

## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>New Jersey</b>
COUNTY: <b>Camden</b>
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE <b>MAR 27 1974</b>

### 1. NAME

COMMON: <b>Chew - Powell House</b>
AND/OR HISTORIC:

### 2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: <b>500-502 Good Intent Road</b>			
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Blenheim</b>		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: <b>First</b>	
STATE: <b>New Jersey</b>	CODE: <b>54</b>	COUNTY: <b>Camden</b>	CODE: <b>007</b>

### 3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY <i>(Check One)</i>	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	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
PRESENT USE <i>(Check One or More as Appropriate)</i>			
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

### 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: <b>Mr. &amp; Mrs. J. F. Feucht</b>			
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>501 Good Intent Road</b>			
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Blenheim</b>		STATE: <b>New Jersey</b>	CODE: <b>34</b>

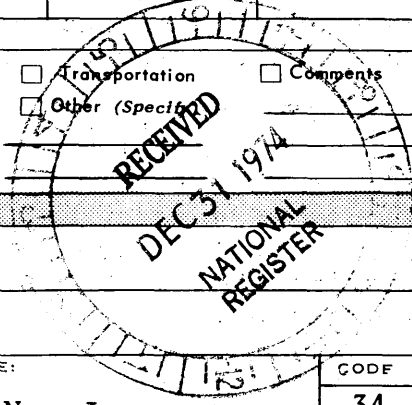
### 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: <b>Camden County Courthouse</b>			
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>Court House Square</b>			
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Camden</b>		STATE: <b>New Jersey</b>	CODE: <b>34</b>

### 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: <b>New Jersey Historic Sites Survey</b>			
DATE OF SURVEY: <b>1974</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: <b>Historic Sites Section</b>			
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>Box 1420</b>			
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Trenton</b>		STATE: <b>New Jersey</b>	CODE: <b>34</b>

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent  Good  Fair  Deteriorated  Ruins  Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered  Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved  Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Although this home, built ca. 1700-1725 has been restored, alterations have been moderate and do not affect the original appearance; indeed, the work was aimed at restoring the original floor plan. The restoration work was done under the plans and supervision of Louis H. Goettelman, AIA, FIAL, Architect. The home was occupied by two families, living separately, in two distinct, but like, halves of the house, for over 200 years.

In the basement, excavation was done to afford extra space for hot air heaters. The winder stair was replaced. On the first floor, the open floor plan was divided according to the original plan and the front chimney rebuilt and winding stair to 2nd floor, which had been removed by previous occupants, restored to conform to the existing stair from 2nd to 3rd (attic) floors. The restored first-to-second-floor stair is located between the front chimney and one of two original 1st floor closets. The front chimneys were rebuilt at the first and second floors; they had been removed except for the parts above the roof. The rear fireplaces were not opened but the space used for heat ducts.

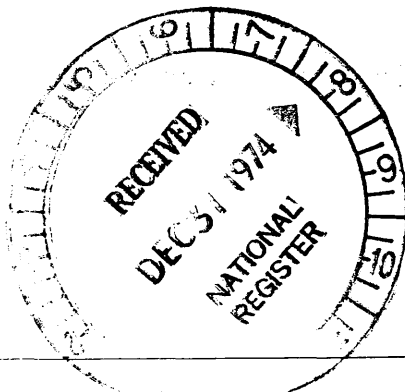
The shed-like kitchen additions built on each side of the original house, were restored and all new kitchen equipment installed.

On the 2nd floor, a bath was inserted between an added interior wall and an original wall of a rear bedroom. No changes were made to the attic except for insulation and carpentry repairs. Closets were added in an upstairs room on each side of the house; plain mantels placed over the fireplace (one made to match an existing shelf); new hardware to match original. were some other alterations.

On the exterior, only repairs were made: the porch roof and kitchen-shed roof were replaced. Existing front shutters were used as models for new ones where needed. Much of the original glasswork remained. The "bull pine" floors are original in the 3rd floor. The door to the cellar is original. The windows vary from 6/6 upstairs to 6/9 inside windows and 8/12 downstairs .

Ca. 100 years ago, exterior stucco was added over the original clapboard siding which is now covered except for that portion still visible on the interior wall of the kitchen-shed.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **C 1776**

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"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Richard Chew owned over 700 acres in Old Gloucester County (of which Camden County was part until 1844). He later divided this land between his sons. The property on which the Chew - Powell House stands, was deeded to his son, Thomas during Richard Sr.'s lifetime. This transaction took place in 1722-3. Thomas married Mary Wood Powell who had a son, Richard Jr., by a previous marriage. Thomas Chew sold his property in 1752 but this stepson, Richard, purchased the house back from the new owner.

Richard Powell, Jr. and his wife, Charity, are credited with having 21 children, 20 boys and 1 girl. 17 sons are believed to have served on the American side during the Revolutionary War. There is a documentation on 16 of these sons' service. Some served in the Gloucester County troops; some in Pennsylvania Companies. At least one son died on the infamous British prison ship, "Jersey".

Young Richard (1749-1818) served as a private in Captain John Stokes' Company as did his brothers William and Jacob. Richard, nicknamed "Hawkeye", assisted Lt. Benjamin Bates in the capture of 2 British spies at Egg Harbor at the end of the War. He inherited the family farm and house at Good Intent. Jeremiah (?-1818) served with the Pennsylvanians as well as Isaiah, Aaron, Joseph, David, Moses and Philip. Isaac was an Ostler in the Gloucester Quartermaster Dept.; Thomas was a fifer in Captain McMires' Company, First Battalion and later Fife Major. John served as a private in the Third Gloucester Battallion. Abraham was with Captain David Lenox's Company in Pennsylvania. Jonathan, born in 1772, was too young to serve. Another son, Arthur, served and may have died on the "Jersey" as well.

The house remained in the Powell Family until the twentieth century.

The family and their homestead are significant to the local tradition of the Revolutionary War. The legend of this family was already apparent in a newspaper item mentioned in the Herald and Gloucester Farmer on October 7, 1821. The paper challenged other areas to discover a family more active than

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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 Simpson, Hazel, History of the Powell Family of Gloucester County,  
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Revolution.  
 Merkle, H. The History of Gloucester Township, 1968

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

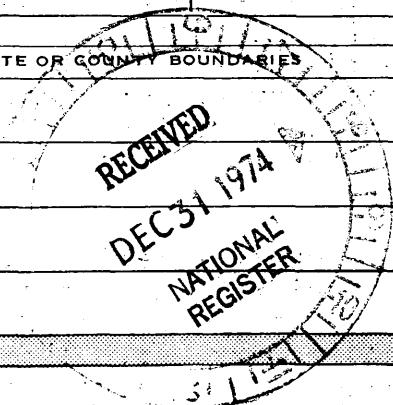
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 1/2

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:  
 Historic Sites Staff - Nancy Israel: research: Gail Greenberg  
 ORGANIZATION: Historic Sites DATE: August, 1974  
 STREET AND NUMBER:  
 P.O. Box 1420  
 CITY OR TOWN: Trenton STATE: New Jersey CODE: 34

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

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: David J. Bardin  
 David J. Bardin

Title: Commissioner of Department of Environmental Protection

Date: December 9, 1974

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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

A. P. Winters  
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 3/27/75

ATTEST:  
W. M. [Signature]  
 Keeper of the National Register

Date: 3.26.75

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Blenheim  
Camden 007  
New Jersey 34

8. Significance cont'd.

the Powells in Revolutionary War effort. Frank Stewart, a local historian, writing in 1937 in Notes on Old Gloucester County claims to have seen the gravestone of Charity Powell which purportedly states:

"Some have childred, Some have none,  
Here lies the Mother of 21."

The family provided much aid in the Revolutionary War and at least 16 members did serve in the war effort. There is however, further importance beyond this documented historical fact which gives the House significance. The growth of local tradition concerning the family adds to the significance of the site in terms of the local community's history.

