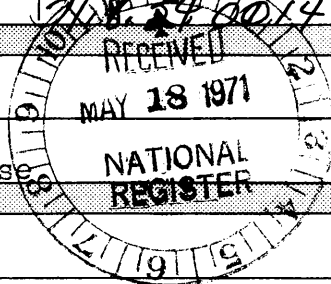


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INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: NEW JERSEY	
COUNTY: Camden	
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ENTRY NUMBER 7518340014	DATE 8/12/71



**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Newton Friends' Meeting House

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Newton Friends' (Hicksite) Meeting House

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
722 Cooper Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Camden

STATE New Jersey	CODE 34	COUNTY: Camden	CODE 007
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**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"/> 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
Trustees, Newton Monthly Meeting, Religious Society of Friends

STREET AND NUMBER:  
c/o Florence Heal, Clerk  
149 East Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Moorestown

STATE:  
New Jersey

CODE:  
34

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Camden County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Courthouse Square

CITY OR TOWN:  
Camden

STATE:  
New Jersey

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34

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory

DATE OF SURVEY: 1967  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Washington

CITY OR TOWN:  
Washington

STATE:  
District of Columbia

CODE:  
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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

1824: frame, single story plus attic on exposed limestone footings; exterior dimensions 31 x 28'; random width clapboard siding; simple helm roof with ridge E-W; double entrance door centered on South front flanked with two 4 x 3 light double hung windows; two similar windows on main floor on three remaining sides, plus two windows in each gable for attic; entrance porch with flat pediment and Doric columns. Interior comprised one room on main floor (Meeting room) with stair to single attic room used for Women's Business Meeting etc. Interior finish wood wainscot (random horizontal boards) with plaster above. Door and window shutters paneled one side, plain board on other. Hardware Norfolk import type.

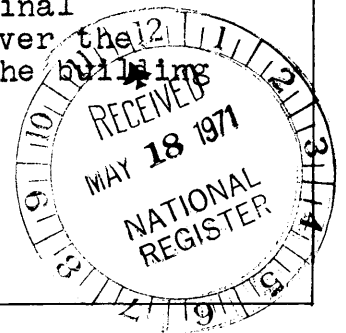
1885: building extended 14 feet to the East keeping same lines but using regular width clapboard and leaving old corner moldings etc.; small (8 x 11') library wing added on North, and 9 x 10' entrance vestibule on West, as well as shed with two toilets on East side of main extension. Old window and door frames were reused in new locations but new double window placed in South facade of main addition. New exterior door (Library & Vestibule) glazed in modified ogee arch pattern. Library wing had central round window with thin keystones in each quadrant; entrance vestibule has rounded shingle end with strip casement windows over a single ledge. Corbelled chimneys appear at the ridge at East and West ends.

Interior alterations involved removal of the attic and extension of Meeting room into truss space with iron tie-rods replacing wooden members (see interior photograph). Fireplace of simple eclectic style with Tudor feeling placed centrally at East with facing benches built-in along remainder of that side in usual Quaker manner. Original wainscot continued using regular tongue and groove boards. Additional mahogany benches appear to be reproductions of the earlier type.

A basement was provided under the main addition housing a furnace.

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The building has sustained minor alterations over the years with some loss of exterior detail (doors, columns, keystones of the round window, some of the original clapboarding). A large space heater intrudes over the fireplace, and lighting has been modernized. The building is otherwise intact.



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**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)

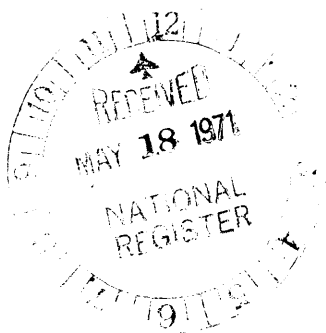
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The building is a unique example of a Friends' Meeting House in the American Queen Anne Revival style. It is almost certain that the 1885 alterations of the earlier handsome but not unusual structure were after the designs of Wilson Eyre, Jr., of Philadelphia, one of the most important and creative practitioners of that architectural manner. The building has many representative features of the style, and is in total a most pleasant experience outside and inside, well reflecting the sense of comfortable simplicity which marked the Hicksite aspect of Quakerism by the 1880s. Eyre's unique sensitivity as a designer is evident in the detailing, in the tasteful application of simple decoration and variation of materials, and in the sense of asymmetrical balance which place the Meeting, as all his buildings, well above the commonplace. The manner of the alteration itself, with its respect for preservation of original fabric while still creating a new and contemporary whole, reflects the value in endogenous "colonial" work which was a part of American Queen Anne Revival taste.

In addition, the Meeting traces its origins to the founding of Camden in 1679 and is the oldest religious structure extant in Camden city. The Meeting grounds (comprising about half of the original plot) also provide an appreciated sylvan refuge within the downtown area.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Edward Teitelman, "A Queen Anne Quaker Meeting House," Quaker History XXXXV (1966), pp 104-110.

Edward Teitelman, "Some Early Urban Work of Wilson Eyre, Jr.," Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians-for publication late 1970 or early 1971.

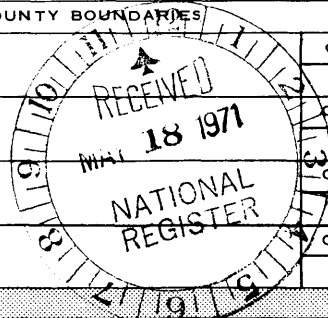
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1/2 acre

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: Edward Teitelman, Preservation Officer, Camden County

ORGANIZATION: Camden County Historical Society DATE: June 16, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER: 305 Cooper Street

CITY OR TOWN: Camden 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  
 RICHARD J. SULLIVAN

Title: COMMISSIONER, Department of Environmental Protection

Date: April 7, 1971

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

Ernest A. Connally  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

**AUG 12 1971**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:  
William Muntz  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: **JUN 23 1971**

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Camden, N.J. 34  
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6. Surveys  
New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory # 587.10  
Historic Sites Section  
Department of Environmental Protection  
Box 1420  
Trenton, N.J.

Congressional Correspondence:

Rep. John E. Hunt (1st Dist.)  
Sen. Clifford P. Case  
Sen. Harrison A. Williams

