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state <u>New Jersey</u> code <u>034</u> county <u>Cape May</u> code <u>Cape May</u>	•
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Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- □ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- **X** B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- X C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- **D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations N/A (Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- □ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- □ **B** removed from its original location.
- \Box **C** a birthplace or grave.
- **D** a cemetery.
- **E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- \Box **F** a commemorative property.
- □ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- D previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- □ designated a National Historic Landmark
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- ☑ State Historic Preservation Office
- □ Other State agency
- □ Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

Thomas Beesley Sr., House	Cape May County, NJ		
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10. Geographical Data			
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Additional Documentation Submit the following items with the completed form:			
Continuation Sheets			
Maps			
A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.			

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner					
(Complete this item at	the request of SHPO or FPO.)				
name	Fred and Doris Cade				
street & number _	12 Beesley's Place	telephone609-390-1022			
city or town	Beesley's Point	stateNJ zip code 08223			

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Architectural Description

The main portion of the Thomas Beesley House, built ca. 1816, consists of a 2 1/2 story, 5-bay wide frame Federal house, rectangular in plan, with a gable roof, interior end wall chimneys and a small stoop fronting a Federal style entry [photos 2 and 3]. There is a 2-story, 2-bay wide frame addition to the south which may pre-date the main block; there are later, one-story additions to the north, east and south facades [photos 2 and 3]. The foundation is built of field stone and brick; the walls are wood clapboard; the chimneys are brick; and the roof is cedar shake. Windows are 6/6 replacement sash with wood muntins and mullions. The interior of the main portion of the house features finelycrafted carved wood mantels, wood moldings and an open well staircase in the Federal style [photos 5 through 11]. The house, which faces west, is on a 3-acre lot at the rear of a 10-house subdivision. It is buffered from the subdivision in the front by large old tulip trees, evergreens, and mature plantings [photo 1]; the rear of the lot is also treed and slopes gently to the east. The property is in excellent condition and although the exterior has been altered from its original appearance, the original interior features are intact and are the same as documented by HABS in 1938.

The main building:

The front, or west, facade of the main building features a centrally placed doorway with a 6-light semi-circular fanlight, pulvinated frieze, and a molded cornice supported by reeded columns with carved, fluted sunbursts [photo 4]. The doorway is fronted by a wooden stoop, built in the 1980's, consisting of capped, chamfered posts infilled with wood tracery that mimics the semi-circular fanlight. HABS drawings show two wood steps leading to the door. The narrow board cedar clapboard exterior, painted gray, was placed in 1987 [photo 4], replacing cedar shake siding probably placed in the 1940's when the building was first "restored." HABS drawings show 1/4" beaded board siding. Windows, originally 9/6 on the first floor of the front and rear elevations, are now all 6/6

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replacement sash and have aluminum storms and screens. There are two gable roof dormers, also with clapboard siding (HABS shows wood shingle siding) and 6/6 windows. Two interior end wall brick chimneys are corbelled at the top, have copper flashings, and are capped. The brick work appears to be original although it has been repointed. The roof line features a simple boxed cornice with plain rake board; a cedar shake roof, which also appears on the HABS drawings, was replaced with new shakes in the 1980's.

Exposed portions of the north and south facades of the main block are windowless. The rear, or east, facade has a centrally placed door with a small wooden stoop on the first floor flanked by two windows to the north and one to the south [photo 3]. The second floor is 5 bays wide with the middle bay several feet lower because it provides light for the interior stair landing. There are three dormers: a double window, gable roofed dormer flanked by smaller, gable roofed dormers. All windows on the rear facade are 6/6 wood replacement sash with aluminum storms and screens. The double dormer appears to date from the 1940's and is not on the HABS drawings.

Paneled wood exterior shutters, documented by HABS, are no longer extant although the present owner has kept one for future replication.

Appended to the north of the main portion of the house is a 2-bay wide garage/tractor shed, added sometime after HABS documentation [phohto 2]. It runs the depth of the house and features two 6/6 windows on the west facade, large double wood garage doors on the east facade, and triple wooden garage doors on the north facade.

The south addition:

Like the main house, this addition features 6/6 replacement wood sash, a simple boxed cornice, a corbelled brick end wall chimney with copper flashing, and a cedar shake roof [photos 2 and 3]. The main, or west, facade of this 2-story addition is 2-bays wide; HABS

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documentation shows this facade as 2-bays wide on the second floor and 3-bays wide on the first floor with a door to the north and two windows to the south. The south facade is 2-bays wide with a door to the west (originally a window) and has a one-story, shed roofed glass enclosed porch along its length. Windows at the attic level are 6-light single hung wooden sash and do not appear to be original. The rear facade also is 2-bays wide; it has a double window on the first floor to the south and a small one story, 1-bay wide shed roofed addition containing a laundry room to the north. The addition has a doorway on the south facade and 6/6 windows on the east facade. HABS drawings show a 2-story kitchen/bedroom addition at this location which stylistically appeared to date from the last guarter of the 19th century.

Interior Description:

The interior of the main building features finely crafted Federal details that remain unaltered since HABS documentation in 1938.

The center hall has an open well staircase from the first to the attic floor [photos 8 and 9]. It has turned baluster newel posts, scroll-finished open strings and a plain handrail matched by a half-rail and reeded pilasters on the opposite wall. The center hall and parlors have chair rails and a 5" baseboard capped with cyma moldings. Floors throughout this portion are random width pine, walls are plaster, and doors, except where noted, are 6-paneld [photo 7]. The front door consists of four sunk panels with applied moldings [photos 4 and 7]; the back door on the east facade has 9-lights over two panels. Both show on HABS drawings but appear to date from the last quarter of the 19th century. Stairs leading to the basement have been removed since HABS documentation.

The north or main parlor has the most ornate detailing. Its carved wooden mantelpiece is comprised of reeded pilasters supporting a molded entablature enhanced with fluted oval sunbursts in the frieze--a small sunburst above each pilaster and a large one

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in the center [photo 5]. The fireplace is faced with gray marble and has an ornate cast-iron fireback and jambs depicting a late 17th/early 18th century family scene [photo 6]. The molded door surround has corner blocks embellished with round fluted sunbursts [photo 7].

Detailing in the south parlor is similar to that in the north except the mantelpiece's central medallion is a circular fluted sunburst [photo 10]. This fireplace also has a gray marble face and a fleur-de-lis studded cast iron back and jambs. Fireplaces in both parlors have built-in closets.

The two second floor bedrooms have simple wooden fireplace surrounds consisting of molded cornices over a plain frieze [photo 11]. These also have gray marble facings, fleur-de-lis cast iron backs and jambs and built-in closets. Both rooms have chair rails and, on the south walls, pegged clothing rails. The two attic bedrooms are finished but unheated. A bathroom, which does not show on HABS drawings, has been created at the westernmost end of the second floor hallway.

The basement of the main house features vertical sawn floor joists and beams, brick flooring and vaulted brick fireplace support arches. There is also a raised brick trough along the east wall which was at one time supplied with running water, presumably for food cleaning and preparation.

The south addition, nearly square in plan, consists of a large modern kitchen on the first floor with a winder stair leading to the second floor and straight stairs leading to the basement. There is a modern utility room to the west. The second floor is comprised of a modern bathroom and a bedroom with narrow vertical board wainscotting, possibly original, on all walls. A wide hallway, shown on the HABS plan, has been altered so the winder stair leading to the attic has been enclosed into a large closet accessed by the bedroom. The storage attic has been partially finshed with wall board.

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Statement of Significance

The Thomas Beesley House, built ca. 1816, is significant as the residence of Thomas Beesley, Sr., a prominent local merchant, ship captain, and farmer for whom the town Beesley's Point is named. The house is also significant as an excellent example of regionally-adapted Federal style architecture, exhibiting interior detailing with an unusually high degree of craftsmanship and sophistication for what was, at the time of the house's construction, a remote and sparsely populated area of southern New Jersey.

Historical background and significance:

Beesley's Point, called Goldin's Point from 1691-1750 then Stites Point until 1849, is located at the northernmost point of Cape May County at Great Egg Harbor Bay. Peck's Beach, a barrier island, lies due east across Peck Bay. Early settlers were whalers who turned to farming and trapping in the off-season. When the whaling industry died in the early 1700's, boat building, farming, glass making and lumbering from the great cedar swamps became the leading industries.

Although these means of livelihood flourished in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, Cape May County was relatively sparsely populated and hard to access from Philadelphia or Trenton when Thomas Beesley (1771-1849) settled in Beesley's Point in 1803. The Beesley family, of Swedish origin, had settled on the eastern bank of the Delaware Bay in Salem County. After Thomas Beesley's father Jonathan was killed in the Revolutionary War, Thomas was bound out to a family in Port Elizabeth.

After following the sea for a while, he purchased the Stillwell public house (built ca. 1736) in Beesley's Point in 1803 where he established a ship chandler's shop. According to local historians, a small portion of the public house, although greatly altered, has been incorporated into the existing early 20th-century building which stands on Shore Road at the edge of Great Egg Harbor Bay, about 1/3 mile north of the Thomas Beesley House.

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Although local lore and written accounts state the house was built in 1803, there are several reasons why a later date is probably more accurate. Thomas Beesley's son Maurice, an avid historian, medical doctor, state legislator, and author of <u>A Sketch of the Early History of Cape May County</u> (1857), states in that book that his father lived in the public house until 1816 when he moved into the newly built home. The later date also appears to be more credible since the house was built on land inherited in 1810 by Thomas' wife Rhoda.

HABS delineators claim that the 2-story south addition was a later replacement of an earlier kitchen wing. Physical evidence suggests that the "addition" may pre-date the main house: floorboards in the main block attic extend into the framing of the addition's attic; plaster lath from the main block attic bedroom is placed directly on the framing of the addition; foundations of both buildings appear to be original and each block had its own basement stair for access; and basement beams in the addition are rough hewn, not vertical sawn like the main block, suggesting perhaps a late 18th century construction date.

Beesley lived in the house until his death, at age 78, in 1849; at that time the house was part of a 170 acre farmstead with a "garden, barn and other outbuildings on the premises" (Beesley will). Beesley's will also shows he owned a share in the schooner "Pauline" and owned 1300 acres in West Virginia. His passing merited an obituary in the Trenton-based <u>State Gazette</u> newspaper which called him "a well-known and highly respected citizen of Cape May". The year Thomas died his other son, Thomas Jr., who also served in the state legislature, succeeded in having a bill passed which changed the town's name from Stites Point to Beesley's Point.

Thomas Beesley, Sr. was a significant member of the upper Cape May County community, first operating a public house and ship chandler's shop which catered to the needs of the local maritime industry. He then became a successful and well-respected area farmer, amassing large land holdings and erecting for himself this

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fine Federal house. His transition from shop owner to wealthy farmer is reflected in the stature and sophistication of his home, where he lived for the last 33 years of his life.

Thomas Beesley was active in organizing and overseeing several meadow-banking companies which reclaimed farmland and salt hay meadows by draining wetlands and banking tidal streams and creeks. Similarly, he also helped to develop county public works projects-building new bridges and a drawbridge, erecting milestone markers, and placing directors at the forks of public roads--that supported the creek banking projects.

Jeffery Dorwart, author of the recently-published <u>Cape May County</u>, <u>New Jersey: The Making of an American Resort Community</u> includes Beesley as one of the county's "nineteenth century business gentry elite tied together, like their eighteenth century whaler yeoman ancestors and kin, by intermarriage and political-economic associations" (p. 85).

The Thomas Beesley, Sr. House was also the childhood home of two of Beesley's sons, Dr. Maurice Beesley (1804-1882) and Thomas Beesley, Jr. (1815-1877), who gained local and statewide prominence in their own right. Dr. Maurice Beesley was a member of the state general Assembly from 1840-42 and the Senate from 1842-44. A physician who lived and practiced in nearby Dennisville, he was an organizer of the New Jersey Historical Society, helped found the NJ State Asylum for the Insane, organized the Cape May-Millville Railroad, and was the first county superintendent of public schools appointed by the NJ Board of Public Instruction. His brother Thomas, Jr. was also a member of the New Jersey state legislature, serving in the Assembly from 1865-67, 1869, and 1870 and in the Senate from 1871 to 1873. He,too, lived in Dennisville, following mercantile pursuits and becoming prominent as a counselor.

Rhoda Beesley resided in the house until her death in 1861. Analysis of individual room citations in the personal property inventory taken after her demise shows that the house, at that

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time, consisted of the main block and the 2-story addition to the south. Ownership of the house changed six times from 1861 to the 1930's when HABS documented the building in 1938. Since 1938, the house has had six different owners and undergone three "restorations".

Architecturally, the Thomas Beesely House is one of less than a dozen extant, full size (5 bays wide, 2 to 2 1/2 stories high) Federal houses in Cape May County. The Cape May County Historic Sites Survey (1980) states there are "few" Federal buildings in Dennis, Lower, and Middle Townships to the south; the Great Egg Harbor Survey (1981), which included Upper Township, found that full size Georgian/Federal houses were "not abundant in the study area".

In the 1930's, HABS documented only two other 5-bay wide, 2 to 2 1/2 story Federal houses in Cape May County--the Eli Burnell House, ca. 1820, also in Beesley's Point and the Nathaniel Holmes House, ca. 1823 in Cape May Court House. Both are extant and at the time of their documentation had interior detailing and mantels nearly identical to that in the Beesley House. According to the Cape May County survey, carved woodwork in the Nathaniel Holmes House has been attributed to William Armstrong. Research to date, however, has been unable to tie Armstrong's work to the Beesley House.

The Thomas Beesley, Sr. House, then, is particularly significant for its finely-crafted interior details which show sophistication and high artistic value, especially for an area geographically remote and sparsely populated at the time. Although the house's exterior has been altered from its original appearance, its interior details remain intact and are an excellent example of the Federal style as regionally adapted.

Similarly, although its original farmland has been subdivided and built upon, the Thomas Beesley House is well-buffered visually and physically from the closest development by a generous set-back and by a stand of large, old tulip trees, pines and evergreen shrubs

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along its front lot line. There are no homes behind the house, or on either side of it; the Garden State Parkway passes along the rear lot line about 1/8 mile away. Although the housing development has altered the original vista between the house and Shore Road, the Thomas Beesley House still retains a sense of its historic setting because of its 3 acre lot, large set-back, lack of development to the sides and rear, and mature plantings.

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Verbal boundary description

Tax Lot 18, Tax Block 687, Township of Upper, Cape May County, NJ

Verbal boundary justification

The boundary is comprised of the 2.72 acre lot on which the Thomas Beesley, Sr. House is currently sited. Although the house was originally part of a 170 acre farmstead, the acreage has been subdivided (beginning in the 1850's) over the years to the current 2.72 acre lot. Particularly that parcel of the original farm between the house and State Route 9 (Shore Road) has been excluded because it has been subdivided and developed into a residential neighborhood.

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Photograph Key applicable to all photographs: Thomas Beesley, Sr. House Cape May County, NJ Joan E. Berkey, photographer March, 1992 J. Berkey, holder of original negatives photo #1 siting of house, looking east house is at end of street, to the left, behind trees photo #2 main (west) facade looking northeast photo #3 rear (east) facade looking northwest photo #4 front door looking east photo #5 main (north) parlor mantel looking north photo #6 detail, fireback of main parlor fireplace looking north photo #7 doorway, main parlor looking south

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photo #8
 stair detail
 looking south
photo #9
 stair landing between first and second floors
 looking east
photo #10
 fireplace, south parlor
 looking south

photo #11

fireplace, second floor south bedroom, main block looking south

















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