

United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16).

1. Name of Property

historic name Craft/Clausen House other names/site number

2. Location

street & number 170 Fairmont Road city, town Washington Township state NJ code 034 county Morris code 027 zip code 07853

3. Classification

Table with 3 columns: Ownership of Property, Category of Property, and Number of Resources within Property. Includes checkboxes for private/public ownership and building/site/structure/object categories.

Name of related multiple property listing: stone house & outbuildings in Washington Twp. Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet. Signature of commenting or other official Date State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is: entered in the National Register. determined eligible for the National Register. determined not eligible for the National Register. removed from the National Register. other, (explain:) Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

Function or Use	
Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
Domestic / single family	Domestic / single family

Description	
Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)	Materials (enter categories from instructions)
mid 19th	foundation <u>stone</u>
	walls <u>stuccoed stone</u>
	roof <u>asphalt</u>
	other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Located at the north end of the saddle through which Fairmont Road crosses the crest of Fox Hill, the Craft/Clausen House is a modest, simply detailed, stone dwelling of mid 19th-century date, enlarged with a small frame appendage in 1924. Of coursed rubble construction with a coating of rough cast stucco, the 1 1/2-story gable-roofed main block exhibits a regular 3-bay fenestration on its front elevation and has a 2-room plan with northwest gable-end chimney. Facing southwest on sloping ground, it has a bank cellar that is fully above grade on the west gable end. The surrounding yard features a variety of mature trees and shrubs; to the rear are two small frame outbuildings. The small property is surrounded by woodland; across the road is a residential subdivision of recent date.

House:

The exterior of the house exhibits both mid and late Victorian detailing. The boxed overhanging eaves with beveled crown molding and plain frieze are apparently early fabric as are most of the 6/6 sash and 3-light eyebrows with plain trim and the central front and grade-level cellar entries' board-lined reveals and plain outer trim. The late Victorian glass-and-panel doors of the entries probably date to the 1920s remodeling as does the flat-roofed front porch which has a box cornice with plain frieze, turned posts, and square spindels with simple scrolled ornament; the stone piers supporting the porch deck may survive from an earlier porch. The porch's box cornice is carried around the flat-roofed frame appendage which has 6/1 sash windows and is now covered with aluminum siding. The main block's entryless rear elevation has an irregular fenestration pattern; the small central window is a modern insertion and cellar window below has been enlarged. The first-story window on the northwest end wall is another modern installation.

The main block's cellar is divided by a partition (constructed of saw cut studs & lath with modern machine cut nails) into a kitchen and a smaller, unfinished storeroom. The former has a concrete replacement floor, plastered walls and window reveals, and timber-linteled fireplace with simple bevel-molded shelf. To

**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally  statewide  locally

Applicable National Register Criteria  A  B  C  D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)  A  B  C  D  E  F  G N/A

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1840 - 1870

Significant Dates

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Craft/Clausen House is significant for architectural merit under National Register Criterion C. In form and construction it is representative of Washington Township's early stone houses of c. 1770-1870. Despite 20th-century renovations, it remains a good, mid-19th century example of the single-pile, 2-room-plan, 1 1/2-story house type ubiquitous in the area during the first half of the 19th century. Aside from minor patching and window alterations, its masonry walls with their distinctive rough cast stucco cladding have survived intact, unlike many other local stone dwellings whose walls have been striped and repointed. The symmetrical 3-bay facade illustrates the influence of classical design on the area's folk housing, and the boxed overhanging eaves suggest some awareness of Victorian stylistic fashions. The house retains its historical integrity and meets the criteria for inclusion in the Washington Township Stone Houses and Outbuildings Multiple Property Nomination.

The house most likely was built shortly after John Craft acquired title to the small property on which it stands in 1848. Craft and his wife conveyed title to William Clausen in 1869, and the property remained in that family until 1924 when it was purchased by Walter Farley, the father of the present owners, who is responsible for the frame addition and present porch.<sup>1</sup>

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Morris County Deeds, Book W4, page 270 & 271 and Book P29, page 435; J. Lightfoot and Sam. Geil, Map of Morris County, New Jersey, 1853; Frederick W. Beers, Atlas of Morris County, New Jersey, New York: Beers, Ellis, and Soule, 1868.

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A  
 preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested  
 previously listed in the National Register  
 previously determined eligible by the National Register  
 designated a National Historic Landmark  
 recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_  
 recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

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Primary location of additional data:  
 State historic preservation office  
 Other State agency  
 Federal agency  
 Local government  
 University  
 Other

Specify repository:  
Washington Twp. Historic Preservation Comm.

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of property 4.10 Hackettstown, NJ Quad

UTM References

A 18 5195410 41281610  
Zone Easting Northing

B           
Zone Easting Northing

C         

D         

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Verbal Boundary Description

The entire property in Washington Township known as Block 35/Lot 52

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Boundary Justification

The nominated property encompasses the small lot historically associated with the house.

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one side of the fireplace is a closet and winder stairs with bead-edged door trim; the doors have been removed. The clear-spanning, hewn first-floor joists are exposed in both rooms. The shallow corbeled base for what was evidently a small stove chimney remains on the storeroom's southeast wall.

The first floor has two rooms of unequal size and retains some of its original finishes, although it also evidences later alterations. Early fabric includes plaster walls, ceilings and window reveals, quirk-beaded door trim, and in the larger northwest room an enclosed staircase with Victorian 4-panel doors (recessed panels with a simple applied molding). While it is uncertain whether or not the west room originally had a fireplace, the southeast room clearly was heated by a stove vented into a removed chimney which rested on the shallow corbelled base surviving below. The northwest chimney flue, located entirely with the west wall, possibly was rebuilt upon the removal of a fireplace in the northwest room which may explain why the flue does not align with the cellar fireplace below. Possibly, there may never have been a fireplace in this room. Twentieth century alterations include the enclosure of a corner of the northwest room for a bathroom, and the installation of hardwood flooring and closets in the southeast room. The frame addition contains two rooms with simple wooden trim and panel doors.

The attic evidently was partitioned into a northwest room and two small chambers to the southeast at an early date. Aside from added closets and some window trim, these rooms are little altered and feature plaster walls and ceilings, random-width flooring, and batten doors.

## Outbuildings:

A short distance to the rear of the house stands a frame, gable-roofed wagon house which probably dates to the 19th century and was remodeled in the early 20th century. It has asbestos and wood shingle siding, gable-end entries with batten doors, and a standing-seam metal roof. The frame incorporates hewn and saw cut members; the loft floor is later fabric. Behind to the wagon house is a frame chicken coop, probably built in the late 1920s, with poured cement foundation, partially raised basement entered by a covered hatchway, vertical and wood-shingle siding, and batten doors, and an asymmetrical gable roof.

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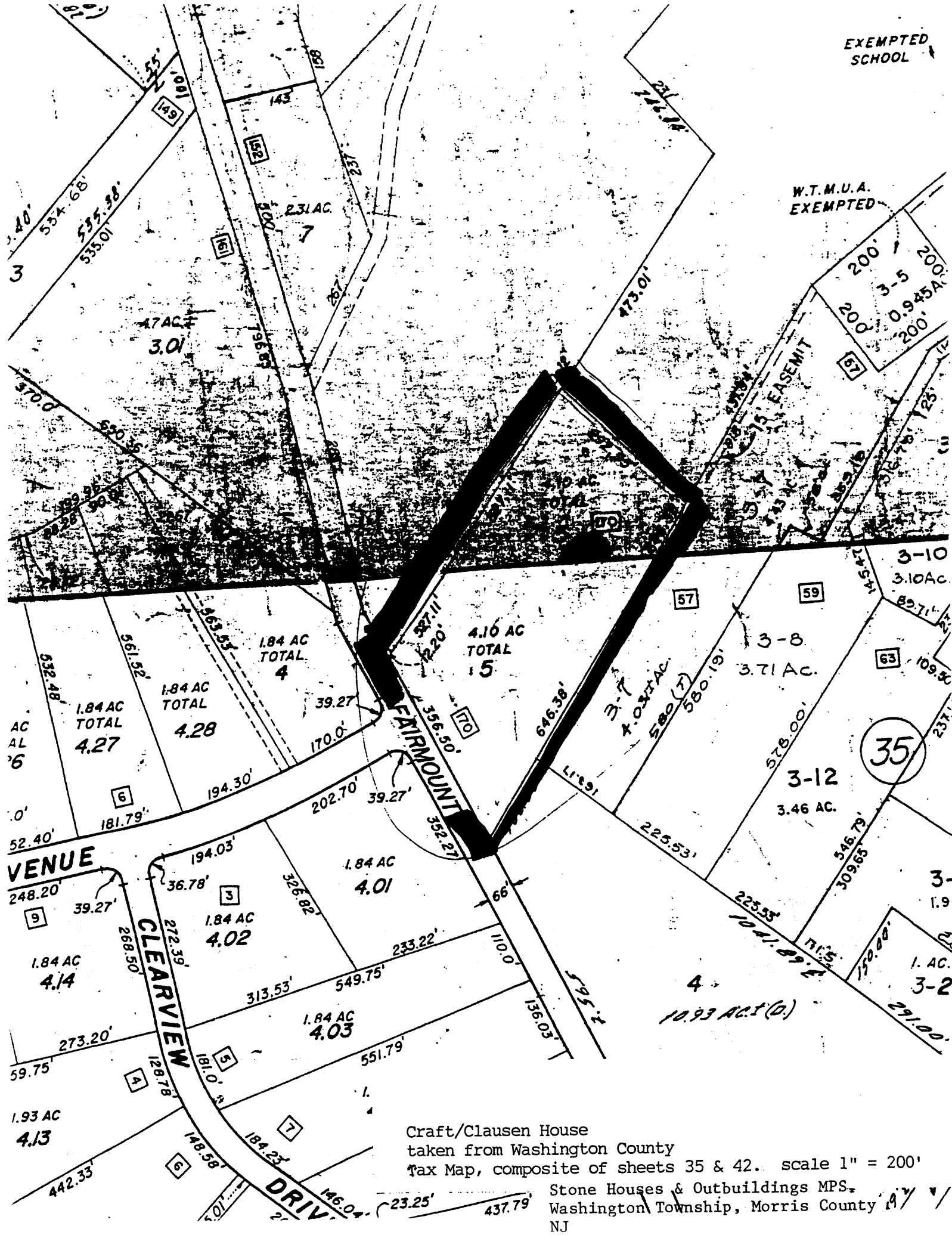
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Photographic Identification:

The following information is the same for all of the photographs submitted with the nomination:

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Photographer:	Dennis Bertland
Date of photographs:	Spring/Summer 1991
Negative repository:	Bertland Associates, Box 11, Port Murray, NJ 07865



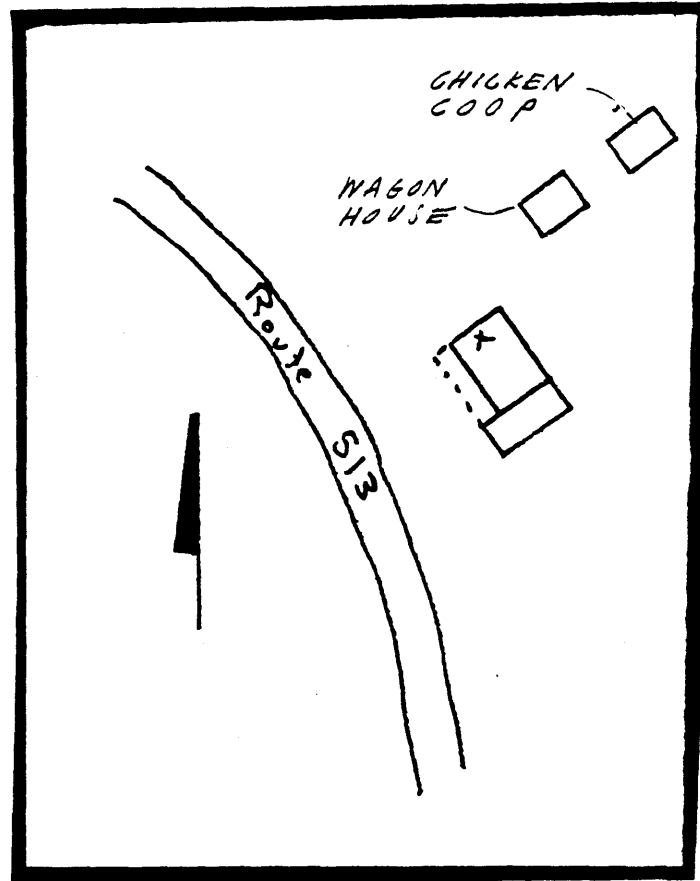
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 Washington Township, Morris County NJ



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## SITE PLAN

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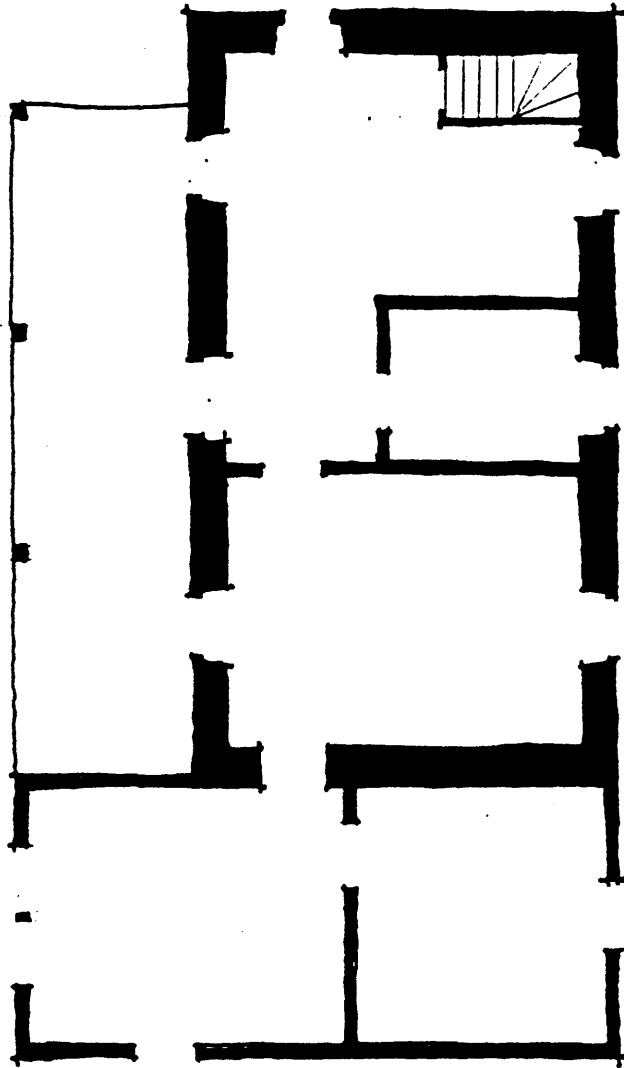


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# PLANS

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### FIRST FLOOR PLAN



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