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# NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

## 1 NAME

HISTORIC **\*\***  
Holmhurst Hotel  
AND/OR COMMON

## LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER  
121 S Pennsylvania Avenue  
CITY, TOWN Atlantic City VICINITY OF  
STATE New Jersey CODE 34 COUNTY Atlantic CODE C1  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2

## CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

## OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Maybel & Norman Stitzer  
STREET & NUMBER Holmhurst Hotel 121 South Pennsylvania Avenue  
CITY, TOWN Atlantic City 08401 VICINITY OF STATE NJ

## LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Guaranty Trust Bldg.  
STREET & NUMBER  
CITY, TOWN Atlantic City STATE NJ

## 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory  
DATE 1977  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS 109 W. State Street  
CITY, TOWN Trenton STATE NJ  
\_FEDERAL  STATE \_COUNTY \_LOCAL

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Holmhurst Hotel is a sprawling late 19th century frame clapboard structure five stories high with six story end pavilions. Twenty-four bays wide, the hotel has a two-story porch along its entire front. The lower porch is formed of brick pillars with simple wood columns on the second story veranda. The veranda is reached from the second story lounge via French doors. The third and fourth floors have two story oriel type windows at the ends of the central section and at the outside corners of the end pavilions. The central section is surmounted by a heavy gauge molded cornice and a flatroof.

The interiors are simple in character and in more or less original condition. The aforementioned lounge area is reached by a wide staircase which terminates with a pair of heavy paneled newel posts. Shallow arches straddle the long and narrow lounge. Adjacent to the stair is a paneled inglenook. As the stair continues up to the third floor, it pauses at a half pace landing with a large stained glass window. Few of the rooms have bathrooms, but all have sinks and washstands. All rooms have the original cornerblock frame doors with transoms.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1898

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Holmhurst is the largest extant frame building in Atlantic City. Of Atlantic City's major hotels, the Holmhurst is the only link with the 19th century. In its day, it was one of a number of first rank hotels on which Atlantic City gained its somewhat overblown reputation as a resort of the upper classes. Some of the others were the old Shelburne, the old Chalfont-Haddon Hall, and the old Traymore, all large, late 19th century wooden structures. Of these, only the Holmhurst survives in the form in which it existed then, and only the Holmhurst conveys that period of large scale resort hotel life during that period.

Prior to the construction of the Holmhurst, the land was owned by one Edward F. Lee, who it is said was a contractor. In 1898 the property was bought by Henry Darnell and the Holmhurst Hotel was built. It is not known how long Darnell operated the hotel. For a time he was in business with his son Albert H. Darnell. In 1938, Albert sold the Holmhurst to a consortium which was named the Holmhurst Hotel Co. C. W. Stitzer, father of the present owner, purchased the hotel in 1942. The present owner is Norman Stitzer.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Hotel ownership history established through Atlantic City Tax Records  
The Holmhurst, a 1930s brochure

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

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	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The boundary of the Holmhurst Hotel is shown as the red line on the accompanying map entitled, Map of Atlantic City, New Jersey, 5/26/77.

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 / TITLE

Ms. Cindy Mason

March, 1977

ORGANIZATION

Atlantic County Cultural & Heritage Commission

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Rm. 633 Guarantee Trust Bldg.

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Atlantic City

STATE

New Jersey

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE *Jetty Wilson*  
 Assistant Commissioner

DATE 8-18-77

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

*Wm. H. ...*  
 DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 1-18-78

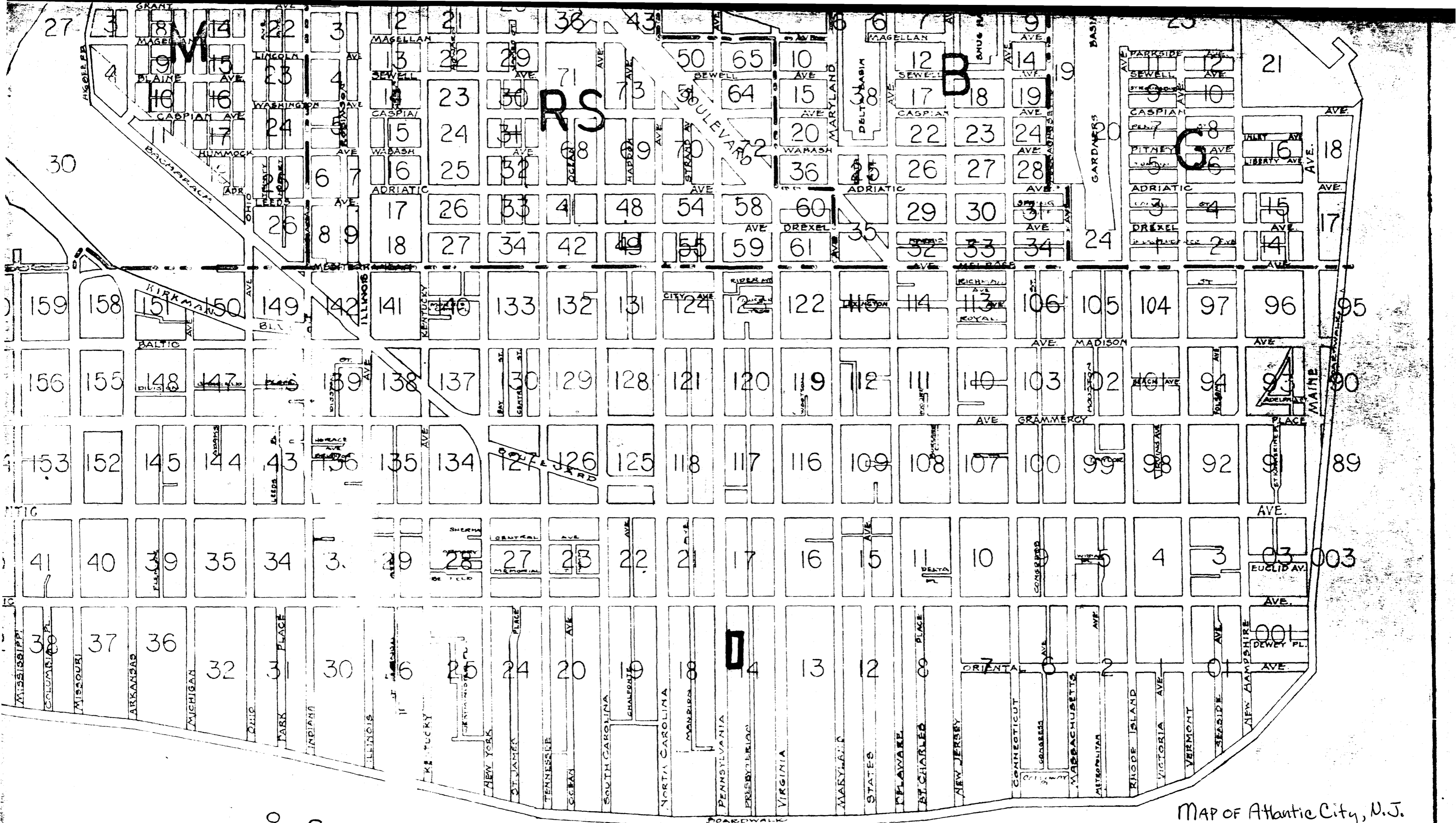
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

*Charles ...*  
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 1-16-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



MAP OF Atlantic City, N.J.

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11-30-73  
5-26-77