

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

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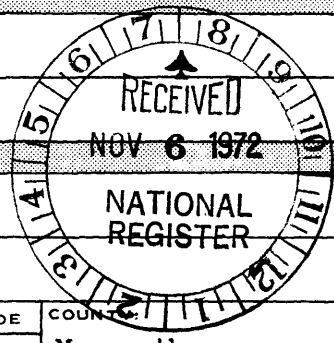
STATE: New Jersey	
COUNTY: Monmouth	
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1. NAME

COMMON:
Village Inn

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Davis Tavern



2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Water and Main Streets

CITY OR TOWN:
Englishtown

STATE: New Jersey CODE: 034 COUNTY: Monmouth CODE: 025

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" 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	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)			
<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 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) <u>Tavern</u> <u>Inn</u>
Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			

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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
K.P. Applegate - Executor

STREET AND NUMBER:
Jenkins Creek

CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge STATE: Maryland CODE: 19

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Monmouth County Hall of Records

STREET AND NUMBER:
Main and Court Streets

CITY OR TOWN: Freehold STATE: New Jersey CODE: 034

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory #1037.1
HABS (NJ-65)

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
John Fitch Plaza

CITY OR TOWN: Trenton STATE: New Jersey CODE: 034

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#7 Description

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The present structure consists of three major sections extending 72 feet across the front with numerous appendages on the rear. It is a 2 1/2 story frame structure with shingles over its earlier siding. A slate roof was added in the late 19th century.

The central section of the structure is the earliest portion which possibly was part of the original structure built in 1732. This remaining two story hewn oak frame section is three bays across the front, measuring 27'-8" by 27'-8". It probably had a side hall plan with two rooms off the hall and possibly a kitchen wing. The interior of this section was extensively altered in the early 19th century, and again later. Off the stair hall was added a two bay, front and rear parlor with a second floor--20'-4" front by 27'-8". The three pilastered mantels have bold paneled friezes. The open staircase in the hall, in the earlier section, was probably rebuilt at this time.

To the other side the front was extended 24 feet in three bays, 1883. At about this same time the large kitchen wing off the rear may have been added, also the cross gable on the front elevation. The inn has up to recently been used as a restaurant and bar. The bar room has largely altered the first floor interior appearance of the earliest center section. The two early 19th century parlors, stair hall and second floor rooms are not greatly altered.

The inn is on the corner of Water and Main Streets. It fronts the south and Water Street. To the north is the yard with two 19th century out-buildings, one probably for food storage, and a barn from the third quarter of the 19th century.

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#8 Significance

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) 1732

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

During June of 1778 the Village Inn was used as George Washington's headquarters. It was here that Washington wrote the orders for General Lee's arrest. Lee had retreated at the Battle of Monmouth without orders from Washington. Washington ordered Lee back into battle. After the battle Lee wrote three letters to Washington demanding his apology. No apology was given. Instead, Washington began the necessary steps for Lee's court martial. *he was CM'd.*

This inn was the birthplace of General David Forman who was Commander of the New Jersey Troops at Germantown, Judge of the County Court and member of the Council of State.

The original section of this building was built in 1732.

CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATION

Clifford P. Case, Senator
 Harrison A. Williams, Jr., Senator
 James Howard, Representative, Third District



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			
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SW	°	'	"	°	'	"		

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Charles Tichy, Architect; Lois Richman, Historian

ORGANIZATION: Historic Sites, Department of Environmental Protection DATE: October 24, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER:
John Fitch Plaza

CITY OR TOWN: Trenton STATE: New Jersey CODE: 034

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
 Title: Richard J. Sullivan, Commissioner
 Dept. Environmental Protection
 Date: October 26, 1972

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

Robert M. Tichy
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
 Date: 11/13/72

ATTEST:
J. Bradford
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date: Nov 19, 1972

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Monmouth County, Code:025
New Jersey, Code:34



8. Significance: ADDENDUM

Military. In Hopewell, on June 24, 1778, Washington's generals reaffirmed the defensive and harassment tactics that General Washington had been pursuing. No one wanted a full attack on the superior forces of General Clinton.

The following day General Lafayette was sent with an additional Continental detachment to engage Clinton's rear guard. Major General Lee, who had originally declined this command, now reconsidered and requested that he be given the command. Washington complied and to enable Lafayette to relinquish control gracefully sent Lee with a company of reinforcements. General Lee, the senior officer, was thence in command of the advance forces.

Lee had decided to engage Clinton's rear guard near Freehold on June 28, 1778. He had hoped there were no more than two thousand men in the rear guard, but General Clinton had intelligence reports stating that his rear would be attacked and wasted no time sending several detachments to the trouble spot. Lee, immediately upon recognizing the overwhelming number he faced, began regrouping. General Washington then came onto the battleground, and thinking General Lee had been routed, verbally assaulted him, and, without waiting for an explanation from General Lee, took command of the American forces. General Lee, upon later returning to Englishtown to rest his men, wrote a letter to General Washington demanding his apology and reparations. Washington declined. Thereby Lee requested "that a Court of Enquiry should be immediately ordered"; and added "but I could wish it might be a Court Martial..." This time General Washington complied and in the Village Inn at Englishtown he wrote out the orders for Lee's arrest.

Lee was charged by Washington on three counts:

"First: For disobedience of orders, in not attacking the enemy on the 28th of June...

Secondly: For misbehavior before the enemy... by making unnecessary, disorderly, and shameful retreat.

Thirdly: For disrespect to the Commander in Chief..."

The third charge is in reference to the three curt letters Lee wrote to Washington concerning the battle. These letters were possibly also written in the inn at Englishtown, since only two or three buildings at the time were capable of housing American officers.

Lee pleaded not guilty to all three counts and the Court

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Martial proceedings tend to bear him out on the first two. Nonetheless, Major General Charles Lee was convicted on ~~all~~ three counts (except the word 'shameful' was omitted) and was stripped of his command for one year.

Architecture.

The building is interesting for 'its various stages of growth through the 18th and 19th centuries. The early 19th century section is nearly intact with staircase, mantels, and detailing.

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