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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

**\*\***  
John Rogers House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

S of Princeton on  
South Post Road

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

West Windsor Township VICINITY OF Princeton

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

5th

STATE

New Jersey

CODE

34

COUNTY

Mercer

CODE

021

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mercer County

Mercer County Administration Bldg.

STREET & NUMBER

Broad Street

CITY, TOWN

Trenton

VICINITY OF

STATE

New Jersey

08607

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Mercer County Court House

STREET & NUMBER

Broad Street

CITY, TOWN

Trenton

STATE

New Jersey

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1976

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Labor & Industry Building

CITY, TOWN

Trenton

STATE

New Jersey

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The John Rogers House is a 3 bay, 2 1/2 story farm house, with a front and side porch. The house is entered on the south side. The ground floor is divided into 3 principal rooms. In front, there is a 2 bay livingroom (on the right) and a one bay library (on the left). The front door enters the house near right end in the 3rd bay. The rear half of the ground floor is entirely taken up by a large kitchen. The staircase has one straight flight between floors. It occurs against the right wall of the house, and rises from the living room to an upstairs hall. The porches encompass the entire south and east sides of the house. The rear portion of the east side porch has been walled in.

The second story is divided into a tiny side hall, 4 small bedrooms, and a bathroom. The 3rd floor garret, has one central front facing dormer. The pitched roof is surmounted by a small central chimney which services the basement.

The exterior detailing is worthy of note. The house is laid up in Flemish bond with burned headers, forming a checker board pattern. The porches, which are 4 bays on a side, have one smaller entrance bay on each side. The porch columns<sup>are</sup> thin post members with framing principals. The 2 floors are differentiated by a string course. The building is surmounted by a box cornice which encompasses all 4 sides of the house. It separates both end gables from the walls below. The east gable has the date "1761" inscribed in burned headers. The west gable has the letters "J.R" surmounted by an "R" inset with burned headers. The windows are uniformly 2 over 2 Victorian plate glass windows. The entire house, with the exception of the porch, rests upon a brick base with an ogee molded water table.

The interiors are largely the result of remodeling, and do not retain their historical integrity.

The house is set amid an orchard with an adjacent, turn of the century, barn.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1761

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The patterned brick work, the dated and initialed gables, and the simple pitch roof 3 bay articulation mark the Rogers House as a good example of 18th Century South Jersey pattern brick architecture, a regional type which was derived from 17th Century English sources. Inasmuch as the Rogers House is located immediately south of Assunpink Creek, it is probably the northern most example of this type in the state.

The Rogers house was built by John and Rachel Rogers in 1761. It was the focus of a farm of approximately 100 acres. The farm remained in the Rogers family until the 1870's.

