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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Singleton-Lathem-Large House (preferred)

AND/OR COMMON Borocz

2 LOCATION

Route 528 near intersection with Bordentown-Chesterfield Road

STREET & NUMBER *N W of Chesterfield on Rt. 528* NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN Chesterfield Township VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 4th

STATE New Jersey CODE 34 COUNTY Burlington CODE 005

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Ms. Gertrude N. Brick

STREET & NUMBER Front & Buttonwood Streets

CITY, TOWN Crosswicks VICINITY OF STATE New Jersey

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Burlington County Administration Building

STREET & NUMBER 49 Rancocas Street

CITY, TOWN Mount Holly STATE New Jersey

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory
Burlington County Historic Sites Survey

DATE 1976 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS 109 West State Street, Office of Historic Preservation
Burlington County Cultural and Heritage Commission

CITY, TOWN Mount Holly 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 Singleton-Lathem-Large House is irregular in plan, consisting of at least three discrete 18th-century sections with two small 20th-century additions.

The eastern section is three bays wide and one room in depth under a pitch^o roof. It is constructed of brick on a stone foundation utilizing a variety of bonds. The south or front elevation is laid up in Flemish checker with black glazed headers. A belt course, consisting of two courses of protruding brick, marks the division between the first and second floors. The east gable is laid up in Flemish checker on the first story with Flemish bond above. The north elevation is laid in English bond, i.e. one row of stretchers to one of headers, through the first floor, with common bond, consisting of three rows of stretchers to one of headers, above. The west wall is visible only from the garret of the middle section where it exhibits a gable laid in common bond.

This section of the house has arched cellar openings on the south facade. Windows are plank-framed 9/6 in the first story and 6/6 in the second. The westernmost window on the first floor has narrower muntins than the others and occupies a space which, as evidenced by the brickwork, was originally filled by a door. The east gable is without fenestration, except for a 4/2 window in the gable. The north facade has a single original 9/6 sash at the first story with a 6/6 sash above. An old 4/2 sash, probably moved from the west gable, and a door beneath it are probably later insertions.

The central section is 2 1/2 stories, of frame on a stone foundation, covered with riven weatherboards which have themselves been covered with stucco on wire lathe. The front, or south, elevation is obscured by a modern shed-roofed addition entered by a single door. The original first floor exterior wall is pierced by four openings, a six-panel door with beaded raised panels, of which the upper two have been replaced by glass; and three windows each different from the other although all have reveals rather than plank frames. The window to the west of the door is 12/8; that to the east of the door 9/6; and the window in the east of the wall 6/6. The second floor fenestration consists of two windows. At the rear the western two-thirds of this section is extended to two rooms in depth and covered with a shed roof.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

Prior to 1750

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Singleton-Lathem-Large House is an interesting example of an early settler's house enlarged additively in the course of the early 18th century. It is of particular value in embracing both frame and masonry building techniques of an early period in one structure. Both its similarities to other early buildings in northern Burlington County and its differences from them are of importance in determining early vernacular building practices in the area.

In 1686 a purchase by Thomas Singleton of approximately 300 acres, on part of which the present house stands, from George Hutchinson, was recorded.¹ Probably the land was already in Singleton's possession, for 300 acres was surveyed for him in March 1684/5.² Thomas Singleton was a ship captain, master of the Thomas and Anne of London, who made at least two voyages to the Jerseys. It is known that he came up the Delaware in 1683, and stopped at Perth Amboy in 1684,³ although his ultimate destination on the second voyage is not recorded. Singleton left the property to his son-in-law Joseph Lathem in 1714. The latter sold it to Abraham Farrington in 1732, who in turn sold it to Ebenezer Large in 1736. It passed to Ebenezer Large's brother Samuel in 1748.

On the latter's death the property, reduced to approximately 200 acres, was advertised for sale in the Pennsylvania Gazette for 30 August 1750. The ad described it as "a good plantation" with a "good dwelling-house, a new barn and other necessary buildings on it... a good draw-well by the door."⁴ Samuel Large seems to have been a farmer and a mason, his

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1. A Complete chain-of-title, recounting transactions covering the last quarter of the 17th century through most of the 18th appears in Burlington County Deeds, 1-198, 1 April 1795, Burlington County Administration Building, Mount Holly, N. J.
 2. New Jersey Archives (hereafter NJA), 1st ser., XX1, 370.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Archives of the State of New Jersey, various authors, various dates.

Interview with Gertrude Brick, May, 3, 1977

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 24 1/2 acres

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property nominated is known as Lot 4, Block 103, Page 1 on the Tax Map of Chesterfield Township, with boundaries as shown on the accompanying map indicated in red.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

(Nanci Kostrub Batchelor, OHP, Trenton, (609) 292-2028)

Constance M. Greiff, Director

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Heritage Studies

August 20, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

RD #4, Box 864, Mapleton Road

(609) 452-1754

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Princeton

New Jersey 08540

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

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

[Signature]

TITLE Deputy Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection

DATE 4-15-78

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

[Signature]

DATE

3/7/79

ATTEST:

[Signature]

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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The western section is also 2 1/2 stories, although not as high as the central section, and one room in depth, covered with a pitch roof. The one story 20th-century addition with shed roof is continued across the front of this section. The western wing is also of frame, weatherboarded, with stucco on lath over the wood. The original exterior wall of the first story has been removed on the south elevation. The second story facade is pierced by a single 6/6 window placed off-center. A similar window is the only fenestration in the rear elevation.

All roofs are of corrugated metal, under which are round butt wooden shingles. In-wall rectangular brick chimneys appear at the roofline at the east and west gable ends. Interior evidence indicates that the eastern chimney, at least, has been greatly reduced in size. A third chimney, extant in the west wall of the central section, no longer pierces the roof.

On the interior, there are full stone cellars beneath the east and central sections and a crawl space beneath the west wing.

The first story of the brick section is now one undivided space with 20th-century flooring. The fireplace, for which an arched stone support remains in the basement, has been removed. A molded chairrail remains in place, however, and, because it stops approximately two foot short of the west wall, suggests that the fireplace configuration was originally paneled, probably incorporating flanking closets. Because of differences in level the chairrail also suggests that the space was originally divided, probably into a hall and single large room. The second floor is divided in this manner, with the addition of a small hall across the back of the larger one, giving access to the central section of the house. Partitions appear to be of vertical boarding, now covered by fiberboard and pierced in at least two places with original openings hung with three-panel doors.

The framing of the front of the central section is partially visible and includes gunstock posts in the first story and a lighter system with K-braces in the second. The first floor presently consists of one large room in the front and a smaller room in the shed-roofed section at the rear. However, indications in the floor, ceiling and walls suggest that this was once divided into at least two major spaces, probably with a boxed stair rising opposite the door. Woodwork includes a corner cupboard with board and batten doors and straight shelves with beaded nosings, beaded

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chairrail, a beaded front girt, a mantel with simple moldings and a breast closet. The latter, although it appears to be of early workmanship, is part of a replacement for a larger fireplace, the dimensions of which are indicated by patches in the flooring of the second story. Access to the cellar is through a two-panel door. The shed-roofed section consists of a single room containing an original closet enclosed by a narrow four-panel door.

Access to the second floor is by a narrow stair across the back of the front room, which is partially enclosed on the second floor by reused vertical beaded boarding. The second floor originally consisted of two rooms, plus a hall across the back. The vertical board partitions dividing the two and separating the eastern room from the hall is still in situ although covered by wallboard. The larger room to the west has been subdivided, part of it presently being incorporated in a single room in the shed-roofed addition. Two two-panel doors, one with wooden hardware, the other with a wrought-iron latch with heart-shaped finials, and a board and batten door with wrought nails and hardware hang in this section. Other doors are four-panel, probably of mid-nineteenth century date, with cast hardware.

The first floor of the west wing presently consists of two rooms, that to the south being enclosed in a 20th-century shed-roofed addition. Beneath its floor is a cylindrical brick-lined well. The single room within the original part of the house has a small fireplace in the west wall flanked by a closet with board and batten door. A stairway rises across the back of the room, but no longer gives access to the second story, except through a trap door.

All three sections have garrets. Rafters over the frame sections are hewn and pegged; those over the brick section are sawn and pegged. Irregularities in the brickwork and a fragment of a raking cornice indicate that the present roof framing is a replacement, although of relatively early date. Interstices between the floor joists in all sections are of particular interest, being filled with wattle and daub.

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Description (continued)

The house is located adjacent to Route 528. On three sides the house is surrounded by open fields, presently cultivated. A 20th-century barn is also on the property. Across the road are scattered small 20th-century houses, suburban in character. The New Jersey Turnpike forms part of the southern boundary of the fields, but since it is depressed, is not visible from the house.

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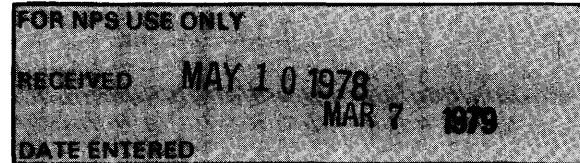
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Boundry Justification

The 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres that are nominated represent what remains in agricultural use of the original farm acreage.

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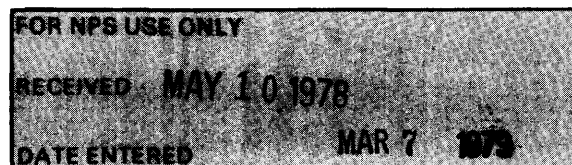
3. Walter Lee Sheppard, Jr., ed., Passengers and Ships Prior to 1684, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1970, NJA, 1st ser., I, 470.
4. NJA, 1st ser., XX11, 669.

inventory listing both husbandry utensils and mason's tools.⁵ After his death the property was subdivided and passed through numerous hands in the course of the second half of the century.

More precise dating of the structure's sequential development must depend on more extensive investigation of construction details than is currently possible. However, all three sections of the building exhibit characteristics compatible with local practice prior to 1750. The heavy framing of the lower story of the central section with its gunstock post and exposed, finished girt resembles the construction of the Wilson Farm on Ellisdale Road in Chesterfield Township (first quarter of the 18th-century) and the William Biddle House, Mount Hope, in Kinkora (last quarter of the 17th-century), although it is less refined in finish than the latter. The two-panel doors resemble those in other houses in northern Burlington County constructed in the first two decades of the 18th-century. Because of the difference in framing technique on the first and second floors, and because the gable of the western end of the brick section was once an exterior wall, it is possible that the central section was once a 1 1/2 story house, raised to two at some time after the brick section was built. The brick section itself bears a resemblance to others in northern Burlington in its fine Flemish checker brickwork and in the use of three-panel doors, identical in profile to those in the Barzillai Newbold House and others built in the 1730s and 1740s. It is unique in the neighborhood, however, in lacking a date and owner's initials in the gable and utilizing an endwall rather than corner fireplaces.

Although there have been a number of alterations to the structure sufficient of the original fabric, including evidence of the original appearance, remains to warrant restoration. When the previous owner wished to demolish the house in order to reduce his taxes, it was purchased by the present

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Significance (continued)

owner for eventual transfer to the Chesterfield Township Historical Society. Present plans call for acquisition by that group and restoration for use as a community meeting place and museum and headquarters for the society.

5. Burlington County Wills, 4699-5704C, Bureau of Archives and History, New Jersey State Library, Trenton.

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AGRICULTURE

The Singleton-Lathem-Large House has been a farmhouse since at least 1750 when Samuel Large died. His inventory includes husbandry utensils. A newspaper article in 1750 refers to the property as a "good plantation". The property is still used for agricultural purposes.

SINGLETON-LATHEM-LARGE HOUSE

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Tax Map of Chesterfield Township

Harry E. Newton, C.E.

December 1962

Scale: 1:400

