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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  \*\*  
 Giles, General James, House  
 AND/OR COMMON  
 Gates House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
 143 West Broad Street  
 CITY, TOWN  
 Bridgeton  
 STATE  
 New Jersey  
 VICINITY OF  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 CODE  
 031  
 COUNTY  
 Cumberland  
 CODE  
 011  
 \_\_\_\_\_ NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
 2nd

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME  
 Dr. J. Maurice Gates  
 STREET & NUMBER  
 142 West Broad Street  
 CITY, TOWN  
 Bridgeton  
 STATE  
 New Jersey  
 VICINITY OF  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
 Clerk's Office, Cumberland County Court House  
 STREET & NUMBER  
 West Broad and Fayette Streets  
 CITY, TOWN  
 Bridgeton  
 STATE  
 New Jersey

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
 Historic American Buildings Survey & New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory  
 DATE  
 1935, 1976  
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS  
 Library of Congress  
 Office of Historic Preservation, 109 West State Street  
 CITY, TOWN  
 Washington D.C.      Trenton  
 STATE  
 New Jersey

FEDERAL    STATE    COUNTY    LOCAL

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input 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 General Giles House, constructed in 1791 is a 2 1/2 story t-shaped frame structure. The house has a hip roof with 2 inside end chimneys. There are two pedimented dormers with returns on the facade. The windows are 12 lights over 12 lights flanked by three panel (raised) shutters on either floor. The main entrance features a modern pillared (Ionic) portico and a brick stoop. The front door has 6 raised panels with a wide lockrail. The foundation is New Jersey sandstone and the cellar windows have the original wrought iron bars. There is a modern portico to the east side of the house that has a wooden stoop and a six panel door with wide lockrail. The rear section is 1 1/2 stories with an inside end chimney, pedimented dormers, and 9 light over 9 light window openings. The property is surrounded with a wrought iron fence. There is a brick walkway around most of the house and a brick patio in the rear of the house.

Inside, the house has random width pine floorboards throughout. The first floor has a center floor plan with parlors to either side. There is a square arch in the main hallway. Several of the rooms on the first floor have hand carved wooden Adams mantles with detailed reeding, pilasters, and full entablatures. The mantle in the west (front) parlor also has carved figures, laurel wreathes and a small King of Prussia marble border between the hearth opening and the mantle. There are cornices and chairrails throughout the house. In many rooms the original bookcases and closets that flank the fireplaces still remain. The stairway is U-shaped with nosed treads and stringboards. The balusters are turned. Throughout the interior many original doors and hardware remain. Original interior hardware includes large boxlocks, iron knob latches with lockbars, iron thumb latches, H-L hinges, and large strap hinges.

Alterations to the house include the conversion of the east part of the first floor into a professional office, the closing of several fireplaces, the erection of the side porch, a new front stoop, and the installation of modern plumbing and heating facilities.

# 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Legal
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1791

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The General Giles House, built in 1791, is one of the most distinct examples of Georgian Architecture that can be found in the state. Architecture, Legal and the Military are the areas of significance for the General Giles House.

This broad 2 story, 5 bay, hip roof articulation was typical of the finer Georgian Mansions of the Middle Atlantic area. But this type is almost never found in South Jersey, where vernacular conservatism prevailed. Therefore, the Giles house, a full blown Georgian Mansion, is a rarity. Moreover, the Mansion survives intact complete with the original windows, panel doors, H - L hinges, brass locks, floorboards, and Adams mantles.

General James Giles had a lengthy and distinguished career as a military officer during the American Revolution. He first distinguished himself as a lieutenant in the Second (New York) Artillery Regiment. Later he was attached to a Regiment that fell under the command of the Marquis de Lafayette. Prior to the cessation of hostilities, he received his commission as General. With the conclusion of fighting, he resigned from the military to enter civilian life.

In 1782 General Giles undertook the study of law under the supervision of Joseph Bloomfield, who became one of the three Bridgetonians to hold the Office of Governor of New Jersey. After marrying Mr. Bloomfield's sister, General Giles moved to Bridgeton (1788). There he set up his legal practice which quickly grew to be highly lucrative.

General Giles was also active in the community serving as the County Clerk from 1789 until 1804. In 1791, General Giles and some other prominent individuals of "Bridgeton" helped establish the Broad Street Presbyterian Church. A dispensation was granted to General Giles, late secretary of the General Lodge in the state of New York and Master of St. Johns Lodge number 2 of New York in October of 1790 authorizing him to institute a lodge in Bridgeton. In November, Brearley Lodge number 9 was instituted with Giles as Master and chartered in June 1791. He held the office of high priest in Brearley H.R.A. chapter number 6 from 1815 to 1820.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA *less than One*

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 10,675 square foot

UTM REFERENCES

A	18	179	110	136	1910	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING				ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C						D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION Beginning at a corner on the north line of Broad Street at the southwest corner of lot of William A. Logue at a distance of seventy-three and one-half feet from the northwest corner of Broad and Giles Streets; thence passing over a marble monument set inside of the fence north eighteen degrees fifty-five minutes east one hundred and fifty-two and a half feet to a marble monument for a corner of Robert Ware's lot; thence bounding on said Ware's lot south eighteen degrees and fifty-five minutes west one hundred and fifty-two and one-half feet passing over a marble monument to

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY (George Chidley, OHP. Trenton, 609-292-2024)

NAME / TITLE

Arthur F. Sewall, Historian

March 23, 1977

ORGANIZATION

Bridgeton Antiquarian League

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

#1 Mayor Aitken House

TELEPHONE

455-4100

CITY OR TOWN

Bridgeton

STATE

New Jersey

# 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.

Deputy

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*[Signature]*

TITLE

Deputy Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection

DATE

12-19-77

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

*[Signature]*

DATE

3-8-78

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

*[Signature]*

DATE

3-7-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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General Giles was also the first president of the Cumberland National Bank from 1816, until his death in 1825.

There is a title trace of the owners with their respective deed numbers that can be located in the Cumberland County Court House.

General Giles executors were Issac Hampton and Charles Reed.

Robert S. Buck 1827  
xx (48)-478

Charles Read 1827  
xx (48)-480

Mary L. Jones 1844  
AY (73)-513

Rev. Dr. Samuel Beach Jones 1853  
84-795

William E. Potter 1884  
173-264

A. E. Potter by Will L-217  
W. E. Potter Estate

James Boyd Potter 1899  
246-384

Alice Eddy Potter 1899  
248-51

Lehman Garrison 1903  
269-293

Emma Tomlinson 1918  
363-201

John C. Diament 1921  
395-92

James M. Gates 1941  
565-362

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William E. Potter came from a prominent family in Bridgeton. The Potter Family came from Ireland in 1740 with the Presbyterian emigration. He received his law degree from Harvard in 1861 and was continuing his education at Princeton, when he enlisted in Company K, Twelfth Regiment New Jersey Volunteers. In 1866, he was commissioned aide-de-camp to Governor Marcus L. Ward, of New Jersey, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel. Colonel Potter took part in many battles during his enlistment: Chancelorsville, Gettysburg, Petersburg, and Appomattox Court-House to name a few. In company with five other officers he was detailed to deliver the colors surrendered by General Lee's army, to Honorable Edward M. Stanton, of the War Department, in Washington. The ceremony occurred on May 1, 1865. He was the only New Jersey officer present on this occasion. Colonel Potter was a delegate to the Republican Convention in 1868, 1876 and as an elector on the Garfield ticket in 1880.

Recently the present owner of the Giles house, Dr. James Maurice Gates, passed away (1977). Here is how the Bridgeton Evening News described Dr. Gates in a brief editorial from the "Scribbler". "The death of Dr. Maurice Gates removes another noted physician from our midst. He was a Bridgeton boy in the truest sense, graduating from Bridgeton High and choosing a career in osteopathy for his life's work, and returning here to practice. Dr. Gates was interested in many things, especially in the Red Cross where he served as a director. Dr. Gates also was interested in the city's historic past and resided for many years in the General Giles House on West Broad Street. Our community will miss this tall, courtly gentleman who served his profession so well and so tirelessly."

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a corner of the north line of Broad Street being the southeast corner of said Ware's lot; thence bounding on said north line of Broad Street south seventy degrees and fifty-five minutes east seventy feet to the beginning.