

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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COUNTY:	Mercer
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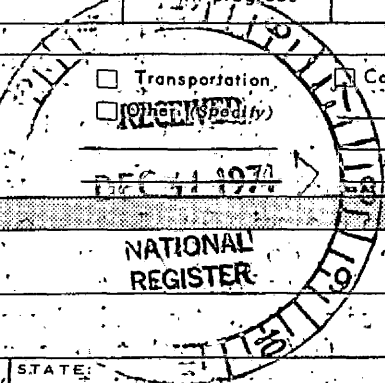
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1 NAME	
COMMON:	Jeremiah Woolsey House
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2 LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: <i>sw of</i> Pennington Washington Crossing Rd.			
CITY OR TOWN: Hopewell <i>Pennington vic.</i>		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Thirteenth	
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 type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<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
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<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:	Mr. John Imrie
STREET AND NUMBER:	Washington Crossing Rd.
CITY OR TOWN:	Hopewell
STATE:	New Jersey
CODE:	34

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION	
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:	Mercer County Court House
STREET AND NUMBER:	South Broad St.
CITY OR TOWN:	Trenton
STATE:	New Jersey
CODE:	34

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS	
TITLE OF SURVEY:	HABS NJ 201 NJHSI 1516.2
DATE OF SURVEY:	1936 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:	Library Congress
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN:	Washington
STATE:	DC
CODE:	11

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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 main structure on the property is a two and a half story brick house located approximately three quarters of the distance towards the rear of the property on the eastern side.

The front, or south, elevation and the two side elevations are in original flemish bond. The north elevation is of a more common bond which is also original. Random glazed headers are located high on the western side. The one and a half story addition on the east side of the house is of frame construction. The A-frame roof consists of hand-hewn rafters, mortised and tenoned and pegged, with each pair numbered. The rafters are covered with relatively modern boards and abestos shingles made to resemble cedar shakes. The overall condition of the exterior is good.

The front porch and the frame addition shown in the HABS drawings are no longer there.

The front elevation has two doors with four pane window-lites and two 12/12 windows. At one time the two doors led to two seperate front rooms, but the dividing wall has been removed late in its historic period to make one large front room. The rear elevation also has two doors, one which leads to the kitchen and the other to an area which was possibly used in recent history as a dining room. Both of these doors have four-pane window lites over them. The rear elevation has two large windows (6/6 and 6/9) and one small window (4/4). The east elevation has two windows on the second story. The west elevation has two windows on the first floor (6/9), two on the second (6/6), and two small attic windows (2/2). Much of the window glass appear to be original. On the front and two ends of the house the windows have arch patterns set in brick. There is also a decorative, curved, molded brick edging around the house about two feet from ground level.

The front elevation has three small dormers of which two may be original but modernized, and one completely new. The rear roof elevation has one modern dormer built since 1936.

The foundation of the house is of fieldstone and the beams in the cellar, attic and first floor addition are hand-hewn. This first floor addition, was, however, built after the original building.

The interior of the house has a cellar running under the entire building. There are massive fireplace foundations here. The house has plaster walls and ceilings. Some rooms have wooden chair rails.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **C1765**

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Architecture

The architecture of the building with three sides of Flemish bond pattern brick is relatively rare in this area. Beyond this significance that it is an unusual construction for this area, the building is one of the best preserved houses in the Hopewell area. It retains many of its original elements and stands as an example of the architecture of the mid eighteenth century. It is a prime example of the local architecture found in agricultural communities of this time. Since the owners had some status in the community and were probably relatively wealthy, the house does exhibit some more elegant features than might be found on every farm in the area.

Political

During the period of this homestead's historical importance, several members of the family played important roles in Hopewell Township and its development.

George Woolsey settled in Hopewell early in the eighteenth century. He held the offices of Commissioner of the Highways, 1723-4 and Tax Collector, 1726-7.

Upon his death, Jeremiah, one of his five children, inherited the property upon which he built this house in 1765. He lived in this house until his death in 1801. He, also, took an active role in the politics of this area, holding at various times the Office of the Overseer of Highways and Tax Assesor.

Jeremiah Woolsey was active in the War for Independence, as well. In April and May of 1778, he served as one of the Commissioners for the recruiting of men to serve in the New Jersey Regiments of the Continental Army. In 1780, he procured food for the army, at the request of General George Washington, he received 37 Pounds Sterling for this job.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

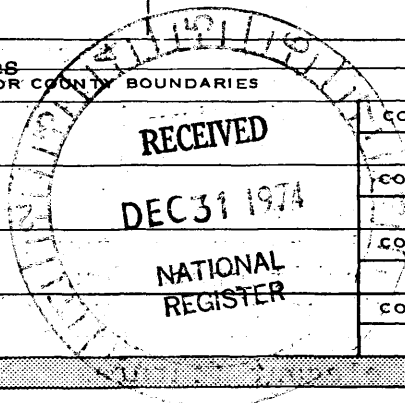
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

6.9 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Nancy Israel, Historic Sites Staff

ORGANIZATION: **Historic Sites Office** DATE: **Oct., 1974**

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 1420

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

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 David J. Bardin

Title Commissioner: Dept. of Environmental Protection

Date November 8, 1974

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

[Signature]
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 1/27/75

ATTEST:
[Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date 1-22-75

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7. Description (Cont.)

The first floor has three rooms. A front room with a fireplace in the eastern wall surrounded by original paneling and closets. There is also a fireplace in the northwest corner of this room. A rear room has an original fireplace which was bricked up prior to 1935. A kitchen is located on the first floor, on the east side. Although it has been fully modernized, it retains the fireplace with hand-hewn lintel.

The enclosed stairway to the second floor is in the front room. There are four rooms on this floor, all relatively modernized.

The addition has a low ceiling with hand-hewn beams. There is a fireplace with massive hand-hewn lintel on the east side of the room. There is an oven with cast iron door located to the left of the fireplace.

Many of the rooms have random width, wide board board pine floors. Much of the original hardware remains.

About two hundred feet from the house are the remains of a large cattle and dairy barn. The foundation and first floor supporting wall are of fieldstone. Much to the framing which remains is original, although in poor condition. The second floor is completely destroyed. There is also a silo on property as well as a small brick outbuilding.

8. Significance (Cont.)

Upon his father's death Ephraim inherited the family homestead. At his death, the property was handed to his two sons. George, continuing in the tradition of earlier Woolseys, served in a political office, representing the area in the Legislative Council of New Jersey.

The home remained in the Woolsey family until 1929. The family in its various activities influenced their local community and served it well.

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