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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

IVINS/CONOVER House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Cox Road R.D.#2

*100 Moorestown off US 130*

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Moorestown, *NJ*

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

New Jersey

CODE

034

COUNTY

Burlington

CODE

005

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

COMMERCIAL

EDUCATIONAL

ENTERTAINMENT

GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRIAL

MILITARY

MUSEUM

PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

RELIGIOUS

SCIENTIFIC

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Walter P. and Lois V. Barteld

STREET & NUMBER

Cox Road R.D.#2

CITY, TOWN

Moorestown,

VICINITY OF

STATE

N. J.

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Burlington County Records

STREET & NUMBER

49 Rancocas Road

CITY, TOWN

Mt. Holly,

STATE

N. J.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1975

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Dept. of Env. Prot., P.O. Box 1420

CITY, TOWN

Trenton

STATE

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		

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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Ivins-Conover farmhouse is 2 1/2 stories, constructed in 3 section. The center section was built by Samuel and William Ivins in 1755. The West section was built in 1820 and the new east section was added around 1905.

The 2 earlier sections are stucco over brick. On the north side as a special precaution against the wind, there is an insulating dead air space with plaster over lath. The east section is of frame construction. The windows, many of the original poured glass, showing the whorls of imperfection, are 6 panes over 6.

The foundation is Jersey sandstone, 16 inches thick. In the basement there is a brick archway 6 feet high and 5 foot 3 inches wide of keystone design. There is also a bricked up doorway that led to an ice house. The brick floor section was a milk cellar.

Pine floor boards throughout the house are random width. Some are as wide as 18 inches and contain as many as 65 annual rings per board, secured by hand hammered nails. Under the floor boards, joists are of mortise and tenon with wooden pegs.

Original wooden and hand hammered metal latches and hinges appear on various doors throughout the house.

The corner cupboard with arched door, poured glass panes and butterfly shelves is in the original section of the house.

Fireplaces on the west side of the house have simple pine mantels. Warming cupboards are on either side of the fireplace on the first floor. The fireplace directly above on the second floor is off center to economically provide chimney space for one below it.

Six foot doorways lead to the bedrooms with 7 feet 4 inches ceilings. Construction of some room partitions is of wood boards covered with lath and plater.

The old barn on the property is 44 feet high and the old section is 53 by 69 feet. The hand hewn 9 by 9 inch supporting beam is 32 feet long Adze marks of the early woodsmen are visible on several beams and posts, joined by wooden pegs. One of the widest boards in the barn is a heavy timber plank 20 inches wide.

The farmhouse is presently surrounded by farm land were wheat and soybean are grown.

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7. DESCRIPTION

The Ivins/Conover House and Farm, consists of an 18th century farmhouse, a large barn and wagon house. The two latter structures are approximately 100 feet to the east of the farmhouse. This house is a two story brick dwelling with a pitch roof. It was built in 3 stages, the first of which dates from 1755, and is one room deep and three bays on the first floor and two bays on the second. Approximately 1830 the house was extended two bays on the west side. This addition created a linear house, five bays wide and one deep. In 1850 the roofs were replaced, the result was that both parts of the house occur under a common pitch roof. The third addition was made to the house approximately 1900, to the east side. This addition was a two story frame construction with a flat roof the cornice of which is level with the cornice line of the old house.

The interiors are disposed as follows. The house is entered on the south side, in the center of the three bay 1775 section. Contained in this section is, one large room on the first floor, and three rooms, a hall and a bath on the second. At one time (late 19th century) the ground floor was divided into two rooms.

This is suggested by the ghost-marks of the old partition on the floor and the fact, that the two windows which flank the front door, are of different sizes. There is also evidence that a fireplace was located in the northeast corner of the room. Located in the southwest corner of the room is a Queen Anne colonial, quarter turn stair with landing.

The two bay 1830 addition has one room on each floor, each of which has a central fireplace. These fireplaces have a common chimney located in the west (end) wall of the addition. The two bay 1900 addition has two rooms on each floor, one behind the other. Located on the ground floor is a kitchen and laundry room. Attached to this section is a rear porch which is accessible through a side (west wall) entrance door.

There are a number of notable interior features among these are a fine Georgian corner cupboard nich with an arched, molded doorway, exaggerated keystone, and upper cornice (1775 addition).

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Both the fireplaces in the 1830 addition have molded shelves. The one downstairs is particularly fine, with its pilasters, consoles and frieze. Most of the upstairs partitions are still the original wainscotting. The original random width floor boards remain throughout.

The exteriors of the 1775 and 1830's portion of the house have been stuccoed and scored. This was done at the time of the 1830 addition. The 1900 addition is clapboarded and the windows are one over one. All the windows in the older sections are pegged six over six. The front door has been replaced by one of glass.

The wagon house is appended to the end of the barn, in a linear configuration. The barn is of the English type with a large mill sawn swing beam structure. The overall height is forty-four feet. There is also a frontal addition under a shed roof which was built in the 19th century.

The farm retains a rural setting which is without visual intrusion.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Ivins-Conover house, an 18th Century Quaker farmhouse, represents a distinct regional style, of which it is one of the few surviving examples, in the area. Moreover the house has survived intact, with much of the original glass, hardware and wainscotting. The setting of the house is also preserved, as the property is still surrounded by farm land. The present owners are maintaining and furnishing the house as accurately as possible to its original period.

Generations of the Ivins family lived in the house from 1775<sup>1</sup> to 1831. From the list of men, ages 18-43 in Chester (former name of Moorestown) available to be part of the N.J. Military in 1793 and these desiring to be exempted, the farmers appeared to be very plain Quakers, leading conservative lives.<sup>2</sup>

The Convers lived in the house from 1853 to 1926. Isaac Conover was a charter member of the nearby Bridgeboro Church founded in 1881. His son, Reverend Richard Conover, an ordained Methodist minister, was the religious confidant to John D. Rockefeller, Sr. during years 1929-1933.<sup>3</sup>

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Burlington County Book of Deeds Book I, p. 329 recorded Oct. 1, 1800
2. New Jersey in 1793 by James Norton p. 371 (Burl. County Library)
3. Burlington County Herald (newspaper) February 3, 1972  
 "Ninety One Years Young-A Retired Minister Recalls Life in '80's"  
 (an interview with Rev. Richard Conover, by Carol Suplee)

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 3 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A 

18	506950	4427860
ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

B 

ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

C 

ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

D 

ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

Revised By: George A. Chidley  
 Historic Sites Section, D.E.P.

NAME / TITLE

Jonathan C. Fricker, Historic Sites Section, D.E.P.

ORGANIZATION

DATE

10-1-75

STREET & NUMBER

Cox Road R.D. #2

TELEPHONE

(609) 234-0784

CITY OR TOWN

Moorestown,

STATE

N. J. 08057

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

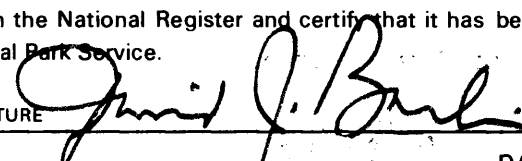
NATIONAL

STATE

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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE



TITLE Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection

DATE

January 19, 1976

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

*Acting Chief*

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

4/29/77

ATTEST:



DATE

4-21-77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*Acting*

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

The Ivins/Conover house, an 18th century Quaker farmhouse, represents a distinct regional style, of which it is one of a few surviving examples in the area. Features of this style are the two over three bay configuration with different sized windows. This expresses the importance placed on the interiors rather than the exterior "facade" which was typical of South Jersey "Georgian". The 1830 addition is constructed basically in the 18th century style. This was due to the tendency of South Jersey to be stylistically conservative, in that small architectural changes took place over long periods of time. The 1900 addition did not destroy any architectural detailing of the 1775 section and its style does not dominate the older portions. The farmhouse reflects the way in which dwellings of this type were expanded to fit the needs of the farmer.

This house has survived intact with much of the original glass, hardware and wainscotting. The setting of the house is better than average, in that the property has been preserved and remains farmland. The present owners are maintaining and furnishing the house as accurately as possible to its original period.

Generations of the Ivins family lived in the farmhouse from 1775 to 1831. Members of the Ivins family were among those men (ages 18-43) listed in Chester (former name of Moorestown) which were to make themselves available for service in the New Jersey Military, in 1793. They were also among those men who desired to be exempted from military service for reasons of religious doctrine (they were conservative Quakers).

The Conovers lived in the house from 1853 to 1926. Isaac Conover was a charter member of the nearby Bridgeboro Church, founded in 1881. His son the Reverend Richard Conover (an ordained Methodist minister) was the religious confidant to John D. Rockefeller, Sr. during the years 1929 to 1933.