EAGLESWOOD
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Maps
EAGLESWOOD TOWNSHIP

Eagleswood Township, located in southern Ocean County, is the county's smallest township in both population and area, with about one thousand residents spread over sixteen and one half square miles. Composed largely of pine forest, the township has changed little since the turn of the century. Aside from a trailer park at Staffordville and a group of summer homes at Dock Road, few new structures have been built in eighty years, giving most of Eagleswood Township a distinctly nineteenth century character.

The township, organized in 1874, is bordered to the east by Little Egg Harbor, to the north by Stafford Township, to the west by Burlington County, and to the south by Little Egg Harbor Township. The name Eagleswood was chosen in the 1870s since eagles were known to nest in the area. Two major settlements can be found in Eagleswood--Staffordville, a late nineteenth century community, and West Creek, first settled in the eighteenth century.

West Creek, located near the southern boundary of the township, is the earliest settlement in Eagleswood and one of the first in the county. The name, originally Indian, was first known as Westeconk or Westecunk, probably signifying "a place to get meat or eatables." ¹

One of the first white settlers to the area was Gervas (Jarvis) Pharo, whose house still stands on West Street. Pharo, credited with inventing the garvey and square bottom boat, came to this country from England in 1678 and settled in the West Creek area in the first years of the 1700s. ² Other early settlers came from Long Island, including the Cranmer and Willets families.

What attracted these first settlers to the area is unknown, but its easy access to Little Egg Harbor and abundance of seafood may have drawn them here. By the mid eighteenth century a number of homes could be found in the West
Creek area, many of which still stand including the old Cox House on Main Street, the Jarvis Pharo House on West, and another Pharo property at the corner of West and Division.

Many of these early settlers were Quakers who held meetings in their homes. A Quaker meetinghouse was also located in the town of Tuckerton a few miles to the south. As early as 1778 a Methodist society was formed under the direction of Reverend Benjamin Abbott, a traveling preacher, and by 1815 a small church was built at the southern edge of town. Later in the century a Baptist Church was also organized.

The settlers were farmers who also gathered food from the bay and woods. Other ways of making a living began soon after the settlement of the area. By the late 18th century, forges and furnaces were found along the back woods. Stafford Forge, now destroyed, was built in 1797 by John Lippencott, who operated the forge for forty two years. The forge was located at the intersection of Martha and Stafford Forge Road and here the "pigs" of iron were made into items such as pots, irons, and plows. Saw and grist mills could also be found along the small creeks of the region in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. The sawmill house on Mill Road is perhaps the only standing example of the saw mill operations in the township. It is believed other mills existed along Silver Lake and the Stafford Forge roads.

The shipping and boat-building industries are also believed to have been introduced to the township in the eighteenth century. During the Revolution, the township was a haven for pirates, who seized British ships spotted off shore at places such as Mud Cove and Dinner Point.

Perhaps the heyday of West Creek and Eagleswood was the first half of the nineteenth century. A journal of 1844 states that West Creek had two stores, a tavern, over thirty houses and a sawmill.
In addition to the sawing of lumber and charcoal making, boat-building and shipping were also important functions of the area in the early nineteenth century.

By the second half of the century, the inland natural resources were exhausted, causing many of the settlements along the coast to decline. Since lumber, iron and charcoal supplies had been diminished, cranberry-growing, farming and sea-related activities became the dominant occupation. West Creek may not have been as affected by this decline as other towns, since a church, schoolhouse, a hotel and many homes were constructed in the 1860s and 70s. A map of 1878, which shows the location of cranberry bogs, a mill and boat-building yards, indicates that many of these businesses were still in existence. By the end of the 1870s other work helped keep the area relatively prosperous. Among these new businesses was the sand and gravel company of Jonathan Cox, which provided landfill for the new town of Beach Haven at Long Beach Island.

Construction of the Tuckerton Railroad in the 1880s spurred the birth of the salt hay and ice industries in the area, but by the end of the decade neither business could support further growth. New buildings were still constructed throughout the century, but at a much slower pace. By 1900 Eagleswood had become a quiet backwater village.

West Creek was the focal point of Eagleswood from the area's beginning. Here the first settlers of the township came and from West Creek development sprang. Since most of the area's homes of the nineteenth century and some eighteenth century structures exist, it is easy to study the township's development. West Creek of the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries was a group of scattered farms along what is now West Main Street. By the 1830s James and Hazelton Cranmer and others built their homes along the main road,
now Route 9. By mid century Main Street had become the focal point of the community. The houses of the 1850s and 60s were built along Route 9 south of Cox's Lane and along new roads off Main such as Church and Division streets. Later in the century, Main Street between Dock, Mill, and Kelly Avenues were developed. New farms were scattered along North, Silver Lake and Mill roads throughout the nineteenth century. Most farms located north of West Creek along Route 9 were established during the second half of the nineteenth century. Staffordville, at the northern end of the township was also organized in the second half of the century, however only a handful of structures were built.

The buildings constructed in the eighteenth century have changed considerably over the years. The Jarvis Pharo House on West Street, for example, originally two bays wide with a later eighteenth, early nineteenth century three bay addition was probably built in two sections. Now a two story, five bay structure, the house contains a steep gable roof and six by six windows. The S. Pharo House, located on West near Division, has a massing which is more typical of late eighteenth, early nineteenth century structures, however the building now has a modern first floor addition.

Many early nineteenth century structures remain in West Creek. The common house of the time was two and one half stories high, five bays wide, containing a center door, a clapboard exterior and gable roof with cornice returns. Early nineteenth century houses such as the Cranmer House at the northwest corner of Main and Division, often had corner posts, six by six windows and a bracketed cornice. Three bay structures with similar features were built at mid century and are still found on Division and Main Streets. Five bay late Greek Revival houses, circa 1860, were also constructed along Main Street. These buildings often employ architrave window trim, porches with
Doric columns, and central doorways with transoms and sidelights. Many houses built in the 1870s and 80s contained similar elements, but had front porches with turned posts and vergeboard, similar to the old Shinn House on Main Street.

The two and one half story, five bay, gable roof structure persisted for most of Eagleswood's nineteenth century development, however, by the 1870s more irregular forms appeared, including the Second Empire style. Two examples of this style are found in Eagleswood today. Both have mansard roofs and elaborate cornices decorated with incised and applied ornament. By the end of the century, Victorian Gothic and Queen Anne elements could be found in the more elaborate homes of West Creek. Large farms outside town, contained combination or cross gabled roofs, bay windows, elaborately turned porch elements, and vergeboard. In town, one elaborate Queen Anne structure with a tower and open porch was built on Main Street near the corner of Dock Road. Other styles such as Colonial Revival could be seen in houses with neo-Palladian windows (A. J. Jones House at the southern edge of West Creek.)

Smaller vernacular structures were also built at the end of the century. A number of houses on Kelly Avenue and on Main Street between Mill and Dock Road are typical middle class housing of the last quarter of the 19th century. These homes are two and one half stories high, three or two bays wide and deep. They have little ornament and contain gable roofs with their ends facing the street, vergeboard peaks and simple turned porch elements. Another common house type was the L plan building, often with Gothic pointed arch attic windows. Similar houses can be found elsewhere in the county.

Today Eagleswood Township contains a great number of these structures due largely to the area's economic decline at the end of the nineteenth century. The nineteenth century character of the area is changing more slowly than most
communities in Ocean County. Few of its architecturally or historically important buildings are the victims of progress and therefore West Creek and the entire township remains much as it did in the late nineteenth century.

The Eagleswood Historical Society and the local government are interested in preserving the nineteenth century character of their community. The Society has written about the town's history and has recorded and identified the early structures of the township. In general, residents of the area are in favor of seeing their area preserved and hope to have the West Creek area declared a historic district in the near future.
EAGLESWOOD TOWNSHIP

FOOTNOTES


2 Ibid., p.273.

3 Ibid., p.259.

4 *The Eagleswood Handbook - A Short History of Eagleswood Township.* (Published by the Eagleswood Historical Society and the Eagleswood Bicentennial Committee), p.18.

5 Ibid., p.30.


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

HISTORIC NAME: A. Jones House
LOCATION: Main Street
MUNICIPALITY: West Creek, Eagleswood Twp.
USGS QUAD:
OWNER/ADDRESS: Jas. Burton

COMMON NAME:
BLOCK/LOT 12/3
COUNTY: Ocean
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: late 19th century
Source of Date: style
Architect:
Builder:
Style: Vernacular / Colonial Revival Elements
Form/Plan Type: rectangular
Number of Stories: 2½
Foundation: 1ow
Exterior Wall Fabric: clapboard
Fenestration: 3 bay
Roof/Chimneys: cross gable roof
Additional Architectural Description:

A center door contains a fanlight and sidelight. All windows are 2/2 with louvered shutters. A Palladian-like window is located above the door on the second floor. Paired Roman arch attic windows are found in the gable ends. Staggered-butt shingles are also located in the gable peaks as is vergeboard.

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

The structure is located on a large, cleared lot at the southern edge of West Creek. Many houses with similar elements and plans are found along the road.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

This late 19th century structure employs both regional and popular elements of its era, including a Palladian-style window, shingled gable peaks, centered door and cross gabled roof.

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

REFERENCES:

Woolman, H. C.  Map of Ocean County 1872.

RECORDED BY:  Michael May  DATE:  January 1981
ORGANIZATION:  Heritage Studies
NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: Oscar Cranmer House
LOCATION: Main Street

MUNICIPALITY: West Creek, Eaglewood Twp.
USGS QUAD: 
OWNER/ADDRESS: Robert and Sylvia Tolbert

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1508-2
COMMON NAME: 
BLOCK/LOT: 2/10
COUNTY: Ocean
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: c. 1852

Source of Date: Eagleswood Historical Society
Builder:
Form/Plan Type: rectangular

Architect:
Style: Vernacular / Second Empire
Number of Stories: 2½
Foundation: low, brick
Exterior Wall Fabric:
Fenestration: 2 bay
Roof/Chimneys: Dutch mansard, returns

Additional Architectural Description:

Two/two windows are employed throughout. A 2 story bay window is found across the facade and contains brackets and an elaborate band. A double door with round top panels and transom is located south of the bay window. A small front porch has square posts, and vergeboard brackets.

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

The structure is located on a narrow lot near the road. A similar building is found at the northern edge of town.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

The house is a good example of Second Empire / vernacular architecture. Few buildings of this kind are found in the township, however one structure along Route 9 contains similar elements including a mansard roof, small porch and decorative bands.

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

REFERENCES:

Woolman, H. C.  Map of Ocean County, 1878.

RECORDED BY:  Michael May  DATE:  January 1981
ORGANIZATION:  Heritage Studies
HISTORIC NAME: Captain J. Craft House  
LOCATION: Main Street  
MUNICIPALITY: West Creek, Eagleswood Twp.  
USGS QUAD:  
OWNER/ADDRESS: Joan N. Liebhauser  

COMMON NAME:  
BLOCK/LOT: 2/8  
COUNTY: Ocean  
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Northing/Easting  

DESCRIPTION  
Construction Date: c. 1860  
Source of Date: style  
Architect:  
Builder:  
Style: Greek Revival  
Form/Plan Type: rectangular  
Number of Stories: 2 story  
Number of Rooms:  
Foundation: low  
Exterior Wall Fabric: clapboard  
Fenestration: 5 bay  
Roof/Chimneys: gable roof with returns, 1 chimney  
Additional Architectural Description:  
An open porch with Doric columns and a standard railing is found across the facade. Six/six windows are employed throughout and have shouldered architrave trim. The center door has an enclosed transom.

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

The building is located near the main road in a densely settled area with similar structures.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

The structure is typical of houses built at the middle of the 19th century in the vernacular / Greek Revival style. An open porch with Doric columns, transom and window surrounds with shoulders are typical elements of the style.

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

REFERENCES:

Woolman, H. C. Map of Ocean County, 1878.

RECORDED BY: Michael May  DATE: January 1981
ORGANIZATION: Heritage Studies
NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: George Gaskill
LOCATION: Main Street
MUNICIPALITY: West Creek, Eagleswood Twp.
USGS QUAD: 
OWNER/ADDRESS: 

COMMON NAME: 
BLOCK/LOT 16/9
COUNTY: Ocean
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: mid 19th century
Architect: 
Style: Vernacular
Number of Stories: 3 story / 2 story
Foundation: low, brick
Exterior Wall Fabric: asbestos siding
Fenestration: 3 bay / 5 bay
Roof/Chimneys: parapet roof / gable
Additional Architectural Description:

The hotel was built in three sections, a 3 story, 3 bay late 19th century section with parapet roof, molded cornice to the south, and two 2 story, 3 bay, gable roof sections to the north. The south section contains a paneled door with transom. A 6 paneled door is found on the extreme north section. Windows are 2/2 or boarded.
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

The building is located on the main road and is found in densely settled section of town. Twentieth century commercial businesses are still found in the area.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

Little is known of the history of the Gaskill Hotel, but it appears on maps of the area in the 1870s. The hotel had at one time a large porch running across its facade. The northern section could be early 19th century, however, the building has been altered so its date of construction is unknown. The structure is the last known early mid 19th century hotel in the area, and is perhaps one of the earliest in Ocean County. The hotel contained a bar room with billiard tables, drinking room, dining hall and rooms. A water tower in the attic supplied water for cooking and bath facilities. The hotel boasted an ice house, pig pen, chicken yard and gardens.

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

COMMENTS:

UPDATE: Demolished Spring 1981

REFERENCES:

The Eagleswood Historical Society - notes.

RECORDED BY: Michael May  DATE: January 1981
ORGANIZATION: Heritage Studies
NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: Captain James Cranmer House
LOCATION: Main Street
MUNICIPALITY: West Creek, Eagleswood Twp.
USGS QUAD: Owner/Address: Jas. Andriem

COMMON NAME: Block/Lot 17/21
COUNTY: Ocean
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: c. 1830
Source of Date: Eagleswood Historical Society
Architect:
Builder:
Style: Greek Revival with later Italianate elements
Form/Plan Type: rectangular
Number of Stories: 2½
Foundation: low
Exterior Wall Fabric: clapboard
Fenestration: 5 bay
Roof/Chimneys: cross gable roof, returns
Additional Architectural Description:

An enclosed porch is found across the facade. Windows are 2/2. Double round arched attic windows are located in the gable peaks. A center door contains sidelights and transom. Molded (panelled) corner posts and molded window surrounds are found. A molded cornice runs around the perimeter of the building. A 19th century outbuilding contains a decorative rake board.
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

The house is located on a corner lot on the main road. Small outbuildings are found in the rear yard. Similar buildings are found along Route 9.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

This structure is an excellent example of vernacular / Greek Revival architecture. Much of the original details exist and outbuildings remain on the property. The Cramer family owned much of the land along Division Street. This property was divided and a small lane, Division Street, ran up the middle.

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

COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:

Woolman, H. C. Map of Ocean County, 1878.

RECORDED BY:  Michael May
ORGANIZATION:  Heritage Studies
DATE:  January 1981
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**DESCRIPTION**

Construction Date: c. 1830  
Architect:  
Style: Federal / Greek Revival  
Number of Stories: 2  
Foundation: low  
Exterior Wall Fabric: clapboard  
Fenestration: 5 bay  
Roof/Chimneys: gable roof with returns, 2 interior chimneys at ends  
Additional Architectural Description:  

The structure has 6/6 windows with louvered shutters. A center panelled door contains sidelights and a transom. A screened porch with blind balustrade runs across the facade. Sawn brackets are located below a molded cornice. Decorative rake boards are found on either end. A low 1 story addition is found on the north end. Two small outbuildings can be found in the rear yard. The barn is small and has a flaring gable roof with a decorative rake board, clapboard exterior, and lean-to additions.

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**Map (Indicate North)**

[Map Image]

[Diagram Image]
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

The house is in the middle of the community at the corner of two major roads. The structure contains outbuildings in its rear yard. Similar houses are found along Route 9 in town.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

The building was one of the many Cramer homes found in this area. The structure is an excellent example of vernacular construction from the first half of the 19th century. The house remains very much intact and 2 outbuildings remain in the rear yard.

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

COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:

Woolman, H. C. Map of Ocean County, 1878.

RECORDED BY: Michael May
ORGANIZATION: Heritage Studies
DATE: January 1981
NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

| HISTORIC NAME: | J. Cox House and Store |
| LOCATION: | Main Street |
| MUNICIPALITY: | West Creek, Eagleswood Twp. |
| USGS QUAD: | |
| OWNER/ADDRESS: | Ronald and Elizabeth Thomas |

| HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. | 1508-7 |
| COMMON NAME: | |
| BLOCK/LOT | 17/19 |
| COUNTY: | Ocean |
| UTM REFERENCES: | Zone/Northing/Easting |

**DESCRIPTION**

**Construction Date:** c. 1760 with c. 1830 and c. 1871 additions

**Architect:**

**Style:**

**Number of Stories:** 2½

**Foundation:** low

**Exterior Wall Fabric:** painted shingle

**Fenestration:** 11 bay

**Roof/Chimneys:** gable, interior chimneys

**Additional Architectural Description:**

The structure was originally a 5 bay house. A 3 bay store was built separately but connected to the house in the 1870s by the center 3 bay section. The oldest section is found to the south. It is 2 stories and contains 6/6 windows, gable roof with returns, molded cornice and a screened front porch. The northern sections have cross gable roofs, 2/2 windows and paired Roman arch attic windows. All windows have louvered shutters. The store contains a 2 tiered porch with a standard railing and Doric columns. A large rear addition is found at the north end.

**PHOTO**

Negative File No. 1508-7

**Map (Indicate North)**

[Diagram showing the layout of the house with North indicated]
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

The structure is located on the main road at a bend. Similar buildings are found along the street. The structure has a large rear yard, but is only a few feet from Route 9. A small creek runs along the northern property line.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Cox house and store were important social centers for the West Creek community. The original house was owned by "Aunt Polly" and given to the Cox family who occupied the structure for three generations. The general store, first opened in 1831, was the center of the Cox enterprises, including their gravel, cranberries and land sales operations. The store was also important to local residents since it was the main general store, had the first telephone in town and was the local gathering place for the town's men who came to chat, play checkers and pass the time. The store was also a gathering place for clubs, such as the West Creek Wheelmen, (bicycle club), which met upstairs in the 1880s.

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

COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:
Woolman, H.C. Map of Ocean County, 1878.

RECORDED BY: M. May DATE: January 1981
ORGANIZATION: Heritage Studies
NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: J. Cox Store
LOCATION: Main Street
MUNICIPALITY: West Creek, Eagleswood
USGS QUAD: Ronald and Elizabeth Thomas
OWNER/ADDRESS: Main Street
West Creek, N.J.

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1508-8
COMMON NAME:
BLOCK/LOT
COUNTY: Ocean
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: mid - 19th century
Source of Date: style
Architect:
Builder:
Style:
Form/Plan Type: rectangular
Number of Stories: 2 story
Foundation: low
Exterior Wall Fabric: clapboard
Fenestration: 3 bay
Roof/Chimneys: gable roof
Additional Architectural Description:

2/2 and 6/6 windows with louvered shutters are employed. A 20th century store window has been installed. A wooden belt course with hardware runs around the building, above the first floor windows.

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

The building is located on the main road south of a small creek. Similar buildings are found in the area.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

This small building, owned by the J.B. Cox family in the 19th century, was once used as a store and is said to have been rented to the town as a school in 1851.

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

REFERENCES:


Woolman, H.S. Map of Ocean County, 1878.

RECORDED BY: M. May
ORGANIZATION: Heritage Studies
DATE: January 1981
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HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1508-9

HISTORIC NAME: Clarence Seamen House
LOCATION: Main Street

MUNICIPALITY: West Creek, Eagleswood
USGS QUAD: 
OWNER/ADDRESS: Robert & Virginia Meylan
P.O. Box 451

COMMON NAME: 
BLOCK/LOT 17/7
COUNTY: Ocean
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: late 19th century
Architect:
Style: Vernacular / Second Empire
Number of Stories: 2½
Foundation: low
Exterior Wall Fabric: asbestos siding
Fenestration: 2 bay
Roof/Chimneys: Dutch mansard roof

Additional Architectural Description:
A two story bay window is found on the facade and contains brackets and decorative bands. A bracketed cornice and decorative bands run along the perimeter of the building. 2/2 windows are found throughout. A double-leaf door with transom is found on the facade. A screened porch is located on the south end and has square posts and vergeboard brackets.

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Map (Indicate North)

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MAIN ST.
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

The structure is located on the main street (Route 9), back from the road on a large lot. Smaller, older structures are found nearby. To the south are early 20th century buildings.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

The house is one of the few examples of the Second Empire style. Typical of this style is the mansard roof, bracketed cornice, 2/2 windows and elaborately designed bands.

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

REFERENCES:

Woolman, H.C. Map of Ocean County. 1878.

RECORDED BY: M. May  DATE: January 1981  
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INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM
HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1508-10

HISTORIC NAME: G. Sprague House
LOCATION: Main Street
MUNICIPALITY: West Creek, Eagleswood
USGS QUAD: 
OWNER/ADDRESS: Donald S. & Judith Steffa
44 Cindy Drive
Mays Landing, N.J. 08330

COMMON NAME: BLOCK/LOT 17/5
COUNTY: Ocean
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: late 19th century
Source of Date: style
Builder:

Form/Plan Type: rectangular

Style:
Number of Stories: 2½

Foundation: low, brick
Exterior Wall Fabric: clapboard

Fenestration: 3 bay
Roof/Chimneys: gabled roof, 1 chimney

A porch with square posts and standard railing is located on the facade. 6/6 windows are employed. The entrance is found on the facade and has a transom. The roof contains returns and a molded cornice.
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

The structure is located near the main road on a narrow lot. The surrounding buildings are later in date. Similar houses are found throughout the town.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

This vernacular house employs elements common to the area during the mid 19th century, including gable roof with returns, molded cornice, and 6/6 windows.

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

COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:

Woolman, H.C. Map of Ocean County. 1878.

RECORDED BY: M. May ORGANIZATION: Heritage Studies DATE: January 1981
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**COMMON NAME:**

**BLOCK/LOT:**

**COUNTY:**

**DESCRIPTION**

Construction Date: late 19th century

Architect:

Style: Victorian Queen Anne

Number of Stories: 2½ story

Foundation: low, brick

Exterior Wall Fabric: clapboard with shingle

Fenestration: 3 bay

Roof/Chimneys: gable

Additional Architectural Description:

A tower with a conical roof is located in the northwest corner. Diamond shaped shingle is found in the gable peaks. The gable roof has returns. All windows are 1/ls. An open porch contains turned spindles and Doric columns on posts.

**PHOTO**

Negative File No. 1508-11

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

The house is located in the center of town along the main road. The structure is near the roadway like all buildings in town. To the south is an empty lot and Dock Road.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

The house is one of the few examples of Victorian Queen Anne architecture in town. The building is irregular in plan, contains a tower, and shingled gable peaks, typical of the style.

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

COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:

RECORDED BY:  M. May  DATE:  January 1981
ORGANIZATION: Heritage Studies
NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1508-12

| HISTORIC NAME: | Charles L. Shinn |
| LOCATION: | Main Street |
| MUNICIPALITY: | West Creek, Eagleswood |
| USGS QUAD: | |
| OWNER/ADDRESS: | Thomas J. Kelly |
| | 26 E. Rogers Ave. |
| | Merchantville, N.J. 08109 |

| COMMON NAME: |
| BLOCK/LOT: 4/154 |
| COUNTY: Ocean |
| UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Northing/Easting |

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: c. 1863

Architect:

Style: Greek Revival

Number of Stories: 2 story

Foundation: low, stone

Exterior Wall Fabric: asbestos siding

Fenestration: 5 bay

Roof/Chimneys: gable roof

Additional Architectural Description:

A center door has sidelights, and a small portico. The door is 6 panelled. Windows are 6/6 throughout. A molded cornice runs along the perimeter of the building.

Source of Date: Eagleswood Historical Society

Builder:

Form/Plan Type: rectangular

PHOTO

Negative File No. 1508-12

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

The building is located on a small lot on the main road at the northern edge of town. Similar houses are found along the street.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

This structure, built during the Civil War, was a wedding gift from Charles Shinn to his wife Hanah Pharo Shinn. The Shinn's were local people who farmed much of the land west of Main Street. The structure is a good example of vernacular/Greek Revival architecture and many of its original elements remain.

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

REFERENCES:


Woolman, H.C. Map of Ocean County. 1878.

RECORDED BY: M. May DATE: January 1981
ORGANIZATION: Heritage Studies
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HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1508-13

HISTORIC NAME: F. Shinn House
LOCATION: Main Street

MUNICIPALITY: West Creek, Eagleswood
USGS QUAD: 
OWNER/ADDRESS: Clarence and Muriel Letts

COMMON NAME:
BLOCK/LOT 4/155

COUNTY: Ocean
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: C. 1869
Architect: 
Style: Vernacular / Greek Revival
Number of Stories: 2½
Foundation: low
Exterior Wall Fabric: clapboard
Fenestration: 5 bay
Roof/Chimneys: gable roof with returns, 2 interior chimneys

Source of Date: Eagleswood Historical Society
Builder: 
Form/Plan Type: rectangular

Additional Architectural Description:

Six by six windows are found throughout. A center door has sidelights and a transom. An elaborate front porch contains a standard balustrade, carved posts with cut out designs, and vergeboard brackets. A south porch contains lattice work and vergeboard brackets.

PHOTO Negative File No. 1508-13

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

The house is located at the north edge of town on the main road (Route 9). A similar building is found adjacent to the structure.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

This structure was the home of the Shinn family, local farmers and early settlers of the West Creek area. In the early 20th century the house was often opened by its owners for peddlers who traveled through town selling their goods and looking for board and lodging. The building remains intact and is a good example of mid 19th century construction.

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

COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:


Woolman, H.C. Map of Ocean County. 1878.

RECORDED BY: M. May
ORGANIZATION: Heritage Studies
DATE: January 1981
HISTORIC NAME: Methodist Church
LOCATION: Church Street
MUNICIPALITY: West Creek, Eagleswood
USGS QUAD: 
OWNER/ADDRESS: West Creek Methodist Church Thomas Avenue

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1508-14
COMMON NAME:
BLOCK/LOT 15/8
COUNTY: Ocean
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Northings/Eastings

DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: c. 1868
Source of Date: date on structure
Architect:
Builder: c. 1895 - John Jones
Style:
Form/Plan Type: rectangular
Number of Stories: 1 story
Foundation: low
Exterior Wall Fabric: asbestos siding
Fenestration: 3 bay
Roof/Chimneys: gable roof with returns
Additional Architectural Description:

A dentil cornice runs around the perimeter of the building. Dentils are also found below the window labels and door hood. A bull's eye window in the gable peak also has a dentiled label with scroll brackets. The windows are stained glass. A double door is centered on the facade. Panelled pilasters are found at each corner. A small two bay wing is located on the south side.
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

The church is on a small side road. The surrounding structures are similar in date and in style.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

The first Methodist Church at West Creek was built in 1815 on Thomas Avenue. The second church built c. 1868 was constructed with funds provided by the "Church Fund and Gift Scheme Association." The funds were raised by lottery. Tickets were sold to individuals hoping to win a yacht called the Marshall (worth $700), a Dunlop Falltop carriage, four gold hunting case watches and many other items. Other sources such as suppers, festivals, and quilting bees were organized. Today the church remains much as it did when constructed and most of its ornament remains intact.

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

COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:

"The Eagleswood Handbook - A Short History of Eagleswood Township."
Published by the Eagleswood Historical Society and the Eagleswood Bicentennial Committee.

Woolman, H.C. Map of Ocean County. 1878.

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| HISTORIC NAME: | Inman House  
| LOCATION: | Division Street  
| MUNICIPALITY: | West Creek, Eagleswood  
| USGS QUAD: |  
| OWNER/ADDRESS: | Ronald Thomas  
| | Main Street  
| | West Creek, N.J.  

| HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. | 1508-15  
| COMMON NAME: |  
| BLOCK/LOT: | 15/6  
| COUNTY: | Ocean  
| UTM REFERENCES: | Zone/Northing/Easting  

| DESCRIPTION |  
| Construction Date: | c. 1860  
| Architect: |  
| Style: | Vernacular / Greek Revival  
| Number of Stories: | 2  
| Foundation: | low, stone  
| Exterior Wall Fabric: | asbestos siding  
| Fenestration: | 5 bay  
| Roof/Chimneys: | gable roof  
| Additional Architectural Description: | The structure has a center door with transom and sidelights. 4/4 windows are employed throughout. Returns and a molded cornice run along the roofline.  
| Source of Date: | style  
| Builder: |  
| Form/Plan Type: | rectangular  

PHOTO  
Negative File No. | 1508-15  
Map (Indicate North)
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

The house is located on a corner lot and is on a side road. Similar structures are found throughout the area.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

This simple mid 19th century structure is typical of many homes from this era. The building contains 5 bays, a gable roof with returns, center door and a molded cornice.

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

COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:

Woolman, H.C. Map of Ocean County. 1878.

RECORDED BY: M. May                 DATE: January 1981
ORGANIZATION: Heritage Studies
HISTORIC NAME: Eugene Cramer House  
LOCATION: Division Street  
MUNICIPALITY: West Creek, Eagleswood  
USGS QUAD:  
OWNER/ADDRESS: Hilda C. Davies Division Street West Creek, N.J.  
COMMON NAME:  
BLOCK/LOT: 17/24  
COUNTY: Ocean  
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Northing/Easting  

DESCRIPTION  
Construction Date: c. 1860  
Architect:  
Style: Victorian Gothic  
Number of Stories: 2½  
Foundation: low  
Exterior Wall Fabric:  
Fenestration: 3 bay  
Roof/Chimneys: gable roof / 2 chimneys  
Source of Date:  
Builder:  
Form/Plan Type: L-shape  
Additional Architectural Description:  
An enclosed porch is located on the facade. Two/two windows are employed with louvered shutters. A stylized Palladian window is found on the second floor, south elevation. Below the Palladian window is a one story bay window with vergeboard. Decorative rake boards and pendants are located on all sides.

PHOTO Negative File No. 1508-16  
Map (Indicate North)
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

The structure is on a side street and is surrounded by smaller houses built about the same time.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

This structure was built by Presgrove Cranmer for his son, Eugene, in the late 1860s. Eugene Cranmer was a seaman like his father (Presgrove) and grandfather (Hazelton). In the late 19th century, when they retired from the sea, Presgrove and Eugene Cranmer opened the general store, (now a private residence) located adjacent to the Presgrove Cranmer House. The store existed until the early 20th century and was known as the "P.W. Cranmer and Son" store.

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

REFERENCES:

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**DESCRIPTION**

Construction Date: late 19th century

Architect:

Style: Victorian Queen Anne

Number of Stories: 2½

Foundation: high

Exterior Wall Fabric: asbestos siding

Fenestration: 3 bay

Roof/Chimneys: cross gable, returns

Additional Architectural Description:

A two story bay window is found on the east elevation. An open porch contains square posts and a blind balustrade. 2/2 windows are found throughout. A double-leaf door is located on the facade and contains a transom. A modillion cornice is located above an ornamental band filled with incised geometric designs.

**PHOTO**

Negative File No. 1508-17

**Map (Indicate North)**

[Diagram of the property with north indicated]
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

The building is located on a side street, west of Main Street. It is one of the latest structures in the area. The house is on a large lot.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

This late 19th century structure employs popular features of its era including a cross gable roof with returns, open porch and modillion cornice. An unusually designed band runs along the facade of the structure. This band contains an incised geometric design.

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

REFERENCES:

RECORDED BY: M. May
ORGANIZATION: Heritage Studies
DATE: January 1981
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HISTORIC NAME: J. Sprague House
LOCATION: West and Division
MUNICIPALITY: West Creek, Eagleswood
USGS QUAD: 
OWNER/ADDRESS: Otto & Constance Arbast

COMMON NAME: 
BLOCK/LOT 15/2
COUNTY: Ocean
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: mid-late 18th century
Architect: 
Style: Vernacular / Georgian
Number of Stories: 2
Foundation: low, brick
Exterior Wall Fabric: natural wood shingle
Fenestration: 2 bay
Roof/Chimneys: gable roof
Additional Architectural Description:

The structure has a 1½ story wing to the east with 6/6 windows and gabled dormer. The main core of the house has 2/2 windows, exposed rafters and panelled shutters. An enclosed porch is found on the east side, board / batten door in rear of wing, 1 out building.

PHOTO Negative File No. 1508-18

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

The structure is located on a large corner lot. It faces south, therefore the road runs behind and along the western side of the structure. Other buildings in the area are not as old, but employ similar features. Small outbuildings are located in the rear yard.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

This structure is believed to be one of the oldest in town. The building is typical of 18th and 19th century structures since a small kitchen wing and larger section were constructed side by side.

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

REFERENCES:

Woolman, H.C. Map of Ocean County. 1878.

RECORDED BY: M. May
ORGANIZATION: Heritage Studies
DATE: January 1981
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INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: Rutter House
LOCATION: Division Street
MUNICIPALITY: West Creek, Eagleswood Twp.
USGS QUAD:
OWNER/ADDRESS: James and Anna Rutter

COMMON NAME: Rutter House
BLOCK/LOT: 17/31
COUNTY: Ocean
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: c. 1842
Architect:
Style:
Number of Stories: 2
Foundation: tow
Exterior Wall Fabric: clapboard
Fenestration: 3 bay
Roof/Chimneys: gable roof, returns
Additional Architectural Description:

An open porch has square posts and a blind balustrade. A side porch is located on the west elevation. 2/2 windows with louvered shutters are found throughout. An end doorway has an enclosed transom and sidelights. Staggered butt and fishscale shingles are located in the gable peaks.

PHOTO Negative File No. 1508-19

Map (Indicate North)

WEST ST.

DIVISION ST.
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

The house is located at the western edge of town on a corner lot. Similar structures can be found in adjacent areas.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

The structure is a good example of vernacular architecture employing elements such as shingled gabled peaks, gabled roof returns, porches and two story by three bay wide massing.

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

REFERENCES:

Woolman, H.C. Map of Ocean County. 1878.

RECORDED BY: M. May ORGANIZATION: Heritage Studies DATE: January 1981
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**HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION**

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**DESCRIPTION**

- **Construction Date:** 1888
- **Architect:**
- **Style:**
- **Number of Stories:** 1
- **Foundation:** 1ow
- **Exterior Wall Fabric:** clapboard
- **Fenestration:** 3 bay
- **Roof/Chimneys:** gable roof with returns

**Additional Architectural Description:**

A cupola rests on the roof, below which is a bracketed cornice. A flush board runs across the gable ends at the roofline. 9/9 windows are paired or single on the main section of the school. The west wing was added later, but contains the same elements. A continuous band of eight windows is found on the wing.

**PHOTO**

**Negative File No.:** 1508-20

**Map (Indicate North):**

[Map Diagram]

**Source of Date:** The Eagleswood Handbook

**Builder:** John Jones

**Form/Plan Type:** L-shape
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

The school is located near the western edge of town. Few buildings are found nearby. The structure is one of the newest in the area.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

The schoolhouse was built in 1888 by John F. Jones for $1500 and has remained in almost continuous use since that time. The school was originally two rooms, teaching at one time from first to twelfth grade. The building is now a nursery school and is owned by Eagleswood Township. The structure has seen few exterior changes since its construction.

ORIGINAL USE:  School  PRESENT USE:  School
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:
or part of thematic nomination

REFERENCES:

"The Eagleswood Handbook - A Short History of Eagleswood Township."
Published by the Eagleswood Historical Society and the Eagleswood Bicentennial Committee. 1976.

RECORDED BY:  M. May
ORGANIZATION:  Heritage Studies
DATE:  January 1981
HISTORIC NAME: Jarvus Pharo House
LOCATION: West Street
MUNICIPALITY: West Creek, Eagleswood
USGS QUAD: OWNER/ADDRESS: Talbert & Gladys Loveland

COMMON NAME: BLOCK/LOT: 19/1
COUNTY: Ocean
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: early 18th century
Source of Date: style
Builder:
Architect:
Style: Vernacular / Georgian elements
Form/Plan Type: rectangular
Number of Stories: 2
Foundation: low
Exterior Wall Fabric: clapboard covered with asphalt shingle
Fenestration: 5 bay
Roof/Chimneys: gable, 2 interior chimneys at each end
Additional Architectural Description:

This early 18th century structure was built in two sections (3 bay, 2 bay). The exterior has been altered over the years, but the original 6/6 windows and panelled doors are intact.
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

The structure rests on a large lot near a corner. The rear of the house has been removed. The road now runs over this section. Few buildings can be found in the area.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

The site of West Street has been occupied from 1705 on. Jarvus Pharo was the first settler of the area at that date. The present structure, although altered over the years, has stood for over two hundred years. A section of the house has been removed. This wing contained a large chimney and baking oven, used by all families of the area. Here, the ladies would bake and sew, while passing the time of day, a form of early community center. A trap door is located in the floor of the house and is said to be a place to hide in the event of Indian attacks. Jarvus Pharo is also credited with designing the "garvey", the Barnegat Bay boat used by local fishermen and hunters.

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

COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:

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Woolman, H.C. Map of Ocean County. 1878.

RECORDED BY: M. May
ORGANIZATION: Heritage Studies
DATE: January 1981
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**HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1508-22**

| COMMON NAME:          | Sawmill House          |
| BLOCK/LOT:            | 21/5                   |
| COUNTY:               | Ocean                  |
| UTM REFERENCES:       | Zone/Northing/Easting  |

**DESCRIPTION**

- Construction Date: mid 19th century
- Source of Date: style
- Architect:
- Builder:
- Style: rectangular
- Number of Stories: 2
- Foundation: low
- Exterior Wall Fabric: clapboard
- Fenestration: 2 bay
- Roof/Chimneys: gable roof
- Additional Architectural Description:

  This structure has an open front porch, center door and corner posts. A rear addition has a large slanting roof.

**PHOTO**

**Negative File No. 1508-22**

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

The building is located on a narrow road at a bend. The structure is surrounded to the south, east and west by small houses and open land. To the north is a small creek and wooded area.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

This building is believed to be the last remaining structure used for mill purposes in Eagleswood. This house was the worker's home during the 19th century. A map of 1878 indicates that the mill was located across the road from the house along the creek.

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

COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:

Woolman, H.C. Map of Ocean County. 1878.

RECORDED BY: M. May  DATE: January 1981
ORGANIZATION: Heritage Studies
HISTORIC NAME: Cox Farm
LOCATION: Stafford Forge Rd. & Main St.
MUNICIPALITY: West Creek, Eagleswood
USGS QUAD: 
OWNER/ADDRESS: Raymond & JoAnn Conway

COMMON NAME: Lee House
BLOCK/LOT: 4/160
COUNTY: Ocean
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: late 19th century
Source of Date: style
Architect:
Builder:
Style: Vernacular / Victorian Gothic Queen Anne
Form/Plan Type: L-shape
Number of Stories: 2½
Foundation: low
Exterior Wall Fabric: clapboard
Fenestration: 3 bay
Roof/Chimneys: gable roof, two interior chimneys
Additional Architectural Description:

An open porch contains Doric columns and elaborate vergeboard balustrades. 2/2 windows are employed. The first floor windows are elongated and have transoms. A two story bay window is found on the south elevation and pointed arch windows are found in the gable ends. A double door is located on the facade and also has a transom. Pendants and vergeboard are found in the gable peaks. A small cross gabled out-building is located in the rear yard.

PHOTO  Negative File No. 1508-23
Map (Indicate North)

STAFFORD FORGE RD.
ROUTE 9

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NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM
HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1508-23
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

The structure is located outside the town of West Creek on the main road. The house rests on a high lot and is surrounded by open farmland.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

The farmhouse is an excellent example of late 19th century vernacular / Queen Anne architecture. An elaborate carved balustrade / railing and vergeboard gable peaks can be found on the structure.

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

COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:

RECORDED BY: M. May
ORGANIZATION: Heritage Studies
DATE: January 1981
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SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

The building is located north of West Creek on the main road. Large open fields surround the structure.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

The structure is a typical example of Victorian Queen Anne architecture, employing medieval overhangs, vergeboard and turned porch elements.

ORIGINAL USE: Residential
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent □ Good [X]
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes □ Possible [X]
THREATS TO SITE: Roads □ Development □
No Threat [X] Other □

PRESENT USE: Residential
Fair □ Poor □
No □ Part of District □
Zoning □ Deterioration □

REFERENCES:

RECORDED BY: M. May
ORGANIZATION: Heritage Studies
DATE: January 1981
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**DESCRIPTION**

- **Construction Date:** late 19th century
- **Source of Date:** style
- **Architect:**
- **Style:** Vernacular / Queen Anne
- **Builder:**
- **Number of Stories:** 2½
- **Form/Plan Type:** L-shape
- **Foundation:** low
- **Exterior Wall Fabric:** clapboard, shingled gable peaks
- **Fenestration:** 3 bay
- **Roof/Chimneys:** gable roof with returns
- **Additional Architectural Description:**

  An open porch contains square posts and vergeboard brackets. 2/2 windows are employed throughout. A double-leaf door with transom is located on the facade. Vergeboard is found in the gable peaks.

**PHOTO**

- Negative File No. 1508-25

**Map (Indicate North)**

- COY'S CROSSING
- ROUTE
The structure is surrounded by open fields and scattered buildings. The house is found on a large lot along the main road to West Creek. The structure faces the road, but is set back a few hundred feet. Similar buildings are found in the area along Route 9.

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

**SIGNIFICANCE:**

The building is a typical example of vernacular / Queen Anne architecture. Similar to other structures in the area from the late 19th century. Shingled gable peaks, vergeboard returns and an open porch are employed.

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

**REFERENCES:**

**RECORDED BY:** M. May
**ORGANIZATION:** Heritage Studies
**DATE:** January 1981
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HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: Main Street
LOCATION: West Creek, Eagleswood
MUNICIPALITY: West Creek, Eagleswood
USGS QUAD:
OWNER/ADDRESS:

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1508-26
COMMON NAME: 
BLOCK/LOT:
COUNTY: Ocean
UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: late 19th century
Source of Date: style
Architect:
Builder:
Style:
Form/Plan Type: rectangular
Number of Stories: 2
Foundation: low
Exterior Wall Fabric: clapboard, weathered
Fenestration: 5 bay
Roof/Chimneys: gable roof with returns
Additional Architectural Description:

The structure has a 2 bay east wing with parapet roof. Windows are 2/2 and 6/6. A front porch has been enclosed but shaped brackets and turned posts are intact. Four large outbuildings are found east of the house. They are wood frame, clapboard structures with gable roofs and lean-to additions.

PHOTO
Negative File No. 1508-26

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

The structures are located on a large, cleared lot, and are located along an unpaved lane. A small 20th century cottage is located a few hundred feet to the north.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

This grouping of five structures are perhaps the only remaining 19th century farm buildings in Eagleswood Township.

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

COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:

RECORDED BY: M. May DATE: February 1981
ORGANIZATION: Heritage Studies
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| UTM REFERENCES: |

**DESCRIPTION**

- **Construction Date:** late 19th century
- **Source of Date:** style
- **Architect:**
- **Style:**
- **Form/Plan Type:** square
- **Number of Stories:** 3½
- **Foundation:** low
- **Exterior Wall Fabric:** natural wood shingle
- **Fenestration:** 3 bay
- **Roof/Chimneys:** cupola roof
- **Additional Architectural Description:**
  
  The roof contains two gabled dormer stories with staggered butt shingles and pendants. All windows are 1/1. A rocking chair is at the top of the roof. The centered door is modern and has an extended hood with molded bands.
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

The structure is located north of West Creek on a large lot along the main road. Small 20th century houses are located along the road, however large open fields are found to the east and west.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

This unusual structure originally stood on Long Beach Island. It was first used as a water tower on one of the old farms, now destroyed (near Holgate.) The building was moved to Route 9 in the 1930s by a man named Lindholm. The rocking chair was placed upon the roof by Mr. Lindholm, who it is said, was a carnival man and steeplejack. The water tower originally had a glass balloon top as an ornament and a landmark, when standing on Long Beach Island. It has had an unusual history; according to local residents, it also was mistakenly hit by fire from a submarine during World War I.

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

COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:


RECORDED BY:  M. May
ORGANIZATION:  Heritage Studies
DATE:  January 1981
J. Sprague House / Main Street / Block 2 / Lot 11  West Creek

2½ story, 3 bay, asbestos siding, gable roof. 2/2 windows with louvered shutters are employed. A bracketed cornice with returns is found at the roofline. Like many of the houses along Main Street, this house was owned by a sea captain.

A.T. Willets House / Main Street / Block 16 / Lot 1  West Creek

2½ story, 3 bay, asbestos exterior, gable roof. A stone foundation, 6/6 windows and corner posts are among the structure's original elements. The building has been altered, but was once owned by the Willets family, one of the few large land holders of the area.
Captain S.P. Cranmer House / Main Street / Block 2 / Lot 9 West Creek

2½ story, 3 bay, clapboard and staggered butt shingle exterior, gable roof with flares. An open porch contains Doric columns. 1/1 windows and Gothic pointed arch windows are employed.

Captain J. Parker House / Main Street / Block 2 / Lot 7 West Creek

2 story, 5 bay, asbestos siding exterior, gable roof. This mid 19th century structure is typical of homes built in West Creek during this time, containing a center door and gable roof returns.
Captain John Crawford House / Main Street / Block 2 / Lot 6 West Creek

2 story, 5 bay, painted shingle exterior, gable roof with returns. An enclosed porch crosses the facade. This structure, built in c.1854 is typical of early houses owned by sea captains of West Creek.

A.P. Willets House / Main Street / Block 16 / Lot 10 West Creek

2½ story, 3 bay, painted shingle exterior, cross gable roof. This building appears on maps of West Creek in the 1870s, however, its exterior has been altered. An enclosed porch is found across the facade.
Kelley General Store / Main Street / Block 2 / Lot 2 West Creek

2½ story, 5 bay, clapboard exterior, gable roof with returns. A 20th century addition has been built across the facade. The store appears on the 1878 Woolman Map of West Creek.

United American Mechanics Lodge Hall / N.E. corner of Main and Cox's Lane Block 1 / Lot 131 West Creek

2 story, 2 bay, shingled exterior, parapet roof (altered). In 1899, the structure was built to house most of the social functions of West Creek. It still has its Palladian-like windows, dentil cornice and staggered butt shingle.
G.B. Cox House / Cox's Lane / Block 1 / Lot 128A  West Creek

2\(\frac{1}{2}\) story, 2 bay, clapboard exterior, gable roof. Corner posts, 2/2 windows and a Gothic pointed arch window are among the structure's original elements. This building was one of the many Cox structures found in the area. A small cranberry bog was located next to the building in the 1870s.

Main Street, across from Dock Road / Block 17 / Lot 16  West Creek

2\(\frac{1}{2}\) story, 2 bay, asbestos siding, gable roof and full return. A south section is 1\(\frac{1}{2}\) stories, 4 bays, with a cross gable roof. The structure, built in two sections has been altered, but is still an unusual combination of two late 19th century styles.
Main Street / Block 17 / Lot 15 West Creek

2 story, 2 bay, asbestos siding exterior, gable roof with small slope in front and large slope to rear. This late 19th century - early 20th century commercial structure has been changed over the years, but it is typical of many small commercial buildings along Route 9.

Main Street / west side / Block 17 / Lot 11 West Creek

2½ story, 3 bay, asbestos shingle and staggered butt and diamond shingle patterns, gable roof with returns. A flat topped tower is found in the southeast corner. Angled south walls are typical of Victorian Queen Anne elements found in the area.
Main Street / east side / Block 4 / Lot 147  West Creek

2½ story, 3 bay, asbestos exterior, combination gable roof. Queen Anne windows and shingled gable ends are found on the upper levels of the building. The first floor has been extremely altered by an enclosed porch. The structure is one of the few Queen Anne buildings in the township.

Main Street / east side / Block 4 / Lot 149  West Creek

2½ story, 3 bay, asbestos shingle exterior, cross gable roof with returns. 6/1 windows and the upper floor are all that remain of the late 19th century detailing. The first floor has been altered by an enclosed porch.
Main Street / east side / Block 4 / Lot 151 West Creek

2½ story, 2 bay, asbestos shingle exterior, gable roof. The gable peak faces the street and contains vergeboard elements. The structure is typical of late 19th century vernacular architecture, being 2½ stories high and 2 bays wide by 3 bays deep.

Main Street / east side / Block 4 / Lot 152 West Creek

2½ story, 2 bay, asbestos exterior, gable roof. The gable peak faces the street and has exposed shaped rafter tails. The building is typical of late 19th century construction. See # L15 above.
S.W. corner of Main and Mill / Block 17 / Lot 4 West Creek

2½ story, 3 bay, shingled exterior, cross gable roof. This L-shaped building employs Queen Anne features. An open porch has Doric columns and a standard rail. The house is one of the few structures in town built in this style at the turn of the century.

Methodist Parsonage / Thomas and Church Streets / Block 16 / Lot 3 West Creek

2½ story, 2 bay, asbestos shingle exterior, gable roof. This L-shaped building was built previous to 1878, since it appears on a map of that year. The structure is typical of vernacular 19th century houses, having minimal ornament. Round-arch attic windows and open porch are common elements of the late quarter of the 19th century.
First Methodist Church / Thomas Avenue / Block 13 / Lot 2  West Creek

2 story, 4 bay, asbestos siding, gable roof. This building is said to be the first Methodist Church built at West Creek in the early 19th century. In 1858 the building was sold and moved by the Baptist congregation who used the building until 1901. In 1901 it was sold to Frank Shinn, at auction, for $50.25. It has seen many changes over the last century.

Major S. Barry House / Thomas Avenue / Block 13 / Lot 5  West Creek

2½ story, 3 bay, asbestos and shingle exterior, gable roof with returns. Although altered, the house was the only structure on the block in the mid 1870s. The house is believed to have originally been three houses which were put together.
DeWitt Gale House / N.E. corner of West and Thomas / Block 15 / Lot 1 West Creek

2½ story, 5 bay, asbestos shingle exterior, cross gable roof. This large mid-19th century structure was a captain's house as were many of the large homes in the area. The building, now altered and used as an apartment house, still has a stone foundation, a curved rakeboard, pendants, and paired round-arch attic lights.

D. Gale House / Thomas Avenue / Block 15 / Lot 9 West Creek

2 story, 2 bay, asbestos siding exterior, gable roof with returns. This narrow mid 19th century structure appears on the 1878 West Creek map. It has 2/2 windows and a front porch with posts and vergeboard brackets.
Thomas Avenue / Block 13 / Lot 4  West Creek

2 story, 2 bay, stucco exterior, cross gable roof. This late 19th century structure has an L-plan, 2/2 windows and pendants at the roof peaks and ends. The building is typical of late 19th century construction.

Corner of Thomas and Jones / Block 13 / Lot 1  West Creek

2 story, 2 bay, staggered butt shingle and clapboard exterior, gable roof, 2/2 windows and open porch with chamfered posts are typical elements found in late 19th, early 20th century architecture in the Route 9 area.
Corner of Railroad and Thomas Avenue / West Creek

2 story, 2 bay, asbestos siding, gable roof with returns. An enclosed front porch has altered the appearance of this late 19th century house, however, its 2/2 windows remain.

Thomas Avenue (near Railroad Avenue) / West Creek

2 story, 3 bay, asbestos siding, gable roof. This L-plan house has 2/2 windows and a bracketed cornice. The structure is typical of late 19th century construction in the area.
J.C. Johnson House / 2 West Street / Block 14 / Lot 3 West Creek

2½ story, 2 bay, asbestos shingle exterior, gable roof with returns. 6/6 windows are found on the facade even though the structure has been altered. The building has an unusually high foundation, and like most buildings in town appears on the 1878 map of West Creek.

Captain Presgrove Crammer General Store / Division (north side)
Block 17 / Lot 22 West Creek

2 story, 4 bay, stucco exterior, gable roof with returns. An open porch containing square posts extends across the facade. Although extremely altered, the structure is one of the few stores in West Creek of the late 19th century.
Captain Presgrove Cranmer House / Division Street (north side)  
Block 17 / Lot 23  West Creek

2½ story, 5 bay, asbestos siding, gable roof with returns. A center door has a transom and sidelights. Few original exterior elements remain. The house was built for Presgrove Cranmer in the mid 19th century by his father, Captain Hazelton Cranmer who lived at the corner of Division and Main Street.

J. Willets House / Division Street (south side) at Church Street  
Block 16 / Lot 7  West Creek

2½ story, 3 bay, asbestos siding, gable roof with returns. A dentil cornice is one of the most impressive elements of this house. An enclosed porch is found across the facade.
1508-L31

H. Seaman House / Division Street (north side) / Block 17 / Lot 25  West Creek

2½ story, 3 bay, weathered clapboard, gable roof. A stone foundation and 6/6 windows are still intact. The house is one of many built at mid century on Division Street. The Cranmer family encouraged settlement of their land and divided the family property in two at "Division Street." The street provided access for potential settlers.

1508-L32

Division Street (south side) / Block 15 / Lot 5  West Creek

2½ story, 3 bay, natural wood shingle, gable roof with returns. A porch across the facade has a blind balustrade and shingled posts. An end doorway has a transom and sidelights. 2/2 windows are found throughout. The structure is one of the many homes built in the latter half of the 19th century.
Mrs. Seamen's House / Division Street (north side) / Block 17 / Lot 26 West Creek

2½ story, 3 bay, asbestos exterior, gable roof with returns. A molded cornice runs along the perimeter of the house. A stone foundation and door with transom and sidelights are also original features. See # L31 for more information.

Seamen House / Division Street (north side) / Block 17 / Lot 27 West Creek

2½ story, 3 bay, aluminum siding, gable roof with returns. An enclosed porch is located across the facade. Although altered the house is similar to others on the street and was constructed at the same time. See # L31 for more information.
Mrs. E. Rutter House / Division Street (north side) / Block 17 / Lot 28 West Creek

$2\frac{1}{2}$ story, 3 bay, painted shingle exterior, gable roof with returns. See # L31 for more information.

C. Seamen House / Division Street (south side) / Block 15 / Lot 4 West Creek

$2\frac{1}{2}$ story, 3 bay, asbestos exterior, gable roof with returns and molded cornice. Door with sidelights and transom. See # L31 for more information.
N.W. corner of Division Street / Block 18 / Lot 2 West Creek

2½ story, 3 bay, clapboard and staggered butt shingle exterior. 2/2 windows are employed throughout. An open porch contains turned posts and a standard balustrade. This late 19th century house is typical of many structures built at this time.

S. Pharo House / West Street / Block 17 / Lot 32 West Creek

2 story, 2 bay, natural wood shingle exterior, steep gable roof. The house is one of the earliest in the area. It is believed to date c.1800. The building has been altered by the construction of a one story front addition.
C.B. Pharo House / West Street / Block 17 / Lot 33  West Creek

2 story, 3 bay, asphalt shingle exterior, gable roof. A lean-to addition is located to the rear. 6/1 and 1/1 windows are employed. The structure has been extremely altered.

C.B. Pharo House / West Street / Block 18 / Lot 4  West Creek

2 story, 3 bay, shingle exterior, cross gable roof with returns. 2/2 windows and staggered butt shingle peaks are among its original elements. The building appears on the map of West Creek in 1878. An enclosed porch is located on the facade.
2½ story, 3 bay, asbestos shingle, gable roof faces street. 2/2 windows and a stone foundation. The structure is typical of vernacular late 19th century architecture found along Route 9, being 3 bays wide, 2 deep and 2½ stories tall.

2½ story, 3 bay, asbestos shingle, cross gable roof with returns. Elongated first floor windows and paired Roman arch lights on the door are employed. The building is similar to others on the road and was built at the same time. See # L41 above.
Kelly Avenue / Block 20 / Lot 2  West Creek

2½ story, 3 bay, asbestos shingle, gable roof faces street. A screened porch with square posts and a standard rail is found across the facade. Vergeboard is found on the gable peak. See above listings.

West Street / Block 21 / Lot 8  West Creek

2½ story, 3 bay, asbestos shingle, cross gable roof. Stone foundation and round arch attic windows are employed. Compare with above listings.
Kelly Farmhouse and Barn / Kelly Avenue/ Block 20 / Lot 1 & 1A  West Creek

2 story, 5 bay, 20th century, metal siding, gable roof with cornice, returns. This late 19th century structure has been extremely altered over the years. It was once the farmhouse of the Kelly Cranberry Bog. A cedar shake barn with center entrance and lean-to addition is located in the rear yard along West Street. The barn was the storage and distribution center for the Kelly business until recent years.

Shinn Farmhouse / Homestead Avenue / Block 22 / Lot 2 & 3  West Creek

2 story, 5 bay, shingle exterior, gable roof. This farmhouse, which dates from the mid 19th century, is one of the early farmhouses outside West Creek. The building has been altered over the years.
R.T. Pharo House / Mill Road / Block 22 / Lot 6 West Creek

1½ story, 3 bay, asbestos over clapboard, gable roof. Although altered, the scale and shape of the structure indicate the building dates from the early 19th century.

J. Mullen House / Mill Road / Block 22 / Lot 5 West Creek

2 story, 2 bay, natural wood shingle exterior, gable roof. This structure is said to date from the early 19th century. Many old structures can still be found along Mill Road and Silver Lake Drive.
North Street / Block 39 / Lot 58  West Creek

2½ story, 3 bay, natural wood shingle exterior, gable roof. The structure has a center door with transom and an open front porch. It is typical of vernacular mid 19th century construction.

North Street / Block 39 / Lot 60  West Creek

2½ story, 3 bay, asbestos siding exterior, gable roof. This mid 19th century house is similar to other structures in the area. Lean-to additions have been added to the rear.
1508-L51

Floodgate House / Silver Lake Drive / Block 40 / Lot 5 West Creek

1 story, 2 bay, aluminum siding, gable roof. This building has been extremely altered by the construction of new additions, however, its original roof line and chimney indicate its early date of construction. Two similar structures are also found along the road. See below.

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Silver Lake Drive / Block 40 / Lot 8 West Creek

2 story, 3 bay, asbestos shingle exterior, gable roof. Unusually narrow second floor windows are employed. The structure has a stone foundation and is oriented perpendicular to the road.
Silver Lake Drive / Block 40 / Lot 10 West Creek

2 story, 2 bay, asbestos siding, gable roof. Unusually narrow second floor windows and a stone foundation are employed. The structure has been altered over the years, however its original shape and plan remain.

Gunning Club / Dock Road West Creek

2½ story, 5 bay, asbestos shingle exterior, gable roof with returns. A large open porch which is partially enclosed runs along all sides of the structure. The building has a high foundation and is located at the water's edge. The "hotel", circa 1900, was a popular place for hunters and fishermen in the early 20th century.
Main Street (east side near Bartlett Avenue) West Creek

2 story, 5 bay, asphalt and asbestos shingle, gable roof. A decorative rake-board is found along the roofline of the south section. 2/2 windows and door with transom and sidelights are employed. The north section is 2 bays and its gable end faces the road. The original structure is the south end. The structure is vacant and deteriorating.

Sprague Avenue (north side) Block 27 / Lot 8 West Creek

2 ½ story, 5 bay, natural wood shingle exterior, cross gable roof. 6/6 window center door and a bracketed cornice are employed. The structure, which is set at an angle to the road, has been altered. A modern picture window is found on the facade.
Giftshop / Main Street (east side) (across from Cox's Crossing) West Creek

2½ story, 3 bay, asbestos shingle and clapboard, cross gable roof. 2/2 windows and a Gothic pointed arch window are employed. The double leaf center door has a transom. The porch across the facade has turned posts and balustrade. The house is typical of late 19th century farmhouses along Route 9.

Tower Tavern / Main Street / West Creek

1 story, stucco exterior, parapet roof. This early 20th century structure has a three story tower with lancet windows. The building is typical of many early 20th century structures built in the Spanish Revival style, however, few examples of this style can be found in Ocean County.
Route 9 / Staffordville

2½ story, 5 bay, asbestos siding, gable roof with returns. 6/6 windows and a center door with transom and sidelights are among the building's original features. The house is typical of mid 19th century architecture: it is 2½ stories, 5 bays and contains a center door, returns and 6/6 windows.

Main Street / Staffordville (across from Dinner Point Road)

2½ story, 3 bay, asbestos siding, gable roof faces road. The gable roof has cornice returns. A bull's eye window with spinwheel muntins is located on the facade gable peak. 6/6 windows are found on all sides, within decorative window surrounds. A two bay lean-to addition is found on the south end.
Dinner Point Road and Main Street / Staffordville

2½ story, 3 bay, asbestos siding, gable roof. A molded cornice runs along the perimeter of the building. The building has been altered by modern windows and siding. The structure is at an angle to the main road.

Helen's Antique Store / Main Street / Staffordville (across from Eagleswood Village

2½ story, 4 bay, asbestos exterior, gable roof. An enclosed porch has altered the facade. 2/2 windows are employed. This late 19th century building has many rear additons.
EAGLESWOOD TOWNSHIP

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