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The Holmes Hendrickson House is an 18th century 1 1/2 story Dutch-Flemish frame farmhouse, with Flemish eave roof and fieldstone foundation. The main unit is five bay wide with a central door and a pair of end chimneys. A three bay kitchen unit extends from the side of the main unit. The most notable feature of this kitchen unit is its massive end wall chimney, the lower portion of which is exposed to the exterior through the clapboard. The main unit is a four room plan with the exception that there is no central hall. Access is gained by a dimunitive rear hall which contains a small enclosed (by wainscotting) quarter turn staircase. Each of the ground floor rooms has a fireplace with simple bed molding and raised paneling in the overmantle areas. Contained in each of the west parlors, set opposite the cornner fireplace, is a paneled corner cupboard.

The parlor ceilings are exposed, squarely cut beams, without camfering or beading. All floors are wide (approximately 12 inches) and exposed with out finish of any kind.

Interior appointments and features are the most noteworthy aspect of the house. Each of the east parlors has a corner fireplace comprised of a simple molded frame with double beading surmounted by a raised panel area (consisting of a large central panel formed of two horizontal boards and a pair of slender side panels). This paneled area is surmounted in turn by an ogee molded cornice which is broken through at center by one of the ceiling beams. Walls in the east parlor's have chair-rails, as do all the other rooms with the exception that below the rails are tall selender raised panels (this occurs on three of the four walls). All other walls are plaster below the chair-rails

In the smaller west parlor, is a fireplace similar to that of the east parlor, the only exception being a paneled area consisting of two horizontal panels (center) flanked by tall slender panels. Opposite the fireplace is a corner cupboard with an upper and lower pair of doors (the upper consisting of two panels and the lower of a single panel). This cupboard is surmounted by an ogee molded cornice.

To the rear of the west parlor is a small bedroom with a corner cupboard (similar to the above). Also, contained in this room is a fireplace, the only difference from the previously described being a raised panel area consisting four tall slender panels placed next to each other in a line.

All interior plaster work has been replaced. However the other interior features are original.

The exterior is wide beaded clapboard. Many of these boards have been replaced along the front facade, accounting for the houses unduly pristine appearance, but are in kind.

All windows in the main unit are 9 over 9 double hung with three panel shutters. Those windows in the kitchen wing are 6 over 6 double hung.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Holmes-Hendrickson House is a good surviving Dutch-Flemish style house of New Jersey. It was a conservative example of the day lacking both gambrel roof and central hall, but shows a typical house of its period and style, containing its 2 front parlors and rear sleeping rooms, simple flaired eaves, exposed ceilings (with beams 4 feet on center), peneled fireplaces, and molded woodwork. It is also an interesting lesson in vernacular architecture demonstrating the manner in which ceiling beams interrupt the cornices above the fireplaces and how carpenters handled or failed to handle problems of applied decoration.

The original tract of land where the Holmes-Hendrickson House was located was first owned by Richard Stout, who acquired it in the 1670's. Richard Stout was one of the original twelve patentees in Monmouth County. Between 1688 and 1690, he and his wife devided this land into smaller farms which they then gave to their sons. The Hop Brook Farm, where the Holmes-Hendrickson House first stood, was given to Peter Stout in 1690. After his death in 1703, the property passed to his son John, who, on October 9, 1716, sold the firm to Obadiah Holmes. Obadiah was the eldest son of Jonathan Holmes, who settled in Holmdel around 1655 and was the son of one of the original twelve patentees.

Obadiah Holmes bought the 275 acre farm for 500 pounds, which was a considerable sum for property at the time. There is indication that there was a house and other buildings on the property at the time of the sale, though this is only briefly touched upon in the property deed. It is possible that the house and outbuildings were in disrepair or almost totally destroyed when the Holmeses took over the land.

Obadiah did not move to this recently acquired farm after purchase. He chose to remain on the plantation left him by his father, which adjoined the tract on the southwest.

Obadiah Holmes's son, Jonathan, Jr., (probably the eldest) had in 1715 married Teutje (Antonia) Hendricks, daughter of Captain Daniel Hendricks and Tryntje Van Dyke. On February 3, 1721, the Peter Stout farm passed from Obadiah Holmes to his son, Jonathan, Jr. This dates the house sometime around 1720. Jonathan and Teuntje had a total of 12 children. They lived on the farm until about 1752 when they sold it to their son William for 600 pounds.

William Holmes retained the property three years and on February 1756, sold it to his cousin, Garret Hendrickson. Garret was the son of Hendrick Hendrickson, Teuntje's brother, who had died in 1753. Garret paid 2,100 pounds for the property, nearly four times the price William Holmes paid.

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Garret Hendrickson was born January 22, 1734, and wed his cousin, Catherine Denise, on December 8, 1755. Garret had six children by his first wife, between 1757 and 1768, and five children by his second marriage to Helena Van Liew.

Garret was First Lieutenant in the First Regiment, Monmouth Militia, under the command of the Captain William Schenck. On June 21, 1780, he was wounded as the militiamen drove off a British and Tory raiding party. Garret lost the use of his right arm in the fighting and in 1784 received a pension of five dollars a month.

On February 8, 1782, the Holmes-Hendrickson House was the scene of a raid by British refugees. A newspaper of the day, the New Jersey Gazette, of February 13, 1782, gave this account:

"We hear from Monmouth that on Friday evening the 8th instant, about forty refugees, commanded by one Stevenson, a Lieutenant, came over from Sandy Hook, across the Gut, and thence into the country to a place near Pleasant Valley. -- They visited the houses of sundry persons in the neighborhood, from whence they took off upwards of twenty horses, five sleighs, which they loaded with plunder, and eight or nine prisoners, namely Hendrick Hendrickson and his two sons, Garret Hendrickson, Peter Covenhoven, Esq., Samuel Bowne and son, and Jacques Denice. They then made off with their prisoners and booty. At Garret Hendrickson's having entered the house and made him prisoner, they went to the barn to take his horses and sleigh. In the mean time, two young men, his son and one William Thompson, who slept in the second story of the house, being awakened by the noise below, secreted themsleves till the enemy were gone to the barn, and then came down, escaped and went to the house of Capt. John Schenck, of Col. Holmes' regiment, whom they alarmed about an hour and a half before day. This gallant officer immediately collected a small party, left orders for as many as could be got together to follow him, pursued the refugees on the route they had taken, and arrived at the Gut just as they had got the prisoners, two or three of the horses and a small quantity of the other plunder carried over. He immediately attacked those which were with the remainder of the horses and plunder, and after a few fires, in which unfortunately young Mr. Thomson fell, and a Mr. Cotteret was wounded in the knee, he made them prisoners to the number of twelve, three of whom were wounded. Captain Schenck finding it impractical to continue the pursuit for want of craft to cross the water, was returning with his re-capture and prisoners, when he suddenly fell in with Stevenson and sixteen others who had remained behind to secure the retreat and favour the passage of those who were before. A firing immediately ensued on both sides, but Captain Schenck ordered his men to charge and give the enemy the bayonet. This encounter being altogether unexpected, eight of the

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prisoners first taken found means to escape. Captain Schenck was left Saturday forenoon with the plunder which had been taken from the inhabitants, and one and twenty of the enemy prisoners. The people report that they... triumphed as they returned to their boats, boasting of their success, and that the next time they would penetrate as far as Mount-Pleasant, several miles further into the country. Among the prisoners are several atrocious villians who have at different time, done much mischief in that part of the country." (original spelling and grammar retained.) It is not clear from this account whether Garret Hendrickson was one of the prisoners who escaped, or whether he later was freed by the British. In any event, two years later he pressed his claim for a disability pension.

Only three years after the raid, on June 1, 1785, Garret Hendrickson, now fortyeight, lost his second wife. Several years later he married for the third time, taking as his wife Molly Schenck, widow of Hendrick Smock. There were no children. Garret died on December 18, 1801, and his wife February 13, 1834.

His son Hendrick Hendrickson (born 1764) subsequently came into possession of the property. He married Phebe Van Mater in 1791. Their son, Cyrenius Hendrickson (1802-1879) came into possession of the property upon his father's death in 1837. He lived and died on the family farm, but is reported that his extravagance caused his son, Henry Denist Hendrickson, to lose the farm in 1873.

It was sold at sheriff's sale that year to John Herbert and remained in the Herbert estate until 1930. During much of this period the land was rented and farmed by one Charlie P. Conoyor. In 1930 the farm was bought by Bell Laboratories of Holmdel. The house then remained unoccupied for many years.

Bell Laboratories planned to expand their facilities in 1959, and the Holmes-Hendrickson house was in the way. To save it, Bell Labs paid to have it moved to its present location, about one mile from its place of origin. It was then presented to the Monmouth County Historical Association, which undertook restoration.

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