

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: New Jersey	
COUNTY: Mercer	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER JAN 25 1973	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Bow Hill

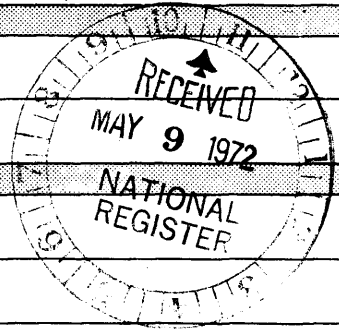
AND/OR HISTORIC:
DeKlyn House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Jeremiah Avenue off Lalor Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Trenton

STATE: New Jersey CODE: 34 COUNTY: Mercer CODE: 021



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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<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 checked="" 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>Social Club</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Ukranian Boy Scout Haven

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: New Jersey CODE: 34

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
Broad Street

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: New Jersey CODE: 34

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
HABS New Jersey Survey 224

DATE OF SURVEY: 1936 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: D.C. CODE: 11

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7. Description

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" 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						
<p>Bow Hill is without a doubt the finest example of Federal Style architecture in Mercer County. Its construction and its decoration are of the highest quality, and lead one to believe that the builder, interior craftsmen and crew of carpenters came from some center of stylish taste and enlightened patronage such as Philadelphia. Its size dwarfs most other five bay, two and a half story houses in the county, and attests to de Klyn's wealth and power.</p> <p>The Federal Style aesthetic with its emphasis on flat planes, sharp linear edges and thin walls and its preference for delicate, lacy applied rather than carved decoration made itself felt strongly here. On the outside, we notice the sheer brick walls, pierced by broad expanses of window sash (12/8 in the second floor, 12/12 on the first), the high crown gambrel roof, the four tall chimneys flush with the outside wall, the modest box cornice sandwiched by strips of thinly gouged, punched and arcaded ornament, and the back door with its needed pilaster and lightly incised motifs. Inside are several original painted pine mantelpieces with reeded pilasters, applied webbed ovals and incised pinwheels, a large elliptical center hall arch, paneled window jambs and all the original eight unit panelled doors. The most elaborate fireplace that survives is that in the right rear parlor, where lavish floral and fruit swags and a rinceaux filled center plaque articulate the flat wooden side and cross pieces. In addition this room displays a fine wooden cove cornice and panels under the windows.</p> <p>Some changes have occurred. Greek Revival finned moldings were slapped over many of the door and window frames, c.1830, in order to keep up with fashion. The fireplaces in the two front rooms of the first floor have disappeared, one replaced by a round headed, Trenton-made, veneered slate specimen, c.1850. The magnificent carved mahogany bannister and fluted balusters have been replaced, though they can be found in the attic. The kitchen wing has been completely modernized. The front doorway is gone.</p> <p>The construction of the house, as revealed in the cellar and the attic, documents the activity of a highly skilled master builder. A brick wall divides the cellar lengthwise and supports the 2 by 10 inch oak floor joists that run laterally under the four side rooms and longitudinally under the center hall. The joist of the later group are carefully mortised and tenoned into the inner most lateral ones with incredible precision. Brick foundations with barrel vaulted centers support each of the four chimneys. In the attic four huge, pegged, inside rafter frames hold up the roof. The gambrel configuration demanded and received a pegged X-in-a-square center section for each frame. Metal straps help link the upper corners of the resulting trapezoidal shape, and large square headed cast iron spikes, perhaps 15 inches long, pin the outer lower corners, or where the beam joins the rafter. Servants probably lived in this level, as the beaded board partitions and small fireplace suggest.</p> <p>The house is now owned by the Ukrainian Boy Scout Haven. They have stabilized the house and made a few changes. Most importantly, they have kept it standing and active, something that public agencies failed to do.</p>						

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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)

<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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

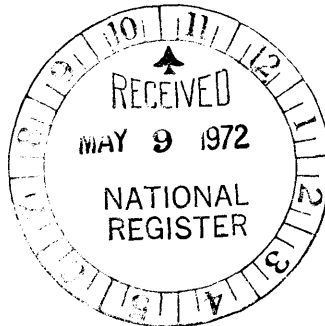
Barnt de Klyn, a French Huguenot, was an important merchant in the 1770's and made a huge fortune during the American Revolutionary War. He bought thousands of acres of land along the Delaware in the belief that Trenton would become the nation's capital. Along these bluffs, extensive estates and impressive mansion houses were being built in these decades by the wealthier citizens of the Trenton area.

Katherine de Klyn, daughter of Barnt de Klyn, was mistress of this, the most impressive house in Mercer County when it was built in 1790.

The most famous resident of Bow Hill was Joseph Bonaparte, who lived here for two years under the disapproving eye of Trenton society with his mistress, Annette Savage.

Bow Hill, the finest Federal Style building in Mercer County, was built by expert carpenters and its size and elegance attests to de Klyn's wealth.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Mills, Jay, Historic Houses of New Jersey, Philadelphia, J.B.Lippincott, 1902.

Federal Writers Project, p. 412

New Jersey, A Guide to its Present and Past, New York, 1939

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	0	'	"	0	'	"	40	11	32
NE	0	'	"	0	'	"	74	44	38
SE	0	'	"	0	'	"			
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than 1 acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Constance Greiff and Channing Blake

ORGANIZATION: Heritage Studies DATE: 9/71

STREET AND NUMBER:
17 Clover Lane

CITY OR TOWN: Princeton 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
Title: Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection
Date: May 1, 1972

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

Robert M. Utley
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 1/25/73

ATTEST: Com. [Signature]
Keeper of the National Register

Date: 1.17.73

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Congressional Representation

Clifford P. Case - United States Senator
Harrison A. Williams - United States Senator
Frank Thompson, Jr. - Congressman (4th District)

