

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

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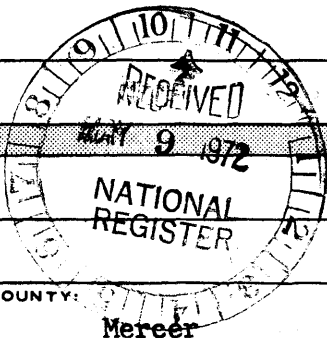
STATE: New Jersey	
COUNTY: Mercer	
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1. NAME

COMMON: The John White Homestead

AND/OR HISTORIC:



2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Cold Soil Rd. 1 mi. N

CITY OR TOWN: Lawrenceville vic.

STATE: New Jersey CODE: 34 COUNTY: Mercer CODE: 21

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: David Anderson

STREET AND NUMBER: Cold Soil Rd.

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

STATE: New Jersey
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Mercer County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

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

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory 1734.7

DATE OF SURVEY: 1971 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Historic Sites Division - Department of Environmental Protection

STREET AND NUMBER: John Fitch Plaza P.O. Box 1420

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

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input 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

If one were to try to find all the tendencies, forms and details of house construction in the Lawrenceville area in the period from 1775-1825, that person could locate all these features in the John White Homestead. Set far back from Cold Soil Road in the middle of a 117 acre plot of productive farm land, the house stands relatively unchanged from its original construction around 1800, as it has always been in thoughtful and caring ownership. The two side additions of the twentieth century have drawn off modern living needs and functions, obviating changes in the central structure itself.

A five bay, two and a half story four chimney stone unit, the house sports a simple yet sophisticated vernacular Federal doorway of reeded pilasters and architrave. This ingenious concoction is characteristic of the detail work throughout, and of this whole backwater region at this time. The proportions of the facade are carefully dictated by the fenestrations - nine over six in the first floor windows and six over six in the second floor. The upper members of the original sash are fixed. A simple flat boarded cornice edges the slate roof.

The central hall, four room plan is airy and spadous even though the interior partitions are masonry. The left front living room displays the most stylish Federal fireplace, with reeded members like the front doorway. Here, delicate notching in rhythmic swag patterns echoes Adamsque design. The rear living room is joined to the front one by a Federal style elliptical arch, one of the few renovations designed by the present architect owner. Its reeded mantle is simple yet competent joinery. The right front dining room has built in panelled door china stonework fireplace and hearth replaces the original brick jambed, oak beamed feature, but preserves the original molding mantle. Original closets and an in-wall stairway fill the rest of that side wall. Wrought iron hooks for hanging herbs and smoked meats dot the ceiling. A back doorway into the cellar stairway, now filled up, probably once linked the kitchen more directly to the back exit.

Original panelled cherry doors swing lightly at all the doorways. Long perfect lengths of the same wood serve as the stair rails perched on top of simple square balusters. These local details are at their most graceful and refined in this house. At the landing a modern Federal style window frame with panelling below covers an opening which has at various times been used as a door and a window.

The second floor plan repeats the lower one and the Federal fireplaces document imaginative vernacular inventions. The example in the right front bedroom in particular displays more of the reed work, here cut into quarters for the corners of the center panel. Many of the interior walls are built of double planking plastered over. The door hardware throughout the house is German-made with brass knobs and old latches. The pegged oak rafters and floor joists are in excellent condition and exhibit the highest quality timber construction.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
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7. Condition

John White Homestead

New Jersey: 34
Mercer: 021

A small masonry smokehouse, probably also circa 1800 sits just to the rear of the house.

In conclusion, we must consider the John White homestead as the home of a successful, conservative New Jersey farmer who was willing to pay for excellent workmanship and up-to-date, stylish decorative detail. The house gathers many local features into one well ordered whole, that has come down to us in an extremely well-preserved state.



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PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to Donald Tyler, the history of the land on which this house stands dates back to a 1696-7 survey and deed "from Thomas Revell, as Trustee for the West Jersey Society, to Joseph Sackett... for three hundred acres adjoining Samuel Hunt, Jonathan Davis and the public land," meaning the town lot. The property appears not to have been paid for a second time at the Revell-Daniel Coxe settlement in 1703, because it reverted to Coxe ownership and was deeded in August, 1756, by William Coxe to Benjamin Stevens, who held it until 1792. In that year he conveyed it to Aaron Van Cleve, who deeded it in April of 1793 to John White. The price was 1250 pounds. The deed mentions "231 acres, all buildings, improvements and appurtenances thereto" indicating that a dwelling was in place at that time, although the stone house is believed to have been built by John White after 1793 and prior to 1820.

Congressional Representation

Honorable Clifford P. Case - U.S. Senator
 Honorable Harrison A. Williams - U.S. Senator
 Honorable Frank Thompson, Jr. - Congressman
 (4th Congressional)



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Tyler, Donald H. Old Lawrenceville, 1965

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		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 4.5

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Constance Greiff, and Channing Blake

ORGANIZATION: Heritage Studies DATE: Sept. 1971

STREET AND NUMBER: 17 Clover Lane

CITY OR TOWN: Princeton 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

Title: Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection

Date: May 1, 1972

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

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

Date: 1/29/73

ATTEST: Cornelia M. ...
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 1-26-73

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