

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

HB no 1000

STATE: New Jersey	
COUNTY: Mercer	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 71,934,0020	DATE 9/10/71

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
The Old Ryan Farm

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Temple Farm

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
2306 Pennington Road

CITY OR TOWN:  
Trenton (Ewing Township)

STATE New Jersey	CODE 34	COUNTY: Mercer	CODE 021
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**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
Mr. Kenneth Y. Atchley

STREET AND NUMBER:  
2281 Pennington Road

CITY OR TOWN:  
Trenton

STATE: New Jersey	CODE 34
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**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
Mercer County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Broad Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Trenton

STATE: New Jersey	CODE 34
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**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

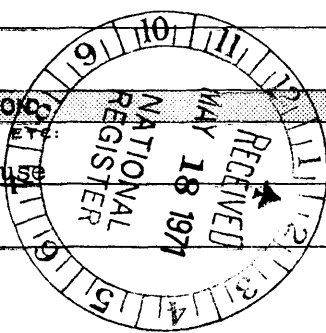
TITLE OF SURVEY:  
none

DATE OF SURVEY:                     Federal     State     County     Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:                    STATE:                    CODE:



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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

The Temple Farmhouse is located east of Route 31, and in direct line of the proposed I 95. It is about half-way between Ewingville to the south and Pennington to the north in what is presently Hope-well Township.

The original structure was built circa 1710. It was frame rectangular and one and one half story structure with a leanto kitchen to the east. The interior consisted of two rooms on the lower level and a garret.

The western frame section was constructed circa 1750. It contained a central hallway and two parlors on the first floor, three bedrooms at the second level and a garret. The 1750 section projected eighteen feet to the south of the earlier structure. In about 1840 the house obtained its present form - a rectangle with a full two and one half stories. From the south the structure consists of five bays with the doorway in the central bay. The windows are of the sash type with six lights in each sash. The kitchen was extended across the east side after 1840.

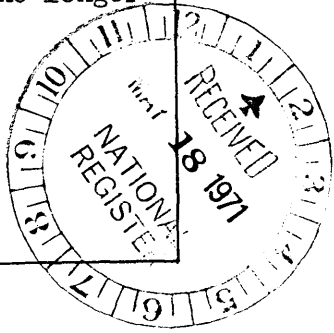
The west side has two windows on each level. All are of the sash type. The first and second story levels have sash windows with six lights in each sash. The garret has four lights in each sash. A pent roof divides the gable from the side of the house.

The east side contains the same fenestration above the leanto section. It does not have a pent roof. The north side is similar to the south. The foundation is stone and is under the entire house. The exposed timbers indicate that some replacement of structural members has taken place.

Most of the woodwork, hardware and paneling is from the 1750 period. In the two parlors there is heavy cane molding. The fireplaces in the c. 1750 section are in the far-inside corner of each room. In the other section they are flush with the outside wall, and in each room downstairs and in two bedrooms above. The leanto kitchen fireplace has a bake oven to the right side facing the fire-place.

The house is on a slight knoll with flat land to the rear of the structure and rolling land and a small pond to the southeast. The outbuildings that were originally around the house are no longer extant.

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PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

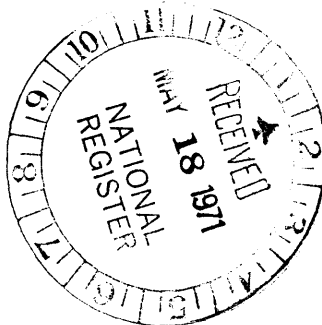
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture  | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

From available records and geneologies, it can be concluded that members of the Temple family resided in Hopewell Township and possibly on the farm, as early as c. 1710. The last Temple to reside on the farm was Cornelia. When she died in 1903, it was purchased by Patrick Ryan.

During the American Revolution the farm was one of the forage areas for British troops. Some historians contend that the prized family clock was buried on the grounds to hide it from the British.

Agriculturally, the farmhouse is an example of the kind that was once in the area. The crops grown were also typical of those grown on other farms. It is, however, unique that the land around it has remained mostly undeveloped until the present.



**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Beck, Charlton, "Fair to Midlands"  
 Cooley, Dr. Eli F., Genealogy of Early Settlers in Trenton, & Ewing, Old Hunterdon County, N.J.  
 Hale, Rev. Geroge Historical Discourse  
 N.J. Archives: Wills

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	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	0 . .	0 . .		40 0 17 . 27 .	74 0 47 . 02 .	
NE	0 . .	0 . .				
SE	0 . .	0 . .				
SW	0 . .	0 . .				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: ~~LESS THAN 10~~ (6)

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
 Charles Wilson, Archeologist

ORGANIZATION: Historic Sites Section, Department of Environmental Protection  
 DATE: 4/1/71

STREET AND NUMBER:  
 Box 1420

CITY OR TOWN: Trenton  
 STATE: New Jersey  
 CODE: 34

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

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 OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Date: April 7, 1971

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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

Ernest A. Connolly  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

SEP 10 1971

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

William Brewster  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: AUG 23 1971

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Temple-Ryan Farm  
Hopewell Township, N.J. 34  
Mercer 021

**Congressional Correspondence:**

Rep. Frank Thompson, Jr. (4th Dist)

Sen. Clifford P. Case  
Sen. Harrison A. Williams

