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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 J.K. Apgar Farmhouse

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER SR 512
County Route 512 at Guinea Hollow Road

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE Califon Borough VICINITY OF

13th

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

New Jersey

34

Hunterdon

019

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Inge Hausman

STREET & NUMBER

RD #1, Box 6, Academy Street

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Califon

VICINITY OF

New Jersey 07830

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Hall of Records

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Flemington

New Jersey

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1974

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Office of Historic Preservation

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Trenton

New Jersey

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The J.K. Apgar House was built in two units. The first unit, to the east, is a two bay, one and one half story random stone dwelling with vague indications of corner quoining. The windows have wide frames and are 6/6 sash with stone lintels and crude keystone. The roof is gable with a broad brick gable end chimney at the peak. The chimney is new, but provides for a period large stone fireplace in its interior. Oral tradition indicates that this unit was constructed in the 18th century, but this cannot be substantiated.

The second unit flows quite well along the lines of the first unit and was built in 1833 by J.K. Apgar as evidenced by the datestone just beneath the peak on the west facade. The stonework of this section is actually rougher than the earlier unit although there still is a suggestion of corner quoining. The windows of this section also have 6/6 sash, but have much more narrow frames. There is a chimney (stucco covered) on the gable end accommodating fireplaces which have fine traditional Federal/Greek Revival mantels.

The two oddly placed windows on the upper level of the west facade established this building as somewhat of a local landmark - often referred to as the 'cock-eyed house', just outside the Califon, on the road to Pottersville.

The one story wing off the west gable end of the building was added in the 1970's.

In the rear of the property were several 19th century outbuildings extant until the mid-20th century, all now demolished. Presently there are three modern outbuildings - a frame office workshop, a 28' x 34' frame barn with concrete floor, and a small frame toolshed.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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

SPECIFIC DATES

1833

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Apgar House is one of the five oldest extant buildings in Califon. It is a representative example of the stone farmhouses built in Hunterdon County in the 18th and early 19th centuries. The two windows in the gable end, which follow the line of the roof pitch rather than a conventional vertical/horizontal axis, is an unusual feature in a New Jersey building.

While the original unit was probably constructed in the 18th century, the original owners are unknown. In 1833, however, a J.K. Apgar added the west wing. Several Jacob Apgars are in the 1830 and 1840 United States Census, but there is no record of any J.K. Apgar.

By 1873 the house is noted in the Atlas of Hunterdon County as being owned by a M. Teats. A historical account of Califon written in 1966 discusses this house as being "later purchased by L.D. Sutton and later was run by his son, D.A. Sutton, although neither of them ever occupied, [sic] the farm house" (The Califon Story, p. 16). This account of the house is highly suspect, but as the property has not yet been thoroughly researched this has not yet been completely refuted.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Geist, Helen Haggerty. The Califon Story, Califon Historical Society, 1966
(pp. 15, 49)

Atlas of Hunterdon County. 1873 (p.33)

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 5.76

QUADRANGLE NAME Califon

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 18 | 51,4 | 5,9,0 | 4,50,7 | 0,8,0

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Block 28, Lot 4 of Califon Borough

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Terry Karschner

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Office of Historic Preservation

4/1979

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

109 West State Street

(609) 292-2023

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Trenton

New Jersey

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

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

[Signature]

7-21-79

TITLE Deputy Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

[Signature]
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 11-1-79

ATTEST:

[Signature]
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE October 31, 1979