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INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
Everittstown Historic District

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

*E of Milford*

STREET & NUMBER Intersection of County Road #12, County Road #15 and Palmyra Road

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

CITY, TOWN  
Alexandria *Milford vic* — VICINITY OF

13th

STATE  
New Jersey

CODE  
034

COUNTY  
Hunterdon

CODE  
019

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
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**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME  
See Attached List

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

— VICINITY OF

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Hall of Records - Hunterdon County

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Flemington

New Jersey

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory

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
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Everittstown is situated in Alexandria Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey. This village is approximately mid-way between Frenchtown on the Delaware River and Pittstown.

The Nishisakawick Creek flows in a southwesterly course to the Delaware River.

The land slopes to the Nishisakawick Creek forming a hollow in which the village has grown around the mills on either side of the creek.

County Roads 519 and 513 intersect in Everittstown. These roads are shown on early road applications as leading from Hoff's (Pittstown) to Calvin's Ferry (Frenchtown), and from Everittstown to Durham Ferry. According to Snell, Everitts Mill is mentioned in a 1759 road survey leading from the mill to Calvin's Ferry, and again in 1766 when resurveyed by Sir John Rockhill. These two roads are among the earliest in this section.

"There are permanent bridges across the Delaware River at Milford and Frenchtown over which is hauled a large quantity of corn meal and flour to the canal on the Pennsylvania side, milled at Little York, Mt. Pleasant and Everittstown, each one pleasant villages situated a few miles from the river," reported the Hunterdon Gazette in 1847.

Barber and Howe's Historical Collections of the State of New Jersey in 1844 listed "Everittstown, Alexandria t-ship, Hunterdon County, 11 miles N.W. of Flemington, upon the Nischisakawick Creek, contains 1 tavern, a grist mill, a Methodist Church, and several dwellings."

In the 1880's James P. Snell described Everittstown as the village which essentially exists today (1979), "The village has, in addition [to the hotel and mill], a post-office, a schoolhouse, two store-houses, one tavern, one blacksmith shop, one tailor shop, and about twenty-five dwellings (Snell History of Hunterdon County, N.J. p. 423).

Presently, the following properties are in Everittstown:

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1. Block 20C Lot 1 c. 1880

Opdyke Store - This is a frame 2-1/2 story gable roofed structure; 3 bays on the front gable and a 1 bay 2 story shed on the south. There is a one and a half story portico extended and supported by four square posts -- 4 steps to the road level. The building has a returned cornice, slate roof, clapboard siding, 6/6 sash with plain trim, double glass and panel doors flanked by large 2/2 sash with louvered shutters.

2. Block 19A Lot 5 late 18<sup>th</sup> cent.

Tavern - This is a stone, 2 story, gable roofed structure five bays wide in the deep form, with a slate roof, flush eaves, box cornice, coursed rubble walls with rough square quoins, 9/6 sash, plain trim and recessed board panel-lined entries. It has a stone chimney with large brick stacks in each gable. The shed roof porch is a new cinder block. To the south of the dwelling is a stone foundation, vertical siding, 1 story, braced frame stable. This has one long stone bordering the Nishisakawick Creek.

3. Block 20B Lot 1 1825

House - This frame, 2 story gable roofed dwelling is a 4 bay I on a stone cellar with returned cornice, clapboard siding and 1/1 sash. The gable chimneys have brick stacks. The small flat roofed entry porch has cut-work supports.

4. Block 20B Lot 2 pre-1900

Wheelright Shop - This is a frame, 2 story, gable roofed structure, 3 bays wide, gable to the street, slate roof, overhanging eaves, clapboard siding, 6/6 sash, plain trim, batten doors front and rear.

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5. Block 20B Lot 2

House - This frame structure, 2 story, gable roof; is a 5 bay I; 3 bay with 2 bay extension plus a lower 1 bay shed roof extension to the east. The gable chimneys have brick stacks. There is a slate roof, boxed cornice, clapboard siding, 1/1/ sash and panel doors and shed roof porch (partially enclosed) with square chamfered posts.

6. Block 20B Lot 3

Huff House - This 3 bay I form with a larger rear lean-to is a frame 2 story gable roof dwelling. The chimney in the east gable has a large exposed plaster back with brick stack. It has a slate roof, returned cornice, clapboard siding, 2/2 sash and shed roofed porch with chamfered posts.

7. Block 14 Lot 22 1881

Methodist Episcopal Church - This a frame, 1 story, gable roof structure with square projecting front tower and no spire. There are overhanging eaves, clapboard siding, round arched multi-paned windows and a round arch entry with double panel doors.

8. Block 19 Lot 4 pre-1900

Blacksmithy - This frame, 1 story gable roof structure has an asbestos roof and a small square hip roof cupola. It has vertical siding, 6/6 sash and a batten sliding door the width of the gable facing the street.

9. Block 20C lot 7 pre-1900

J. Roberson House - This frame, 2 story gable roofed structure has a 2 bay, I form with wooden roof, flush eaves, box cornice, clapboard siding, 6/6 sash, plain trim, shed roofed porch with square posts and a 2 story shed roofed addition to the rear. The gable chimney has a tall brick stack with exposed plaster back. There is a small 2 story braced frame structure with vertical siding, 6/6 sash to the east of this house. This appears to be the original office or supervisor's dwelling for one of the mills.

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10. Block 20C Lot 6 *plc-1900*

House - This frame, 2 story gable roof dwelling is a four bay I with a 2 bay extension to its west. There is a slate roof, returned cornice, clapboard siding, 4/2 sash and 1/1 sash in plain trim. The shed roof porch has square posts with glass and panel doors recessed on the west end. The east gable has an exposed plaster fireplace back with a brick stack. There are two chimneys with brick stacks; one in the west gable and one in the center. There is an octagonal outbuilding with vertical siding, tar paper roof and finial.

The open shed to the west is a braced frame structure with shed roof, a small overhang on front to protect the opening. The enclosed end has vertical siding, a batten door and a stone and brick arched bake oven. The chimney stack has been removed. This was at one time the "bakery" for the mill and townspeople.

11. Block 20C Lot 4 *1880*

Baker & Skinner Mill - This is a two story, stone, gable roofed, bank structure 3 bays wide at gable end, with 9/6 sash. This is all that remains of the 4-1/2 story stone mill that was built there. The outline and placing of the mill race is still apparent.

12. Block 19A Lot 3 *c.1900*

Creamery - a 1-1/2 story frame gable roof structure, 2 bays wide with clapboard siding that was the original creamery -- converted to a dwelling.

13. Block 20C Lot 8

Empty lot (same type house as Lot 9 and Lot 10 but burned in 1962).

14. Block 20C Lot 9

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15. Block 20C Lot 10

Lots 8, 9, and 10 were originally frame, 3 story, gable roof, stone foundations, 3 bays, bank houses with a chimney in the east gable with a brick stack. At a later date a 2 bay gable roof addition was added to the east gable. They were 3 stories to the rear and 2 stories in the front on the 2nd floor; it was 3 bay and on the 3rd floor 2 bay. They appear to have been built as tenements whereas Block 20C Lot 7 appears to originally have been an office or supervisor's dwelling associated with the milling operations.

16. Block 20C Lot 11

Latkins House (1873) - Is the same basic structure as in Lots 8, 9, and 10 but not as large. It is definitely a mill tenement and is in a ruinous state.

17. Block 20C lot 12

G. Hiner House - This was one of the tenement houses. This 2 story gable roof frame, 3 bay, clapboard structure has had all original fabric removed; chimneys, etc.

18. Block 13 Lot 22

J. White House - This is a frame, 2 story, 3 bay structure with a 1 bay, 2 story, L-shaped addition on a stone foundation; clapboard siding; a shed porch runs across the original section. There are no chimney stacks. There is a small one story barn to the north with double batten doors on the gable end; vertical siding.

There is also a 2 story carriage house with double batten doors in the gable end on the property. This has vertical siding and scalloped barge board.

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19. Block 20B Lot 4

House - This is a braced frame, gable roof, 2 story, 6/6 sash, 4 bay, I house with a shed roof extension to the rear. There are chimneys with plastered backs and brick stacks in each gable. A small enclosed porch has been added to the original house.

20. Block 20B Lot 5

This is a braced frame 2 story, 5 bay, gable roofed, clapboard, deep form structure with a 20th century flat roofed addition to the rear and a porch accessible from the front and west side. The section with the larger sash on the east end was the store and the 3 bay 1/1 sash to the west was the dwelling. There is a large chimney in the west gable with a large brick stack.

21. Block 20B Lot 7

22. Block 20B Lot 8

23. Block 20B Lot 9

These three identical structures were built as tenant houses for the mill. They are frame gable roof, 4 bays wide, I structures with clapboard siding, plain trim, 6/6 sash. There have been minor contemporary shed additions to the rear of the original structures.

23A. Block 20C Lot 4

Barn - This structure is a braced frame, gable roof, 3 story, stone foundation, barn with 4 bays in the gable end. It has been converted to a dwelling.

24. Block 20C Lot 3

This is a frame, 3 story, stone foundation, gable roof, 5 bay, I form bank house with 2/2 sash and a recessed transomed and side light paneled doorway. There is a chimney in the west gable with a brick stack and a second ashlar cut fireplace on the 1st level with a brick stack appearing between the 2nd and 3rd bays on the east end.

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25. Block 20C Lot 2

Methodist Church (dwelling) - This structure was the original church and was moved in 1880. It is a frame gable roof I structure, 2 story, 3 bays wide, with a 1 story shed addition on the west gable.

26. Block 20B Lot 6 and Block 13 Lot 9 c.1860

Baltus Pickel Farmstead, ca. 1860. Vernacular Italianate. This is a frame 2-1/2 story, hip-roofed dwelling, 5 bays wide with a four bay, 2 story rear wing in clapboard siding. It has a tin roof, returned cornice, a square hip-roofed cupola with large finial and triple 1/1 sash on each side. There are 2 light eyebrow windows in a large frieze. The structure has 4/4 sash, plain trim; the upper front center window has a hood mold and louvered blinds. The flat roofed porch has square posts on large bases and a side light and transom entry with recessed 4 panel door. The dwelling has a large yard with fine trees and shrubs; an ashlar retaining wall in front and slate walks.

There are numerous assorted farm buildings extant on these two properties.

The barn is a square frame structure on a stone foundation; low hip roof with finial and a returned cornice, recessed 4 panel door and louvered windows with plain trim. The first wagon shed is a small 1/2 story braced frame with slate roof, overhanging eaves, scalloped barge board, vertical siding and sliding batten doors. The second wagon shed is a long, 1-1/2 story braced frame structure on a bank cellar with slate roof, board batten siding, batten doors on strap hinges. There are chicken coops also.

The county road (built 1955) now divides the barn from the house. The bank barn complex is a braced frame structure on a stone stable with slate roof, overhanging eaves, scalloped barge board, clapboard side, 6/6 sash and batten stall doors on strap hinges. There are 2 larger ells at the south corners both with vertical siding. The SE ell has cribbing and large opening to the barnyard. The SE ell is smaller, has scalloped barge boards and a smaller lean-to. There is a stone barnyard wall and a silo to the south



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side. Neither house nor barns have been noticeably changed since their 19th century construction. This is an outstanding and extensive complex. To the east of the wagon sheds on this property is a small 2 story gable roofed braced frame dwelling 3 bays wide with clapboard siding, 6/6 sash, slate roof. The chimney is in the east gable - according to legend this was moved in 1960 to its present site to facilitate the building of the main dwelling. Whether it is the original farmstead or not is unknown.

27. Block 20A Lot 1

W. Besson House - This stone, gable roof, 5 bay, center hall I structure, has a 1 story addition to the rear and a 1 story addition (new) to the north. There are chimneys in each gable and in the rear wall; all with brick stacks. A porch runs across the front with turned post and cut wood supports. There is a full basement under the main block and 6/6 sash. One unusual feature of this house is the striped maple stair case; newel posts, banister and side boards. There is a long shed roof barn with protective overhang and a small 1-1/2 story wagon shed with vertical siding.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Everittstown is a small crossroads village, which has remained virtually unchanged since the third quarter of the 19th century. It is a nearly pristine example of a 19th century community; the visual impressions of tiny Everittstown being pre-automobile.

Architecture

The village has a number of noteworthy architectural features in the vernacular sense. The Baltus Pickel house (#26) is the finest building in the district. Vernacular Italianate in style, it was built around 1860 and is a fine example of local craftsmanship. While the Pickel House is the best architectural structure in the district, the focal point of the village is the Opdyke Store (#1). Built around 1880, this commercial building is a late example of vernacular Greek Revival. Other noteworthy structures are the small 19th century frame octagon outbuilding (#10), the 18th century stone tavern (#2), and the simple vernacular 19th century I-form frame work houses which are representative of country architecture of the last half of the 19th century.

Commerce

Commercially, the 18th century tavern (#2), the Greek Revival front store (#1), the blacksmith shop (#8), the wheelwright shop (#4), the town bakery (#10), the creamery (#12), and the shoemaker shop (#9), all pre-1900, are still extant, although no longer functioning as original.

Industry

The grist mill (#11) is the only apparent industrial building extant in Everittstown. Built in 1880 (cut down to 3 stories in the 1960's) on the site of an 18th century mill, the industrial archeological potential beyond this facility is extremely high, particularly in light of documented evidence of a saw mill and a distillery in the center of the village.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## UTM NOT VERIFIED

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

## ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 102.23

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QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

Revisions by Terry Karschner, Office of Historic Preservation

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CITY OR TOWN

Pittstown

STATE

New Jersey

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL     

STATE     

LOCAL XX

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

2-20-80

TITLE Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of Environmental Protection

DATE

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

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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Medicine

Dr. Henry Holcombe (1797-1859), a prominent county physician, was Everittstown's first doctor and lived on Palmyra Road (#10).

Religion

The only religious buildings in Everittstown were Methodist. The first building, erected in 1825 in the center of the cemetery, was moved to its current site (#3) at Mill Street and is a private residence. The present Methodist Episcopal Church was built in 1881 and is still functioning (#7).

Agriculture

The Baltus Pickel property is an example of a 3rd quarter 19th century farmstead. The wagon sheds, chicken coops, barn, barnyard, silo and outhouse coupled with the fine Italianate Villa building establishes this as one of the best surviving mid-19th century farmhouse complexes in the township (#26).

Everittstown was originally called Everitts Mill. Samuel Everitt, born on December 12, 1718 bought large tracts of land from James Parker and William Everitt, his brother bought a 140.5 acre tract from John Stevens in 1753 upon which there was a mill. These lands were located near each other and were within the great tract of the West Jersey Society.

It is not clear if Samuel was a miller also, but it is possible that the brothers operated the mill. William was a Freeholder from 1756 until 1770.

The mill situated on the Nishisakawick Creek is at the eastern end of what is today known as Mill Street. It is believed that this mill was in operation for approximately one hundred years.

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David Everitt, son of Samuel and nephew of William, bought the property in 1785 from the heirs of William. David was born in 1764 and died in 1846. David was a Major in the Revolutionary War and also kept a store in Everittstown. He is credited with giving the village its present name.

An 1806 Book of Mortgages between David Everitt and Moore Furman lists a grist mill, saw mill, four dwelling houses, a distillery, a store, plus barns and outbuildings on this 140.5 acre property.

Snell dates the "new five story stone mill" as "built on the site of the old mill" in 1885. Snell credits Dr. Holcombe with its construction. However, Baltus Pickel sold it to Samuel Sigenfuss in 1869. The confusion probably arose from the fact that Baltus Pickel married Dr. Holcombe's daughter, and the Doctor, living close by was probably very interested in his son-in-law's project.

The wheel of the mill was unusual in construction but is no longer in existence. It is recorded that it was of "modern improvement". The gearing being of iron instead of wood but the master wheel on the upright shaft was partly of one and partly of the other, a combination that is believed to have been rare. The hub spokes and rim were iron but the cogs were made from blocks of hard maple securely set in slots through the rim. The big wheel was of the overshot bucket design made of iron and steel. (Hunterdon Democrat - May 11, 1933).

Among the later owners of this mill were Baker and Skinner in 1873, then Joseph Hoff, the last miller, who sold to Willard Curtis in 1915. The building is still standing but has had three top floors removed and has suffered many internal alterations (#11).

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It appears that the Walter's home may have been the original house with the mill, as the mill, stone barn and house are in a line along an embankment. Also, it was the home of Joseph Huff the last miller.

There is a fine stone house above the mill that was probably built or added onto about the time that the new mill was built. This is the home of the Jack Barnes' and was also the original Everitt acreage.

An 1822 Deed verifies that there was also a saw mill in operation. Possibly after the construction of the major portion of the village the need for the sawmill decreased. However, there was a portable steam powered mill in operation on Palmyra Road south of the village which was operated by Frank Eich in the early 1900's. The early mills attracted other tradespeople to Everittstown.

The original blacksmith shop must have been near to the one built by Samuel Hoff which is still standing and houses a small shop owned by Luther Fleming. It is located on the west side of Palmyra Road across from the Methodist Church. The last blacksmiths were John Hinkle around 1906-1908 and Theodore Zielstorff around 1908-1914. This according to Mrs. Eleanor Myers, life long resident of Everittstown, who was born in the house next to the old shoemaker's shop.

In 1794 Abraham Larew purchased ten acres of land in Everittstown and soon after erected a tavern hotel.

There is a recommendation for license dated 1800 for Abraham Larew "a fitt person to keep a public house where he now dwelse and do certify that the said Abraham Larew is of good repute for honesty and temperance that he has two spare feather beds more than are necessary for his family's use and that he is well provided with house room stabling and provender".

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SIGNIFICANCE (continued)

The present stone tavern (#2) is believed to have been built by Isaac Larew, Abraham's son. Names of later innkeepers include William L. Nixon (1866), Elijah R. Mettler (1857), Jack Zigenfuss (1873), and Enoch H. Opdyke (1882).

There have been many storekeepers in the village since David Everitt in 1806. Isaac Larew is said to have built the storehouse in 1811 across from the tavern. Mahlon Rittenhouse (late 1800's), Stacy Sherman (early 1900's). It is now the home of John Cronce, Jr. However, it remained a store when Horace Neice bought it in 1924. After major renovations he used it as a dwelling, restaurant and service station. The small building behind it was used as a slaughter house.

According to deeds Samuel Hudnut bought the corner store house from Richard Riggins. This deed mentions "storehouse and lot". Whitfield Kitchen was a wheelwright here about 1880 and the last business to be operated here was a harness shop by Edwin Clayton.

The present store was constructed around 1880 (#1). Among its shopkeepers were F.H. Opdyke, Harry Warne, Mr. Conner and Theodore Piel around 1907-1908.

Dr. Henry Holcombe, born August 5, 1797 was a Princeton graduate and moved to Everittstown in 1822 to set up his practice as physician and surgeon.

He was one of the founders of the County Medical Society and an honorary member of the Philadelphia Medical Society. He married Catherine Case, daughter of Samuel Case and had a daughter who married Baltus Pickel. Dr. Holcombe served the area for thirty-seven years until his death in 1859.

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SIGNIFICANCE (continued)

Dr. Holcombe's residence (#10) is a simple I house. There is a very large bake house located on the property and it is believed to have provided bake goods for the community since few of the homes in the village had ovens. It contains a large walk-in fireplace and an unusual beehive oven with two doors. Behind this is a large wood shed.

The first congregation of the Methodist Church in Everittstown was organized in 1817 with the Rev. George Banghart and the Rev. Richard Petherbridge as colleagues. The original church was built in 1825 and was located in the center of the cemetery. The present building was built in 1881 and sits south of the original location (#7). The spire was removed when it was struck by lightning. Congregations at Quakertown, Frenchtown, Milford and Little York originated from this church. The present parsonage was built about 1903 when Nathaniel Schuster gave the land to the church for this purpose. The first parsonage is the first house on the southeast corner of Palmyra Road. The original 1825 church was moved across the village to what is now Mill Street (#25).

The Industrial Directory of 1906 lists a large creamery at Everittstown. Little York and Everittstown creamerys are listed as being built between 1893 and 1903. The creamery was turned into a residence about 1913 after Nathaniel Shuster purchased it in 1919 from Levis Swope. It sits on the south side of Rt. 513 opposite the parsonage (#12). In 1879 a shoemaker shop was being operated by a Mr. Brewer in a building on the corner of Palmyra Road and the old mill lane (#9). The present owners, Daniel Laubach and William Perrine, have unearthed the stepping stone which advertized the business.

According to the Hunterdon Democrat May 11, 1933 there has been a tailor shop in the village also but the location is unknown. At a later date in the early 1900's Fannie Hiner was a milliner and lived in what is now the Hopkins home on the east side of Palmyra Road (#7).



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10. Geographical Data

Verbal Boundary Description

Beginning at the intersections of the north curb of County Route 513 and the southwest corner of Block 13, Lot 22 proceed northerly along the church property line to the northwest corner of said property. Thence, proceed south along the west curb of County Route 519 to a point 180 feet north of the north curb of Route 513. Thence, proceed east to the east property line of Block 13, Lot 9, 330 feet north of the curb of Route 513. Thence, proceed south along said property, projecting to the south curb of Route 513. Thence, proceed east along said curb 220 feet. Thence, proceed south to the northeast corner of Block 20C, Lot 4. Thence, proceed south along said property to its southeast corner. Thence, proceed east to the northeast corner of Block 20C, Lot 12 and continue south to the southeast corner of said property (north curb of Palmyra Corner Road). Thence, proceed along the curb of Palmyra Road to the southwest corner of Block 20C, Lot 1. Thence, proceed to the southeast corner of Block 19A, Lot 5. Thence, proceed to the southwest corner of said property and to the northwest corner. Thence, proceed to the southwest corner of Block 19A, Lot 3 projecting the line to the north curb of Route 513. Thence, proceed east along the curb to the point of beginning.

John Timins  
RD 2 Box 69  
Pittstown, New Jersey 08867  
Block 20C, Lot 1

Dr. Harold Runsdorf  
RD 2 Box 78  
Pittstown, New Jersey 08867  
Block 19A, Lot 5

Roger Willson  
RD 1 Box 117  
Milford, New Jersey 08848  
Block 20B, Lot 1,2

Robert MacIntyre  
RD 2 Box 75  
Pittstown, New Jersey 08867  
Block 20B, Lot 2

Luther Fleming  
RD 2, Box 76  
Pittstown, New Jersey 08867  
Block 20B, Lot 3 & B19A, L4

Methodist Episcopal Church  
RD  
Pittstown, New Jersey 08867

D. Laubar/B. Perrine  
RD 2 Box 82  
Pittstown, New Jersey 08867  
Block 20C, Lot 7

John Cronce, Sr.  
RD 2 Box 81  
Pittstown, New Jersey 08867  
Block 20C, LOT 6

John Syme & Marilyn Wujah  
RD  
Pittstown, New Jersey 08867  
Block 20C, LOT 4

Leslie Wilson  
RD 2 Box 74  
Pittstown, New Jersey 08867  
Block 19A, Lot 3

Richard Harris  
RD 2  
Pittstown, New Jersey 08867  
Block 20C, Lot 8,9

Barbara Massey  
P.O. Box 5115  
Clinton, New Jersey 08809  
Block 20C, Lot 10

Wm. Perrine & Daniel Laubart  
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Pittstown, New Jersey 08867  
Block 20C, Lot 11

Kevin Hopkins  
RD 2 Box 83  
Pittstown, New Jersey 08867  
Block 20C, Lot 12

Mr. & Mrs. Franklin Appel  
RD 2, Box 58  
Pittstown, New Jersey 08867  
Block 13, Lot 22

Dennis Cochran  
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Pittstown, New Jersey 08867  
Block 20B, Lot 4

John Cronce, Jr.  
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Pittstown, New Jersey 08867  
Block 20B Lot 5

Lawrence Cochran  
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Pittstown, New Jersey 08867  
Block 20B, Lots 7, 8

Joel Cochran  
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Pittstown, New Jersey 08867  
Block 20B, Lt 9

Mrs. & Mr. J. Barnes  
RD 2 Box 62  
Pittstown, New Jersey 08867  
Block 20A, Lot 1

William Walters  
RD 2 Box 66  
Pittstown, New Jersey 08867  
Block 20C, Lot 3

Mr. & Mrs. H. Rownsaville  
RD 2 Box 68  
Pittstown, New Jersey 08867  
Block 20C, Lot 2

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