

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: New Jersey	
COUNTY: Monmouth	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	APR 24 1973



1. NAME

COMMON:
The Old Mill At Tinton Falls

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
1205 Sycamore Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
New Shrewsbury *Tinton Falls*

STATE: New Jersey CODE: 34 COUNTY: Monmouth CODE: 025

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

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mr. Geza De Vegh

STREET AND NUMBER:
1213 Sycamore Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: New Shrewsbury STATE: New Jersey CODE: 34

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Monmouth County Hall of Records

STREET AND NUMBER:
East Main Street

CITY OR TOWN: Freehold STATE: New Jersey CODE: 34

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory #21821.1

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Department of Environmental Protection, Historic Sites Section.

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 1420, John Fitch Plaza

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

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7. Description

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" 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>The building is rectangular with its long axis running approximately north and south. It is situated on the steep east bank of the Pine Brook on Sycamore Avenue at the intersection of Sycamore Avenue and Tinton Avenue, in the borough of New Shrewsbury. It is (was) seven stories high with a low slope shed roof. The original building is approximately 30' x 50' with later additions on the north and south.</p> <p>The building is wood on a stone and brick foundation. On the street (east side) only the fifth, sixth and seventh floors are above grade whereas all seven floors are visible on the west. The three lower floors are enclosed by a windowless stone wall. The foundation on the east, north and south was extended approximately 6 feet with brick about 100 years ago and backfilled to a level just below the fifth floor.</p> <p>The structure is <u>3</u> bays wide and <u>5</u> bays long consisting of sawed 8" x 8" chestnut columns spaced 10 feet o.c. Major beams of hand adzed chestnut, about 8" x 15" run the width of the building and are pegged to the columns. Sawn knee braces stiffen the exterior columns on the east and west walls. Floors are framed with 5" x 8" joists at 4 feet o.c. let into the beams and pegged. A single floor of wide oak planks spans the joists and is covered with new strip flooring on some floors. Floors vary from 8' to 9' floor to floor. Miscellaneous panels of asbestos, pressed fiber and plaster have been added between joists concealing the under side of the flooring.</p> <p>There is evidence that the original building had a gambrel roof which reduced the seventh floor to one bay in width. At present the sixth floor is used for a theatre and contains a stage at one end and the seventh floor has been widened and reduced to the northern bays and serves as a balcony. The existing roof was probably constructed in the middle 1800's as a simple shed roof, covered with bituminous roofing and pitching at about $\frac{1}{2}$" to 12" to the west.</p> <p>Exterior walls on the upper floors are finished in old wide willow planks set vertically with daubed joints (mostly covered with tin). The interior partitions consist of a melange of materials, mostly new. The exterior above the foundation is covered on three sides with relatively new unfinished wood shingles in good condition. The east side has drop siding except for a spandrel of vertical siding at about the sixth floor framing. The siding above this is in poor condition; below in fairly good condition and painted. A shingled shed roof supported (?) by columns runs the length of the east facade and covers a porch. At the entry there is a raised wood porch, elsewhere it steps down in brick. The porch roof is in poor condition, the columns have rotted and many shingles have blown off the exposed roofers.</p> <p>Fenestration is limited to stock double hung windows, mostly of recent vintage.</p> <p>On the east four equally spaced windows run across the fifth and sixth floors and on the north and south there are two on each side. (Continued)</p>						

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8. Significance

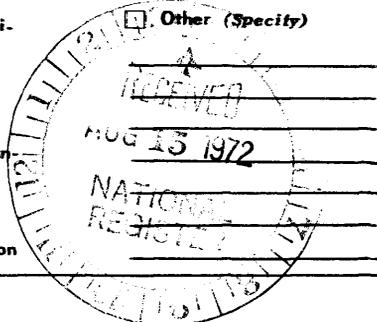
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1676

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



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

On March 8, 1674, Bartholomew Applegate, a millwright, and his brother, Thomas, a weaver, were granted permission by the Dutch to purchase land in this area from the Indians, a claim upset the following year when the English regained control.

The initial account book of the Tinton Iron Works in 1676 listed construction of the buildings as including "Samuel Swames work building ye corn mill". Maps show the "Applegate mill and house" and lands and buildings of Thomas and Bartholomew Applegate at the present mill site, across the "Falls River" opposite the ironworks.

On January 30, 1683, Bartholomew executed a bill of sale for the corn mill property to Colonel Lewis Morris, owner of the ironworks. It mentions Applegate formerly made a contract with the inhabitants of Shrewsbury "about setting up a corn mill to serve the said town".

"But afterward being deprived of the benefit that might derive to me from my mill by reason the river was made use of by the ironworks belonging to Col. Morris by which means my mill became unserviceable to me." Contract says people of Shrewsbury agreed Applegate should have another 200 acres, so first tract, including corn mill, conveyed to Morris.

Snoke, fumes and water pollution from ironworks may have made mill unserviceable.

In an ad in the New York Weekly Mercury May 28, 1759, Lewis Morris Ashfield, descendent of Colonel Morris, offered the mill for sale with this description: "To be sold, a grist mill with two pair of stones upon a constant stream with twenty-seven feet head and Fall of Water, the wheels are overshot, with a sawmill under the same roof, with one hundred or more acres of land, as shall best suit the purchaser; situate in Shrewsbury, in the County of Monmouth in New Jersey, and known by the name of the Falls-Mills."

On May 5, 1762, Ashfield sold the property to Jacob Vanderveer.

January 28, 1772 property sold at Sheriff sale to Tunis Vanderveer. On May 10, 1773, Tunis Vanderveer sold the property to Colonel David Hendrickson.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Tinton Manor: the Iron Works (Proceedings of N.J. Historical Society October 1952)
 Historical Scrapbook of New Shrewsbury - 1964
 Volumes of N.J. Archives
 Historical and Genealogical Miscellany (5 vols*) Stillwell
 Early Dutch Settlers of Monmouth County, Beekman, 1901.
 Original material at Monmouth County Historical Association, Rutgers Library State Library, Trenton
 Monmouth County Hall of Records, Freehold

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			0 R	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	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		40° 18' 17"	74° 06' 03"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 5

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

William A. Barrett assisted by James S. Brown and Justin Henshall, A.I.A.

ORGANIZATION

Conservation Commission, Borough of New Shrewsbury

DATE

April 10, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER:

755 Tinton Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:

New Shrewsbury

STATE

New Jersey

CODE

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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

Richard J. Sullivan
 Commissioner, Department of

Title

Environmental Protection

Date

August 2, 1972

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

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

Date

4/24/73

ATTEST:

[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date

4/18/73

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There is a scattering of windows on the west. Entrys to floors are scattered. The main entry is in the center of the fifth floor and consists of a pair of dilapidated wood doors with sidelights and an undistinguished cornice with dentils which is of fairly late vintage.

The fifth, sixth and seventh floors are heated by an oil fired hot air furnace and exposed ducts. Two gas fired units serve the fourth floor.

There are four (4) toilet rooms with ancient fixtures. Water supply is from a street main; sewage disposal is to a septic tank.

The electric distribution system is exposed.

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Colonel Hendrickson was a leader of the Monmouth Militia in American Revolution, and British troops and Loyalists made three raids on Tinton Falls, on April 26 and June 9, 1779, and April 1, 1780.

"The principal raid at Tinton Falls, however, came on June 9, 1779, when some 50 men surprised Colonials at Col Daniel Hendrickson's grist mill, which was being used as a magazine for powder, arms and military stores for the American Army. The raiders broke the guns, threw the powder into the millpond and then rounded up all horses and wagons in the area.

When they left, they took with them Col. Hendrickson, Lt. Col. Wyckoff, Capt. Chadwick and Capt. McKnight, several other prisoners and quantities of stores."

The property remained in service as a grist and saw mill under various ownerships, which are a matter of record, until the early 1900s.



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Congressional Representation

Clifford P. Case	United States Senator
Harrison A. Williams	United States Senator
James J. Howard	Congressman (3rd District)

