

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: New Jersey	
COUNTY: Warren	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	JUL 20 1973

1. NAME

COMMON:  
Hope District

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
Hope

STATE: New Jersey      CODE: 34      COUNTY: Warren      CODE: 041

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
Numerous

STREET AND NUMBER:

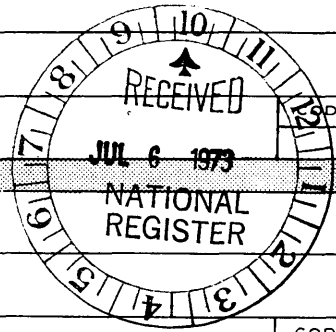
CITY OR TOWN:      STATE:      CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

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



6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Historic American Buildings Survey (N.J. - 580, 569, 432, 704)

DATE OF SURVEY: 1937, 1942       Federal     State     County     Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:      STATE:      CODE:  
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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

The town of Hope was briefly described in the Diary of William Ellery and William Whipple in 1777 thusly: "... we stopped at a little Moravian settlement called Hope, consisting of five or six private houses, some mechanics' shops, a merchants' store, and one of the finest and most curious mills in America."

Three years previously, a map of Hope, then called Greenland, was prepared by Bishop Ettwein which indicated property ownership and and future plans for the village. This map, now in the Moravian Archives at Bethlehem, is quite similar to the map of present day Hope.

Hope today has changed very little since its inception, and hardly at all since the mid-19th century. The roadways remain nearly identical to their colonial forms, many Moravian structures still remain, and the buildings which are not Moravian are mostly mid-19th century. As far as could be discerned not one building was constructed in the 20th century in Hope.

Single Sister Choir. Union Street. (Photo # 1)

This 2½ story fieldstone structure with corner quoins served as an inn after the Moravians vacated Hope. Originally its purpose was for the housing and education of Moravian female youngsters. Built in three sections, the first two stone portions were finished in 1797 and the northern clapboard section was added sometime late in the 19th century.

Stone Residences. Union Street. ( Photos # 2,3, &4)

Alongside and across the street from the Single Sister Choir are three typical 1½ story Moravian stone residences.

Gemeinhaus. Southwest corner of Union and High Streets. (Photo #5)

Built in 1781 as a community center or church this 2½ story large stone building now functions as a bank and the residence of its president. This was Warren County's first Courthouse when Warren was incorporated in 1824.

Moravian Residences. High Street, between Hickory and Union Streets. (Photo # 6)

Northeast of St. Luke's Episcopal Church are three private residences which are evidently of the Moravian period or thereabouts.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Southeast corner of High and Hickory Streets. (Photo # 7)

Although not Moravian this religious edifice is an outstanding example of early Gothic Revival. The building is a one story structure with balcony constructed of native limestone. There is a center tower. The windows are all tracery windows with pointed brick arches. The wooden belfry has finials at each of the four corners. The interior of the church is nearly

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8. 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 type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1769-1808 , 1832-1839

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Settlement
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Settlement.

In 1735 a Moravian Religious group emigrated from Germany to Georgia with the purpose of converting the Indians to their beliefs. Later they relocated in Pennsylvania, founding Bethlehem.

Early in the 1740's, Moravian missionaries, on their travels, often stayed overnight at the home of John Samuel Green, Jr. Eventually, Green and the Moravians became best of friends, and in 1749 Green became a member of the Moravian Brethren. Green offered the Moravians 1000 acres of his land in order that they might settle nearby. The Moravians would not accept the gift and instead purchased the large tract of land from Green.

The first Moravian settler, other than Green, Peter Worbass, arrived in 1769, and many quickly followed.

Urban Planning.

Until 1774, Hope, known then as Greenland, was not officially a permanently-established community, but only an experiment. Since the experiment had apparently taken root, church authorities centered in Germany (not Bethlehem) decided to make Greenland a regular community. They had the settlement and property surveyed by J.W. Golgosky, and a plan of the town was laid out with lots set aside for future development.

Social/Humanitarian.

Early in the next year the town was renamed Hope and flourished for over thirty more years. The community was set up in a way that each person had certain obligations and responsibilities. Properties were held in common by the congregation. The congregation was divided into groups, called choirs or economies, separated by age, sex, and position in society.

Hope appears to have been a successful religious community, despite its failure in 1808. Evidence suggests that it was the financial difficulties of the mother church rather than local problems which eventually forced the sale and abandonment of Hope.

Architecture.

Moravian architecture in America is best characterized by its

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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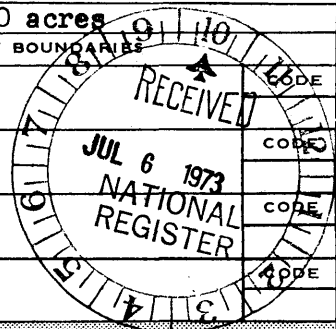
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	40° 54' 48"	74° 57' 56"		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	40° 54' 32"	74° 57' 56"		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	40° 54' 32"	74° 58' 19"		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **approximately 40 acres**

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

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: **Historic Sites Section Staff (Terry Karschner, Historian-Curator)**

ORGANIZATION: **Dept. of Environmental Protection** DATE: **April 11, 1973**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Post Office 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: Commissioner, Dept. of Environmental Protection

Date: June 13, 1973

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

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

Date: 7/20/73

ATTEST:  
Terry Karschner  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 7/19/73

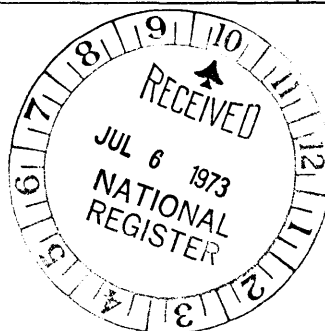
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Moravian Cemetery. Northwest end of Washington Street.

The Moravian part of this cemetery contains the graves of 47 members of the Moravian church who died while their experiment at Hope flourished. The Moravians marked their plots by flat rectangular marble markers. The rest of the cemetery contains later graves and is surrounded by a Victorian wrought-iron fence.

St. John's Methodist Church. High Street and New Street. (Photo # 8)

This church, a one story clapboard church with stone foundation , a center tower, and a belfry, was rebuilt in 1879 on the site of an earlier church.

Stone Residence. High Street and New Street.

Across the street from the St. John's Church is another Moravian home. This house has been altered extensively, but still maintains the form of the Moravian architecture.

Stephen Nicolas House and Barn. Hickory Street and Cider Lane. (Photos # 9 & 10)

This house and the adjacent barn were built for Stephen Nicolas in 1775. The house, a one and one-half story stone structure with five bays and a center hall, is presently the Parsonage for St. John's Methodist Church. The nearby shed, or barn, is a one story stone structure with clapboard gable ends about one foot above the eaves.

Farm Manager's Farm. South of the intersection of Walnut Street, and Route 521. Photos # 11 & 12)

This 1½ story stone house with gable roof, built in 1775, was originally the residence of the Moravian farm manager. The nearby barn, altered somewhat, served as the community storehouse.

Distillery and Brewery. South of the Managers Farm, to the east of the fork in the road at Walnut Street.

This stone building was erected about 1773 and served as a home for the brewmaster and family as well as a brewery providing the beverages for the village. Nearly half of this structure is now removed.

General Store. Northwest corner of Walnut and High Streets.

Built in 1776, this is Hope's second community store. It is still operated as a store and the owner lives overhead.

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Stone Bridge. High Street and Beaver Brook. (Photo # 13)

This is a double arch stone bridge, unique in that it is the only stone bridge to have abutments on two distinct levels. It was constructed sometime between 1774 and 1800.

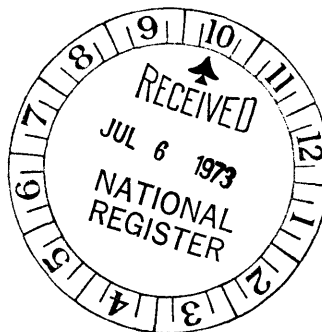
Grist Mill. Northeast intersection of Route 519 and Hackensack Pike.

This mill was built in 1770 and was the first permanent building to be constructed in the village of Hope. It contained, along with the feed and flour mill, a fulling mill, a blacksmith shop, and an upstairs apartment. The mill is three stories, stone, and has a steep slope gable roof. The mill raceway to the north is still intact. This waterway is nearly 1000 feet long and, in some spots, 22 feet deep. Along the race is the site of an early saw mill in Hope.

Wagonmaker's Shop. North of the Mill.

Built in 1787, this stone building was constructed as a wagon-makers' shop. It is presently a private residence.

Numerous other structures in Hope, not mentioned individually, nor connected to the Moravian settlement, should also be included within this historic district for their architectural integrity.



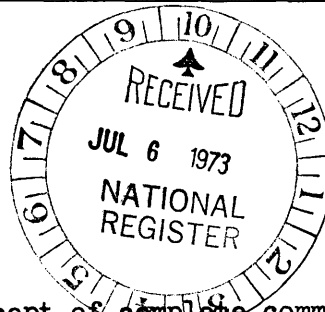
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Germanic origin and the concept of complete community planning. The buildings are all oriented with the respect to walls, streets, and other community functions. The structures utilize native materials for their construction and are well constructed. In Hope, the permanent and plentiful material was limestone and the buildings were constructed of quarry stone.

Typical of the Germanic influence is the economical use of cut stone, used only in their corner stones, or quoins, and around the door and window openings. The remainder of the walls are filled with uncut or semi-cut stones. Walls vary in thickness from 22 inches to 40 inches. Red brick window arches and red brick chimneys typify the exterior treatment, although limestone window arches are also found in Hope.

The Moravian residence was typically a three- room building based upon the Kuche-Stube-Kammer plan. The front facade shows three windows and one door. One window and the door are to the kitchen, while the other two windows provided light for the sleeping room. The living room was located on the second floor and was lighted by one window in each of the gable ends. The fireplac was located on the interior at a strategic spot to provide heat to all three rooms.

Industry and Commerce.

Christian Christianson, the ingenious macinist who designed the waterworks at Bethlehem, planned the Hope Grist Mill. Phillip Maixel and Joseph Grotz performed the masonry and carpentry. This was the first major structure in the settlement in an effort to encourage further settlement and trade. It was finished in 1770, complete with a 1000 foot mill race to provide the power. This mill was felt by many to be "one of the finest ... mills in America. "

In 1773 three other industries were created in Hope. A tannery was constructed at the top of the streambank to the south-west of the mill of brick and logs. Only the impressions of the tan pits remain of this enterprise. A distillery and brewery was built above the mill and across the stream. The same year an inn and tavern was built to accomdate weary travelers.

By 1780 a sawmill had been built along the mill race.

Engineering.

The bridge, built to span the Beaver Brook, replaced the ford north of it, and was completed sometime after 1780. The bridge is the only stone arch bridge to have its abutments on two distinct levels.

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Proposed Boundaries of  
Hope District

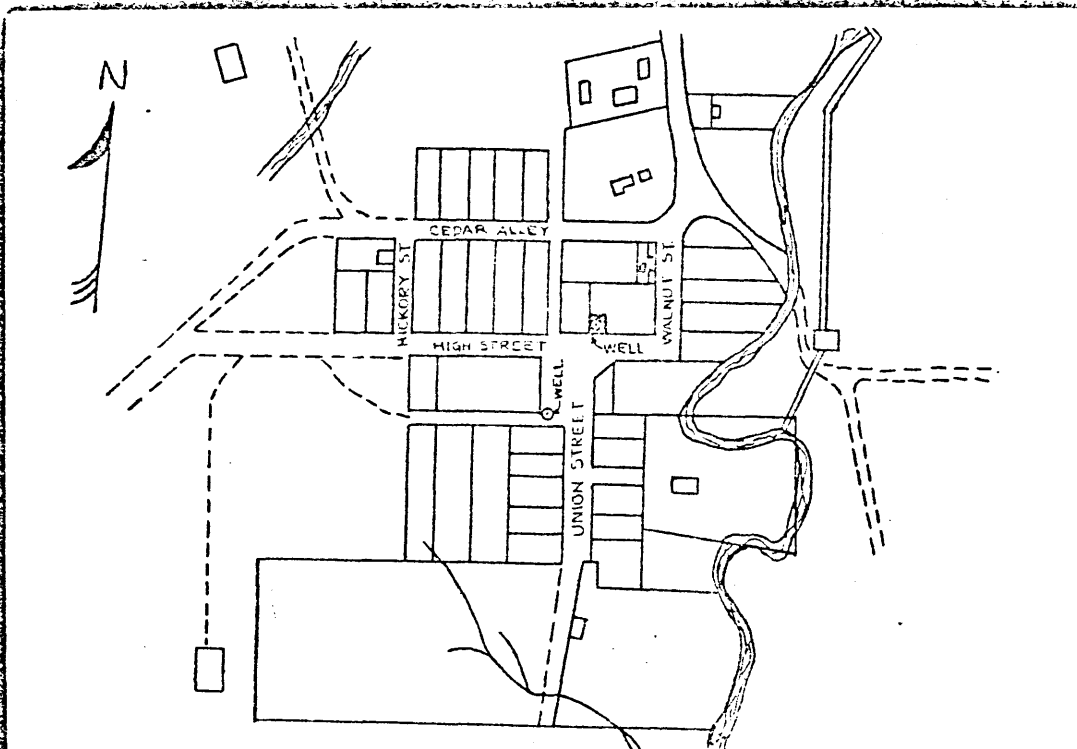
Beginning at a point 500 feet south of the intersect of Union and High Streets proceed west parallel to High Street a distance of 1000 feet. Thence, turn north and continue in that direction to the center of High Street. Proceed east along High Street to a distance of 250 feet west of Hickory Street. Thence, continue north 100 feet parallel to Hickory Street. At this point turn east and continue in that direction another 150 feet parallel to High Street. Thence, proceed north 375 feet, crossing an unnamed secondary road. Thence, continue east to the eastern bank of Route 521. Thence, proceed north on Route 521 about 400 feet. Thence, proceed east 525 feet, across Walnut Street, Beaver Brook, and the Mill Race. Thence, proceed south 900 feet along the Mill Race to Route 519. At Route 519 turn west and continue in that direction to the intersection of Hackensack Pike, Route 519, and the stream from the Mill Race. Thence, proceed south along the eastern bank of the stream to a point 500 feet south of Route 519. Thence, proceed west to Union Street and the point of beginning.

CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATION

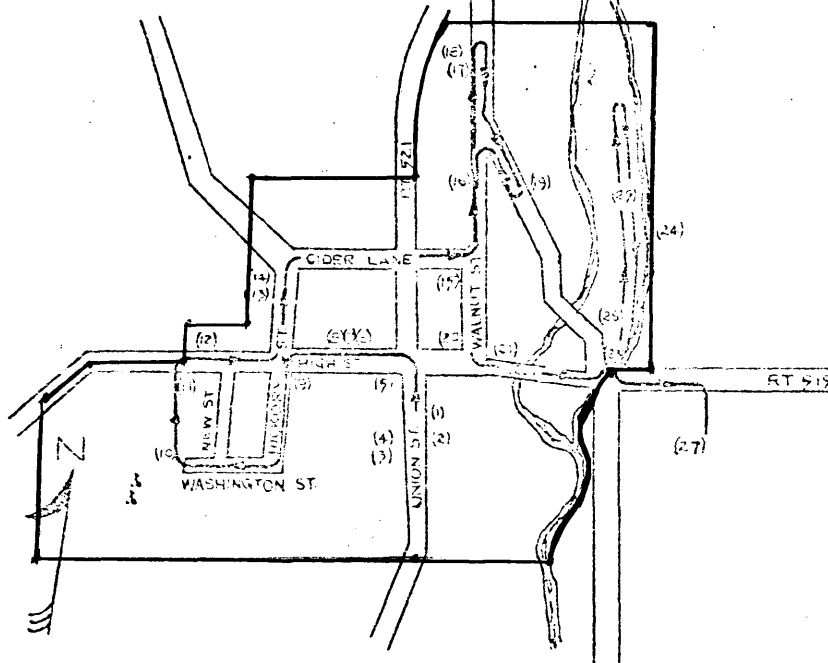
Senator Clifford P. Case  
Senator Harrison A. Williams, Jr.  
Representative Joseph Maraziti (13th District)







MODIFIED COPY OF SURVEY MAP OF GREENLAND - 1774  
 Prepared by J. W. Golgosky, Bishop Ettwein, N. Seidel and  
 H. C. von Schweintiz. (Original in Moravian Archives)



PRESENT DAY MAP OF HOPE

Showing walking tour route.

Scale: 1:7200 (approximately)

	Longitude	Latitude
NW	74°58' 19"	40°54' 48"
NE	74°57' 56"	40°54' 48"
SE	74°57' 56"	40°54' 32"
SW	74°58' 19"	40°54' 32"

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