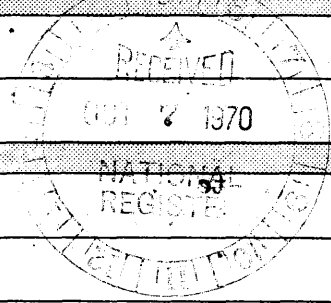


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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| STATE: New Jersey | |
| COUNTY: Burlington | |
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| ENTRY NUMBER 71.9.34.0018 | DATE 9/10/71 |



1. NAME

COMMON:
Batsto Village

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Batsto Furnace

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Route 542, 10 Miles east of Hammonton

CITY OR TOWN:
Batsto

STATE: **New Jersey** CODE: **34** COUNTY: **Burlington** CODE: **005**

3. CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY (Check One) | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC |
|---|---|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both | <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 State-owned Historic Site |

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

STREET AND NUMBER:
P.O. Box 1390, John Fitch Way Plaza

CITY OR TOWN: **Trenton** STATE: **New Jersey** CODE: **34**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **Mount Holly** STATE: **New Jersey** CODE: **34**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historical American Building Survey N.J. 40

DATE OF SURVEY: **1936, 1937** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **Washington** STATE: **D.C.** CODE: **08**

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7. Description

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| CONDITION | (Check One) | | | | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed |
| | (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

Batsto Village is a remnant of a bog-iron community. The iron furnace originally built in 1766, rebuilt in 1786 and again in 1829. Cast iron until 1848. The furnace supplied iron to a forge and a roll-and slitting mill from ore that was dug in the local bogs. It was made into pigs, munitions, holloware, water pipe and stoves.

The Village that grew around the furnace included a saw mill, grist mill, store, and workers cottages sufficient to house over 500 people. A limekiln, charcoal house, and stamping mill augmented the production of iron. A church to the west of the village supplied the religious needs of Batsto and Pleasant Mills.

The land supplied the raw materials: Ore, flux, charcoal and water power for the furnace and mills. The water also supplied the transportation to cities as near as Philadelphia and New York.

The people lived in a near wilderness that was diminished in proportion to the productivity of the furnace and the land.

The economic decline of the iron industry 1855 and the subsequent glass factory 1867 left batsto a dying town in 1876 when it was purchased by Joseph Wharthen. He rebuilt the mansion and made many other changes. He increased his holdings to over 140,000 acres.

In 1954 this property now reduced to 96,000 acres was purchased by the State of New Jersey. Batsto Village encompassing about 15 acres was part of this purchase. Included were the grist mill, saw mill, barns, mansion, workers cottages, and blacksmith shop.

Since 1957 there has been an on-going restoration program at Batsto. To date the store, grist mill, blacksmith shop, saw mill, barns and several workers cottages have been restored. These are small (24' x 15') two story structures with a kitchen addition.

The mansion is in an excellent state of preservation. The interior has been furnished and is open to the public as part of a tour. The building now has a Victorian appearance. The earliest section is the center part. It, like all former additions, is obscured by the Victorian embellishments. The center part was built circa 1790. The eastern section was built in the first quarter of the 19th century. The western section was built circa 1830. The Victorian structure was created by Joseph Wharthen in 1878-1880. when he added the tower, dining room, the third and fourth stories on the eastern section and changed many of the doors, windows and moldings. He also added a new staircase, bathrooms and did extensive interior remodeling.

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8. Statement of Significance

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

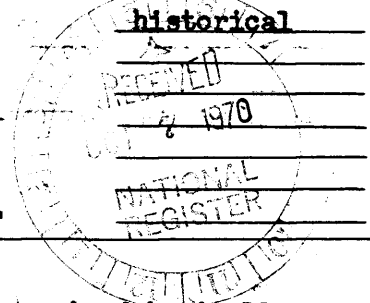
Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century

15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1766

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <u>historical</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Batsto Village is significant because it has remained basically unchanged since its industrial era. The iron furnace, glass house, saw and grist mills were all parent industries that aided in the development of American industry. The present setting of an industrial-agricultural community totally removed from encroaching civilization is unique. Its value as an educational and a living museum are borne out in an annual visitation of over 190,000 people.

The furnace produced munitions for the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. The furnace owners are significant in our nation's and New Jersey's history. They include Charles Reed, Joseph Ball, Chorbe Petit, Charles Thompson and Nathaniel Greene. William Richards and his son Jesse are the most significant people involved with the iron manufacture.

It is an excellent example of an 18th and 19th Century self-sufficient industrial community and contains all aspects of this era from workers cottages and general complimentary craft buildings (blacksmith, miller, etc.).

The presence of so many varying types of barns from different periods is unique. The stone stable is 1830. The cattle barn, threshing barn, mule barn and wooded stable are from that period also. The forage pits and sheep shed are circa 1865. The water tower and piggery are part of the Wharton complex of the 1870's. The structure used as a piggery was moved to the site and used as such.

They were built for the glass workers 1846-1853. These are all that remain of approximately 75 houses. Most of the others were built for the iron workers. The one remaining earlier house dates from the first quarter of the 19th century.

The grist mill, 1828, and the saw mill are working mills. The store is in operation as an operating post office and exhibit and concession area.

The mansion holds all the remnants of its four building periods. It includes part of the 18th century and three periods of the 19th century, a good example of eclectic architecture with heavy Victorian overtones. Extensive records from the Wharton period can trace most of the changes in the mansion. Time books denote the workmen who affected the changes.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Batsto Books, 75 original account, ledger and time books State Library Division of Archives and History, Trenton, New Jersey

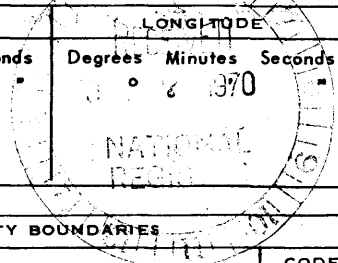
Pierce, Arthur D. Iron In The Pines Rutgers University Press. New Brunswick, N.J. 1957

_____, Family Empire in Jersey Iron Rutgers University Press New Brunswick, N.J. 1964

Boyer, Charles, Early Forges and Furnace in New Jersey, University of Pennsylvania Press, Philadelphia Pa. 1931

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 | | |
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| SE | 39 37 30 | 74 38 30 | | | | |
| SW | 39 37 30 | 74 40 0 | | | | |



APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **1,200 acres**

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

| STATE: | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
|------------|------|------------|------|
| New Jersey | 34 | Burlington | 005 |
| New Jersey | 34 | Atlantic | 001 |
| STATE: | CODE | COUNTY: | CODE |
| STATE: | CODE | COUNTY: | CODE |

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Charles I. Wilson Jr., Archaeologist**

ORGANIZATION: **Historic Sites Section, Department Environmental Protect.** DATE: **8-6-70**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Box 1420, John Fitch Way Plaza**

CITY OR TOWN: **Trenton** STATE: **New Jersey** CODE: **08625** **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 B. ...*

Title: Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection

Date: September 11, 1970

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

Ernest A. Connolly
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: SEP 10 1971

ATTEST:

William J. Mustangs
Keeper of The National Register

Date: SEP 7 1971

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Batsto

New Jersey 34, Burlington 005

#6. Representation in existing surveys

New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory #242.1

Historic Sites Section, Department of Environmental Protection

Box 1420

John Fitch Way Plaza

Trenton, New Jersey 08625 34

CONTINUATION FORM 10-301 MAP FORM

The bounds of the Batsto District are formed by longitude 74° 30' on the east, latitude 39° 39' on the north and on the west and south by the Nescochaque Creek and the Mullica River. The larger area was described to include the Batsto Forge and a ship building site at the confluence of the Mullica and Batsto Rivers.

