
Roof/Chimneys: Gable, 1 internal end chimney, 2 ridge chimneys east wing

Additional Architectural Description:
Large, deteriorating, 5 bay farmhouse, which may pre-date its Italianate phase. Italianate details include pronounced eaves with brackets and gable returns; 6/6 windows with large cornices; and a recessed, carved double doorway. Walls are brick lined. Porches on the south and east sides have been removed. Twin end chimneys have been removed.

SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:
House faces south, overlooking gently rolling farmland, situated on a 71.81-acre lot. Outbuildings include 2 corncribs, a 3 bay wagon shed, and a concrete utility shed, all severely deteriorated. Yard is overgrown.

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 substantial farmhouse with Italianate detailing, similar to many found throughout central Monmouth County. The severe deterioration of the house and outbuildings has compromised it, though it has had few alterations. The site contributes to the rural agricultural quality of the Hillsdale Road area. The farm was purchased from Holmes Van Mater by Rev. Garret Conover Schanck in March of 1853, at which point the activities of the farm are documented in detail through his diaries.

ORIGINAL USE: Residence and Farm  
PRESENT USE: Residence; 2001 update: demolished

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

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

THREATS TO SITE:  
Roads [X] Development [X] Zoning [] Demolished [X] Part of District []

COMMENTS:

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

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

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-26
Rev. Garret Conover Schanck House

View to the southwest. 1981 photograph.
HISTORIC NAME: C.D. Bray Farm
LOCATION: 154 Hillsdale Road
MUNICIPALITY: Colts Neck
USGS QUAD: Marlboro

COMMON NAME: 
BLOCK/LOT: 6/11
COUNTY: Monmouth
OWNER/ADDRESS: 
NEG. FILE #: 2-8, 9, 10, 11, 12

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Additional Architectural Description:
A. Five bay house; 3 bay section possibly earlier (note fenestration). Late Greek Revival detailing includes bold projecting window cornices abutting molded frieze; gable returns; and classical door enframement. 3 bay porch with square end posts and octagonal center columns. 6/6 sash on 2nd story; 6/1 sash on 1st floor are replacements. Doorway is covered by wooden insert. House has strong similarity to #1309-3, nearby on Boundary Road. One end chimney has been removed.

B. Has metal roof. Entry on east side is at corner, off-center, which is atypical for barns of this type.

SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:
Siting: Faces east on 10 acre lot, on top of hill.
Topography: Gently rolling hills.
Vegetation: Pasture and agricultural land, a few trees around the house.
Water: A branch of Big Brook flows behind complex.

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 one of a number of farms built in the northwestern section of Colts Neck in the period just prior to the Civil War (see also #1309-3, #1309-26). This period was one of considerable growth for Monmouth County agriculture, based on the development of truck farming, particularly potatoes. The division of the larger farms reflects the change to more intensive agriculture. The substantial size and visual dominance of the house reflect the prosperity of that area at that time. The farmstead contributes to the agricultural character of the Hillsdale Road and Crine Road area.

ORIGINAL USE: Farm
PRESENT USE: Residence (Update: demolished)

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

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

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

COMMENTS: House and farm buildings demolished in 1986.

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

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-27
C.D. Bray House

House (A); facing W. 1981 photograph.

Barn (B) and shed; facing W. 1981 photograph.
HISTORIC NAME: Hillside School No. #4
LOCATION: 215 Laird Rd.
Cr. of Phalanx Rd.
MUNICIPALITY: Colts Neck
USGS QUAD: Marlboro

COMMON NAME: 
BLOCK/LOT: 21/4
COUNTY: Monmouth
OWNER/ADDRESS: 

DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: 1865
Source of Date: Ref. 3
Style: Schoolhouse with Colonial Revival alterations
Number of Stories: 1
Architect: 
Foundation: Brick
Form/Plan Type: Rectangle
Exterior Wall Fabric: Clapboard
Builder:
Fenestration: Front facade altered, 3 side bays

Additional Architectural Description:
Enclosed porch on south facade and Colonial Revival fans over the windows are later alterations. 12/12 light double hung sash windows.

2001 update: The front porch has been modified and is now partially enclosed; a cupola has been added to the roof. A garage has been constructed to the east with a connecting hallway to the house.

PHOTO Negative File No. 1-13, 11-4, 5
MAP (Indicate North)
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:
Faces south on small irregular lot (176 by 218') near the intersect of Laird Road and Phalanx Road. Considerable vegetation, both trees and bushes, around house.

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SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:
This is one of the three remaining schoolhouse buildings in Colts Neck. This replaced the school that was at the North American Phalanx community, which continued to operate for about ten years after the N.A.P. disbanded. Many buildings in the Colts Neck area were the subjects of Colonial Revival alterations.

2001 update: The building has been altered with the addition of the garage and cupola.

ORIGINAL USE: School
PRESENT USE: Residence

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COMMENTS: Development pressures in the area are strong.

REFERENCES:
1. 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. 1309-28

Hillside School No. #4

View east. 2001 photograph.
HISTORIC NAME:  
LOCATION:  165 Laird Rd,  
Near cr. of Longbridge Rd,  
Colts Neck  
USGS QUAD: Marlboro  

DESCRIPTION  
Construction Date:  First half 19th century  
Style: Cottage  
Number of Stories:  1 1/2  
Foundation: Brick  
Exterior Wall Fabric: Shingle  
Fenestration: 5 bay symmetrical  
Roof/Chimneys: Gable, 1 ridge chimney, 1 internal end chimney (2001 update: ridge chimney removed)  

Additional Architectural Description:  
House appears to have been built in two sections, though it is difficult to determine which is the earlier section from an analysis of the exterior. 6/6 sash windows with small drip moldings, small three-pane attic windows. Simple door frame. Full porch on north side with balustrade, is a later addition.  
2001 update: Many of the windows are replacement 6/6 sash. First floor east facade window removed. Enclosed front porch added, back porch/overhang enclosed. Ridge chimney removed. House was built on an embankment.
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:
Faces south on two acre lot, situated close to road. A large horse farm surrounds.

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

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:
This house is typical of the small cottages that were built in Colts Neck and Monmouth County until the mid-19th century. It is somewhat unusual in that it did not become part of a larger house, as many of these cottages have. It may have originally been a farmer's home on the large Van Mater farm "Locust Grove" (not surveyed) during the first half of the 19th century.

2001 update: Although recently altered, the basic configuration is still intact. This house has a "c1700s" plaque erected by the Colts Neck Historical Society. In 1873 the house was owned by S. Jones and by 1889 it owned by the Cross family, who owned several houses and tracts of land in the township.

ORIGINAL USE: Residence  
PRESENT USE: Residence

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

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

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

COMMENTS: Condition of roof is questionable, as there is a sag in it. There is no immediate threat to the building, but development pressures in the area are considerable. 2001 update: The house is in good condition.

REFERENCES:
1. Lightfoot map, 1851.
4. Print from a slide taken in 1965 by Ed Petrowski, Sr. Files of Ed Petrowski, Jr., Marlboro.

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. 1309-29

View to northeast. 1981 photograph.

View northwest. 2001 photograph.
1962 image (print from slide) by Ed Petrowski, Sr.
HISTORIC NAME: 144 Mercer Rd.
LOCATION: Cr. of Matthews Rd.
MUNICIPALITY: Colts Neck
USGS QUAD: Marlboro

1850s
Construction Date:

Vernacular
Style:

2 1/2
Number of Stories:

Brick above grade; fieldstone below grade (full basement)
Foundation:

Asbestos shingle (2001 update: vinyl siding)
Exterior Wall Fabric:

5 bay symmetrical, with 1 over 2 bay wing (2001 update: 6 bay symmetrical)
Fenestration:

Gable; 3 internal end chimneys (2001 update: 1 internal end chimney); 1 external end chimney
Roof/Chimneys:

Rectangle, with 2 story addition north side, and shed lean-to on west side. (2001 update: shed demolished replaced by new kitchen wing
Form/Plan Type:

Generally restrained design includes 6/6 sash windows with plain surrounds, gable returns on the roof, and a plain door enfragement. Additions and alterations include the side and rear ells, the projecting bay on the north side, entrance portico, and the asbestos shingles. Small porch area is east of north ell.
Additional Architectural Description:


PHOTO Negative File No. 4-4, 5

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

House faces east on 82 acre horse farm; the site also includes four large 20th century barns.

2001 update: Cattle barns have concrete floors, asbestos shingle siding, composition shingle roofs (+- 6 years old). One of the barns contains a former vet's office, now an apartment. The property is comprised of 71 acres.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

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

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:

This house is typical of the popular five-bay farmhouse built in Colts Neck during the 1850's, a period of rapid growth in agriculture in the area. The wing on the north side with its flat roof and recessed understory strongly resembles the type of addition found on houses in Upper Freehold Township. This site contributes to the agricultural character of the Mathews/Mercer Road.

2001 update: Site known locally as the Mathews House, but does not appear as such on historical maps. Mathews properties were further east, along what is now Airport Road.

ORIGINAL USE: Residence and farm

PRESENT USE: Residence and farm

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

REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes [ ]

POSSIBLE [ ]

FAIR [ ]

GOOD [x]

POOR [ ]

Threats to Site:

ROADS [ ]

Development [ ]

No Threat [x]

Zoning [ ]

Other [ ]

Deterioration [ ]

Loss of integrity and features that placed it on the inventory 20 years ago.

REFERENCES:

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

RECORDED BY: James C. McCabe; Gail Hunton

DATE: March 1981; updated 2001

SURVEY: Monmouth County Historic Sites Inventory

ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System
House and Barns; facing S.W. 1981 photograph.
HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE  
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM  

HISTORIC NAME: Montrose School No.5  
LOCATION: S.E. cr. Montrose Road and Cedar Drive.  
MUNICIPALITY: Colts Neck  
USGS QUAD: Marlboro  

DESCRIPTION  
Construction Date: C. 1860  
Style: One room school house  
Number of Stories: 1 1/2  
Foundation: Brick  
Exterior Wall Fabric: Clapboard  
Fenestration: 1 by 3 bay  
Roof/Chimneys: Gable, internal end chimney, wood shingle roofing  

Additional Architectural Description:  
Tall side windows, covered by shutters. Opening in gable and above doorway, may have opened to a storage area at one time. Eaves flush with end walls.
SITTING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:
Situated on small triangular lot at intersection.

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

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:
This is one of three one-room schoolhouses extant in Colts Neck Township, which had six at one time. The two other schools have been converted to homes; this is the only one which is essentially unchanged. There are approximately fifteen one-room school houses remaining in Monmouth County, a number of which belong to organizations. This was built in the mid-19th century, a period of growth in Colts Neck (then Atlantic) Township.

2001 update: The school house is intact. Suburban development lies in close proximity.

ORIGINAL USE: Schoolhouse
PRESENT USE: Historical Association

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


REFERENCES:
3. Colts Neck Historical Commission "History of Colts Neck" p. 36, in Monmouth County Historical Association Vertical File "Colts Neck".

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  
BUILDING COMPLEX SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: 67 Montrose Road  
LOCATION: 67 Montrose Road  
MUNICIPALITY: Colts Neck  
USGS QUAD: Marlboro  

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Additional Architectural Description:

A. 4 over 5 bay house with restrained ornamentation. 6/6 sash windows with plain surrounds. Plain door surrounds. Eaves are flush with end walls. Ell is later 19th century addition, as is the porch with turned posts.

B. Cross gable cupola with round head louved ventilators. Rear section is later addition. Small structure formerly stood on south end.

C. 3 bay, 2 corn crib plan. Center gable roof is unusual for this building type.

2001 update: The porch has a concrete foundation (A). The center gable roof has been removed on the wagon shed (C). A silo has been added to the complex, next to the barn (B).
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:
Siting: House faces south, surrounded by picket fence on 4.79 acre lot, located at end of tree-lined lane.

Topography: Flat

Vegetation: Tree-lined lane to house, scattered trees around complex, generally very mature. Lot surrounded by mature. Water: Yellow Brook flows 1000' south of the complex.

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

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:
This is a good example of the typical Monmouth County farm plan, with a barn, wagon shed, house, and accumulated structures. The differentiation between the house and farm is particularly strong because of the picket fence around the house lot. The house is a good example of the stylistically simple houses which were built in Colts Neck during the early 19th century. The farm was in the Schanck family throughout the second half of the 19th century.

2001 update: The house has been repainted but otherwise no changes have been made to the house since the 1981 survey. The outbuildings are intact, although the center gable has been removed from the wagon house.

ORIGINAL USE: Farm
PRESENT USE: Farm

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: This farm is protected from development as part of the New Jersey Farmland Preservation Program.

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
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HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-32

Location Map.

CONTINUATION SHEET

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-32

House (A), view North. 1981 photograph.

Barn (B), view Northwest. 1981 photograph.
Wagon Shed (C), view North. 1981 photograph.

Wagon Shed (C), view North. 2001 photograph.
HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE  
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC NAME:

LOCATION: Newman Springs Rd. and Willow Brook
MUNICIPALITY: Colts Neck
USGS QUAD: Marlboro

DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: Early 20th century

COMMON NAME:

BLOCK/LOT: Newman Springs Rd., right of way
COUNTY: Monmouth
OWNER/ ADDRESS:

Source of Date: Stylistic, Ref. 1

Style:
Architect:

Number of Stories:
Builder:

Foundation:
Form/Plan Type:

Exterior Wall Fabric:

Fenestration:

Additional Architectural Description:
Warren through-truss bridge, single span. Supplementary vertical tension members; riveted construction. Concrete abutments with additional support from wooden piers and I beams beneath deck. Structural elements are marked "Cambria".

Update: bridge demolished.

PHOTO Negative File No. 1-27, 28

MAP (Indicate North)
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:
Spans moderate sized brook, on a major county road.

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

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:
This is typical of the steel truss bridges which could be bought through a catalog by highway departments. Bridges such as this were common in Monmouth County, but have become increasingly rare as the population and traffic volume have expanded in the area. This is one of two remaining steel truss bridges in Colts Neck Township (see also #1309-22).

Update: Both bridges were replaced.

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

REFERENCES:

RECORDED BY: James C. McCabe
DATE: March 1981
SURVEY: Monmouth County Historic Sites Inventory
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
BUILDING COMPLEX SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: Sugar-Loaf Hill Farm
COMMON NAME: Sugar-Loaf Hill Farm
LOCATION: 243 Phalanx Rd.
1800' E. of Laird Rd.
MUNICIPALITY: Colts Neck
USGS QUAD: Marlboro
BLOCK/LOT: 21/5
COUNTY: Monmouth
OWNER/ADDRESS:
NEG. FILE #: 1-10, 11, 12

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Additional Architectural Description:

A. The east 3 bays of the main block are the original section. Substantial alterations were made to the house in the 1930's, which included the addition of the large Colonial Revival portico, and the external chimney on the west end, with replaced 2 internal end chimneys. Doorway has a small transom light, and is flanked by slender pilasters. 6/6 sash windows. The ell includes a garage and is a recent addition.

B. Built into bank, the barn underwent substantial renovation in the 1930's including new foundation and new siding.
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:
Siting: Faces south on 88 acre lot; site includes four other outbuildings, all built since the 1930's. (2001 update: the farm is 86.54 acres. The house and farmland belong to different owners).
Topography: On gentle slope which rises from Trout Brook south of building to Sugar-Loaf Hill to the north.
Vegetation: Row of trees and hedges along road, with considerable deciduous growth in front of house; remaining open space is pasture.
Water: Well house near barn; Trout Brook flows along front of lot.

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

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:
Although substantially altered in the 1930's, this remains an important late 18th century farm, with 19th and 20th century expansion. The house, with its simple doorway enframing and lack of other ornamentation, is typical of construction in Colts Neck from that time period. The accompanying outbuildings, vegetation, and open space contribute significantly to the character of the Phalanx Road area. The farm was in the hands of the Polhemus family until the 1930's, when it was purchased by the current owners, who made the alterations.

2001 update: House and setting are intact.

ORIGINAL USE: Farm
PRESENT USE: Residence

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent [X] Good [ ] Fair [ ] Poor [ ]
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes [ ] Possible [X] No [ ] Part of District [ ]
THREATS TO SITE: Roads [ ] Development [ ] Zoning [ ] Deterioration [ ] No Threat [X] Other [ ]
COMMENTS: Subdivision pressures in area are considerable.

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
CONTINUATION SHEET

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-34
Sugar-Loaf Hill Farm

Map:

A: House

B: Barn

Shed

Chicken House

Well House

Trout Brook

Phalanx Rd.

Not to Scale

Site Plan:
CONTINUATION SHEET

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-34

Sugar-Loaf Hill Farm

House (A), view North. 1981 photograph.

Barn (B), view North. 1981 photograph.
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

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Additional Architectural Description:
Simple 5 bay dwelling with limited ornamentation. Plain window surrounds with 2/2 sash windows; small transom light above door. gable returns.

Update: House demolished.

PHOTO  Negative File No. 3-24; 7-6, 7

MAP (Indicate North)
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:
House faces north, standing alone in the open plowed field with small windbreak; outbuildings have been removed.

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

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:
This house, standing alone amidst a large expanse of agricultural land, plays a major role in establishing the agricultural character of the Phalanx Road area. The house, with its center gable and simple design, is typical of modest mid- and late 19th century farmhouses found in central Monmouth County.

ORIGINAL USE: Residence
PRESENT USE: Update: demolished

PHYSICAL CONDITION:
- Excellent ☐
- Good ☐
- Fair ☑
- Poor ☑

REGISTER ELIGIBILITY:
- Yes ☑
- Possible ☐
- No ☑

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

COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:
1. Lightfoot Map, 1851.

RECORDED BY: James C. McCabe
DATE: March 1981
SURVEY: Monmouth County Historic Sites Inventory
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
BUILDING COMPLEX SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: W.G. Graff Farm
LOCATION: 36 Phalanx Road
MUNICIPALITY: Colts Neck
USGS QUAD: Marlboro

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-36
COMMON NAME:
BLOCK/LOT: 33/32
COUNTY: Monmouth
OWNER/ADDRESS:
NEG. FILE #: 3-25, 25, 27, 28, 29

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**Additional Architectural Description:**

A. House was built in two major sections; the rear ell was built first, then the roof was raised and the front section was added. The two small lean-to sections are also additions. House has a variety of different sash types including 6/6, 2/2, 1/1, with small drip moldings above window. No special treatment to roof and door.

B. Barn was connected to row of farm buildings; has large central bay. Shed and lean-to have been built off north and west sides.

2001 update: This farm complex was demolished in 1996.
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:
Siting: House faced east over bluff leading down to Yellow Brook, situated on 44.78 acre lot.
Topography: Gently rolling hills, with steep banks leading to Yellow Brook.
Vegetation: Scattered woodland around brook, windbreak around house, pasture surrounds farmstead.
Water: Yellow Brook located at base of bluff near farmstead.

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

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:
This was a typical 19th century Monmouth County farmstead consisting of a simple farmhouse and a number of outbuildings, in a plan similar to others found around the county. Its most notable characteristic was its setting, located well off the road, and surrounded by woodland, rolling pasture, and fields. With the exception of a cinderblock building which was part of the farmstead, nothing of the 20th century could be seen from the site.

ORIGINAl USE:  Residence and farm  PRESENT USE: Demolished 1996

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

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

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

COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:
1. Lightfoot map, 1851.
2. Beers map, 1860.
5. Interview with owners (Mr. & Mrs. Otto Einsiedler), March 1981.

RECORdED BY: James C. McCabe; 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. 1309-36
W.G. Graff Farm

Location Map.

Not to Scale

Site Plan.
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HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO.  1309-36
W.G. Graff Farm

House (A), view West. 1981 photograph.

House (A), view South. 1981 photograph.
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HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-36

W.G. Graff Farm

Barn (B), view West. 1981 photograph.

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
BUILDING COMPLEX SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: Daniel Polhemus Farm
LOCATION: 17 Wide Horizons Road
MUNICIPALITY: Colts Neck
USGS QUAD: Marlboro

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-37
COMMON NAME: Wide Horizons
BLOCK/LOT: 35/7
COUNTY: Monmouth
OWNER/ADDRESS:
NEG. FILE #: 1-14 to 19*

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Additional Architectural Description:

(A) The 1-1/2 story ell, a Dutch-framed cottage, is the earliest section. The main block, with a 2/3 Georgian plan, was built in the mid-18th century. 6/6 and 9/6 sash windows. Colonial Revival remodeling in 1941 (Francis A. Nelson, architect), primarily on the interior. Shed and gable overdoors, and the stoop, are Colonial Revival additions. Utilizes considerable early and reproduction hardware. See attached architectural drawings from Historic American Buildings Survey.

(C) Includes two sections, both built into a bank. Overhang similar to Swiss/Germanic-influenced barns found in Pennsylvania, which is an alteration. Early hardware on both barns. Central doorway. The large section has a pent roof at foundation height.

2001 update:
Wood shingle siding on main block has been replaced with clapboard. The porch on west side was enclosed and a faux fireplace was installed in that room. The kitchen was remodeled (tore out cabinetry) and the current owner plans to remove the ceiling in the hall and other areas to expose beams.
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:
Siting: In 1981 the farmstead was located on a 98-acre lot, oriented to the south (2001 update: property divided up for new subdivision, house stands on a 3.98 acre).
Topography: Gently rolling hills, farmstead is situated on top of rise.
Vegetation: Carefully maintained yard, with broad lawn, shrubbery, and mature trees, both deciduous and coniferous. Surrounding land is agricultural (2001 update: new subdivision in close proximity to house).
Water: Situated between Trout Brook and Yellow Brook (now Swimming River Reservoir) approximately 1000’ from each.

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

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:
The house is an excellent example of the combination of Dutch and English building traditions in Monmouth County. The 1 ½-story is of Dutch construction, while the main section utilizes an English plan, with details which are more Dutch. This synthesis characterized much of the construction in the second half of the 18th century in Monmouth County. The barns utilize an overhang which is uncharacteristic of bank barns in Monmouth County. The general plan of the farm is fairly complete, as it includes the major buildings of most Monmouth County farms, including barn, smokehouse, and wagon shed. The site contributes substantially to the agricultural character of the Phalanx Road area.

The farmstead appears in the fire insurance records in 1858 as a 30’ by 28’ structure with an 18’ by 30’ attached kitchen and an attached shed. Six other outbuildings were listed including the surviving outbuildings (7’ by 9’ smokehouse, 30’ by 40’ barn and stables, and 24’ by 40’ wagon house).

The site was documented by the federal government's Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) in 1941. See attached HABS data for property history and architectural drawings.

2001 update: The setting of the farm is compromised by the adjacent subdivision. The house became a part of a new subdivision and the driveway to Laird Road was reconfigured to accommodate the new houses. Access to Phalanx Road was eliminated.

ORIGINAL USE: Farm
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: The surrounding land has been subdivided and built upon.

REFERENCES:
2. "Daniel Polhemus Farm House", N.J. Historic Sites Inventory.
3. 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
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HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-37

Daniel Polhemus Farm

Location Map.

Site Plan: 1981 conditions.
2001 update: driveway to Phalanx Road eliminated, and driveway to Laird Road reconfigured to become Wide Horizons Rd.
CONTINUATION SHEET

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-37
Daniel Polhemus Farm


Barn (C), view North. 1981 photograph.
CONTINUATION SHEET

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-3?
Daniel Polhemus Farm

Smokehouse (B), view North. 1981 photograph.
Daniel Polhemus Farm

The Daniel Polhemus Farmhouse
Near Phalanx
Monmouth County, New Jersey

Owner and occupant: George J. Fredericks

Date of Erection: 1730-1763; alterations 1941

Architect: Unknown (alterations by Francis A. Nelson, archt. 1941)

Builder: Daniel Polhemus (1706-1763) original owner


Number of Stories: Two and one-half over cellar in main unit; one and one-half over part cellar in wing; one in lean-to shed.

Materials of Construction:
  Foundation - fieldstone masonry
  Exterior walls - timber frame, brick-filled and mud-filled, shingle covered on wing, beaded edge clapboarded on main unit (changed to shingle since survey 1941)
  Interior walls - frame partitions, lathed and plastered; open beam ceilings
  Chimneys - brick, built into inside of gable end walls
  Roof - gable on main unit and wing; pitch on shed; all wood shingled under modern slate
  Windows - all new glass since surveyed

* The house stands east of the road which leads south from Phalanx Road to Scobeyville, north of Yellow Brook.
Historical Data:

The identification of this Dutch-Colonial house by discovery of the name of its original owner has been made by search of title through successive owners as recorded in the County Archives.

By deeds of lease and release, dated 16 and 17 May 1709, Lewis Morris of the manor of Morrisania in the Province of New York, Esquire, conveyed to seven Dutchmen, Ryk Hendrickse, Dominicus Vandelveer, Daniel Polhemus, Jacob Hendrickse, Auke Lefferts, Stephen Coerten and Johannes Polhemus, all of King's County in the said Province, yeomen, for 1730 Pounds New York money, the remaining 1372 acres of a tract "Commonly known by the name of the fifteen hundred acres," situated in Middletown Township, Monmouth County in the Province of New Jersey. The boundary line of the whole tract began "At a white oak tree standing about twenty rods from Swimming River," and continued thence N.N.W. almost 5 degrees more westerly 105 chains to a white oak tree on the bank of Hopp River thence S.W. and by W. 152 chains, thence S.W. to intersect a line running N.W. from a white oak on the bank of Swimming River, close by a sawmill belonging to Mr. Henry Leonard, thence along that line S.E. to the said oak tree, and thence along Swimming River to the point first mentioned. Three parcels had been previously sold from the whole 1500 acres viz. a strip 10 chains wide off the northeast end to the Rev. Alexander Jones, one in the southwest corner to John Tilton, "where he now dwells," and one on the north-west line to Samuel Tilton. (a)

Subsequently, by deed of 11 May 1711, the first five grantees named above, being still of King's County, New York, and the sixth, Auke Lefferts now of Middletown, Monmouth County, New Jersey, conveyed to

(a) Recorded in Monmouth County Deed Book G, pp. 139 and 149.
the seventh, Johannes\(^3\) Polhemus\(^b\) also then of the
latter place, his seventh share lot of 167 in the
said "1500 acres" tract, being 16\(\frac{1}{2}\) chains wide and
extending northwest from Swimming River the full
width of the tract along its northeastern end and
bounded southwest by the parcel allotted to (his
father) the said Daniel\(^2\) Polhemus\(^c\). The last
named being still of Flatbush, L.I., conveyed his
share, Lot No. 6, containing 164 acres, to his
said son Johannes\(^3\) Polhemus of Middletown Township
by deed of 4 March 1718, for 225 pounds\(^d\).

Having thus acquired adjacent two of the
seven lots, the latter improved the previously
unoccupied acreage as his homestead farm.\(\ast\) No
record of his disposition of the same by will or
deed is found, but the same property, or part of
it, is found next in possession of his son Daniel
(1706-1763). The house thereon, here considered,

\(\textbf{(b) Johannes}^3\) Polhemus, son of Daniel\(^2\) Polhemus of
Flatbush, Kings County, Long Island, New York
and his wife Neeltje Vanderveer (who were mar.
13 Aug. 1685), grandson of the emigrant, the
Rev. Johannes Theodorus Polhemus of Kings County,
(who d. there 8 June 1676), removed thence to
Middletown Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey,
1709-1711, and d. there at date not found (no
probate on his estate on record) having issue
by wife (supposed Johanna or Annatje Ten Eyck)
viz. Elizabeth 1710, Cornelis 1714, Daniel,
Tobias and John (T. G. Bergen, Register of the
Early Settlers of Kings County, New York, publ.
1881, p. 226).

\(\textbf{(c) Mon. Co. Deed Book G, p. 127}\)

\(\textbf{(d) Mon. Co. Deed Book G, p. 128}\)

\(\ast\) Existence and location of the house of this
progenitor has not been sought in relation to
the house here surveyed. There are other
known Polhemus homesteads in the vicinity
thereof, between Phalanx and Scobeyville.
bears the evidence of design and erection during the latter's lifetime, probably soon after his marriage which took place about 1730.

Thus by will dated 21 September 1763 and proved 2 December following, Daniel Polhemus of Middletown Township devised the use of the "farm where I live" to his wife Margaret; a farm in Shrewsbury, same county, to a son John (he paying 300 Pounds to testator's daughter Elinor, wife of Peter Covenhoven); a farm in Freehold, same county, to a son Albert (he paying 300 Pounds to testator's daughter Annatie); and "the farm where I live to a son Tobias (he paying 300 Pounds to testator's daughter Mary); with the balance of the estate to the six children. (e)

Tobias Polhemus (1740-1826), son and devisee abovenamed, held the ancestral homestead(f) and bequeathed it by will proved in 1826 to his son


Daniel T. Polhemus. The latter died intestate in the same year, and in July 1827 his administrators obtained a court order for the sale of his real estate, described therein as the "Farm or plantation whereon the said Daniel T. Polhemus formerly lived, together with the Mill Farm, containing together about 425 acres," with two other small lots. By deed of 23 January 1834, his three daughters, Catharine, Margaret and Ellenor, with their respective husbands William Van Doren, John C. Schanck and Garret Van Dever, all of Freehold Township, sold and conveyed their title to his real estate to their brothers Tobias and Garret S. Polhemus of Middletown Township, for $5000. On 22 November 1839, said Garret S. Polhemus and wife gave their deed of quit claim to said Tobias Polhemus, conveying to him "that farm or plantation lying on the road leading from Sandyview to Colts Neck" in Middletown Township.

Having thus come into sole possession of the ancestral farm, Tobias Polhemus held and occupied the same until his death on 22 December 1891, intestate, leaving as heirs his issue: Emeline Conover of Red Bank, Henry M. Polhemus of Broderick, New Jersey, Rachel A. Lloyd of Brooklyn, M. Van Dyke Polhemus of Holmdel, N. J., Sarah Ladd of Brooklyn, M. Van Dyke Polhemus of Holmdel, New Jersey, Sarah Ladd of Brooklyn, John H. Polhemus of Scoobenville, N. J., Mary H. Taylor of Holmdel, and Daniel T. Polhemus of Keyport, New Jersey. The administrator of his estate sold the homestead farm of 119 1/2 acres, on which he "resided at the time of his death," to the son John H. Polhemus of Atlantic Township(g) by deed of 15 December 1892, describing it as having a frontage of some 2167 feet on the east side of the road from Scoobenville to Applegate's Saw Mill and bounding south on a brook (Yellow Brook branch of Swimming River).

John H. Polhemus who thus came into full possession of the farm, owned and occupied the same until his death, and by his will dated 21 March 1914

(g) Atlantic Township, incorporated 1847 from parts of Freehold, Middletown and Shrewsbury Town.
and proved 11th May 1927, devised the use thereof to his widow, Amanda C. Polhemus (h) during her lifetime, and granted power to his executors to sell and convey any or all of his real estate.

Accordingly, by deed of 23 April 1940, the widow executrix conveyed the farm here considered to George J. Fredericks of Upper Montclair, New Jersey, excepting some 16 acres previously sold to the Tintern Manor Water Company in 1916, and he remained as owner at the time of our survey of the house in January 1941. Such alterations as are here noted and shown in the accompanying photographs were made since for the owner by Francis A. Nelson, architect, also of Upper Montclair, New Jersey. Mr. Fredericks occupies the house at the time of this writing.

Reference:

A search of title in Monmouth County records by James Hanlon, R.A.B.S., abstractor, reported 1 April 1941

Supervising Historian 12 May 1941

Approved:

SEYMOUR WILLIAMS, P.A.I.A.
District Officer

(h) Mrs. John H. Polhemus, in whose possession are the original deeds of 1709 and 1718, cited in note (a), resides with daughter Mrs. E. E. Oakley in Red Bank, Monmouth County, N.J., 1941. The latter recites verbal tradition that the erection of this house was delayed a year by the British army being camped on the site during the Revolution (1776-1783) and using the cut lumber for fires. However, the design and details of the house are those of pre-Revolution date.
Details of Windows and Interior Trim

Section of Typical Windows

Plan

Details of Windows

Elevation

Section

PLASTER

PROFILES

RIM JOINTS

DOOR TRIM

BASE TRIM

SILL

EAVE

MOULDING

WAINSCOT

HEAD

ROOM 4 & 5 CHAIR RAIL

ROOM 3 & 4 CHAIR RAIL

ROOM 2 & 3 CHAIR RAIL

ROOM 1 & 2 CHAIR RAIL

DOOR TRIM IN ROOM A & B

WINDOW TRIM IN ROOM A & B

SAME

RIM JOINTS

MOULDING

PLASTER

CHAI R RAIL

ROOM 1 & 2 CHAIR RAIL
NOTE: DETAILS W,X,Y,Z APPLY ALSO TO MANTEL IN ROOM 'B' AND CUPBOARD IN ROOM 'J' ON SHEET 15.

MATERIALS:

- WOOD (S.C.I)  
- WOOD (F.S.)  
- BRICK  
- PLASTER  

FREDERICK SMITH  DEL.
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE  
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM  

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Additional Architectural Description:
Simple farmhouse with 6/6 sash windows, plain surrounds, and small drip moldings; gable returns on eaves; small transom light over door. Porch and shingle siding are later alterations. Wing was built after main block. Hearth back on northeast chimney has been recently exposed; it is not known if that was its original state.
2001 update: The house has been radically altered with elaborate additions to main block, side ell, and substantial additions to the rear of the house. The windows of the main block have been replaced with 1/1 sash, and the housing with windows were added around the chimneys. The roofline of the west wing was extended over the front porch and a large two window dormer was added. A large 35 light window with a semicircular transom was added between the two second floor windows on the west facade with a decorative superstructure over top. The first floor windows on the west facade were removed and replaced with a 4 light picture window. 1 ½-story addition and 2-story garage were added to the rear.

PHOTO  Negative File No.  3-30, 31, 32, 10-10, 11, 12  

MAP (Indicate North)
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:
Faces north, situated near road on 2 acre lot. Site includes three sheds, at least one of which was built on an older foundation. Scattered deciduous trees throughout the site.

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

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:
The scale and design of this farmhouse are typical of mid-19th century housing stock in Colts Neck. The use of the natural wood siding and clapboard in combination is the late 19th and early 20th century expression of the Colonial Revival in central Monmouth County. The site contributes to the overall rural character of the Phalanx Rd. area, in spite of being situated on a small lot.

2001 update: The house no longer meets the criteria that put it on the survey twenty years ago.

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 [X]  
Zoning [ ]  
Deterioration [ ]
No Threat [ ]  
Other [X]

COMMENTS: Considerable development pressure exists in the area.

REFERENCES:
1. Lightfoot map, 1851.

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HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-38

Barns; facing S.W. 1981 photograph.

House, facing S.E. 2001 photograph.
**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE**
**BUILDING COMPLEX SURVEY FORM**

**HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-39**

**COMMON NAME:** Hemlock Hill Farm

**LOCATION:** 260 Phalanx Road

**BLOCK/LOT:** 35.07/5

**COUNTY:** Monmouth

**MUNICIPALITY:** Colts Neck

**OWNER/ADDRESS:** Marlboro

**NEG. FILE #:** 1-7, 8, 9

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**Additional Architectural Description:**

A. "I" house with projecting transom light over door and broad fascia board under eaves. 6/6 and 2/2 sash windows with projecting cornices.

B. English type plan, built into bank, timbers were cut by circular saw. Structural system: heavy timber frame, pegged.

2001 update: House resided with vinyl.
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:
Siting: Faces north on 4 1/2 acre lot, surrounded by subdivision.
Topography: On rise above Phalanx Road, rolling hills surround site.
Vegetation: Scattered conifers and deciduous trees around house, large garden on lot.
Water: Trout Brook is immediately across Phalanx Road.

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

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:
This farm is typical of the mid-19th century farm complexes found in this area. It has been greatly reduced in size as the surrounding land has been subdivided and developed. Many of the buildings in the complex remain, though a number of them are unused. The farm most likely provided produce for the Bucklin Cannery, which was located across Phalanx Road.

2001 update: Complex appears to be intact.

ORIGINAL USE: Farm  PRESENT USE: Farm

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: Development pressures in Colts Necks are strong.

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

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HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-39

260 Phalanx Road

House (A), view Southeast. 1981 photograph.

Barn (B), view Southeast. 1981 photograph.
Barns (B and C), view Northwest. 1981 photograph.
**HISTORIC NAME:**
- **LOCATION:** 170 Richdale Rd, 600' N of Bucklin Rd
- **MUNICIPALITY:** Colts Neck
- **USGS QUAD:** Marlboro

**DESCRIPTION**
- **Construction Date:** C. 1850-1870
- **Style:** Vernacular
- **Number of Stories:** 2
- **Foundation:** Fieldstone, concrete block
- **Exterior Wall Fabric:** Clapboard
- **Fenestration:** 6 over 5 bays
- **Roof/Chimneys:** Gable, shed roof on ell

**HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-40**
- **COMMON NAME:** The Apple House/Camp Brown
- **BLOCK/LOT:** 21.03/10
- **COUNTY:** Monmouth
- **OWNER/ADDRESS:**
- **Source of Date:** Ref. 1
- **Architect:**
- **Builder:**
- **Form/Plan Type:** Rectangle (2001 update: modified)

**Additional Architectural Description:**
Built in three sections, as numbered above, the earliest being (1). 6/6 sash windows on first story. Note second floor opening on east end for hoist. It is a converted apple storage barn from Richdale Orchards. Earliest residential use unknown.

2001 update: This house has been modified with a large 2 1/2 story 2 bay over 4 bay cross gable addition, and a large deck overlooking Swimming River Reservoir. The windows have been replaced with 4/4 sash.
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:
Faces north on wooded lot overlooking Swimming River Reservoir. Site includes small sheds.

2001 update: A freestanding garage and an underground pool have been added to the property.

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

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:
This building survives from the large truck farm operated by Charles Bucklin following the dispersal of the Phalanx Community. It was used for apple storage. Although altered for residential use, it still retains much of its 19th century character.

2001 update: The 19th century character of the building is obscured by recent alterations and additions.

ORIGINAL USE: Storage building
PRESENT USE: Residence

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

REFERENCES:

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ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System
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HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-40

The Apple House/Camp Brown

View east of house. 2001 photograph.
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
BUILDING COMPLEX SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: Williamson-Sickles Farmstead
LOCATION: 21 Driftwood Lane
MUNICIPALITY: Colts Neck
USGS QUAD: Marlboro

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Additional Architectural Description:

(A) **House**: This 5-bay traditional farmhouse was built in at least two sections. The western 3 bays, which sit on a fieldstone foundation, were built in the mid-18th century on a 2/3 Georgian plan. The matching eastern 2 bays rest on a brick foundation and were added between 1881-1886 (see Significance and Ref. 5). The door enlargement may be a recent replacement, 6/6 sash windows and shed overdoor appear to be early 20th century modifications. Prior to the 2 story addition on the east end, there was a 16' by 23' kitchen wing (Ref. 5). Interior not examined.

(B) **Dutch English Hybrid Barn**: 36' x 48' heavy timber framed barn constructed on Dutch anchorbent framing (H-frame bents with heavy anchorbeams spanning a large central bay, as in Dutch barns) within the overall form of an English barn, with the roofline running perpendicular to the central bay. Consists of 4 bents, with hand-hewn anchorbeams typically measuring 8-1/2" x 15" (the largest is 17"), and beams tenoned through. In addition to the integrity of the framing, significant features include the survival of the original clapboard siding under the current wood shingles, and the original random width oak plank threshing floor in the center aisle (2 inches thick, and ranging 10" to 15" in width). There is a dirt floor on the side aisles; evidence of former stalls found on south side aisle, but none seen on north side. Even though the stalls are missing in the side aisles, barn is notable for degree of intact framing. Sliding door on west elevation is full height to anchorbeam, while door on east elevation is smaller, only 7'10" high.

*Note on date of barn*: These hybrid barns generally date from the first half of the 19th century; dendrochronology would help document a more specific construction date. This barn appears on an 1858 insurance policy on the property (Ref. 5), and was probably constructed during the tenure of William Sickles (between 1826 and 1858), or possibly earlier, during Hendrick Williamson's ownership (between about 1794 and 1814).

2003 Update: Barn was beautifully restored in 2003.
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:
Siting: House faces south on a gentle rise. At the time of the 1981 survey the house stood on a 107-acre lot, surrounded by plowed fields. The property has been subdivided, and the house and barn are intact on a smaller lot. Schoolhouse Road was realigned and the former driveway to the house is now lined with suburban development. Although the house can be reached by driving through the development, the house stands separated from the newer housing.

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

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:
This former farmstead includes a well-conserved 18th century house with 19th century additions, illustrating the typical form of expansion of Monmouth County farmhouses in the 19th century, as well as a well-conserved barn that exemplifies the synthesis of Dutch and English culture in the county. The original section of the house, with a square, two-story 2/3 Georgian Style plan, represents the type of substantial dwelling built in central Monmouth County from about 1750 on. The house was expanded in the late 19th century to create a rectangular, five bay symmetrical facade, which was the dominant house form in Monmouth County in the 19th century. The barn is an excellent example of the combination of Dutch and English building traditions in central New Jersey, and is a rare North American barn type found only in Dutch-settled areas of New Jersey and New York. It makes use of the H-frame bents with heavy anchor beams spanning a large central bay found in Dutch barns, within the exterior form of an English barn, with the roofline running perpendicular to the central bay. The Williamson-Sickles Barn is one of only five remaining Dutch English hybrid barns documented in Monmouth County (Ref. 7).

David Williamson is the likely builder of the original section of the house in the mid-18th century. He was the son of Aert Williamson and Annatje Covenhoven who married in November of 1704 (genealogical information provided by the current owner). In 1718, Aert Williamson, residing on Long Island purchased 370 acres in Freehold Township from John and Rachel Lawrence. The land was part of a tract called "Cooper's Neck" and was bordered on the southeast by "the brook that parts it from Colts Neck" (probably Yellow Brook) (Beekman 1901:107-8; Monmouth County Deed E 334). (SEE CONTINUATION SHEET).

ORIGINAL USE: Farm and residence  PRESENT USE: Residence

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

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

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

COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:
1. Lightfoot map, 1851.
2. Information from the current owner, Edward Naylor King
8. Deeds, Wills, and additional primary documents as cited in text.

SURVEY: Monmouth County Historic Sites Inventory  ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System
The Williamsons moved to the area about 1718 and became communicants in the Dutch Church of Monmouth County. Their eldest son, David Williamson, married Geertje (Gertrude) Voorhees in June of 1745 and probably inherited his father's land. David Williamson appears to have been responsible for building the 2/3 Georgian section of the house, which stylistically dates from the mid-18th century.

David Williamson died in 1766 and in his will split his landholdings ("four tracts in Freehold") between two of his sons Hendrick W. and William W. Williamson, both still teenagers at the time (Monmouth Will F 45). David's wife Geertje was to retain use of the real estate and care for the children, many of them were still very young. His inventory depicts Williamson as a wealthy farmer (farm goods and household items totaled at 463+ pounds), a literate and religious man (he owned a Dutch bible and other books) and a slave owner (2 slaves, the male was worth 100 pounds)(Secretary of State File 3287-89).

By 1794, William and Hendrick appeared independently in the tax ratables, both with substantial acreage (Freehold Tax Ratables 1794:22). Hendrick occupied his father's property, as the house was included in his estate at his death in 1814. Thirteen years later, in 1826, commissioners of the Monmouth County Orphans Court sold the house and property at auction. An advertisement for the sale was placed in The True American newspaper stated that those interested in viewing the property to contact Peter H. Williamson, the occupant of the farm at the time. Peter, Hendrick's son, and several of his siblings left the farm and moved to Ohio. The buyer of Hendrick's farm was William J. Sickles, who paid $5435.30 for 221 acres (described as a 151 acre-tract and 70-acre tract) (Monmouth County Deed L2 368).

William J. Sickles (1784-1859) occupied the property through mid-19th century and according to census data he was a wealthy farmer, with his real estate valued at $30,000 (U.S. Population Census 1850). After his death his house and farm were owned by two of his sons, Alfred and Forman Sickles. Forman, age 44, his wife, Eliza and their children appear in the 1870 population census along with Alfred, age 50, and their mother Patience, age 85 (U.S. Population Census 1870:43).

Alfred insured the property, using his brother as security, at five-year intervals from 1858 until 1891. The house was measured at 27' by 28' from the 1858 to 1886, but by the time of the renewal in 1886, the house was 28" by 44", documenting that the Sickles brothers had expanded the house (Holmdel Mutual Fire Insurance Co. Records, 1858-1891). Alfred and Forman farmed the property together and appeared in the 1880 agriculture census with 132 acres of improved land, with an additional 87 acres of woodland (Productions of Agriculture 1880:10).

Forman's son Charles S. Sickles sold the house and property out of the family in 1902 (Monmouth County Deed 688 110). The buyer was Joseph Brakely, who operated a large canning factory in Freehold on Manasquan Avenue. Brakely's company sold the property in 1928 to Tunis Denise, who turned the land over to fruit orchards (Monmouth County Deed 842 190; 1433 38; Thompson 1990:110). A portion of the property was later sold to developers who built the Driftwood Lane subdivision to the west of the house. The current owner, Edward King restored the property in the 1970s and later purchased it. King happens to be a descendant of Elbert Williamson, a cousin of David Williamson.
Site Plan. 1981 conditions.
2001 update: Driveway is now Driftwood Lane.
CONTINUATION SHEET
HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-41
Williamson-Sickles Farmstead


Barn (B), view Northeast. 1981 photograph.
CONTINUATION SHEET

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-41
Williamson-Sickles Farmstead


Barn (B), view Northeast. 1981 photograph.
Williamson-Sickels Barn

Width: 36 feet
Length: 48 feet
Area: 1728 square feet
Height at plate: 20 feet, 6 inches
Height at purlin: @ 27 feet, 6 inches
Height at peak: @ 30 feet
Largest timber: 17 inch anchorbeam
Siding: Original ¾ inch unbeveled, random width clapboard (overlaid with shingles)
Date: Circa 1850
Tradition: Dutch-English hybrid framing
Special features: Original 11-17 inch, 2 inch thick, 23 foot long, splined threshing floorboards, original ¾ inch, unbeveled, random width clapboards, relieved at each post and stud, asymmetrical aisles, 6 foot animal door, slotted jambs for doors at both ends of the threshing floor, extremely slender arcade/girls on side, no girls on the other, no interior collar ties, square rule framing, vestigial tongues, no wedges, smaller down wind door to threshing floor, rafter pegs
cut off flush, longer purlin braces over threshing floor

Location: Driftwood Lane (originally Colt's Neck Road and School Road), Colt's Neck, Monmouth County

Status: Stable, side aisle floors missing, badly deteriorated rafter plate, other missing members

Measured: 5 June 2002

Drawn: 13-19 June 2002
Williamson-Sickels Barn

Scale: 1/8" = 1'
**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE**
**BUILDING COMPLEX SURVEY FORM**

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**Additional Architectural Description:**

A. Square, 3 bay main block with side hall entry; rectangular 3 bay wing. Date refers to main section, which was probably constructed by John G. Taylor after he acquired the property in 1826. The wing may predate the main block. Sash is 9/9 on the first floor of the main block, 6/6 elsewhere. Alterations include enclosed front porch on main block, large bay window and ell on wing. Eaves are flush with end walls.

B. Ell and open shed have been added. Currently used as a horse barn.

2001 update: Replacement windows are 9/9 sash on the first floor.
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:
Siting: House faces south with barns at rear on a 41 acre lot. (2001 update: lot is 27.93 acres.)
Topography: Generally flat on lot, steep bluffs descend to Big Brook, the branches of which surround the south and east sides of the farmstead.
Vegetation: Mature deciduous growth provides windbreak for house, pasture in rear of lot.
Water: Big Brook flows south and east of farmstead.

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

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:
This is a good example of the 3 bay plus wing farmhouse which was a popular house form in central Monmouth County up to the mid-19th century, when 5 bay houses begin to predominate. Although altered, much of the original design and form are visible. The general plan of the farmstead is typical of the area, though one of the buildings is modern.

The farm was purchased by John G. Taylor (1790-1864) in 1826, and was described in the deed as "whereon the said John G. Taylor now lives known by the name of the mill farm". Taylor had rented the mill farm since at least 1823 and was probably responsible for building the house. He bought the property from the estate of Tunis G. Vanderveer, his partner in the ownership of the gristmill on Big Brook, across what is now Rt. 34. (The mill had been at that location prior to 1750 and was rebuilt in 1808. It is no longer standing). Taylor and his wife Lydia lived on the 114-acre farm and raised a large family. Taylor's sons William and Charles M. operated the gristmill, while a third son, Morford ran and later inherited the farm.

Morford Taylor (1836-1914) insured the farm buildings in 1867 with the Holmdel Mutual Fire Insurance Company when the dimensions of the house were 28' x 30' with a 26' x 33 kitchen (probably attached). Several outbuildings were listed including a 36' x 50' barn, which may be the one still standing behind the house. Morford and his family resided at the farm until c. 1903 and moved into Holmdel prior to 1914. At his death in 1921 his farm in Atlantic Township was left to his son Edward F. Taylor, a resident of Freehold, who sold the 114-acre property out of the family in 1928.

ORIGINAL USE:  Farm and residence  PRESENT USE:  Horse farm

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

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

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

COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:
1. Lightfoot map, 1851.
2. Beers map, 1860.
5. Primary research conducted by Mary Ann Kierman of the Monmouth County Archives in Manalapan, NJ. (July 2002)

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
JOHN G. TAYLOR'S MILL FARM (Monmouth County Site No. 1309-42)
East side of Route 34, Colts Neck
& Mill (west side of Route 34 on north side of Conover Rd.)

Once part of the vast Lawrence property, the John G. Taylor "mill farm" was included in a 1750 deed for 200 acres in Middletown. The 1750 deed also recites the chain of title from 1737 to 1750. (East Jersey Deeds, K2, pg. 189).

Due to the fact that the "mill farm" was part of the original 200 acre tract it is important to explain the chain of title for both the mill lot and the mill farm where the John G. Taylor house is now located since John G. Taylor and his family owned the mill from 1816 through the 1920s.

1737 William Lawrence to Joseph Field
200 acres (East Jersey Deeds, K2, pgs. 189 etc.)

1750 Heirs of Joseph Field to Joseph VanMater
200 acres (Note: the deed also states "as much earth on the hill on the south side of the mill pond as shall be needed full from time to time at all times hereafter forever for mending and repairing the mill dam."). The attached copy of the 1851 Lightfoot map shaded in yellow indicates the approximate original boundaries of the 200 acres.

Beekman's "Early Dutch Settlers" (page 80) states that while Joseph owned the 200 acres with the mill his sons, Cyrenius(I) and Daniel, operated the mill during the Revolution. (page 80). It is also stated that Cyrenius was a British sympathizer during the Revolution and was run out of Monmouth County never to return again. The 200 acres including the mill was left to his children by his father, Joseph Vanmater who died in 1792.

1808 Heirs of Cyrenius(I) and Gilbert VanMater to John Herbert of South Amboy
In 1808, the brothers and sisters of Cyrenius(I) and Gilbert, the children of Cyrenius(I) sold the property which was left to them by their grandfather Joseph. The property had increased by 26 acres for a total of 226 acres including the NEW GRIST MILL within the "bounds of Middletown." This tract also included the tract on the east side of Route 34 and is later described as the 114 Acre "mill farm." (DB R, pgs. 489 etc.)

1816 John Herbert of Middletown to John G[ ] Taylor of Middletown
Tract of land situated in Middletown (this tract is located on the west side of Route 34). Herbert sells 81 acres of the 226 acres to Taylor. Taylor, more than likely, was living on this side of Route 34 in 1816 but, as the deed states, Herbert reserved the privilege forever for "the convenience of Diging sufficient for conveying the water across from where the brook now is to the north side of said meadow for the benefit of raising a pond of water for a mill or any other kind of water works. (DB M3, pgs. 337 etc.). Attached is a rough draft of the 81 acres and 114 Acres with the road to Freehold (Route 34) used as the boundary line of the 2 tracts.

1817 John G. Taylor of Middletown takes a mortgage from Tunis G. Vanderveer on Jun 4
81 acres and the 13 acre tract which appears to be the mill. (Mortgage Book F, pg. 1).

THE MILL FARM AND JOHN G. TAYLOR HOUSE
While there are no deeds to Tunis G. Vanderveer for either the mill property or the mill farm property, his will and probate records clearly indicate that Tunis somehow became the owner of both tracts between 1817 and 1823. It is certainly clear from the entries in Tunis' probate records that John G. Taylor was living on the "mill farm" by at least 1823.

It appears from Tunis G.'s 1823 probate records (Estate 26241) that Tunis G. and John G. Taylor may have been partners in the mill based on the following entries in the settlement of Vanderveer's estate:
Paid John G. Taylor toward building Mill
Paid Joseph Tilton for work done at Mill
Cash Received for Rent of Mill farm of John G. Taylor for 1823 and 1824
Paid John H. Holmes for smithing done for Mill
Paid William L. Prall in full for printing handbills & advertising mill farm
Sold Grist Mill, Mill lot, Mill farm and wood lot to John G. Taylor for $8,000

1826 Daniel I. Schanck Sr., Executor of Tunis G. Vanderveer, deceased to John G. Taylor
Mill Farm, 114 acres in Middletown "whereon the said John G. Taylor now lives known by the name of the mill farm" (on east side of Route 34);
Mill Lot, 16 acre (on the west side of Route 34).
Woodlot, 38 acres. (DB M3, pgs. 335 etc.)

1851 Lightfoot Map - J. G. Taylor located on the east side of the road from Freehold to Holmdel (Route 34). (His son William] is located on the west side of the road operating the mill).

1864 Will of John G. Taylor (Will Book H, pgs. 212 etc.)
Leaves "beloved wife [Lydia] use of my farm" and after her death to his son, Morford Taylor.

1873 Beers, Comstock and Cline Atlas. M. Taylor is located on the east side of the road from Freehold to Holmdel (Route 34)

1875 Atlantic Township Census lists Morford, his wife Jane F. and son Edward. His mother Lydia at age 76 is living with him. Also living in the house are his 4 unmarried sisters, Elizabeth, Ann, Jane E., and Sarah.

1905 Census. Family Number 198 lists Morford and Jane, his wife, and his son Edward still living on the farm in Atlantic Township. One of Morford's sister, age 70, is also living in the house.

1921 Will of Morford Taylor (Will Book 77 pgs. 147 etc.)
It is not known at what point Morford moved into Holmdel Village but in his will, written in 1914 (probated in 1921), he states he is of Holmdel. He leaves to his wife Jane F. the house lot in Holmdel Village. To his only heir, Edward F. Taylor, the real estate situated in Atlantic Township and that he was to pay Jane F. $700 yearly from the income of the said farm. Edward was living in Freehold at the time of his father's death and was not living on the old homestead.

1928 Edward F. Taylor to William H. LaBoydeaux (Deed Book 1462 pgs. 94 etc.)
After almost 100 years the "mill farm" was transferred out of the John G. Taylor family. The 114 acre farm "whereon the said John G. Taylor now lives and known by the name of Mill Farm." The deed was obviously reciting the metes and bounds of an old deed.

The attached copy of the c. 1920s map shows "Le Boydeaux" on the east side of Route 34 With 120 acres.
CONTINUATION SHEET

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-42

John G. Taylor Farm

Location Map.

Site Plan.

Not to Scale
CONTINUATION SHEET

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-42

John G. Taylor Farm


Barn (B), view Southwest. 1981 photograph.
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-43

HISTORIC NAME: Lafayette Schanck House
LOCATION: 300 State Route 34
MUNICIPALITY: Colts Neck
USGS QUAD: Marlboro

DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: 1860-1875
Style: Italianate
Number of Stories: 2 1/2
Foundation: Brick
Exterior Wall Fabric: Clapboard
Fenestration: 2 bay by 5 bay asymmetrical
Roof/Chimneys: Intersecting gable, 1 internal ridge chimney

Additional Architectural Description:
Retains its historic building fabric and design features. Energetic Italianate detailing includes elaborate verge board in the eaves, a heavy carved doorway, a projecting bay on the east side, segmental arch windows crowned by pronounced cornices, and porches with denticulated molding and brackets.

2001 update: The photograph below dates from 1981. Since the time of the original survey, the house has been meticulously restored, and a large garage addition was built on the rear.

COMMON NAME:
BLOCK/LOT: 7.30/3
COUNTY: Monmouth
OWNER/
ADDRESS:

Source of Date: Stylistic
Architect:
Builder:
Form/Plan Type: T-plan with rim ell (2001 update: house connected to garage).

PHOTO Negative File No. 1-25, 26
MAP (Indicate North)
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:
Situated on small rise above Rt. 34 on a 117 acre lot, the site includes an assortment of deteriorated outbuildings, none of which are noteworthy, and a small 20th century cottage.

2001 update: The house stands on a 3.6 acre lot. Few of the outbuildings remain.

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

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:
This is an outstanding example of the substantial Italianate farmhouses that were built in the 19th century by wealthy farmers in central Monmouth County. This existing house was built for Lafayette Schenck, a member of the locally prominent Schenck family. The house reflects the aspirations of a wealthy and socially conscious farmer. The house is similar to the Isaac G. Smock (#1309-45) on Willowbrook Road. I.G. Smock was a close associate and friend of the Schencks.

The Lafayette Schenck house stands on land purchased by his father De Lafayette Schenck in 1824. De Lafayette (1871-1862) was the son of Captain John Schenck, a revolutionary war captain, who raised his family in Pleasant Valley. As an adult, De Lafayette resided in Matawan, where he was first occupied as a tanner and later became a successful banker and hotel owner in Matawan and Keyport (Ellis 1885:673-4). He began to purchase farmland in Middletown Township (later Colts Neck Township) in 1819 and in 1824 he purchased an adjacent 94+ acre parcel where the house now stands (the dwellings on the property were expected out) (Monmouth County Deed H2 50). Schenck engaged in farming for several years and probably built the earlier house on the site that appears on the 1851 Lightfoot map. He also served as a Freeholder of Atlantic Township, when it was formed in 1847. In 1855 he sold his farm to his son Lafayette Schenck and returned to Matawan where he resided until his death in 1862 (Monmouth County Deed H6 429). Two of De La Fayette's daughters married into the Smock family; Ann married Daniel Smock of Hillsdale Road, Colts Neck (#1309-25) and Catherine married Uriah Smock of neighboring Marlboro Township (#1328-26) (Miles 1981:38-39). (SEE CONTINUATION SHEET).

ORIGINAL USE: Residence

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent □
Good □
Fair □
Poor □

REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes □
Possible □
No □

THREATS TO SITE: Roads □
Development □
Zoning □
Other □

COMMENTS: Development pressures in this area are intense.

REFERENCES:
1. Lightfoot map, 1851.
2. Beers map, 1860.
7. Thompson, Elizabeth Makin, Colts Neck Old Homes and Families (Revised 1990), pp. 93-94,109B
8. Primary documents as cited in text.

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
Lafayette Schenck House

Significance Evaluation Continued:

Lafayette Schenck (1830-1913) rebuilt the farmhouse in the Italianate Style, popular in the area in mid- to late 19th century. A beam in the attic has the date “1872” carved in it. Lafayette insured the house and outbuildings with the Holmdel Mutual Fire Insurance Company beginning in the 1863. Later he insured another house and a tenement house as well. His son Henry Irving Schenck inherited the farm after his father’s death in 1913. Henry was an asparagus farmer, and was credited with inventing an asparagus cutter, patented in 1902. He later moved with his wife, Helen Van Dusen Wells, to Marlboro where she ran a tearoom (Thompson 1990:93). Failing to pay back a mortgage, Schenck’s 239-acre property was sold at a sheriff’s auction during the Depression (Monmouth County Deed 1656 20). Soon after Ludwig and Edna Niehaus of Englewood, Bergen County purchased the southern half of the farm (120 acres) and resided there into 1980’s (Monmouth County Deed 1669 3).

The house was restored in the early 1990’s and the owners modified the rear of the house to connect to a garage (Guinn 1992:D4). The grounds near the house are extensively landscaped. The current owners run a horse farm.
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<td>Gable, 1 internal end chimney on main section; 1 internal end chimney on south wing</td>
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**Additional Architectural Description:**
A Greek Revival house with narrow eaves, 6/6 sash windows with simple surrounds, 3/3 sash on small second floor windows of wings. Side and transom lights frame doorway which has an entry portico. The south wing has a small screened in porch off of it. The main section and the south wing are probably the earliest sections.

**2001 update:** The house is gated off at the end of the driveway and is barely visible through the coniferous and deciduous trees.

**PHOTO** Negative File No. 5-9, 10, 11, 12

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

House faces east on a 78.5-acre horse farm. A 19th century frame barn, a small frame privy or smokehouse, and an open shed are in the immediate vicinity. A modern horse farm complex is also on the lot, with modern metal-sided buildings and a track.

2001 update: The farm lane was realigned to become Deputy Minister Road and the farm land is now developed with suburban housing. The house stands on a 3.22-acre lot. The barn can be seen through the trees, which has been greatly modified with a cross gable roofed addition, large cupola, and an external end chimney. Trees obscure the view of most of the outbuildings.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

URBAN ☐  SUBURBAN ☑  SCATTERED BUILDINGS ☐
OPEN SPACE ☑  WOODLAND ☐  RESIDENTIAL ☑  AGRICULTURAL ☐  VILLAGE ☑
INDUSTRIAL ☐  COMMERCIAL ☐  HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL ☐  OTHER ☐  LOCATED ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE VILLAGE OF TINTON FALLS

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:

This is a good example in Monmouth County of a Greek Revival residence with expansion that is sympathetic with the original section. The 3-bay plan which comprises the central section is characteristic of farmhouses from the early 19th century. It was replaced by the 5 bay plan as the century progressed. The compliment of farm buildings and open space serves to balance the suburbanization that exists across Tinton Avenue. The farm was owned by D. Valentine during the second half of the 19th century.

2001 update: The property was subdivided and new houses were built around the farmhouse. Although hard to see, the house appears to be standing in its original configuration. The owners operate a small horse farm.

ORIGINAL USE: Residence
PRESENT USE: Residence/ Horse farm

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent ☐  Good ☑  Fair ☐  Poor ☐
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes ☐  Possible ☑  No ☐
THREATS TO SITE: Roads ☐  Development ☐  Zoning ☑  Other ☐
COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:
1. 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
Barn; facing S.W. 1981 photograph.
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**Additional Architectural Description:**

(A) House: Italianate elements include vertical picturesque massing, round-headed gable windows, octagonal attic windows in frieze, and full story first floor windows. Sash is 4/4. Alterations have been made to fenestration with the addition of a large bay window, and to the general plan with addition of the 2 story section at the junction of the north and west wings. The external chimney on the north end is an unsympathetic alteration.

(B) Wagon Shed: Outside bay sections have probably been expanded, changing roofline. 30' x 42' wagon house appears on 1858 insurance records.

(C) Summer Kitchen: Undulating trim along eaves. 22' x 26' summer kitchen appears on 1858 insurance records.

**2001 update:** Site is well maintained. Some of the windows on the house have been replaced. Barn next to the wagon house has been demolished.
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:
Siting: Faces north, set back approximately 100' on 3.6 acre lot.
Topography: Flat.
Vegetation: Mature deciduous tree growth around house, farmstead is surrounded by pasture land.
Water: Big Brook flows 1800' south of farmstead.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

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

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:
This is a good example of the large mid to late 19th century farmhouses built in Monmouth County by wealthy farmers. It was built on the site of an earlier farm, and demonstrates the evolution of residences and outbuildings on a single farm site, with older structures being replaced with newer structures.

Isaac G. Smock acquired the land through inheritance and purchase following the death of his father in 1836. He was a member of the Monmouth County Agricultural Society, and was on the Board of Directors of the Monmouth County Plank-Road Company. Smock insured the buildings on the property with the Holmdel Mutual Fire Insurance Company in 1858, 1863, and 1868, which illustrates his sizable agricultural operations. In addition to the dwelling, insured structures included a 22' by 26' summer kitchen, 40' by 50' barn, 24' by 66' stables, 30' by 42' wagon house, 17' by 24' carriage house as well as a cow house, cow shed, sheep house, wood house, smoke house, and two hay houses. A site with a similar house and history is the Lafayette Schanck House (#1309-43) on the west side of Route 34, opposite Willow Brook Road.

ORIGINAL USE: Farm and residence

PRESENT USE: Horse farm and residence

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

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

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

COMMENTS: Suburban development is encroaching on the area.

REFERENCES:
1. Lightfoot, 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. 1309-45
Isaac G. Smock Farm

Location Map.

CONTINUATION SHEET

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO.  1309-45
Isaac G. Smock Farm

House (A), view Southeast. 1981 photograph.

Summer Kitchen (C), and Smokehouse, view East. 1981 photograph.
CONTINUATION SHEET

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-45

Isaac G. Smock Farm

![Image of a barn and wagon shed]

Wagon Shed (B), and Barn, view South. 1981 photograph.
2001 update: barn demolished.
HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: Samuel Holmes House

LOCATION: 200 County Road 537 East, 1265 ft East of Laird Road
MUNICIPALITY: Colts Neck
USGS QUAD: Marlboro

DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: 1830s
Style: Greek Revival
Number of Stories: 2-1/2 (main block); 1-1/2 (east wing)
Foundation: Brick
Exterior Wall Fabric: Wood shingle siding
Fenestration: 3 bay main block; 2 bay east wing
Roof/Chimneys: Gable; brick interior end chimney

Additional Architectural Description:
The original 1830s house consists of the 2-1/2 story side-hall plan main block with a lateral kitchen wing on the east side. The structural system is heavy timber frame construction, using a combination of hand-hewn and vertical sawn timbers, with brick infilled walls. There is a full basement under the main block, and a crawl space under the kitchen wing. The exterior retains early wood shingle siding with hand wrought nails, and 6/6 and 2/2 sash windows, some with original paneled shutters. The 6-panel front door is a 20th century replacement but retains its original frame and three-light transom; there is evidence in the shingling that there was formerly a full porch across the front of the house. Significant interior features include Greek Revival mantles, original trim and doors and pine plank flooring in selected rooms. In the 20th century the kitchen wing was expanded at the rear and the south slope of the roof was raised; the interior was heavily renovated, including a new foundation and floor joists. The large 2 story rear wing and the west wing, compatibly designed with the original house, also date from the mid 20th century.

PHOTO Negative File No. 9-27, 28, 29, 30
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

The house faces north on a 22.6-acre lot surrounded by a garden and mature trees. A brick patio is attached to the rear of the house. A 19th century outbuilding, which was originally a woodshed or shop, lies southwest of the house; it has a hand-hewn timber frame, wood shingle siding, early board and batten doors, and has been slightly modified for use as a garage. A small shed lies further south.

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

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:

The Holmes House is representative of early 19th century farmhouse construction in eastern Monmouth County; it retains some of its original Greek Revival details and the 22+-acre property has remained intact since 1834. The house has served as a home, often occupied by the owner, from that time until the present day.

The house was built during the 1830's by Samuel Holmes Jr. (1799-1865). This date is based on a combination of documentary evidence and architectural characteristics; in addition, the Nathan family discovered the year 1836 carved on a door jamb during renovations in the mid-20th century (Thompson 1987:57).

The 22.6-acre property was originally part of Obadiah Tilton's 156-acre estate in the early 19th century. Obadiah Tilton (1738-1818), inherited land from his father Robert and occupied a house across Route 537, which is no longer standing. Years after his death, and the death of his oldest son Robert, the estate was divided by the Orphan's Court in 1829 with a 52-acre portion designated for Obadiah's son Joseph (Probate Record 24647). In 1834, Joseph sold 22.31 acres of the 52-acre tract containing "all that lot of land and premises" to Samuel Holmes, Jr. (1799-1865) (Monmouth County Deed F3 259). Three years later Holmes married Lydia Corlies Tilton (b. 1799), a granddaughter of Obadiah. Both the Holmes and Tilton families were of English descent. The couple lived at the house throughout the mid-19th century. Samuel and Lydia had no children of their own, but did take on an occasional boarder. Catherine Lloyd, age 13 and Charles Conrow, age 11, were listed as living with them in the 1850 population census (Stillwell 1970:168; U.S. Population Census 1850). The house appeared on the 1851 Lightfoot map and on the 1860 Beers map. (SEE CONTINUATION SHEET)

ORIGINAL USE: Farmhouse

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

COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:

Maps: Lightfoot 1851; Beers 1860; Beers Atlas 1873; Wolverton Atlas 1889.
Ellis, Franklin, History of Monmouth County, New Jersey (1885), p. 667.
Primary sources as cited in text (primary research compiled with the assistance of Mary Ann Kiernan, Monmouth County Archives).

RECORDED BY:  Gail L. Hunton and Robin French
DATE:  2001
SURVEY:  Monmouth County Historic Sites Inventory
ORGANIZATION:  Monmouth County Park System
CONTINUATION SHEET

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-46

Samuel Holmes House

Holmes ran a modest operation; his 22+-acre farm was very small when compared to his neighbors whose farms ranged in size from 50 acres to over 250 acres. His real estate was valued at $3,000 in 1860, and according to the agricultural census that year he farmed 100 bushels each of Indian corn, oats, Irish potatoes, with smaller amounts of wheat and hay. He also raised milk cows, to produce butter, as well as pigs (U.S. Production of Agriculture 1860). His personal estate was valued at $300 in the population census that same year (U.S. Population Census 1860).

After his death in 1865, an extensive inventory was made of Holmes' estate, which totaled $1,574.90 (Monmouth Cown Inventory B-2 170). Items within the house were listed room by room including the parlor, sitting room, hall, closet over the hall, southwest room upstairs, room over the hall, room over the parlor, garret, kitchen, kitchen chamber, and cellar. The quality and diversity of their possessions indicate that Samuel and Lydia Holmes had achieved a level of success. Among their furnishings were a bookcase, brass candlesticks, mahogany and walnut furniture, looking glass (mirrors), diamond glass cutter, a double barreled gun, a map of Monmouth County, and a somewhat cryptic "gilt framed certificate of association." Also on the property were a barn, woodshed, oven house, and of particular interest, a carpenter shop, which may indicate an occupation apart from farming. Among his tools in the shop were a grinding stone, a lathe, and other carpenter's tools valued at $100. Finished items such as four turned bedposts were also included in the inventory. Although Holmes was not recorded in the census as a carpenter, he was listed in the Atlantic Township minutes as constructing a coffin in 1849 (Colt's Neck Historical Committee n.d.:17). In addition to his crops listed in the agricultural census, Holmes also appears to have farmed clover and timothy and may have kept a small apple orchard.

Samuel Holmes was buried at the Christ Church in Shrewsbury (Mary Lyle Collection, Monmouth County Historical Association). In 1872 his estate was sold to Clark Cottrell of Atlantic Township for $5,000. Cottrell's name appeared as the owner in the 1873 Beers atlas. Cottrell, and his wife Catherine, sold the property two years later to John Frizealer Scobey (1822-1898) for $5,200 (Monmouth County Deeds 238 458; 260 99). Scobey was a blacksmith and farm equipment dealer who made a living in Scobeyville, a crossroads town named for his family 1/4 mile west of the house (Ellis 1885:667). Scobey appears to have moved into the house during the late 19th century and was recorded in the 18 U.S. population census with his wife Lucy, and two adult children, Frank, age 22 at school, Alice E. age 19, a boarder named John H. Parks, employed as a wheelwright, and a schoolteacher named M.T. Reid (U.S. Population Census 1880). Scobey appears as the owner in the 1889 Wolverton atlas and resided at the house until his death in 1898. His executor sold the property in 1918 to James C. Sickles for $5,500 (Probate Record 24231; Monmouth County Deed 1074 106).

Sickles and his wife Maude also owned other larger neighboring parcels and it is possible that a tenant occupied the house during their tenure. The Sickles conveyed the house in 1925 to Robert H. Maida (Monmouth County Deed 1287 121). Maida retained ownership of the property until 1942 and then sold it to Ralph B. and Isabel Lott who in turn sold it to Ruth Stern in 1943 (Monmouth County Deeds 1883 273). Stern's son from her first marriage, Alfred Nathan III, and his wife Justine lived in the house; Alfred ran "Festoon Farm," his mother's larger farm across the street (Thompson 1987:5). The Nathans were responsible for building the two modern additions, which are estimated to be approximately 40 year age. An outbuilding, southwest of the house, which may have been the carpenter shop, was modified with a garage door. The Nathans sold the property to the Monmouth County Park System in 1997.
CONTINUATION SHEET

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO.  1309-46

Samuel Holmes House

Shop/Wood Shed. View West. 2001 photograph.
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC NAME:
LOCATION: 48 Clover Hill Lane
Cr. of Clover Hill Road
MUNICIPALITY: Colts Neck
USGS QUAD: Marlboro

DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: 1st half 19th century, c. 1840
Style: Vernacular
Number of Stories: 2 1/2
Foundation: Concrete
Exterior Wall Fabric: Shingle, horizontal flush siding
Fenestration: 4 bay asymmetrical
Roof/Chimneys: Unevenly pitched gable, central chimney

Additional Architectural Description:
4 bay house. The section east of the chimney is most likely the original section; the house has been substantially altered.

2001 update: A gabled addition has been added to the rear of the house and the front picture window was converted to a bay window. The house is intact and well-kept.
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

Faces south on small corner lot, includes small frame garage in rear, surrounding area is rather hilly.

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

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:

This house is representative of the smaller vernacular houses that date from the early to mid 19th century in rural Monmouth County. Located along what was formerly the major road from southern Monmouth County to Matawan, the construction of Route 34 has left this a small country house. The house is located in an agriculturally poor area, being very hilly, and the accrual of numerous small additions and alterations through the years, reflect its occupancy by persons of modest means. The house was owned by H. Giberson on the 1851, 1860, 1873 maps (sometimes spelled Giverson) and by J.H. Giveron in 1889.

Ruliff Giberson occupied the farm into the early 20th century, followed by Joseph McCormick. In 1936, the farm was reduced to nine acres and sold to John H. Bostock, an architect from Newark who intended to enlarge and modernize the house as a summerhouse. One of selling features of the farm was a knoll with a commanding view (Ref. 5).

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 □ Other □
No Threat □

COMMENTS: Suburban encroachment on all sides.

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

RECORDED BY: James McCabe; Robin French 2001 update
DATE: March 1980; November 2001
SURVEY: Monmouth County Historic Sites Inventory
ORGANIZATION: Monmouth County Park System
CONTINUATION SHEET

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1309-47

View north. 2001 photograph.

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

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1329-48

HISTORIC NAME: Atlantic Elementary School

LOCATION: 20 Route 537 East

MUNICIPALITY: Colts Neck

USGS QUAD: Marlboro

COMMON NAME: Meridian Academy

BLOCK/LOT: 48/19

COUNTY: Monmouth

OWNER/ ADDRESS: Monmouth County Educational Service, Freehold

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: 1922 with later additions

Source of Date: Ref.

Style: Colonial Revival

Architect:

Number of Stories: 2

Builder:

Foundation: Concrete

Form/Plan Type: Rectangle with additions

Exterior Wall Fabric: Brick

Fenestration: 11 by 11 bay symmetrical

Roof/Chimneys: One internal end chimney, flat roof with parapet

Additional Architectural Description:

Distinguishing features include brick quoins, pilasters, and pattern brick detailing, as well as the wide wood cornice and roof parapet. 16/12 sash windows on upper story, and 6/6 sash windows on lower story. A large one-story wing designed by J. Hallam Conover was added to the rear of the building in 1950.

PHOTO Negative File No. 10-32; 11-1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9

MAP (Indicate North)
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:
Faces north on Route 537, a major thoroughfare near the intersection with Route 34.

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

SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION:
The school was built as a six-room schoolhouse on land acquired from Warren Matthews in 1922 (Ref. 1). The school is a good example of early 20th century school architecture in Monmouth County, constructed during a period of transformation in rural Monmouth County from 19th century one-room schoolhouses to buildings that could accommodate a growing population. After being replaced by other schools in the township, the building housed school administrative offices for a time before becoming the Meridian Academy, a special education school for emotionally disturbed and neurologically impaired students.

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

REFERENCES:

RECORDED BY:  
- Gail Hunton and Robin French  
DATE:  
- November 2001  
SURVEY:
- Monmouth County Historic Sites Inventory  
ORGANIZATION:
- Monmouth County Park System