

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: New Jersey	
COUNTY: Passaic	
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ENTRY NUMBER MAR 7 1973	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Nestside Park

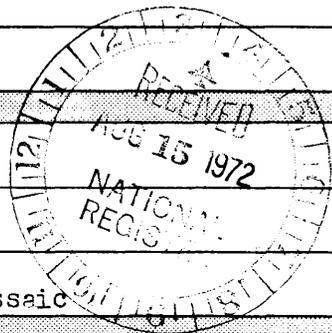
AND/OR HISTORIC:
(Van Houten House)

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
114 - 242 Totowa Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
City of Paterson

STATE: New Jersey CODE: 34 COUNTY: Passaic CODE: 031



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Unoccupied house in public park

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Paterson Board of Park Commissioners

STREET AND NUMBER:
72 Mc Bride Avenue

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

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
City of Paterson

STREET AND NUMBER:
77 Hamilton Street

CITY OR TOWN: Paterson STATE: New Jersey CODE: 07505 34

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: N.J. - 120
Historic American Buildings Survey N.J. 16 PAT 1

DATE OF SURVEY: August 26, 1936 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division

STREET AND NUMBER:
Washington

CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: D.C. CODE: 11

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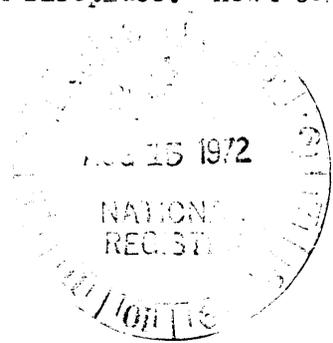
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7. Description

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" 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						
<p>The larger section of the present house was rebuilt in 1831 after a fire. The wing remains intact from the original house, probably built shortly after 1741. Both the 18th century wing and the 1831 section are coursed cut native brown stone. The 1831 section measures 33'-3" across the front and 36'-1" deep; the 18th century wing 33'-1" across the front, 21'-2" deep.</p> <p><u>1831 Section - Exterior:</u> This one story section has a second floor and attic under a gambrel roof, recently restored with wood shingles. The roof on the rear has a curved swept overhang; the front is straight with a wood frieze below the cornice. There are paired brick chimneys on one gable end. Stone stairs lead to the front door and a stone bulkhead to the cellar. Across the front is the entrance door and two windows. The doorway is recessed and framed by fluted Ionic columns topped with an entablature, side lights and fan light. This is set within a curved stone archway. The windows, originally 12/12, were replaced with modern sash. A date stone appears above the windows reading "ARON 1831".</p> <p><u>1831 Section - Interior:</u> The first floor has a broad side hall and a parlor front and back. Midway back the hall are three passageways under a broken entablature. These lead to the staircase, rear entrance and closet. The two parlors each have a fireplace on the gable end wall. The ornate wood mantle has free standing colonettes supporting the mantle shelf. The window and door casings are typical of the Greek Revival style with symmetrical moldings and wood carved corner blocks with what appears to be an acorn. The doors are six panel, flush beaded on one side. The walls are plaster with a plaster cornice and a ceiling height of ten feet.</p> <p><u>18th Century Wing - Exterior:</u> This one story stone wing has a gable roof with curved swept overhangs both front and back. The large kitchen fireplace chimney rises at the gable end exterior wall. Two doors with transom lights open to the front and one to the rear. The window sash have been replaced.</p> <p><u>18th Century Wing - Interior:</u> There are two rooms with a stair between leading to the cellar and to the three second floor chambers. The ceilings have exposed ceiling joists which are planed and beaded. The kitchen fireplace opening is closed over. There is a door hung on strap hinges on each side of the fireplace leading to steep stairs to the second floor rooms. The cellar has stone walls and three brick arches supporting the kitchen fireplace. Heavy oak joists are exposed.</p>						

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8. Significance

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <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

The Van Houten House is one of the few existing pre-Revolutionary structures of Dutch design in New Jersey. Although altered, much of the colonial architecture has been preserved.

In 1703 Major Anthony Brockhols purchased a 1500 acre tract of land on which the Van Houten House is now situated. His family encouraged other families to settle about the area and in 1724 Dirck Van Houten acquired 319 acres of land from the Brockhols. Upon Dirck Van Houten's death the farmland was divided between two sons, Gerrebrant receiving the land upon which he had previously erected the house in question (1741).

Gerrebrant's son, Dirck Van Houten, lived here during the American Revolution. The house is indicated on Brskine's Revolutionary War Maps of Road Surveys (Sheet 46) in 1778.

Adrial, son of Dirck Van Houten II, enlarged the house in 1831 to its present size.

When Adrian Van Houten died in 1855 the Society for Establishing Useful Manufacturers purchased the estate as a speculative venture. S.U.M., founded in 1791 by Alexander Hamilton, as an early urban plan for the development of the city of Paterson, wanted to dam the Passaic River for more effective water power and needed the Van Houten farm to do so. S.U.M. sold much of the remaining property and leased the Van Houten House to their director, Richard Rossiter.

In 1889 the city of Paterson purchased the Van Houten House.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Erskine, Robert, Robert Erskine's Revolutionary War Maps, 1777-1780, map numbers 36 and 48.
Nelson, William, History of Paterson, 1901.
Society for Establishing Useful Manufactures (S.U.M.) Minute Book (1791-1928), Found in Paterson Public Library, Broadway Branch.
Park Commission Secretary's Records, 1888-1889, City of Paterson.
Official Records of the County Register of the County Surrogate for Passaic County, Paterson Court House.

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							
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds			
NW	0	'	"	0	'	"	40°	54'	47"	74°	11'	28"
NE	0	'	"	0	'	"						
SE	0	'	"	0	'	"						
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: one third (1/3) acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
George Ferensick, A.I.P., P.P. Planning Director

ORGANIZATION: Paterson Planning Board for Park Commission DATE: 2/14/72

STREET AND NUMBER:
City Hall

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

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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: Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection

Date: August 7, 1972

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

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

Date: 3/7/73

ATTEST: [Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 3-5-73

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Congressional Representation

Clifford P. Case - United States Senator
Harrison A. Williams - United States Senator
Robert A. Roe - Congressman (8th District)

