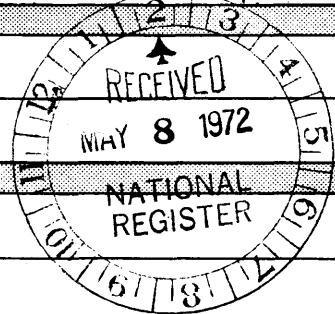


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <u>New Jersey</u>	
COUNTY: <u>Gloucester</u>	
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	<u>JAN 25 1973</u>



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1. NAME

COMMON:
Benjamin Clark House

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Benjamin Clark House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Glassboro Road (County Route 553)

CITY OR TOWN:
Wenonah

STATE: New Jersey CODE: 34 COUNTY: Gloucester CODE: 015

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"/> 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 type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mrs. Arthur W. Magee

STREET AND NUMBER:
Meadow Lane Farm, Glassboro Road

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

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
County Clerk's Office, Gloucester County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Broad and Delaware Streets

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

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory 891.1

DATE OF SURVEY: 1970 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Historic Sites, Department of Environmental Protection

STREET AND NUMBER:
John Fitch Plaza P.O. Box 1420

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

STATE: <u>New Jersey</u>
COUNTY: <u>Gloucester</u>
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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 Benjamin Clark House was built in three parts. The oldest part is the west wing built c. 1769. The center part was built in 1801 when the west wing was also renovated. The east kitchen wing was added during the restoration c. 1940.

1. Exterior - The west wing exterior is red brick with Flemish bond on the south facade and common bond on the west and north walls. The brick water table and belt course on the south of the west wing was probably added in 1801 when the center portion of the house was built. The foundations are stone rubble. The wing is two stories with a gable roof covered with asphalt shingles. There is a handsome decorative wood cornice with stylized bead and reel motifs and modillions also probably dating from 1801. The west porch still contains parts of an original summer kitchen.

The center portion of the house is also red brick with Flemish bond on the south facade and common bond on the other sides with two date stones "1801." There is a water table and belt course also on the south. The handsome wood cornice is also found on the south facade of the center portion. The center portion is also two stories, but slightly higher than the west wing, with a gable roof and asphalt shingles. The sash of both early parts are 6/6 and probably date from 1801. Both south doorways have been renovated.

The east kitchen wing is frame construction with white painted wood clapboards. It is one-and-a-half stories with a gable roof and contains a bay window on the south facade.

2. Interior - The west wing had a one-room plan originally. with a small enclosed stairway (now removed) next to the fireplace. The fireplace itself has also been renovated, but the two built-in corner cupboards have been preserved. The original wide-board floors have been retained.

The center portion has a three-bay sidehall plan. A handsome open stairway has Federal style tendril motif brackets on the open stair stringer with turned balusters and simple mahogany rail. There are Adamsque mantels in the front parlor and in two upstairs bedrooms, with gouge-work carving of sunbursts and garlands and delicately reeded pilasters. The floors in the center portion are the original wide-board floors.

The east wing contains a modern kitchen with bedrooms above it.

3. Site - A long drive leads past the south facade of the house, which is set well back from the highway on the west. There are several outbuildings to the north and east of the house with open fields on the south. A creek borders the property on the north.

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PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian
- 15th Century
- 16th Century
- 17th Century
- 18th Century
- 19th Century
- 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) Built c. 1769, brick addition "1801", frame c. 1940

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 | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house has a number of fine late Georgian and Federal style architectural details. Its plan is typical of any number of late 18th - early 19th-century houses where the main portion of the house is built against a smaller original portion. The wood cornice and various interior trim, such as moldings and stairway are notable for their beauty. They are executed in Adamsque style which brought a new delicacy to Federal style architecture in the late 18th and early 19th century.

The west wing of this house was originally the farm home of Benjamin Clark, farmer, soldier, and famous patriot. During the Revolution it was frequently raided by the British soldiers stationed at Billingsport. During the bitter winter of 1777-78 Clark delivered a load of grain to Valley Forge.

Congressional Representation

Honorable Harrison A. Williams - U.S. Senator
 Honorable Clifford P. Case - U.S. Senator
 Honorable John E. Hunt - Congressman (First Congressional District)



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Gorska, Hanka Iventory of Historic Sites, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, 1969, p. 15.
 Simpson, Hazel Under Four Flags, Gloucester County Board of Chosen Freeholders, 1965, p. 11
 _____ "Open House in Gloucester County," Gloucester County Historical Society, Woodbury, New Jersey, May 9, 1970, #8.

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		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	0 . "	0 . "		39° 47' 06"	75° 08' 16"	
NE	0 . "	0 . "				
SE	0 . "	0 . "				
SW	0 . "	0 . "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **91.7 acres**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
William B. Bassett, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION: **John M. Dickey, Architect** DATE: **March 4, 1971**

STREET AND NUMBER:
206 A West State Street

CITY OR TOWN: **Media** STATE: **Pennsylvania** CODE: **42**

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 May 1, 1972

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

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

Date 4/25/73

ATTEST:
Low [Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 6-17-73

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