

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: New Jersey	
COUNTY: Camden	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	MAR 14 1972

1. NAME

COMMON:
Joseph Cooper House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

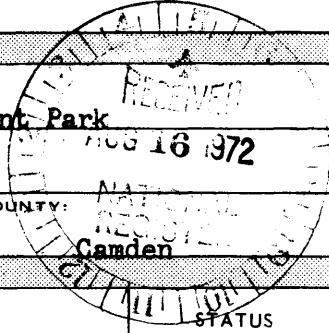
2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
At the Head of 7th Street in Pyne Point Park

CITY OR TOWN:
Camden

STATE:
New Jersey

CODE: **34** COUNTY: **Camden** CODE: **007**



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <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 type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<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"/> Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments <u>None at present time.</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
City of Camden

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Camden

STATE:
New Jersey

CODE:
34

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Camden County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:
Court House Square

CITY OR TOWN:
Camden

STATE:
New Jersey

CODE:
34

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
HABS NJ70

DATE OF SURVEY: **1936**

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE:
D.C.

CODE:
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7. Description

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins
	(Check One)			(Check One)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Cooper House was constructed in the late seventeenth or the early eighteenth century in accordance with the specifications of the owner and builder, Joseph Cooper. The addition was built sometime prior to 1785 by Isaac Cooper.

The original one and a half story section is constructed of native sandstone in an irregular pattern. There are four bays on the first story. The windows are in a nine over six pattern. The roof is gabled. There are two chimneys. There are two dormers.

The later addition has two and one half stories and has Flemish bond brick work. The windows are nine over nine on the first floor and six over six on the second floor. Over the entrance there is a four pane flush transom. There is one chimney on the newer addition.

The interior of both houses has plaster walls. There are inside brick chimneys.

The present condition of the house is deteriorated and in need of repair.

The newer section has a pent roof and two dormers.



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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) Original c. 1695 addition c. 1750

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 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 Architecture | <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

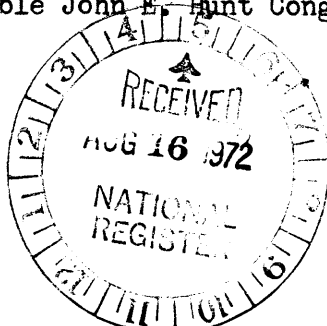
The original house is said to be one of the oldest structures extant built in Camden County. The area was one time known as Cooper's Ferry which was settled by William Cooper and Richard Arnold. They purchased large tracts of land from the Indian tribe under Tellacca in 1681.

William Cooper deeded the land on which the house stands to his son, Joseph, in 1695. In c. 1750 Isaac Cooper built the addition to the original house. He offered it for rent with the following advertisement:

"To be lett for a term of ten years, from the first of March next ensuing, a plantation in the township of Newton and the County of Gloucester, situate on the Delaware River and Cooper's Creek, Where Isaac Cooper lately dwelt, about a mile and a half from Philadelphia; consisting of about 80 acres of plowing land; 20 acres of drained meadows, and half an acre of sparrow grass; a good dwelling house.....Any person inclining to rent the same may know terms by applying to Isaac Cooper aforesaid at his dwelling, two miles from said place."

The house remained in the possession of the Cooper family until 1825.

Congressional Representation
 Honorable Clifford P. Case U. S. Senator
 Honorable Harrison A. Williams U. S. Senator
 Honorable John E. Hunt Congressman (10th District)



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Historic American Buildings Survey N.J. 70
 Clement, John Sketches of the First Emigrant Settlers in Newton Township,
 Old Gloucester County Camden, Sinnickson Chew, 1877
 Boyer, Charles S. Annals of Camden

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	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: under 1 acre (KH 317/73)

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Staff of the Historic Sites Office

ORGANIZATION: Department of Environmental Protection DATE: June 29, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 1420

CITY OR TOWN: Trenton STATE: New Jersey CODE: 31

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, Department of Environmental Protection

Date: August 7, 1972

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

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

Date: 3/14/73

ATTEST:
W. J. Muntz
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 3-9-73

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