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Form 10-300
(Rev. 6-72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: New Jersey
 COUNTY: Mercer
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 ENTRY DATE: MAR 29 1978

1. NAME

COMMON: Historic *# The Jeremiah Vandyke House
 AND/OR HISTORIC: Hankins Andrews St. House

2. LOCATION

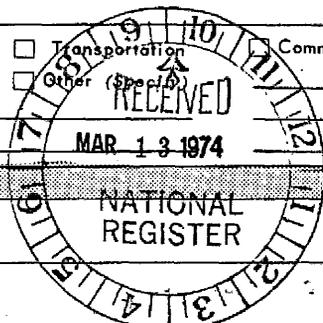
STREET AND NUMBER: Featherbed Lane
 CITY OR TOWN: Hopewell CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Thirteenth
 STATE: New Jersey CODE: 34 COUNTY: Mercer CODE: 021

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied	Yes:
<input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted
<input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted
	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		<input 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	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		



4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Mr. Robert Wallace
Mr. Don Sheldon
 STREET AND NUMBER: 87-91 Featherbed Lane
 CITY OR TOWN: Hopewell STATE: New Jersey CODE: 34

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Mercer County Courthouse
 STREET AND NUMBER: 209 South Broad Street
 CITY OR TOWN: Trenton STATE: New Jersey CODE: 34

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory
 DATE OF SURVEY: 1972 Federal State County Local
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Historic Sites Office, Department of Environmental Prot.
 STREET AND NUMBER: P.O. Box 1420, John Fitch Plaza
 CITY OR TOWN: Trenton STATE: New Jersey CODE: 34

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

This small stone house is one of a few remaining in the Hopewell area which may date from the late 17th century, or at least the early 18th century. The stone walls had been stuccoed and scored to represent formal cut stone walls, probably done in the early 19th century. This was removed in 1973 revealing the roughly coursed field stone walls. This masonry unit measures 29 feet by 16 feet. A chimney rises from each gable end. The two first floor windows, two second floor windows and door on the south wall are assymmetrically arranged. The window sashes are 6/6, 6/3, 4/2 and are probably replacements from the early 19th century. The exterior 4 panel door is of 18th century peg construction.

The interior has a two room plan; the plank partition wall separating these two rooms has recently been removed, forming a single large room. The board partition has been used in other parts of the house. Also, along this partition was an early stair, also recently removed. There are no indications of a location of another stair in this stone unit.

On the west gable wall is the large stone kitchen fireplace with an oak lintel. The opening to the bake oven is on the back wall of the fireplace, however the beehive oven itself has been removed. On the east gable wall is a smaller fireplace with a simple early 19th century mantel. The exposed ceiling has chamfered hewn oak beams, carrying wide floor boards. The walls are plastered. On the second floor are two rooms, separated by a vertical plank wall with planks up to 20 inches wide. The widely spaced hewn oak rafters are exposed in some areas.

A small two story, mid 19th century addition was built on the west end. Utilities are included in this section, thus preserving the earlier section. Also included in this nomination (on the same property) is a late 18th century early 19th century barn. The barn is small in size and constructed of hand hewn oak. It is presently used as a residence.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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)
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<input 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	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A parchment deed, the present whereabouts of which are unknown, exists for this property, a land grant of about 300 acres from George II to Andrew B. Hankins. Reportedly this document dates from around 1696, a time when several other properties in the area were sold to the original settlers of Hopewell. Town records of 1715 make specific references to the Hankins family living on this property. It remained in the family possession until 1939. The Hankins were always a farming family in the Hopewell area.

This is one of the few surviving small masonry farm houses that possibly date from the late 17th or early 18th century. The history indicates that the family was on the property in the late 17th century. Perhaps the stone walls date from this period. The interior wood framing could be as late as the mid 18th century. However, fires were common and the stone walls could be earlier than the timbering. This stone section remains much as it did in its early period.

The house is one of the few remaining examples of early vernacular architecture in the area. It has only the basic needs of structure. It has no extra refinements that would be primarily aesthetic in value. It is somewhat unusual for a house of this type to remain, since it is not the home of a particularly wealthy family. It stands as an example of the type of structure the average farmer dwelled in at that time.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Mercer Co. Deeds Vol. no# 43, pg.533, 1859
 Hunterdon Co. Deeds Vol. no# 43, pg.131, 1827
 Hunterdon Co. Deeds Vol. no# 43, pg. 133, 1827
 Tax Ratables of Hopewell, n o# 899, 1802
 Charles R.Tichy, Assistant Architect, Historic Sites Section,
 Bureau of Parks, Dept. of Enviromental Protection, State of New Jersey

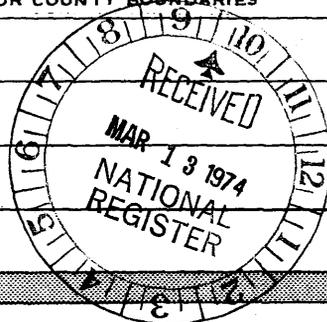
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY		OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
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	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
UTM REFERENCES							
NW	"						
NE	"						
SE	"						
SW	"						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **less than one acre**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Revised, George A. Chidley IV, 1977

ORGANIZATION: Historic Sites Section, Dept. of Envir. Protection DATE: Dec., 19, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 1420

CITY OR TOWN: Trenton 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: Commisioner, Dept. of En. Prot.
State Preservation Officer

Date: December 27, 1973

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

Wm. [Signature]
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Date: 3 29 78

ATTEST:
Walter [Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 3.26.78

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Description

In reference to the question on the barn, it is not to be considered as significant to the farmhouse structure due to its radical reconditioning and modernization.

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the Jeremiah Van Dyke House, is shown as the red line on the accompanying map entitled "Street Map of Mercer County, New Jersey and the map Township of Hopewell, Mercer County, New Jersey, 1962.

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Jeremiah Vandyke built the house circa 1800 in the vernacular mode on a seventy acre parcel of land. In August of 1827 Jeremiah died and left his sons John and Jeremiah executor of his will. However the property was willed to Nathaniel S. Smith and his heirs. This was to pay a debt owed to Nathaniel. On August 8, 1827 Nathaniel Smith sold the property back to John Vandyke for the sum of 353 dollars. John died in September of 1859 and left the property to his son Jeremiah, and his wife Jermina. On September 8, 1859 Andrew B. Hankins gained title to the property. It remained in the Hankins Family until 1939. The house from the date of its erection up until 1939 was primarily used for farming.

The Vandyke House, is a representative example of the average farm dwellings typical to the Hopewell area during the late 18th century and early 19th century. In these dwellings the masonry varied from a crude rubble in the early period to even-coursed ashlar after the mid-century, but random coursed and somewhat rough-surfaced stonework remained prevalent. These stone walls were often covered by stucco, in some cases scored to resemble cut stone blocks, depending on the quality of the masonry. Also typical of this style are the irregularly shaped window sashes and door frames. This regional style was based in-part on the abundance of native fieldstone. The Vandyke House, is one of a few still standing, stone structures of this period, in the Hopewell area.

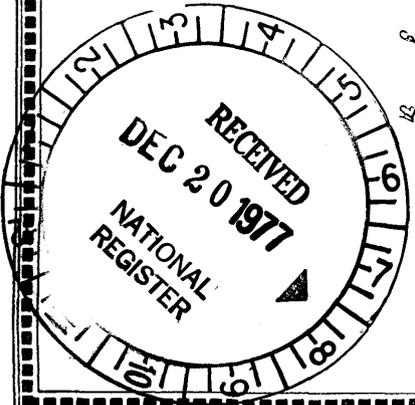
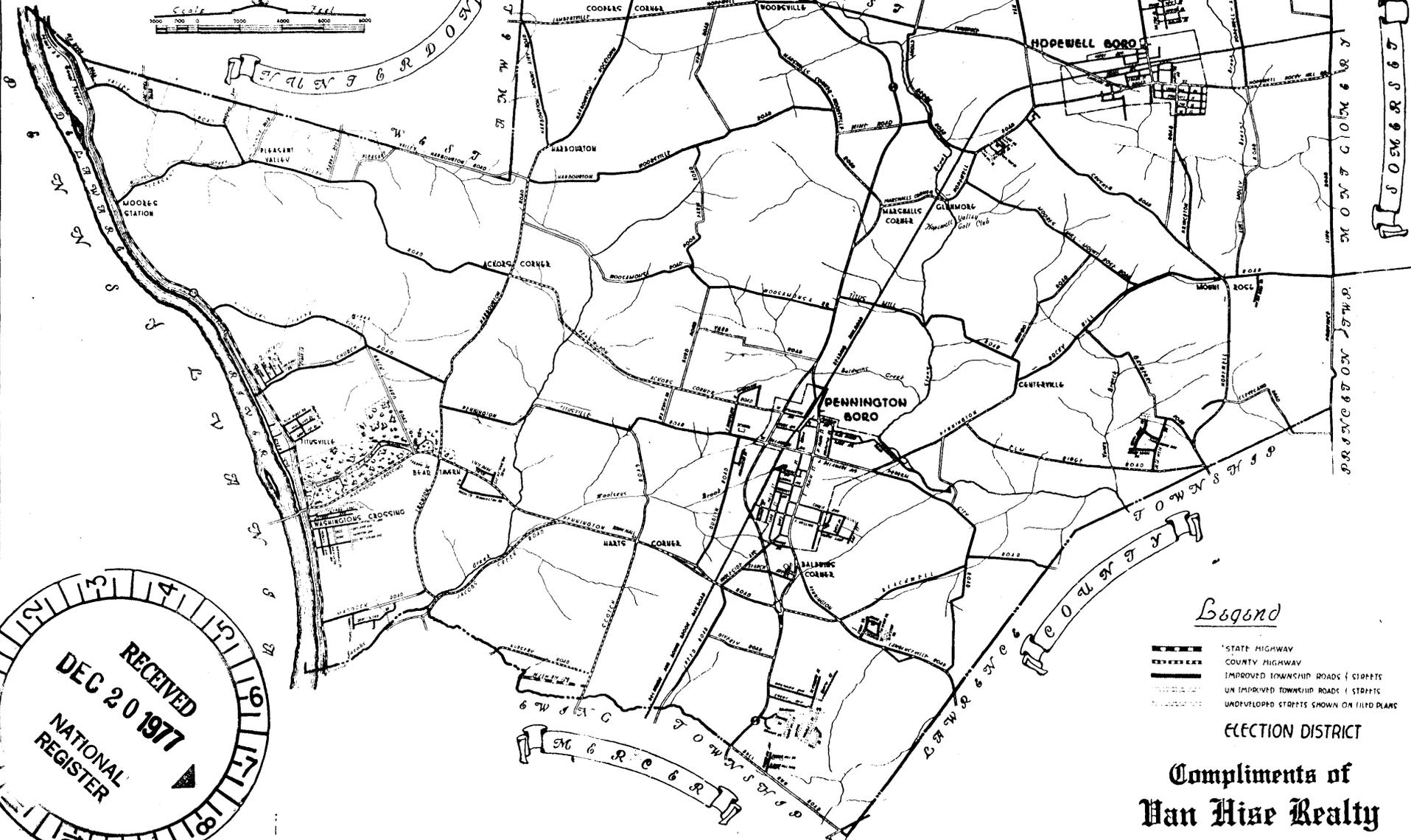
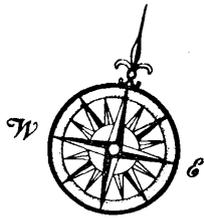
PENNINGTON QUADRANGLE TOWNSHIP of HOPEWELL

MERCER COUNTY - NEW JERSEY

- SHOWING STATUS OF ROADS -

W & Rockford Township Engineer

Drawn 1953 - 1962 Revision



Legend

- STATE HIGHWAY
- COUNTY HIGHWAY
- IMPROVED TOWNSHIP ROADS (STREETS)
- UNIMPROVED TOWNSHIP ROADS (STREETS)
- UNDEVELOPED STREETS SHOWN ON FILED PLANS

ELECTION DISTRICT

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STREET MAP OF MERCER COUNTY

NEW JERSEY

SOMERSET COUNTY

