



7. Description

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE						
<p>The building was an original farmhouse. Style - prerevolutionary, Colonial farmhouse - a blend of "salt box" and Georgian Colonial.</p> <p>The building is generally two-story and attic, with part basement. There is a basement under only a portion of the house - walls, dry packed field stone. The building is constructed of wood frame with rough hewn hardwood studs, mortised and pegged beams. Spaces between studs are filled with a soft, light red, homemade brick. There are four fireplaces; two - back to back on a single chimney with hearths supported on diagonal hardwood timbers which span from the exterior wall to a single masonry support pier. Fine wood wainscoting still remains. Well designed mantels are still intact. One fireplace has two warming ovens above the opening.</p> <p>The building was restored and altered by Howard E. Quimby in 1931.</p> <p>According to records and personal findings, the building was constructed in the year of 1739 and a slab bearing that date still remains on the site. When the current Owner acquired title to the property in November 1951, he received a visit from a Mr. Terry (age 84) who was born in the house and whose family sold it to Mr. Quimby, the party who restored the structure. Mr. Terry stated that the date stone was a tread on a basement stair which was removed during alterations.</p>						



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8. Significance

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian     16th Century     18th Century     20th Century  
 15th Century     17th Century     19th Century

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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1739

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AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE This part of Scotch Plains - Westfield, N.J. has a great prerevolution historical background.

This building is a fine example of early Colonial Farmhouse architecture and has been restored and maintained in A-1 condition. Present barn built after a fire in 1864. Built on 18th century barn foundation.

This 2½ story house is a blend of "salt box" and Georgian Colonial. Its features of construction consist of hand hewn oak timbers mortised and pinned; Oak studs, filled between with hand made brick. There are 4 fireplaces, 3 on one chimney which is supported at the first floor level on diagonal logs placed on a stud wall.

There is a basement under only a portion of the house which walls are dry packed field stone.

When restoring took place in 1936 a cellar step bearing the date 1739 was removed and placed near the well house in front of the house.

Decorations in the main, adhere to the period.

The house was built by John DeCamp a prosperous farmer in the area. (House believed to be built in 1739) He built on Old Raritan Rd., which was an important artery at the time and one of strategic value to Colonial armies. It was the "short cut" from Elizabeth-Town to the convergence of the Raritan and Millstone Rivers, near which - Washington had his headquarters and the Armies of Greene and Wayne were encamped.

After John DeCamp's death in 1782 the house was owned by Dr. Philemon Elmer who sold it to John Marsh in 1798. John Marsh's grand-daughter Julia acquired the property and following her marriage around 1836 to William Hartfield Terry, the homestead was known as the Terry Farm for the next century. The house was carefully restored and slightly altered in 1936 by Mr. Howard Quimby.

In the DeCamp "family lot", now incorporated with the property of a nearby resident, the original sandstone markers stand above the graves of John and Deborah DeCamp, their son, Dr. Gideon DeCamp and their daughter Freelove.

Congressional Representation

Harrison Williams - U.S. Senator  
 Clifford Case - U.S. Senator  
 Mathew Renaldo - Congressman 12th District

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"House Beautiful" Magazine, April 1, 1940  
 "Open Homes Tour of Historic Houses" booklet written by the Westfield Service League in October 1964.  
Another Olde Towne Scrapebook Robert B. Hoffman, 1947.

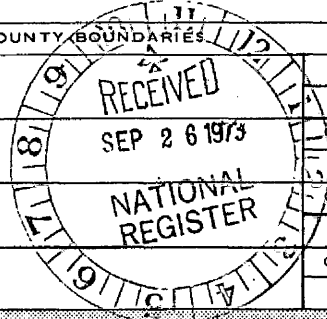
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		40° 37' 35"	74° 20' 47"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 3.25

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
 Clinton D. Seaman - Architect, Edited by Lois Richman, Historic Sites

ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: March 1972

STREET AND NUMBER:  
 2101 Raritan Rd.

CITY OR TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: New Jersey CODE: 31

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name: Richard J. Sullivan  
 Richard J. Sullivan

Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Commissioner, Department Environmental Protection  
 Date: September 14, 1973

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert J. Utley  
 Associate Director, Professional Services  
 Date: 12/4/73

ATTEST:  
Charles D. Hays  
 Keeper of The National Register  
 Date: 11-30-73