

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: New Jersey  
 COUNTY: Sussex  
 FOR NPS USE ONLY  
 ENTRY DATE: NOV 1 1974

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**1. NAME**

COMMON: Elias Van Bunschooten, House  
 AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

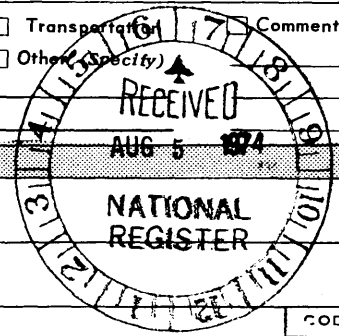
STREET AND NUMBER: NW of Sussex on NJ 23  
Route 23, four miles north of Sussex  
 CITY OR TOWN: Wantage Township Sussex vicinity CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 13th - Joseph Maraziti  
 STATE: New Jersey CODE: 34 COUNTY: Sussex CODE: 037

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	



**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME: Chinkchewunsk Chapter of the D.A.R.  
 STREET AND NUMBER: Box 1776  
 CITY OR TOWN: Newton STATE: New Jersey CODE: 34

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Hall of Records  
 STREET AND NUMBER: Park Place and High Street  
 CITY OR TOWN: Newton STATE: New Jersey CODE: 34

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY: New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory (3194.3)  
 DATE OF SURVEY: 1970, 1972  Federal  State  County  Local  
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Department of Environmental Protection, Historic Sites Section  
 STREET AND NUMBER: Box 1420  
 CITY OR TOWN: Trenton STATE: New Jersey CODE: 34

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" 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 Van Bunschooten House is unusually large in proportions for a center hall house. Its frame consists of six bent with an intermediate post in each bent. Typically there would be four bents. Four of these intermediate posts are unusually large in cross section and are tapered above the attic floor. There are numerous other significant features. In the cellar are remains of the storage rooms with wooden slats and two doors which turn on wooden pivots. Sections of the floor are cobblestone and flagstone. The four large fireplaces have their mantels; the stone kitchen fireplace is bricked in for a smaller opening. There is a mantel in the wing, but the chimney and fireplace have been removed. This wing had burned and was largely rebuilt. The center hall front and rear doors have much of their original hardware, particularly notable are the very long strap hinges.

This Federal style house was probably built around 1792 when Elias Van Bunschooten purchased the property. It is a clapboard building with a random fieldstone foundation. The main section of the house, as noted, has a rectangular center hall plan with rooms front and back on the first and second floors. The stairway is adjacent to the center hall and is mid-19th century. The original stair case was probably in the center hall.

There are porches both front and back.

Van Bunschooten willed the farm to his nephew, Elias Cooper, who consequently divided the farm among his five sons. The Cooper family remodeled the house sometime in the mid-19th century; changing the window sashes and casings, several doors, and the stairs.

There are still some original 6 panel doors and casings in addition to some wide floor boards (6 inch tongue and groove).

There are numerous farm buildings on the property. The large cattle barn probably dates from the third-quarter of the 19th century. The small barn is of hewn and sawn oak and dates from the early 19th century. The wing addition of this building is constructed of timbers from an earlier building. There is a wooden winch in this barn. The barn is in poor condition. The shed is probably late 19th or early 20th century. The outdoor privy is perhaps unique, possibly dating from the first half of the 19th century. It is Greek Revival in style. There is a corbeled stone bridge over the nearby stream.

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**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)

1790-1815

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 checked="" 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 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

Religion/Philosophy

In 1785 Reverend Eliss Van Bunschooten arrived from the Hudson Valley to administer to the religious needs of the Reformed Dutch Church in Sussex County. Bunschooten was called to the area as pastor to churches in Minisink, Walpack, Maghagkamack, and Bushkill. At the time there was no church in the Clove, but by 1787 over 50 citizens petitioned to form a church with Van Bunschooten as their pastor. The Clove Church was officially organized by Reverend Van Bunschooten in 1788. The meeting-house was originally in a barn on the property owned by Helmas Titsworth. (Van Bunschooten temporarily resided in the Titsworth House). In a few years a church was built and it served the congregation for about 40 years until the current Clove Church was constructed.

The Reverend apparently preferred the Wantage Village locale to the other areas as he soon purchased property here and by 1792 he had settled permanently in the Clove by constructing the house in question on a farm of about 700 acres.

In time Bunschooten relinquished his work in the other churches and by 1800 he ministered only to the Clove Church and a Presbyterian Church in Westtown.

Late in life Reverend Van Bunschooten decided to personally bequeath his monetary holdings. In 1814 he startled the General Synod of the Dutch Reformed Church (Queen's College) by appearing at a meeting and placing a sum of \$14,600 on the table which was to be used "for the support and education in the Classical and Theological studies of pious youth." At his death in 1815 he left a further sum of over \$3,000 to the Seminary.

At the time of Van Bunschooten's gift, Queens College was facing difficult financial times and it is quite possible that the Van Bunschooten bequest prevented the dissolution of Queens College; today known as Rutgers University (which at that time was jointly the Dutch Seminary. In 1823 the college and seminary separated; the money going entirely to

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Charles Tichy, Restoration Architect.

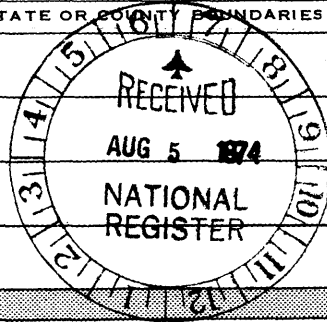
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 6 1/2

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: (Charles Tichy, Restoration Architect)  
 Historic Sites Section Staff (Terry Karschner, Historian-Curator)

ORGANIZATION: Department of Environmental Protection

DATE: 10-25-1973

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: David J. Bardin  
 Title: Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection  
 Date: July 1, 1974

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Arthur M. ...  
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 11/1/74

ATTEST: Bob ...  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 10-29-74

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8. Significance (cont.)

the seminary.) In 1914 the Synod of the Dutch Church in America published a report on the Van Bunschooten bequest and stated that 135 men had been educated by the gift.

