

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: New Jersey	
COUNTY: Warren	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	APR 9 1972

1. NAME

COMMON:
Walter Gess House

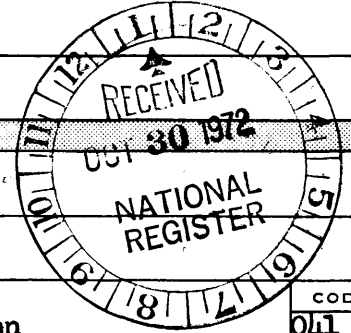
AND/OR HISTORIC:
Use this home
John Roseberry Homestead

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
510 Warren Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Phillipsburg

STATE: **New Jersey** CODE: **34** COUNTY: **Warren** CODE: **041**



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2418
N 0500

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"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input 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"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Vacant</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
School Board of Education of Phillipsburg, Reese School Building

STREET AND NUMBER:
South Main Street

CITY OR TOWN: **Phillipsburg** STATE: **New Jersey** CODE: **34**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **Belvidere** STATE: **New Jersey** CODE: **34**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory

DATE OF SURVEY: **1972** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Department of Environmental Protection

STREET AND NUMBER:
P.O. Box 1420

CITY OR TOWN: **Trenton** STATE: **New Jersey** CODE: **34**

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7. Description

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input 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

EXTERIOR

This stone house dates from around the period of the Revolution. The rough cut quarry stone is laid in coursed rubble. Stones are squared at the corners of the structure and squared for the flat arches over the door and window openings. The house is two stories, five bays with a center hall. The window sash are 9/6. A 1½ story stone kitchen wing extends off one side. The front of the house is on the down hill side allowing for a walk-in cellar. A porch extends across the entire front permitting access to the higher level first floor, and shelters the cellar entry. The present gable roof is slate probably replacing an 18th century shingle roof.

INTERIOR

This house has a center through hall plan with two rooms on each side of the hall, both 1st and 2nd floors. A kitchen wing extends off one side several steps lower. There is a large cooking fireplace with a removed bake oven. A winter stair on the fireplace wall leads to the loft above.

The main section of the house has four fireplaces on the first floor. These are back to back on the gable ends; three are corner fireplaces. There are three corner fireplaces on the second floor above those on the first. The cellar foundations for these three sets of corner fireplaces are corbeled out from the stone wall. The fourth fireplace is supported in the cellar on stone piers with a wood platform. All mantels are late 18th century except two on the first floor which have 19th century mantels and coal grates.

The open stair case is to the rear of the hall with a landing. The newel post is turned as are the balusters on the second floor; on the first floor the balusters are square, probably replacements. Many of the original 6 panel doors remain. Much of the hardware is replaced. The wide board floors are in good condition. The structure is presently in good preservation.

CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATION

Cornelius Gallagher 13th Congressional District
 Clifford P. Case Senator
 Harrison A. Williams Senator

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8. Significance

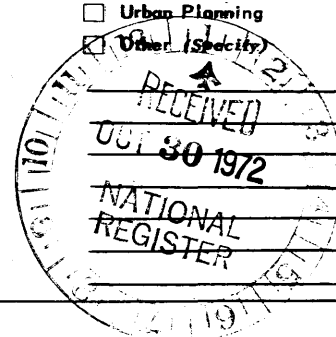
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

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 type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

ARCHITECTURE

The Roseberry House is an excellent example of Revolutionary stone architecture and is in good condition. Most importantly, it is probably the oldest structure existing in Phillipsburg. The house is of substantial size even by today's standards. Much of the interior detail, such as the mantels, fireplaces and doors, is original, but most of the hardware has been replaced.

SOCIAL, HUMANITARIAN

Colonel Daniel Coxe, of the West New Jersey Proprietors, originally owned the area which is known today as Phillipsburg along with thousands of other acres of land. Colonel Coxe, apparently, lived and administered his enormous land holdings from Trenton.

Daniel Coxe divided his land in the Phillipsburg area between several of his relatives in 1745.

John Roseberry, Sr., one of the original settlers of Phillipsburg (he is mentioned in one of the Coxe's deeds of 1765), purchased the Coxe land in 1787 at a sheriff's sale.

The Roseberry House was either built at this time or a few years earlier.

Until 1852, when the New Jersey Central Railroad was completed in Phillipsburg, the area was virtually a rural farming vicinity. Once the railroad was completed Phillipsburg became a city. In 1853 the Phillipsburg Land Company purchased about 300 acres in Phillipsburg from a Roseberry to build houses. Most likely this land was just north of the John Roseberry House.

Since 1852 Phillipsburg grew very rapidly into a booming industrial city. And today little remains of the original farms built in the 18th century and operated into the 20th century. The John Roseberry House being the exception.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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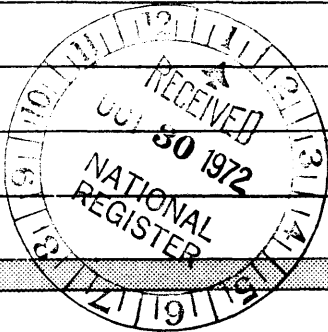
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	0			0			40°	41'	19"
NE	0			0			75°	10'	54"
SE	0			0					
SW	0			0					

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **1 acre**

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:
Terry Karschner, Historian-Curator

ORGANIZATION: **Historic Sites Section, Department of Environmental Protection** DATE: **9/29/72**

STREET AND NUMBER:
P.O.Box 1420

CITY OR TOWN: **Trenton** STATE: **New Jersey** CODE: **34**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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: *Richard J. Sullivan*
Richard J. Sullivan

Title: Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection

Date: October 18, 1972

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

Robert Van Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 4/3/73

ATTEST:
M. Miodford
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 3/27/73