

NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY #
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: Stoutenburgh - Minturn House	COMMON NAME: Minturn House
LOCATION: House	BLOCK/LOT: 682/13
86 East Water Street	.95 acres
MUNICIPALITY: Dover Township	COUNTY: Ocean
OWNER/ADDRESS: G. Minturn Estate	UTM Reference: 18/568920/4422385
86 East Water St., Toms River, N.J.	
ORIGINAL USE: Residence	PRESENT USE: Vacant
USGS QUAD:	

DESCRIPTION	Deed records, bk 44,
Construction Date: 1868	Source of Date: p.401., Lien bk 1, p. 33.
	N.J. Courier 9/16/1868
Architect:	Builder: 7/29/1869
Style: vernacular Gothic Cottage	Number of Stories: 2½
Foundation: brick piers	Form/Plan Type: rectangular
Structural System: wood frame	
Exterior Wall Fabric: main facade: feather cut wood shingles	
Fenestration: 1st story - 3 bays wide 12/12 DHS with storm windows	
2nd story - center Palladian window, attic window: Gothic arch	
Entrance Location: South, centrally located single door with side lights	4/4
Roof/Chimneys: steeply pitched cross gable with supported paired brackets/ 1 exterior chimney	
Additional Architectural Description:	

The Stoutenburgh-Minturn House has experienced few alterations since its construction in 1868. The only major alteration was the addition of the side porch in 1905 with its octagonal extension on the southeast corner of the house. Asbestos shingles cover the original clapboard on the east and west facades and an iron railing has replaced a wood entry-way railing.

PHOTO

MAP (Indicate North) See map 2



(7) Stoutenburgh-Minturn House
Old Village of Toms River
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SITING AND RELATED STRUCTURES: Overlooking the Toms River, the house is centrally located on one and a quarter acre plot on the north side of East Water Street. A small ravine runs through the east side of the lawn with a narrow winding street, Serpentine Road, bordering the property on the east. A small outbuilding located at the rear of the house was converted into a Catholic Church, the first in Toms River, in the early 1880's, and later moved to Hooper Avenue.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Open Space Woodland Scattered Buildings
Suburban Urban Residential Agricultural Industrial
Downtown Commercial Highway Commercial Other Professional offices

From East Water Street, between the corner of Hooper Avenue and Dock Street, there is a beautiful scenic vista of the Toms River and Barnegat Bay. The small acreage along the waterfront is vacant land, with numerous wooded docks projecting into the river.

SIGNIFICANCE:

With the advent of the railroad to Toms River in 1866, the town soon became a fashionable summer resort for wealthy northern urbanites who built pretentious cottages along the river's bluff. The Stoutenburgh-Minturn House is the last surviving example of this development in this section of Toms River. While less ornate than the popular Italianate cottages that adorned the area, the Stoutenburgh-Minturn House is a fine vernacular example of Victorian Gothic architecture in Toms River.

Built in 1868, for Rebecca Finn, the house has been the home for prominent New Yorkers, including John Stoutenburgh, who was one of the original organizers of the Toms River Yacht Club in 1871 and served as Commodore for twenty-three years. Stoutenburgh, whose forebears were the first Dutch settlers in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. and who helped build the St. James Episcopal Church in which President Franklin D. Roosevelt was buried, married the Toms River heiress and granddaughter of Elijah Robbins.

Judge James F. Minturn, of the New Jersey Supreme Court, purchased the house in 1924.

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent Good Fair Poor
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes Possible No As part of district
THREATS TO STRUCTURE: Roads Development Zoning Deterioration
No Threat Other
COMMENTS:

Now vacant, the house is up for sale and deterioration has become a major threat to the structure.

REFERENCES:

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