

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

STATE: New Jersey	
COUNTY: Mercer	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	APR 9 1973

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Anderson-Capper House

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Same as above

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
700 Trumbull Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:  
Lawrence Township (Trenton mailing address)

STATE: New Jersey      CODE: 34      COUNTY: Mercer      CODE: 021

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
John J. & Winona D. Nash

STREET AND NUMBER:  
700 Trumbull Avenue

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

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
Mercer County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:  
209 South Broad Street

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

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

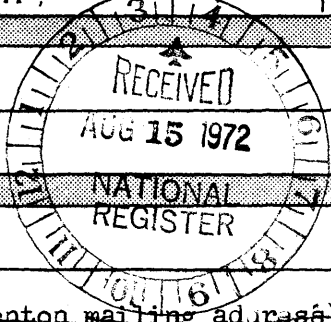
TITLE OF SURVEY:  
New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory #1733.6

DATE OF SURVEY: 1972       Federal     State     County     Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Labor & Industry Building

STREET AND NUMBER:  
John Fitch Plaza, Box 1420

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



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7. Description

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 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

Original

Exterior: 2½ Story Georgian, 5 Bay Front, 3 Bay Rear elevation; Rectangular Shape; ~~Front elevation~~ high stone, coursed rubble with plain water table; brick walls (unable to determine bond due to later addition of stucco); 4 inside end chimneys; 8 panel front entrance door with plain trim; 1st floor windows 12/12, 2nd floor windows 12/8 all with plain trim; Hip roof.

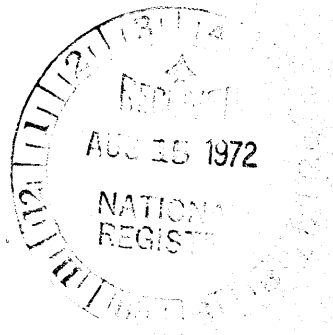
Interior: 1st and 2nd floor, 4 rooms to a floor, central hallway in rear half with 1 room each side; plastered walls with wooden baseboard and chair-rail; 1st floor doors 6 panel, H&L hinges, box locks; 2nd floor doors 4 panel, butt hinges, box locks, both floors with architrave trim at doors and windows; Fireplaces (6) with projecting chimney breast, rectangular openings -- 3 with architrave surrounds, colonettes, frieze, bed mouldings and mantel shelf, central tablet. -- 1 with plain frieze, bed mouldings and mantel shelf -- detail of trim on 2 fireplaces unknown.

Present

Exterior: Increased to 3 story height, 2 bay end at 2nd and 3rd floor (one end only); Lean-to added across one end projecting beyond original rear wall; stuccoed walls (original stucco in rectangular block design); 3rd floor windows 12/8 with plain trim; rear entrance door 4 panel, plain trim, butt hinges.

Interior: Original 3rd floor plan - 5 rooms, 3 across front and 1 room each side of rear central hallway now changed to - - 3 rooms, 1 front, 1 across one end and 1 room one side rear central hall. 3rd floor walls plastered with wood baseboard, chair-rail removed from 2nd and 1st floors (now partially replaced); Stairway - open string, no brackets, walnut hand rail, balusters and newel post, turned balusters. 1st to 2nd floor open well rounded stair, 2nd to 3rd floor open well, 2 flights with landing. 3rd floor doors 4 panel, cast iron butt hinges at one time fitted with vertical box locks, plain trim with bead; plain trim at windows.

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8. Significance

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian       16th Century       18th Century       20th Century  
 15th Century       17th Century       19th Century (3rd floor & lean-to)

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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) and purchased July 19, 1763-House built c. 1764

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AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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 type="checkbox"/> Military		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building is architecturally significant because it represents a fine example of a mid-18th century farm house. This is the last known remaining pre-Revolutionary building and farm house located in the southern portion of Lawrence Township. The building is located on a corner lot in a high density residential zone and is clearly visible to the public.

Site: Along the northeast boundary of the Anderson Farm ran the road (now Cherry Tree Lane) leading to Phillip's Ford where Cornwallis planned to cross the Assumpink Creek to attack St. Clair's brigade prior to the Battle of Princeton.

In 1829 the farm was purchased by Thomas Capner. The Capner (Capnerhurst) family had migrated to Flemington, New Jersey from England in 1785. Thomas Capner was the grandson of this first Capner. The family had introduced new scientific methods of farming into the area. The Capner notebooks, papers, personal letters, account books, etc. are in the Rutgers University Archives from which material has been published.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

The Battle of Princeton by Samuel Stelle Smith, Library of Congress Card #67-31149, published by Philip Freneau Press, Monmouth Beach, N.J. 1967. pp. 15,17, and 18.

**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	° ' "	° ' "		40° 14' 52"	74° 44' 07"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 5/8th of an acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: Winona D. Nash

ORGANIZATION: Lawrence Twp. Historic and Aesthetic Commission DATE: Oct. 28, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER: Municipal Square

CITY OR TOWN: Lawrenceville STATE: New Jersey CODE: 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 J. Sullivan  
 Title: Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection  
 Date: August 7, 1972

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

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

Date: 4/3/73

ATTEST:  
for Bradford  
 Keeper of The National Register  
 Date: 3/23/73

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Congressional Representation

Frank Thompson, Jr., Congressman (4th District)  
Clifford P. Case, U.S.Senator  
Harrison A. Williams, U.S.Senator

