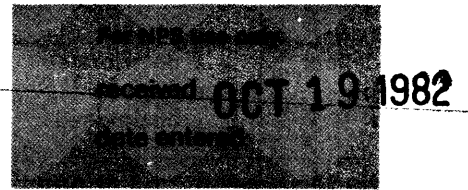


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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Benjamin Jones House, ("Halstead")
and/or common Horner Farm

2. Location

street & number Pemberton-Browns Mills Road N/A not for publication
city, town Pemberton Township N/A vicinity of ~~Congressional district~~
state New Jersey code 34 county Burlington code 005

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
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	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
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			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name David Newhart
street & number Pemberton-Browns Mills Road
city, town Pemberton Twp. New Lisbon X vicinity of state New Jersey

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Burlington County Courthouse
street & number 49 Rancocas Road
city, town Mount Holly state New Jersey

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

N.J. Historic Sites Inventory:
title Burlington County Survey & Inventory has this property been determined eligible? yes no
date 1978 federal state county local
depository for survey records Office of Historic Preservation
city, town Trenton state New Jersey

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Benjamin Jones property is a 15 acre rectangular plot of land containing a mid-19th century main house and three deteriorated 19th-20th century outbuildings.

The 2 ½ story, five bay, gambrel roofed Greek Revival house was built around 1830 and probably modified and added to shortly after 1846.

Now covered with asbestos shingles, the main section of this frame structure inscribes a rectangle with a two story kitchen wing projecting to the rear along the east facade. The building is five bays wide with the entrance centered in the south facade. The door, which is six-panelled, is surmounted by a rectangular transom and flanked by side lights. The entrance is protected by a one story flat roofed porch which incorporates four cast-iron fluted doric columns. This portico appears to be a mid-19th century modification. It originally had a wooden parapet highlighted by scrolls, but this feature was removed in the third quarter of the 20th century, possibly when the asbestos siding was applied. Two distinctive tripartite windows are on either side of the entrance. The center sections are large six over six sash, each flanked by four over four sash windows. This window arrangement is an unusual mid-19th century characteristic. Three segmental arched dormers exist across the front of the building, while two exist across the back. The roof is slightly gambrelled, with exaggerated eaves, cornice blocks and returns. It is covered in cedar shakes and is pierced by three interior chimneys. An elliptical window appears in the gable on either side of the building.

The rear of the main block is a two story, two bay kitchen wing with a shallow pitched roof. To the rear of the kitchen is a mid-19th century addition. The second floor of this section housed two water tanks, one of which is still housed in an interesting hip roofed dormered tower with heavy braced framing.

Alterations to the building include a late 19th century porch in the back. Although similar in detail to the front portico, the porch supports and scroll sawn trim would indicate that this porch was added sometime after the initial construction of the house. A 20th century Colonial Revival porch exists along the east facade. Asbestos siding currently covers the original clapboards.

The interior of the original section of the building exhibits considerable fine mid-19th century fabric. On the ground floor, the central hall is flanked by three grand rooms; a double parlor with marble man-

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tels, and panelled-aproned windows to the west; a sitting room with a cast iron mantel; and a handsome dining room to the east. An early cast iron coal stove with an interesting cover exists in one of the parlor fireplaces. Woodwork throughout this section is exceptional for rural Burlington County incorporating a Greek Revival motif with doors and windows flanked by tapered pilasters and surmounted by handsome architrave trim. The original kitchen exists to the rear of the dining room. In it stands a wood burning fireplace which may have recently been rebuilt, incorporating a cast iron mantel shelf. Second and third floor rooms, many still displaying marble mantel pieces, are little changed from the initial date of construction.

In 1865 the Benjamin Jones property was offered for sale by a subsequent owner, Anthony Saunders Morris. The newspaper advertisement provides a good verbal description of the farmstead at the time:

"Valuable Farm and County Seat at Private Sale.

The subscriber offers at private sale, the Farm on which he now resides, situated in Pemberton Township, Burlington County, New Jersey, on the road from Pemberton to Hanover Furnace, containing about 190 acres; forty acres of which are well set with Oak and Pine Timber, in a thrifty condition and the balance is arable land of excellent quality.

The Improvements

are large two and half story house, 42 by 54 feet, with ample back buildings, a commodious cellar & c., furnished in the best manner throughout, with bathroom, water closet & c. in the second story. It is also supplied with two large reservoirs with a capacity of 75 barrels, which afford a never failing supply of water for all purposes of house and farm yard. The out-buildings are in complete repair and afford every accommodation for the requirements of the farm. There are three tenant houses on the farm. The lawn is tastefully laid out, sloping gradually to the edge of the pond which supplies,

The MILL, (Itself very desirable)

supplying the power for drifting the run of stone with cob crusher, a threshing machine, corn sheller, circular saw as well as the force

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pump, from which in part the supply of water for the house is obtained. Attached to the MILL is a large barn with capacity for storing the greater part of the winter grain.

The land is under a good fencing, and is well watered, being bounded on the south by the Rancocas Creek and crossed by three never failing streams. Possession given immediately.

August 23, 1865.

Application to A. S. Morris."

Extant outbuildings on the property include:

The westernmost barn, possibly 19th century, is actually two small barns joined together. The structures are both sawn braced framed with clapboard sheathing. The roof is wood shingle and the rafters are sawn and nailed at peaks. The ground floor is animal pens and dairy stalls. The upper floor probably contained hay. On the west facade is a partial silo constructed of concrete panels and infomed by iron straps. There is the foundation of another silo. Both are post-1920.

The barn to the east, possibly 19th century, is two stories, sawn braced framing with clapboard sheathing. The roof is wood shingle. This barn also appears to have been built in several stages, but as with the first barn serious structural deterioration prevented more careful investigation.

The shed is behind (north of) the eastern barn. It is one story, has a concrete base, and sawn exposed rafters. The sheathing is clapboarding. This small building, probably 20th century, is also seriously deteriorated.

Hanover Furnace is located five miles due east of the Benjamin Jones House. The mill referred to in the 1865 newspaper advertisement is no longer extant and the site is not within the boundaries of the nominated property.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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Specific dates ca. 1830; ca. 1846 **Builder/Architect** unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Benjamin Jones House was built around 1830 by the owner of the Hanover Furnace. In active usage from 1791 to 1865, the Hanover Furnace was an important southern New Jersey bog iron industrial site. Products manufactured at the furnace included cannons and cannonballs during the War of 1812, water pipes, iron columns, sad irons, firebacks, and fireplace hoods, stoves, and pig iron.

Constructed as an imposing country house with much fine detailing, the house exhibits an interesting blend of Federal and Greek Revival features while incorporating several of the products forged or cast at the Hanover Furnace. Particularly noteworthy decorative iron details include the cast-iron fluted doric columns on the front porch, a fine acanthus leaf and shell iron fireplace hood, and an elliptical design fireback. The distinctive interior woodwork has a vaguely Egyptian motif with doors and windows flanked by tapered pilasters and surmounted by handsome architrave trim. Somewhat larger than most other period country houses in the area, the gambrel roof of the Jones Houses is an uncommon house variation in Burlington County. The water tower and water closet in the rear of the house provide an especially rare demonstration of mid-19th century domestic water storage and indoor plumbing.

HANOVER FURNACE HISTORY

Located on the North Branch of the Rancocas Creek within the Fort Dix military reservation, the Hanover Bog Iron Furnace Site once supported an iron furnace, an iron master's house, workers' houses, and a saw mill. Adjacent woods and swamps supplied ore and charcoal for the production of cast iron. A nail keg factory operated on the site until 1871; near mid-century, the works supported a community of 200+ people.

Hanover furnace had its beginnings in 1791 when Joseph Ridgeway, owner of large tracts of land in the area, conveyed to General John Lacey, Joseph Howell and Clayton Earl a number of parcels including the Hanover tracts, on condition that they were to erect a furnace thereon. The furnace was built soon after as indicated in a 1793 land transfer which stated, "whereon the said Lacey, Earl & Ridgeway have since built the iron works and furnaces called Hanover Furnace" (Burlington County Deeds, Book D, page 361, 1793).

In 1809, the Hanover Company was assessed on 800 acres of unimproved land and a furnace. During the next year Benjamin Jones of Philadelphia, an extensive "ironmonger" who had married Mary H. Howell, granddaughter of Samuel Howell, Sr. began gaining control of the Hanover Company. In 1811 he bought the remaining interest of John Lacey, giving him entire control to the furnace and tract.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name Pemberton & Browns Mills

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Block 847, Lot 1 - Pemberton Tax Map

Also see Continuation Sheet

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	N/A	code	county	code

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

Revisions by T. Karschner, Office of Historic Preservation 1982

name/title Keith W. Betten, Administrator, and Marion Humphries

organization Burlington Co. Cultural & Heritage Comm. date 1978

street & number 49 Rancocas Road telephone (609) 267-3300, ext. 228

city or town Mount Holly state New Jersey

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer signature *Robert C. Deusch*

title _____ date 9/29/82

For NPS use only

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

John B. Ryan 11/30/82
 Keeper of the National Register Director in the National Register date

Attach: _____ date _____
 Chief of Registration

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In the War of 1812, the works boomed. Hanover Furnace made cannons and cannonballs for the armed forces. By 1819, though, Jones had over extended himself. He transferred the property to trustees who ran the works specifically for the benefit of the creditors. The trustees did this so successfully that by 1826 the creditors were all paid off and Jones again took control and operated the furnace until 1846.

In 1846 Jones sold the Furnace to his sons, Samuel and Richard. They operated under the R. & S. Jones. The Furnace produced great quantities of pipe for the Philadelphia Water Works, sad irons, firebacks, stoves and pig iron. The Works were continued until 1864 when operations ceased.

After 1865 the property was sold to A. J. Carpenter who converted the furnace to a nail keg factory which operated only a few years.

Benjamin Jones (1767-1849) built this fine country house around 1830. He named the property "Halstead" in honor of his daughter Harriet, whose nickname was Hal. Benjamin Jones sold the entire Hanover Furnace Tract in 1846 to his sons Samuel H. and Richard Jones. They operated Hanover Furnace until around 1865, but apparently never had ownership of "Halstead." In 1850 Anthony Saunders Morris inherited or bought the house from the estate of Benjamin Jones. Morris advertised Halstead for sale in 1865 in the New Jersey Mirror. Aaron Earley bought the property in 1867. Charles P. Farmer acquired the house in 1884, followed in the same year by H. John Vesey. Vesey or his heirs defaulted on the mortgage and the property was sold in 1890 at a sheriff's sale to Sheriff George F. Harbert, who transferred ownership to Edward Dudley. In the same year Dudley sold Halstead to Mathias Alph. The property then remained in the Alph Family for four generations when in 1964 Michael Newhart purchased the property. David Newhart is the present (1981) owner of the property.

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 - Charles Farmer. Book C11, p. 310 (1884)
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Benjamin Jones' Will - Book G, p. 417, 1849.

Morris Family Genealogy

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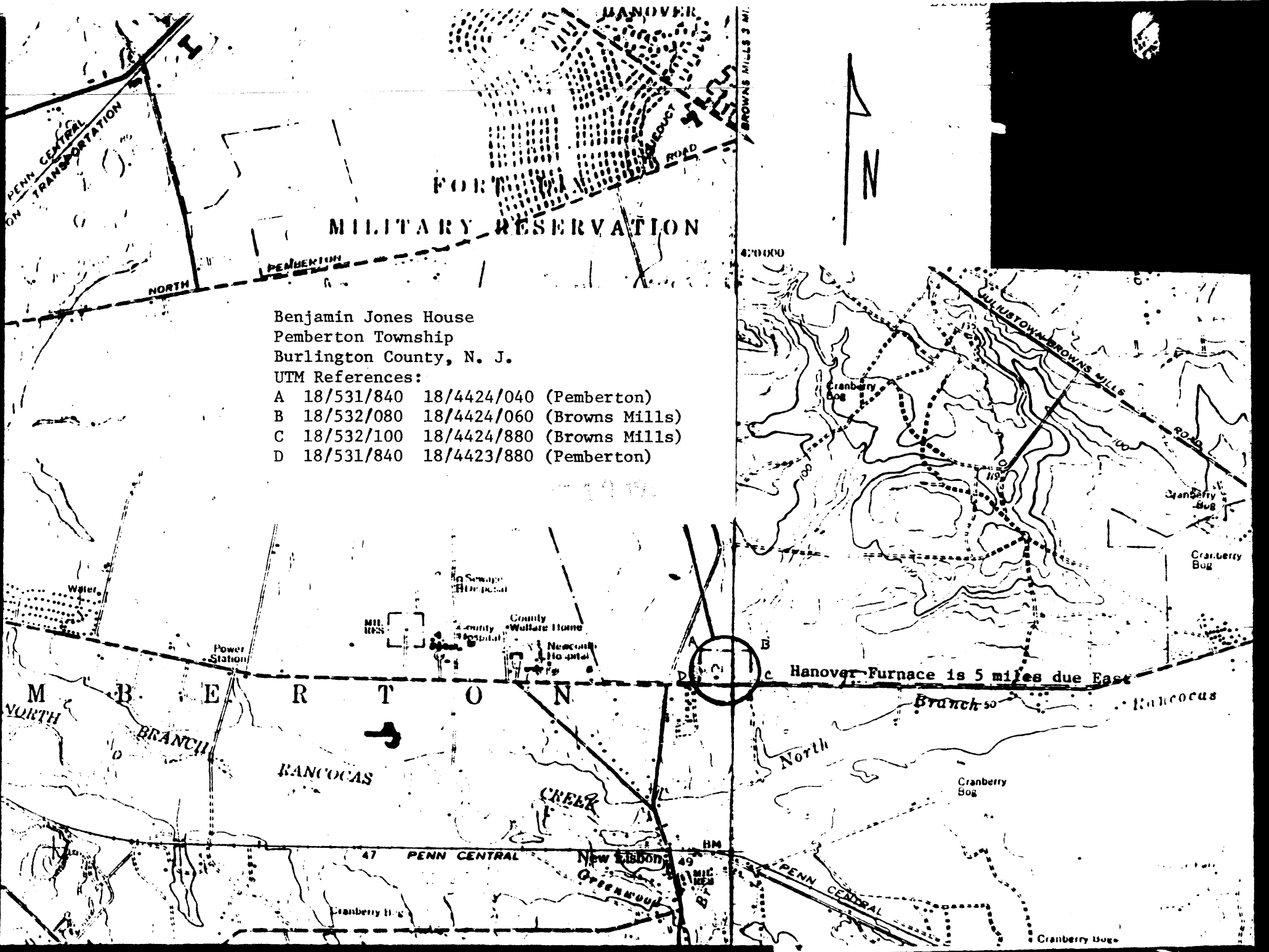
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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

The property nominated is confined to the present Pemberton Township Block 847, Lot 1 delineation as identified in the municipal tax maps.

The north, east, and west, boundaries are adjacent to the Fort Dix, United States Government Military Reserve. The south boundary is the Pemberton-Browns Mills Road.



**FORT MONMOUTH
MILITARY RESERVATION**

Benjamin Jones House
 Pemberton Township
 Burlington County, N. J.

- UTM References:
- A 18/531/840 18/4424/040 (Pemberton)
 - B 18/532/080 18/4424/060 (Browns Mills)
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Hanover Furnace is 5 miles due East

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SITE MAP - BENJAMIN JONES PROPERTY

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT PROPERTY - FORT DIX



Scale -

1 inch equals
approximately
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T. Karschner
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BENJAMIN JONES PROPERTY
PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP
BURLINGTON COUNTY
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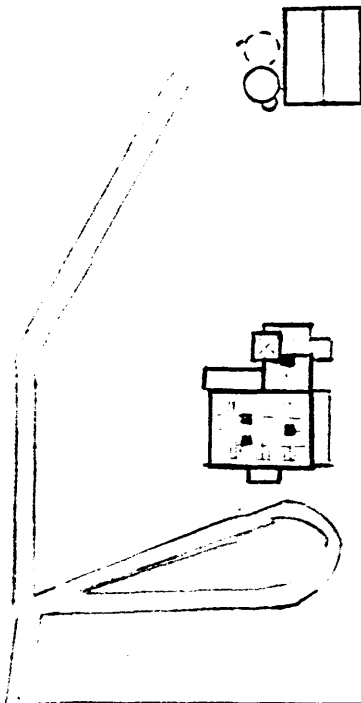
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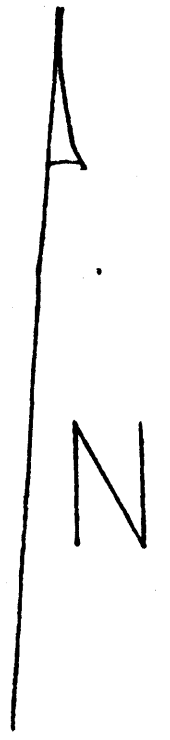
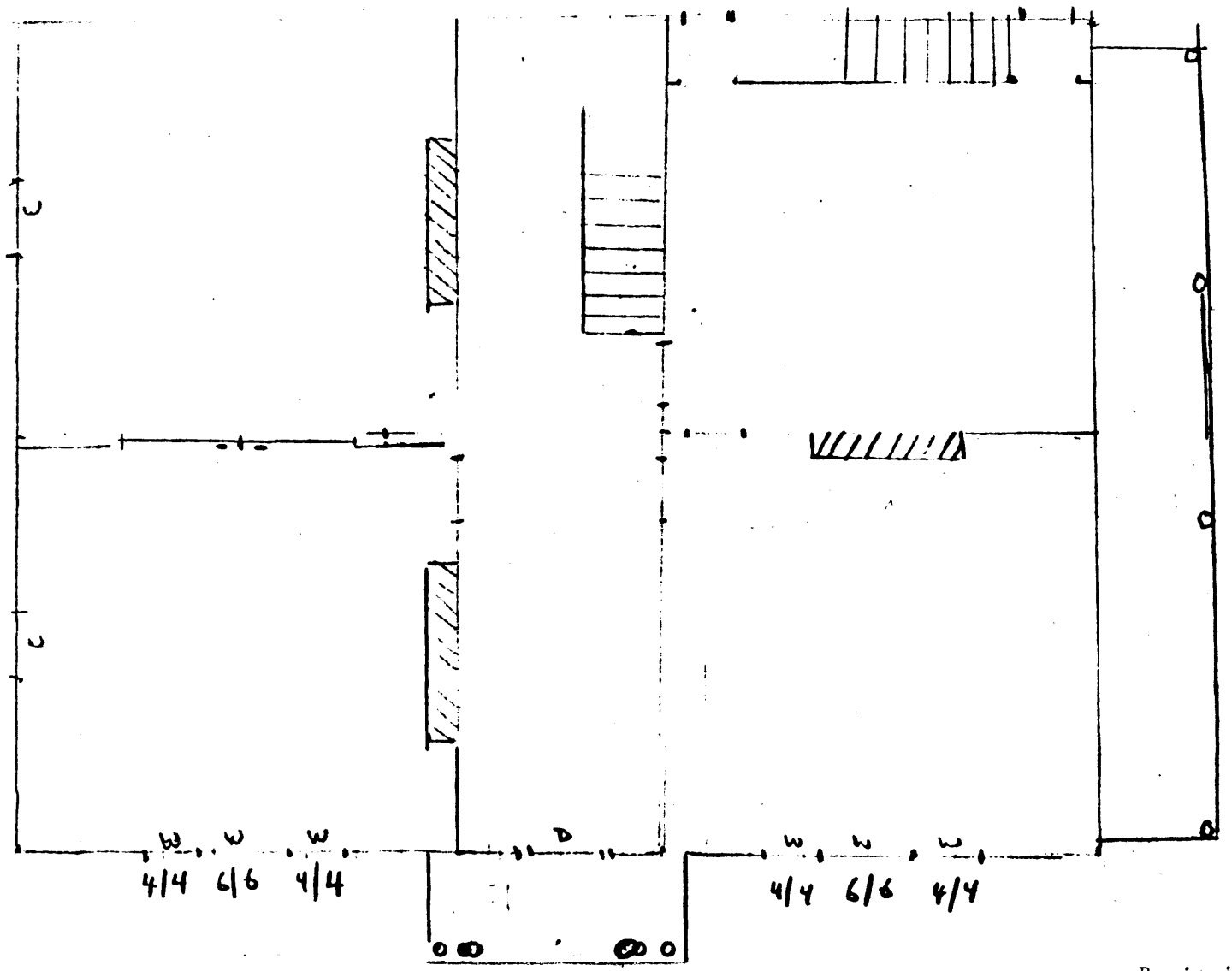
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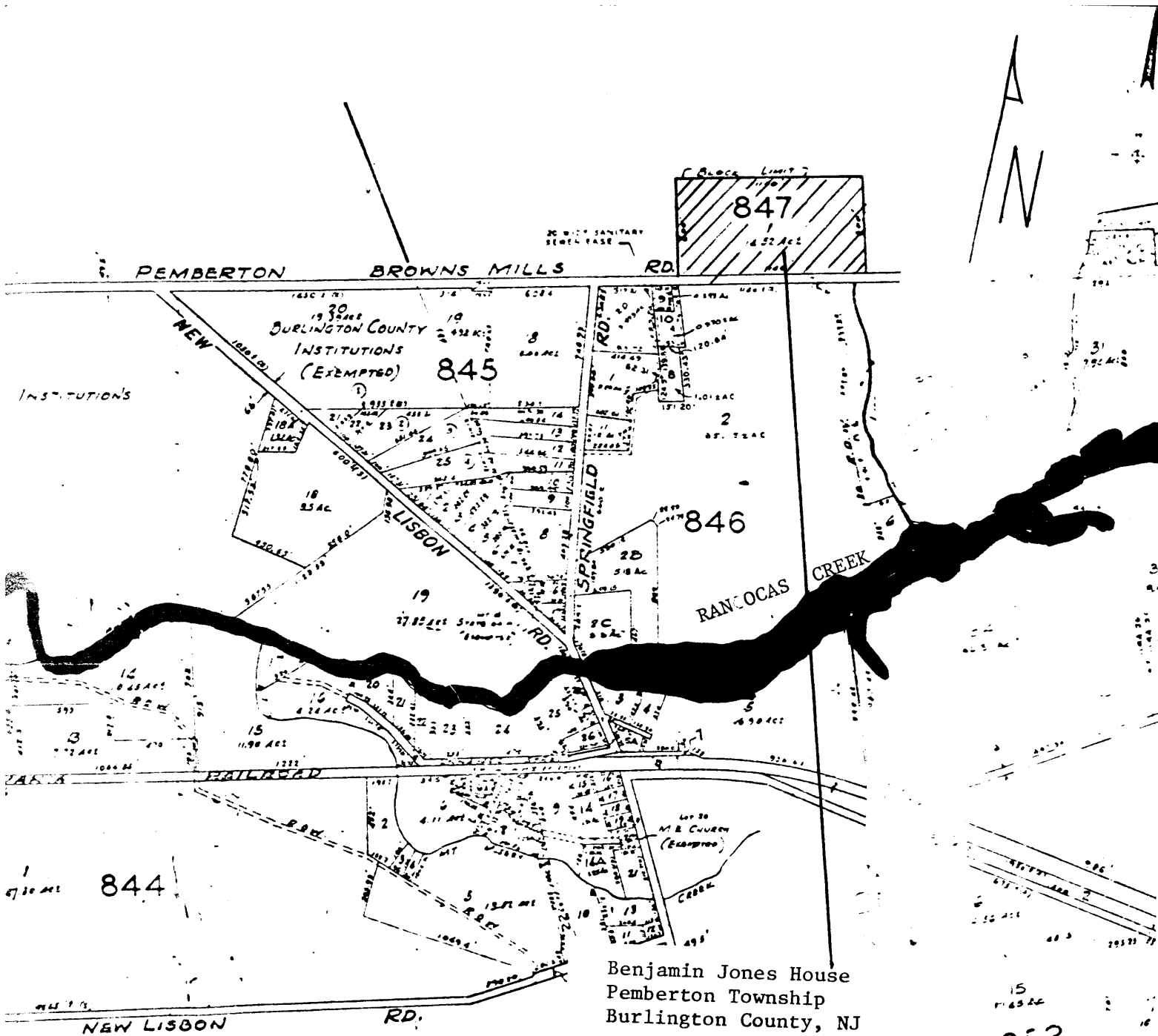


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