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DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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  
Double Trouble  
AND/OR COMMON  
Double Trouble Historic District

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER  
S of Beachwood off Garden State Hwy  
CITY, TOWN  
Beachwood Ave.,  
Berkeley and Lacey Twps. VICINITY OF  
STATE  
New Jersey  
CODE  
34  
COUNTY  
Ocean  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
2nd  
CODE  
029

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME  
State of New Jersey; Bureau of Parks  
STREET & NUMBER  
Labor and Industry Building  
CITY, TOWN  
Trenton  
VICINITY OF  
New Jersey  
STATE

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
Labor and Industry Building  
STREET & NUMBER  
John Fitch Way  
CITY, TOWN  
Trenton  
STATE  
New Jersey

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE  
New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory  
DATE  
1977  
DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS  
109 West State Street  
CITY, TOWN  
Trenton  
STATE  
New Jersey  
\_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 type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

## DOUBLE TROUBLE HISTORIC DISTRICT:

Double Trouble Historic District consists of approximately 200 acres of cranberry bog, and a village nucleus of service buildings including a cranberry packing and sorting house, a saw mill, a general store, a school house, a schoolmaster's house, a caretaker's cottage and 4 pickers' cottages. The village is set upon an area of relatively high ground between 2 great bogs, Gowdy Bog to the east and Mill Pond Bog to the west. At the edges of the village the land falls away sharply and open bog land stretches outward to cover many acres. This bog vista is terminated by the surrounding pine forests which appear to the viewer as dark green lines off in the distance. The village area is entered on the north side from the Keswick-Barber Road.

Its buildings are disposed about a circular gravel driveway with 2 spurs on the west side, one of which proceeds south, and one of which proceeds west. The functional focus of Double Trouble village occurs on the east side of the circle. The main building in this group is the cranberry sorting and packing house, a 5 bay pitched roof, frame building with sheet metal siding, and a 3 bay front porch. There is also a 1 story 4 bay frame support building in front. The packing and sorting house contains 3 Hayden Cranberry separators, which are almost completely intact. Each machine is essentially a system of conveyor belts, bins, and rollers to facilitate manual sorting. The belts and cogs have wheels which feature characteristically early 20th Century serpentine spokes.

Next door to the packing and sorting house (on the south side) is the Double Trouble General Store, a 1 1/2 story frontal gable frame structure (1900) with a stick style porch which has decorative struts, and sub-struts. A principal interior feature is the cast iron stove.

Across from these two buildings is a pair of outhouses, a salt storage shed and the Foreman's house, a 2 story, 2 bay, clapboard structure with a steep frontal gable and a front porch. Windows are 1 over 1 plate glass sash.

Just inside the circle, on the north side near the main entrance, is the one room schoolhouse. This is a tiny, gable roof, shingled structure, with a front door and single window. There is also an iron stove and brick chimney.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Double Trouble village and bog have survived without intrusions. They contain a nucleus of buildings which show every aspect of the cranberry production process. They also contain buildings which show most aspects of the day to day life of the individuals involved in the cranberry production process. Double Trouble is an excellent representation of the historic cranberry industry in New Jersey.

In addition, the cranberry sorting machinery survives almost completely intact, with its belts, gears, wheels and housing. The system is visually impressive and its survival in such good condition is unusual.

The land which became Double Trouble was first owned by Antony Sharp, an Irish Quaker and woolen merchant, who was one of the proprietors of East Jersey. But he never saw his Jersey holdings. A 1765 survey shows that the property contained a mill which was located along Cedar Creek. Between 1806 and 1904, much of the Double Trouble tract was owned by Captain Willian Giberson and his sons. The Gibersons used the tract for lumbering. By 1866 there was a considerable settlement employing 2500 people, with 2 water powered saw mills producing cedar shingles, laths, and timbers for sailing shops. As the swamps were emptied of timber, they were planted with cranberry vines. In 1904 Edward Crabbe bought the Giberson's tract. He continued the old water powered saw mill operation until 1909 when the mill burned.

For many years they produced straight cut watermill sawn lumber. A new mill was built with circular blades powered by a one cylinder gasoline engine. Nothing remains of the 19th century saw mill complex and the sawing machinery of the 1916 mill has been removed to Batsto State Park.

The entire tract was assembled under the name of the Double Trouble Company in 1909. In 1916 the cranberry sorting house was built and the Hayden Separators were installed in 1929. The berries were brought up to the second floor and were carried along a conveyor belt where 10 or 15 women sat and picked out green berries, twigs and leaves. The berries were then conveyed to packing machines and loaded onto trucks.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

New Jersey Courier, April 1866.  
 "The Province of East New Jersey" by John E. Pomfret pg. 250.  
 Monmouth County Clerk's Records.  
 Ocean County Clerk's Records.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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 UTM REFERENCES

A	18	565500	4417290	B	18	567090	4416080
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	18	566740	4415630	D	18	565120	4416700
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION Beginning at the intersection of Pinewald-Keswick Road and Double Trouble Road proceed northwest 840 feet; thence due south to the northern edge of Mill Pond Bog; thence westward along the rim to Cedar Creek where it intersects with the Township Line; thence eastward along the south edge of the bog following Cedar Creek to its intersection with Gowdy Bog; thence due northeast along the eastern edge of the bog in a straight line to the Pinewald-Keswick Road; thence west to its intersection with Double Trouble Road to the point of origin.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Pauline Miller

(Revisions, Jonathan Fricker, NJ Office of Historic Preservation, Trenton, 609-292-2023)

ORGANIZATION

Historic Sites Council & Trust

DATE

3/77

STREET & NUMBER

33 Brooks Road

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Toms River

STATE

New Jersey

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

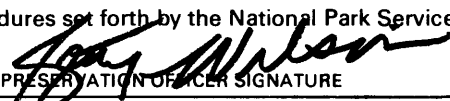
THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL \_\_\_ STATE XX 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.

Deputy

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE



10-14-77

TITLE Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of Environmental Protection DATE

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



DIRECTOR OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

2-23-78

ATTEST:



KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

2-22-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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West of the circle is a group of 4 pickers' cottages. These are simple, 1 story, frame structures, with shallow pitch roofs and wide verandas. Although they are turned at various angles and do not directly face the road, they present themselves to the viewer as a distinct group. South of the circle, along the aforementioned southern spur, is the communal house and tin covered cook house. The communal house is a clapboard building one room deep and 4 bays long. It has a roof of extremely shallow pitch and no porch.

Further south along the spur is the sawmill, a 2 story pitch roof metal sided frame building with a rear wing. The structure is somewhat deteriorated. Behind the mill is a small woodshed.

Both of the major cranberry bogs are fed by Cedar Creek which is held back by an earth dam with a pair of wooden gates, (repaired many times). This dam has created a large water retention area just northwest of Mill Pond Bog. Cedar Creek passes out of the south end of the bog approximately 700 feet south of the village area. It continues to "snake along" in a southeasterly direction for approximately half a mile where it feeds Gowdy Bog and continues southward. The bogs themselves are criss-crossed with rivulets, by means of which the bogs are emptied and filled several times a year. At present, the bogs are essentially intact but are somewhat overgrown and in need of recultivation.

Inventory

1. Schoolhouse
2. Cranberry Sorting and Packing House (Tin sided)
3. General Store
4. Foreman's House
5. Communal House
6. Saw Mill (Tin sided)
7. Picker's Cottage
8. Picker's Cottage
9. Pair Wooden Outhouses
10. Frame Salt Storage Shed (Tin sided)
11. Frame Cook House (Tin sided)
12. Frame Wood Storage Shed
13. Picker's Cottage
14. Picker's Cottage
15. Earth Dam

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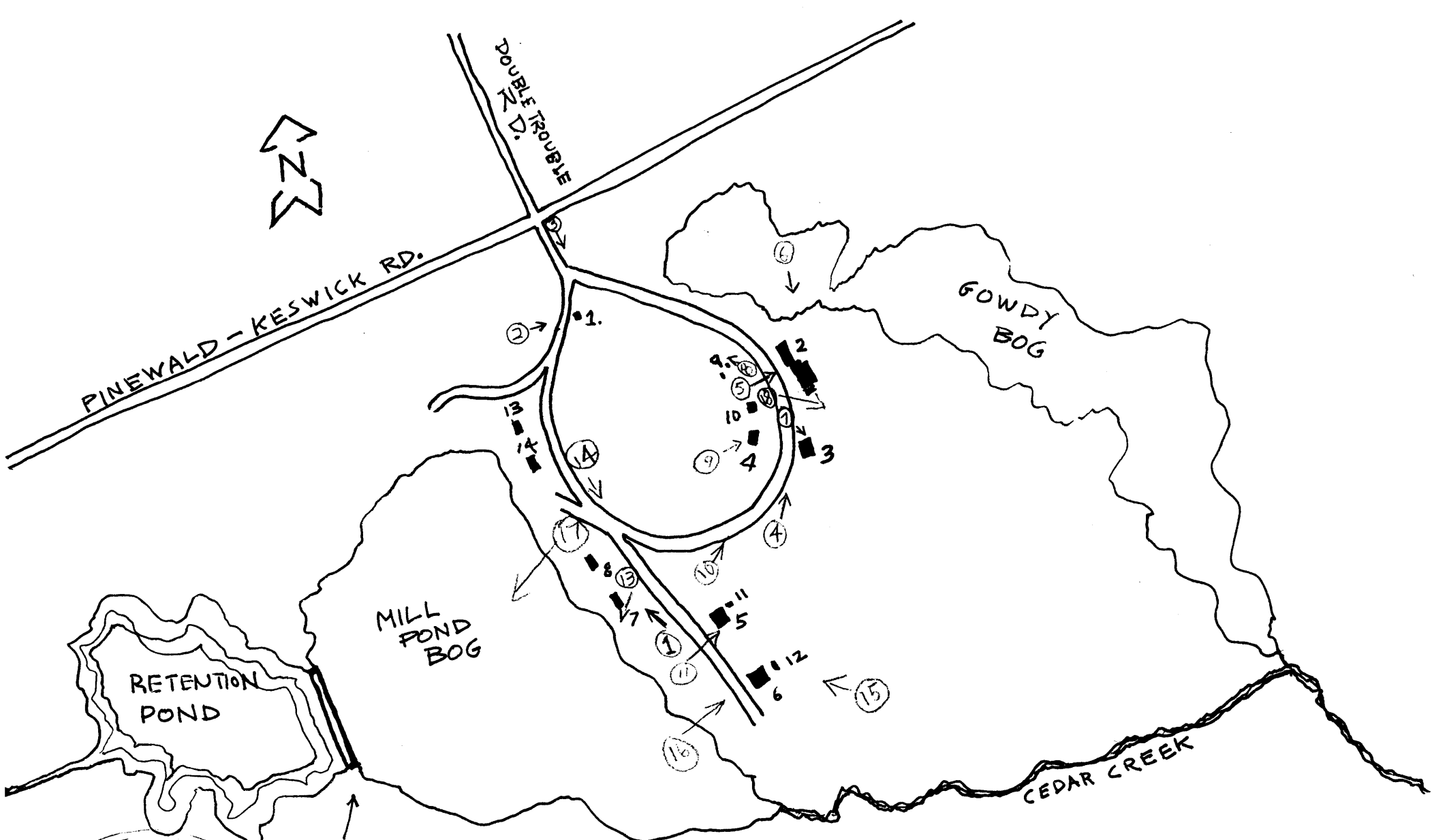
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The cranberry production community was almost completely self-contained, with families of pickers living in the cottages (2 families per cottage), and single workers living in the communal house. The children were educated in the school house, where it is reported Jessie Robinson was teacher in 1892. The general store served the entire community providing staple items for family use.

The operation was purchased by the State of New Jersey in 1964. After that time the bogs were leased to a private farmer and cultivation continued. But in 1973 cultivation stopped for reasons which are controversial and still unclear.



Earth Dam 15

(NOT TO SCALE)

DOUBLE TROUBLE  
HISTORIC DISTRICT

1978