

NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY #
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC NAME:	A.A. Brant House	COMMON NAME:	Brant House
LOCATION:	9 Allen Street Toms River, N.J.	BLOCK/LOT:	665/9 .65 acres
MUNICIPALITY:	Dover Township	UTM Reference	18/568740/4422440
OWNER/ADDRESS:	Dr. & Mrs. John Kengeter 448 Lakehurst Rd., Toms River, N.J. 08753	COUNTY:	Ocean
ORIGINAL USE:	Residence	PRESENT USE:	Professional offices
USGS QUAD:			

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date:	1867	Source of Date:	N.J. Courier Sept. 5, 1867
Architect:		Builder:	Joseph A. Pharo
Style:	Vernacular Queen Ann	Number of Stories:	2
Foundation:	Brick	Form/Plan Type:	"T" shaped
Structural System:	Wood frame		
Exterior Wall Fabric:	Altered. Aluminum siding		
Penetration:	4x4 DHS-South bay window		
Entrance Location:	West		
Roof/Chimneys:	Gable/ 1 interior brick		
Additional Architectural Description:			

Multi-additions to south facade including porch and bay window.

MAP (Indicate North) See map 2

(5) A.A. Brant House
Old Village of Toms River
Multiple Resource Nomination
Photographer: Kevin McGorty
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View: North



SITING AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

Located in a part residential and professional office area. The A.A. Brant House is situated on a high bluff overlooking the Toms River.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Open Space [] Woodland [] Scattered Buildings []
Suburban [] Urban [] Residential [x] Agricultural [] Industrial []
Downtown Commercial [] Highway Commercial [] Other []

SIGNIFICANCE:

Joseph A. Pharo of Barnegat, a local builder, built this house for Edward Taylor at the same time that he built the Mott House and the Francis House on East Water Street. The Taylor heirs sold the house to Julia A. Hanington of Brooklyn, N.Y. in 1882. She and her son Robert were artists who painted many river scenes in and around Toms River. Robert built the studio in back of the house which connected with the carriage house.

The house was sold to A.A. Brant, a local banker and coal and lumber merchant in 1899. The house was again sold to another artist, Florence A. Chalfont of Philadelphia in 1927 who used the studio until her heirs sold it to Harry C. Shinn who converted the studio into an engineering office in 1934.

The most significant period of this house was during the occupancy of the artists, however, the prominence of A.A. Brant, in local affairs, has tended to give the house his name.

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent [] Good [X] Fair [] Poor []
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes [] Possible [] No [] As part of district [X]
THREATS TO STRUCTURE: Roads [] Development [X] Zoning [] Deterioration []
No Threat [] Other []

COMMENTS:

The Kengeter's who purchased the house in 1978, have done a commendable job in restoring the house, even though they used aluminum siding. They have preserved the house and are in the process of restoring the sloping grounds to Water Street which runs along the river's edge.
The preservation of this house is restoring the river front concept.

REFERENCES:

New Jersey Courier (Toms River), September 5, 1867
Ocean County Courthouse. Deed records. Toms River, N.J.

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