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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

John W. Ferguson ^{House} Home

AND/OR COMMON

Scanlon Funeral Home

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

421 12th Avenue (between 28th and 29th Streets)

__NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Paterson

__ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8th

STATE

New Jersey

CODE

034

COUNTY

Passaic

CODE

031

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Charles J. Scanlon

STREET & NUMBER

421 12th Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Paterson

__ VICINITY OF

STATE

New Jersey

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Passaic County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Paterson

STATE

New Jersey

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1979

__FEDERAL STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Office of Historic Preservation

CITY, TOWN

Trenton

STATE

New Jersey

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Ferguson House was designed by architect William L. Stoddart and built by the owner's construction company around 1906-7. It is a 2 1/2 story house in the English Tudor or Elizabethan Revival Style and is basically rectangular in plan, with several projecting gabled wings. It is located on a slightly elevated stepped or terraced lot with mature trees, shrubs and landscaping.

The house is of fire-resistant construction with thick masonry interior bearing walls. The exterior is of Flemish-bond brickwork on the first floor, and with a stucco half-timber second floor and gable facades. The roof is a medium slope gable with slate shingles and wrought-iron snowstops.

The house features three arched porches, three chimneys (Flemish-bond) and six fireplaces. The roof gables have slightly-flared edges with decorative moldings and verge boards. The roof has deep overhangs at the cornice and gables and heavy decorative supporting brackets at the corners. The front windows on the first floor (top panels) are stained glass with work done by the Menik Company of Hamburg, Germany and New York City. The house contains 18 rooms, seven bathrooms and has imported woods - quartered oak, mahogany, and maple - for paneling, window and door surrounds, and the large central staircase.

Purchased in 1943 by Mr. Charles Scanlon, the building has since functioned as both a private residence and a funeral home. Interior alterations were kept to a minimum to accommodate its expanded function as a funeral home. As a result, the home has retained much of its original integrity.

The immediate neighborhood consists of 2 1/2 and 3 story private residences; some can be described as mansions, others as general middle-class dwellings. The neighborhood is well-kept. There is a twelve-story senior citizen high-rise apartment located two blocks away. A modern, single-story private school (Yavneh Academy) is located on the block immediately adjacent to the Ferguson House.

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 type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1906-7

BUILDER/ARCHITECT John W. Ferguson/William L. Stoddart

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Ferguson House is architecturally significant as an example of an English Tudor-Revival style half-timber dwelling. It is well sited on a corner location. Additionally, it was constructed by its original owner, John W. Ferguson, a builder and construction contractor in Paterson in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Its major significance stems from its association with Mr. Ferguson. Mr. Ferguson's company was active in reconstructing downtown Paterson after its disastrous fire of 1902. Many of Paterson's public and commercial structures of the period were built by his company. Included were the Hamilton Trust Company, United Bank Building, the Hamilton Club Building, Meyer Brothers Department Store, and the Edison Illuminating Lights Company (now a Salvation Army building).

His ability as a builder was widely known, and some of his works in other states are listed in the History of Paterson and Its Environs by William Nelson (1920). He was also very active in numerous civic endeavors and World War I bond drives. He served on two New Jersey State commissions; one the Rahway Reformatory Commission, and the other, the Commission on Industrial Education. The significance of the property lies in its direct association with one of the City of Paterson's "turn of the century" businessmen.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See Continuation Sheet

UTM NOT VERIFIED

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.148

QUADRANGLE NAME Paterson

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

A	<u>18</u>	<u>571900</u>	<u>4529980</u>	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Block L1396, Lots 9-13

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Office of Historic Preservation

ORGANIZATION

DATE

11/19/79

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

109 West State Street

(609) 292-2023

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Trenton

New Jersey

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL XX

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

Joseph Wilson

TITLE Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of Environmental Protection

DATE

2-1-80

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

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

5/23/80

ATTEST: Patricia Andrews

DATE

5/19/80

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

FHR-8-300A
(11/78)

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John W. Ferguson Home, Paterson, Passaic County

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10. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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