

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

STATE:  
**New Jersey**

COUNTY:  
**Morris**

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**FEB 12 1974**

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

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COMMON NAME:  
**The Stone House Ford-Faesch House**

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
**Colonel Jacob Ford, Jr. - John Jacob Faesch Manor House**

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: **1706 Route 41 at Mount Hope Road and Mount Hope Avenue**

CITY OR TOWN: **Mount Hope (Rockaway Township)** CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: **13th - Joseph Maraziti**

STATE: **New Jersey** CODE: **34** COUNTY: **Morris** CODE: **027**

**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"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
**Mount Hope Materials Corporation (Subsidiary of Halecrest Corp. of Edison, New Jersey)**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**BoERD.**

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

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**Hall of Records**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Court Street**

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

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory (2082.2)**

DATE OF SURVEY: **1972**  Federal  State  County  Local

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

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**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 type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" 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 Ford/Faesch House has been altered somewhat throughout the years.

From a print in Harper's Magazine (1859) the house is shown already covered with stucco. It was common in the mid-19th century to cover a house with stucco and then score the cement to give the appearance of stonework. Apparently the rear facade was well protected from the weather and therefore never covered. This facade is the only side still showing the original stonework. At the time of the etching the roof had no Victorian ornamentation and the portico in the front was an early 19th century one story full length porch. There was a small 1½ story stone wing on the northeast gable end, probably a kitchen. It appears the wing is on the southeast gable end, but the sketch was probably reversed when published in the magazine.

A photograph of the Ford/Faesch House, taken about 1931, shows the house much as it appears today. The roof is Victorian with gable end overhang and brackets. The northeast stone wing is now engulfed by a two story frame addition. The front porch is Victorian with square columns and brackets. There is a bay window in the southwest end. Windows appear Victorian 2/2 sash in the photo.

Currently the Ford/Faesch House has only a small modern porch over the doorway. There are five bays with a center hall. The windows are 6/6 sash. Situated against a hill the facade closest the bank was never stuccoed and therefore indicates what the entire house once looked like. The stone kitchen wing has been extensively altered. Clapboard now covers up most of this small stone wing. The tall chimney on the gable end of the wing is quite modern.

Although the Ford/Faesch House was without modern plumbing or electricity up until 1931, it has been extensively altered since then. Remodeling the house into two apartments in 1931 damaged much of the original interior. The renovation cut the center hall in half and supplied the house with modern conveniences distressing most of the original paneling. The first floor plan, however, still retains its original form of a center hall and two rooms to either side. Recently the entire first floor was completely paneled and carpeted. The second floor was not as extensively altered, but it has some Victorian renovations.

The State of New Jersey requested artifacts from the Ford/Faesch Manor House for the New Jersey Pavilion of the 1876 Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia where they were on display.

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**3. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian |  16th Century |  18th Century |  20th Century  
 15th Century |  17th Century |  19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1768-1770

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry    | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                    |
| <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

**Industry/Military.**

John Ford of Woodbridge was drawn to Morristown by the offer of the opportunity to develop an iron forge at Whippany in 1710. His son, Jacob Ford, Sr., began buying up land for forges and mining in the western highlands of Morris County about 1750. He bought land in Mount Hope, Hibernia, and in the present area of the Picatinny Arsenal. In 1768 he conveyed 22 plots of land to his son, Jacob Ford, Jr., who built the Manor House. (Colonel Jacob Ford, Jr. was the owner of the Ford Mansion in Morristown, built five years after the Ford/Faesch House.)

John Jacob Faesch, a native of Switzerland who migrated to the colonies around 1765, was an iron manufacturer and had much to do with the building and setting up of the iron works at Charlotteburg, Ringwood, and Long Pond. He was lured in 1772 to Mount Hope by an advertisement which sought to sell or lease nearby land and an iron mine. Faesch leased the land and mine from Ford in 1773 and operated an iron furnace there until his death in 1799.

During the Revolution the Mount Hope furnace was actively engaged in producing shot, shells, and cannon for the Continental Army. In a letter which Faesch wrote to Lord Stirling he asked the letter to use his influence to obtain some contracts to be made at Mount Hope furnace. The letter was eventually forwarded to the Continental Congress Committee authorized to contract for casting cannon. Their reaction is unknown, but the next year the New Jersey Legislature adopted a resolution exempting fifty men at Mount Hope from the general military duty draft. The resolution stated that Mount Hope could make cannon, cannon shot, refined bar iron, shovels, axes, and other implements, implying that they were to be used by the rebels.

Faesch, in 1777, through the personal approval of General George Washington, secured thirty Hessian prisoners whom he used as wood choppers and furnace men. Being able to speak German enabled Faesch and his predominately foreign crew to employ these prisoners efficiently.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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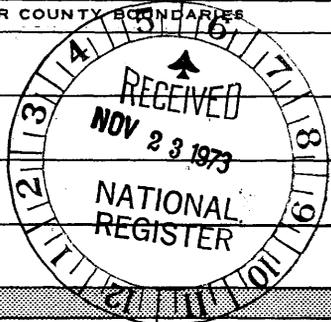
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	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
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		74	32	34
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1

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:  
Historic Sites Section Staff (Terry Karschner, Historian)

ORGANIZATION: Department of Environmental Protection DATE: 10-06-1973

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Box 1420

CITY OR TOWN: Trenton 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, Dept. of Environmental Protection  
 Date: November 20, 1973

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

AK Morhouse  
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 2/12/74

ATTEST:  
Wm. M. [Signature]  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 2-6-74

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8. Significance (cont.)

Faesch, as an iron master, was a superb technician and there is little doubt about his superior ability. General Timothy Pickering, Quartermaster General of the American Army, wrote in 1780 that Faesch's shells "are almost perfect."

Faesch himself was elected one of three delegates from Norhtwest Morris County to the Constitutional Convention which ratified the Federal Constitution for New Jersey.

Faesch was also a county judge, a local Grand Master of the F. and A.M. Masons, and a Trustee of the Morris Academy.



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