LOCATION:	Stewart House 57 East Water Street Dover Township Gans, Burton T. Chaplick, John S. Jr. 214 Washington St., T	.36 acres COUNTY: Ocean UTM Reference: 18/568680/4422405
ORIGINAL USE: USGS QUAD:	Residence and Boardin House	g PRESENT USE: Law office
DESCRIPTION	As a shirt white	Deed records, bk L5,
Construction D	ate: C. 1849	Source of Date: (Toms River) 5/30/1860
Architect:		Builder:
	lar Italianate/altered y 20th century block-t	
Foundation: B	rick	Form/Plan Type: Rectangular
Structural Sys	tem: Wood frame	
Exterior Wall	Fabric: Clapboard	
Fenestration:	3 bays wide 6/6 DHS,	hipped dormer
Entrance Locat	ion: North, single doo	r within gable porch entryway.
Roof/Chimneys:	Hip/ 3 interior	
Only mino House have o crowned by a The veranda, in the early The int first floor	ccurred over its long b square cupola which we which extends around 1900's. erior layout remains th	e exterior and interior of the Stewart history. Originally, the building was as removed and replaced by roof dormer three sides of the building, was added he same as it did in 1849, with the two rooms sixteen feet square with
Attache	d to the main building	is a west wing.
РНОТО		MAP (Indicate North) See ma
ANE.	- TANKA	(4) Stewart House c. 1849 Old Village of Toms River Multiple Resource Nomination Photographer: Charles Gaertne

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SITING AND RELATED STRUCTURES: Situated on the south side of East Water Street the Stewart House is 32 feet long by 24 feet wide. The house is located on approximately a one third acre bounded on the north by East Water Street, on the west by an adjacent contemporary house, on the south and east by the Toms River. Formerly, the outbuildings included a barn, smoke, and carriage houses but they are now gone.

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

To the east of the Stewart House, past Robbins Cove, is a 4.5 acre tract of land known as "Riverview Point". This was the site of an impressive 1869 Italianate mansion owned by Joseph Francis, an internationally famous inventor and boat builder. After a fire in 1966, the mansion was demolished and the site is being developed for condominiums.

SIGNIFICANCE: Col. Samuel C. Dunham, Toms River dockmaster, built the house on lands acquired from his father-in-law, Ebenezer Applegate in 1849. The house was sold to Charles Stewart in 1860 and became known as the Stewart House, a boarding house.

In 1864, sea captains began racing their sloops and schooners in regatta races in Barnegat Bay. This led to the formation of the Toms River Yacht Club. The club, considered to be the second oldest yacht club in America, was organized in and held its first meetings at the Stewart House on July 6, 1871. Charles Stewart became the club's first Commodore. It is here too, that the coin silver Challenge Cup, designed by Tiffany's in New York, was first raced for on July 26, 1871. The Challenge Cup Trophy Race has taken place annually for over 100 years; the oldest perpetual racing trophy in America.

Mr. Stewart lost the house in the panic of 1873 and it was sold at a sheriffs sale to Sheriff Clayton Robbins, step-son of Col. Dunham. The house was renamed the Dover House by which name it has generally been associated. The Toms River Yacht Club bought the building for their clubhouse in 1904 and owned it until 1916, when they built new headquarters. The house was then converted into a private residence.

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent [X] Good [] Fair [] Poor [] REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes [X] Possible [] No [] As part of district [] THREATS TO STRUCTURE: Roads [X] Development [] Zoning [] Deterioration [] No Threat [] Other [] COMMENTS:

Same as sites 1, 2, and 3

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