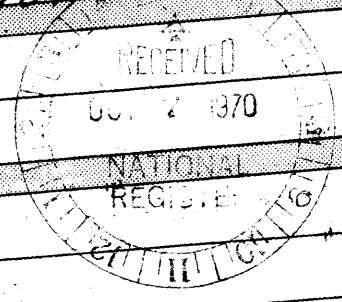


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INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: **New Jersey**  
 COUNTY: **Bergen**  
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**1. NAME**  
 COMMON: **Steuben House**  
 AND/OR HISTORIC: **Ackerman-Zabriskie-Steuben House** X

**2. LOCATION**  
 STREET AND NUMBER: **New Bridge Road**  
 CITY OR TOWN: **River Edge**  
 STATE: **New Jersey** CODE: **003**  
 COUNTY: **Bergen**

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	OWNERSHIP Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
	PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
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**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**  
 OWNER'S NAME: **New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection**  
 STREET AND NUMBER: **P.O. Box 1390 Labor and Industry Building, John Fitch Plaza**  
 CITY OR TOWN: **Trenton** STATE: **New Jersey** CODE: **34**

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**  
 COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: **Administrative Building**  
 STREET AND NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: **New Jersey** CODE: **34**  
 CITY OR TOWN: **Hackensack**

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**  
 TITLE OF SURVEY: **Historic American Buildings Survey N.J. - 47**  
 DATE OF SURVEY: **1935, 1936**  
 Federal  State  County  Local  
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: **Library of Congress**  
 STREET AND NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: **D. C.** CODE: **08**  
 CITY OR TOWN: **Washington**

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7. Description

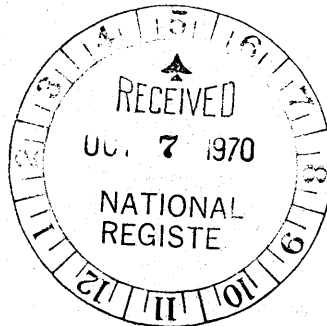
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house boasts foundations of sandstone, the exterior walls are of sandstone with brick gables; and the roof is gambrel with wood shingles.

When the house was enlarged, the original gable roof ridge became the galus plate of the gambrel roof of the enlarged house. There is a half story to the rear of the house due to the change in roof structure. On the first floor are five rooms; a large colonial kitchen, two small rooms used as living quarters, and one large living room with original paneling around the fireplace. There is a half story containing three rooms presently used as display and office area for the Bergen County Historical Society. The second floor two rooms are used as a museum.

The original house was about one half as long and only two-thirds as deep as the present structure. The original roof was pitched.



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8. Significance

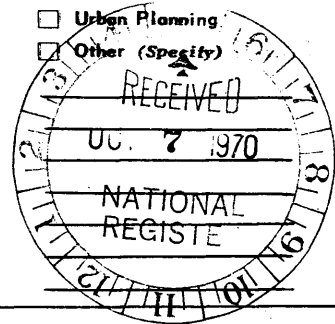
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) c. 1695, (1776, 1778, 1780 - Washington's Headquarters)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house was built as a Dutch colonial farmhouse c. 1695 by David Ackerman, a Dutch settler. It was later purchased by the Zabriskie family who lived in it for three generations. It is a fine example of late 17th early 18th century Dutch architecture of New Jersey.

During the Revolution, General Washington led his army past the house on his retreat from Fort Lee on November 20, 1776. In 1778 Lord Cornwallis started from this house on his expedition against Paulus Hook.

George Washington used the house as his headquarters in September, 1780 before starting for Hartford, Connecticut.

Since Zabriskie was a loyalist, the New Jersey Legislature confiscated the property and gave the house to General Von Steuben as the New Jersey's share of the Nation's debt to him for his war services.

The General never lived there residing instead in New York. He sold the property back to a Zabriskie, the son of a former owner, for \$1,200 in 1788.

*Baron Friedrich von Steuben*

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

New Jersey Historical Society Proceedings, 1926, p. 582; 1928, p. 34; 1929, David Ackerman Descendents -1662, Research, 1966, based on original done by this group and primary documents that proves the Ackermans built original section. Copies of research located Historic Sites Office, Department of Environmental Protection, Box 1420, John Fitch Plaza, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625

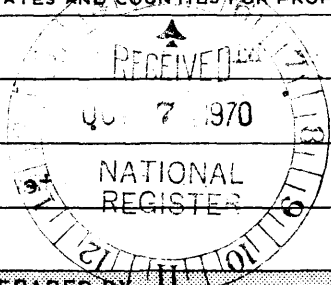
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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SE	° ' "	° ' "				
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **1.071**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: **Elbertus Prol, Curator and Historian**

ORGANIZATION: **New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection** DATE: **August, 1970**

STREET AND NUMBER: **P.O. Box 1420, John Fitch Plaza**

CITY OR TOWN: **Trenton** STATE: **New Jersey 08625** 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 Fulcher*

Title: Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection

Date: September 11, 1970

**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

**DEC 18 1970**

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

ATTEST:  
*William J. Schunberg*  
Keeper of The National Register

Date: **NOV 27 1970**

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6. Survey

New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory #2235.1  
1961 - State  
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