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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

William and Susannah Newbold House

AND/OR COMMON

"The Locusts"

**2 LOCATION**

*E of Georgetown on*

STREET & NUMBER

Corner Herman Black and Sykesville Roads

CITY, TOWN

Georgetown via  
Chesterfield Township

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

4

VICINITY OF

STATE

New Jersey

CODE

34

COUNTY

Burlington

CODE

005

**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

Mrs. W. Tod Black

STREET & NUMBER

Herman Black and Sykesville Road

CITY, TOWN

Wrightstown

VICINITY OF

STATE

New Jersey

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Burlington County Clerk's Office

STREET & NUMBER

49 Rancocas Road

CITY, TOWN

Mount Holly

STATE

New Jersey

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Burlington County Architectural Survey

DATE

1977

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Burlington County Cultural & Heritage Commission

CITY, TOWN

Mount Holly

STATE

New Jersey

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

## Exterior

This grand manor house was built ca. 1740 as the residence of Thomas Newbold. As originally constructed the building was a two story, two bay Flemish bond brick house with 9/9 sash and the entrance set in the west bay of the facade. The interior consisted of two rooms on the first floor and probably two on the second. A summer kitchen was evidently attached to the east end of the house at that time.

In 1769, under the ownership and direction of William (IV) and Susannah Newbold, the house was extensively altered and enlarged. A major section, more than doubling the size of the original house, was added to the west. Flemish bond brickwork was again used, built upon a regular ashlar ironstone foundation. In glazed headers in the west gable are the initials "WSN" and the date 1769. The house became five bays wide with the entrance more or less centrally located and 12/12 sash employed across the facade.

In 1907, a "colonial" one story portico was added across the facade, replacing a pent roof which was retained along the west end and across the back of the house. A pent eave exists across the west gable. The rear facade differentiates between the ca. 1740 section and the 1769 addition through the fact that the latter extends beyond the former and 9/9 sash was retained in the 2nd story of the former. In 1908 three pedimented dormers with arched 9/6 sash were added by Percival Fowler who also, in that year, designed and supervised the construction of a two-bay addition to the east of the house, incorporating the former summer kitchen. This section too is 2-1/2 stories high with 12/12 windows, a pent roof and Flemish bond brick work. The new addition extends beyond the two earlier sections to the rear, terminating with an end gable facing north.

## Interior

Entering the house through the principal entrance, one finds oneself in the central hallway which runs the depth of the house. A rear entrance exists beneath the landing of the staircase which rises from the hall. Chair rails and moldings, found in the hall, are original to the initial construction date. A panelled Federal

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period closet was apparently added in the last quarter of the 18th century. To the left (west) are two formal rooms which share back-to-back corner fireplaces. The woodwork in both rooms is exceptional in its fine robust 18th century detailing, the Federal mantel pieces incorporating panels, fluting and marble surrounds. The corner fireplace in the back (north) room is complemented by a handsome panelled corner cupboard, which stands diagonally across from it.

To the right (east) of the central hallway are two rooms which were the two first floor rooms in the original (ca. 1740) house. The front (south) room retains a corner fireplace to which a Federal mantelpiece was added in the last quarter of the 18th century. This room also features an early corner cupboard and a stand for a tall case clock. The back (north) room is dominated by an immense original corner cooking fireplace which measures 108" x 57" and which is 38" deep. A great deal of original hardware exists in the fireplace in its original position. Panelling and tile work currently incorporated in the fireplace were added during the early 20th century renovation, although an original cupboard exists to one side. The original rear entrance to this room was replaced with windows ca. 1908.

To the east of the original section is the section constructed in 1908 under the direction of Percival Fowler. This includes a large dining room to the south, and a butler's pantry and a kitchen to the north.

Climbing the principal staircase in the 1769 section, one comes into a large central hall on the second floor. Running along the east wall of the hallway is a long floor-to-ceiling closet, incorporating doors and decorative panelling. The closet is original to its current location. To the right (west) are two handsome

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bedrooms which share back-to-back corner fireplaces, each of which is nicely panelled. At the head of the hall (south end) is a small room which has been converted into a bathroom. Turning left (east) from the central hall, one enters a hall running through the original (ca. 1740) section. The room to the left (north) of the hall now serves as a bathroom, but the room to the right (south) still possesses an extremely well executed panelled mantel and an early, delicately molded cast iron Franklin stove. Continuing east, one enters the second floor of the 1907 section which includes bedrooms and the attic stairs.

Exposed beams throughout the original two sections of the attic are massive, handhewn and joined with large pegs. Above the 1769 section, a pair of wooden partitions exist, purportedly designed to accommodate slaves.

### Outbuildings

There are five outbuildings in existence on the farm, all located in the area immediately adjacent to the back of the house and all apparently of later vintage.

Closest to the main house is a small one story tool shed, of board and batten and brick construction with a gabled roof. (19th century)

Behind the tool shed is the tenant house, a one story structure with a gabled roof. Although it may contain early interior elements, the building is primarily "colonial revival" in its current exterior appearance.

Near the tenant house is the barn, a 1-1/2 story frame building with weatherboards and board and batten siding. The barn, of 19th century construction, includes a large shed addition to one side and a one story porch across the front.

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Behind the barn is a tall square building which once served as the water tower. The construction is frame, sheathed in weatherboards, and capped with a pyramidal, roof which is finished in cedar shakes.

A small frame 20th century playhouse exists in close proximity to the barn.

# 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Locusts is an extremely fine and well preserved example of Burlington County Georgian architecture. Situated on its original site, it is surrounded by open farmland and woods. In the tradition of 18th century manor houses, it was placed on the highest elevation in the area facing south where it commands views of the surrounding countryside. It contains features from three major phases of 18th century architectural development and an early 20th century addition in the 18th century mode. In addition to being an excellent architectural work, the Locusts documents one family's history through three centuries. Descendents of the Newbold family, one of Burlington County's first and most prominent families, have owned the home since its circa 1740 construction. The home's expansion through the years reflected the growth and success of the Newbold family. One of the most noteworthy of family members was Charles Newbold. An inventor, Charles Newbold developed an iron plow in 1797.

The western portion of the house has remained unaltered in nearly every respect since its completion in 1769 and contains fine examples of interior and exterior woodwork of that period including the doors, windows, blinds, fireplaces, and cabinets, and chair, cornice, and baseboard moldings. In plan this section remains unaltered and original materials and surfaces are in excellent condition. The changes and additions to this section since 1769 are limited to the Federal style fireplace surround (1780-1800) in the parlor (south room), the 1908 dormer window on the south side of the roof and the 1907 porch or veranda across the front.

The center section is the oldest and contains original architectural features dating from the early 18th century. These include the 9/9 sash windows, the rear entrance (north room, east wall) and the kitchen fireplace with hardware. The uses of the rooms in this section have changed during the years and alterations have been made in the second floor plan but structural features and detailing are well preserved. The sitting room (south room) contains a handsome Federal style fireplace surround (1780-1800) probably added at the same time as the one in the parlor. As in the western section of the house, the dormer window and veranda which continues across this section were added in 1908 and 1907 respectively.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

(See Continuation Sheet.)

## UTM NOT VERIFIED

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 12 acres

## ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

QUADRANGLE NAME Columbus, NJ

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

A 18 531740 4436680

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C

E

G

B

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

D

F

H

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

(See Continuation Sheet.)

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

Keith W. Betten, Administrator 11/2/78 Revised by William Bolger 8/79

ORGANIZATION

Burlington County Cultural and Heritage Commission

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

49 Rancocas Road

TELEPHONE

(609) 267-3300, ext. 228

CITY OR TOWN

Mount Holly

STATE

New Jersey

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL     

STATE XX

LOCAL     

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

2-1-80

TITLE Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of Environmental Protection

DATE

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

DATE

9/29/79

ATTEST:

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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The eastern section of the house built in 1908 is in a Colonial Revival style reflective of the earlier two sections of the house in its use of materials, woodwork detailing and overall form. In plan it reflects the contemporary needs of space and function with a large dining room and kitchen, back stairs and servants quarters, etc.



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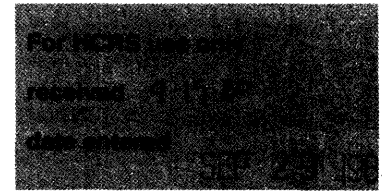
Early Homes of Burlington County, N.R. Ewan

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

12 acres of ground are reserved from the 380 acre farm for lawns, gardens, etc. The property runs one tenth of a mile west on Herman Black Road from the corner of Herman Black Road and Sykesvilles Road and two tenths of a mile North from said corner on Sykesville Road. About 1908 when additions to the house were made the farm buildings traditionally located near the house were removed to a new location on the 380 acre farm. The house and outbuildings associated with it and 12 acres of land were then subdivided from the rest of the farm. The 12 acres included in this nomination are the same, the boundaries of which run concurrent with the 1908 subdivision.

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Burlington County  
New Jersey

ADDENDA

The additional U.T.M. references for this property are:

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C - 18 531810 4436560  
D - 18 531670 4436550  
E - 18 531630 4436850

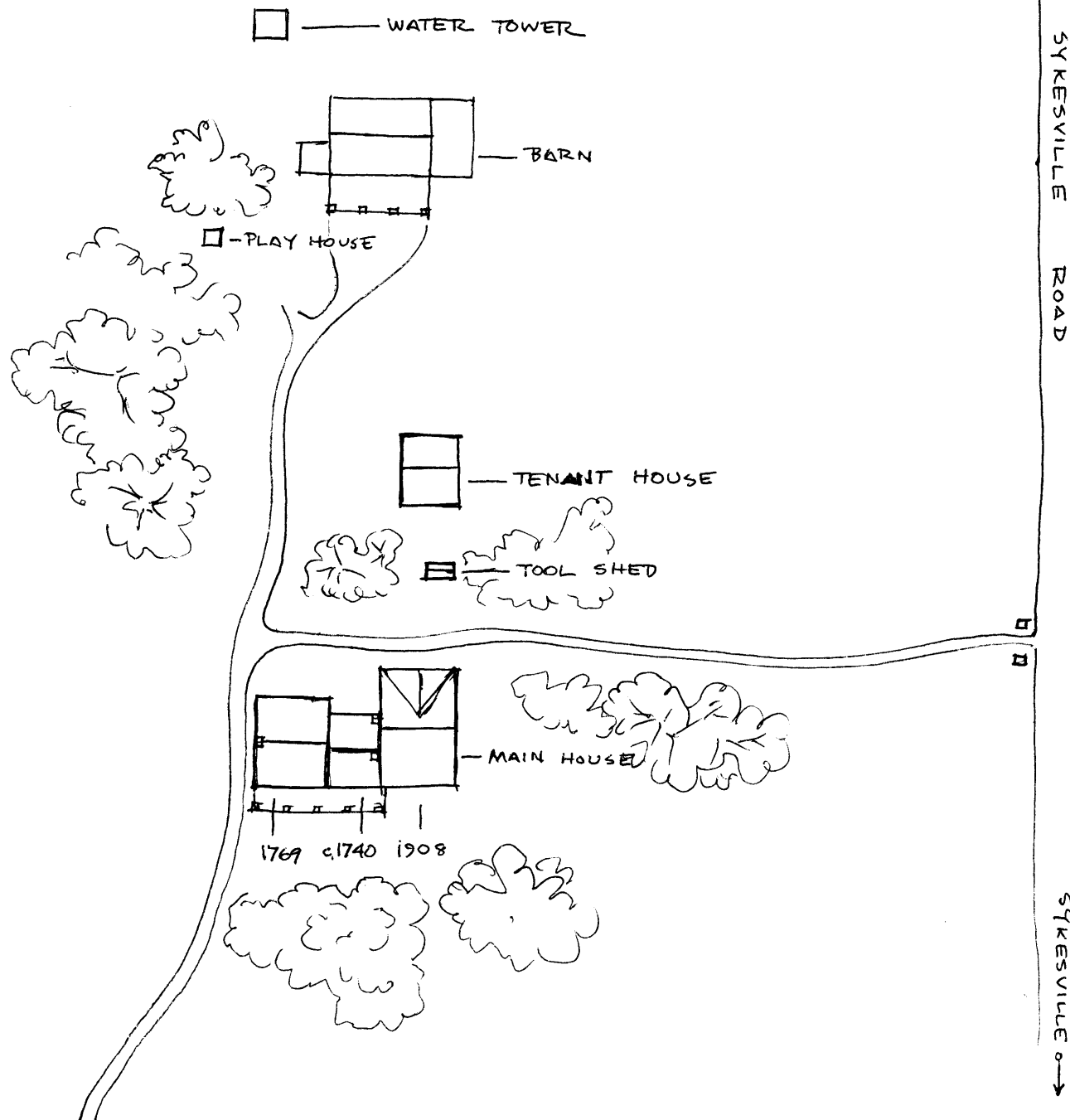
A copy of the map is also attached with these new coordinates. Letters B, C, D, and E refer to the corners of the nominated property while Letter A still pinpoints the main house.

T. Karschner  
8/1980

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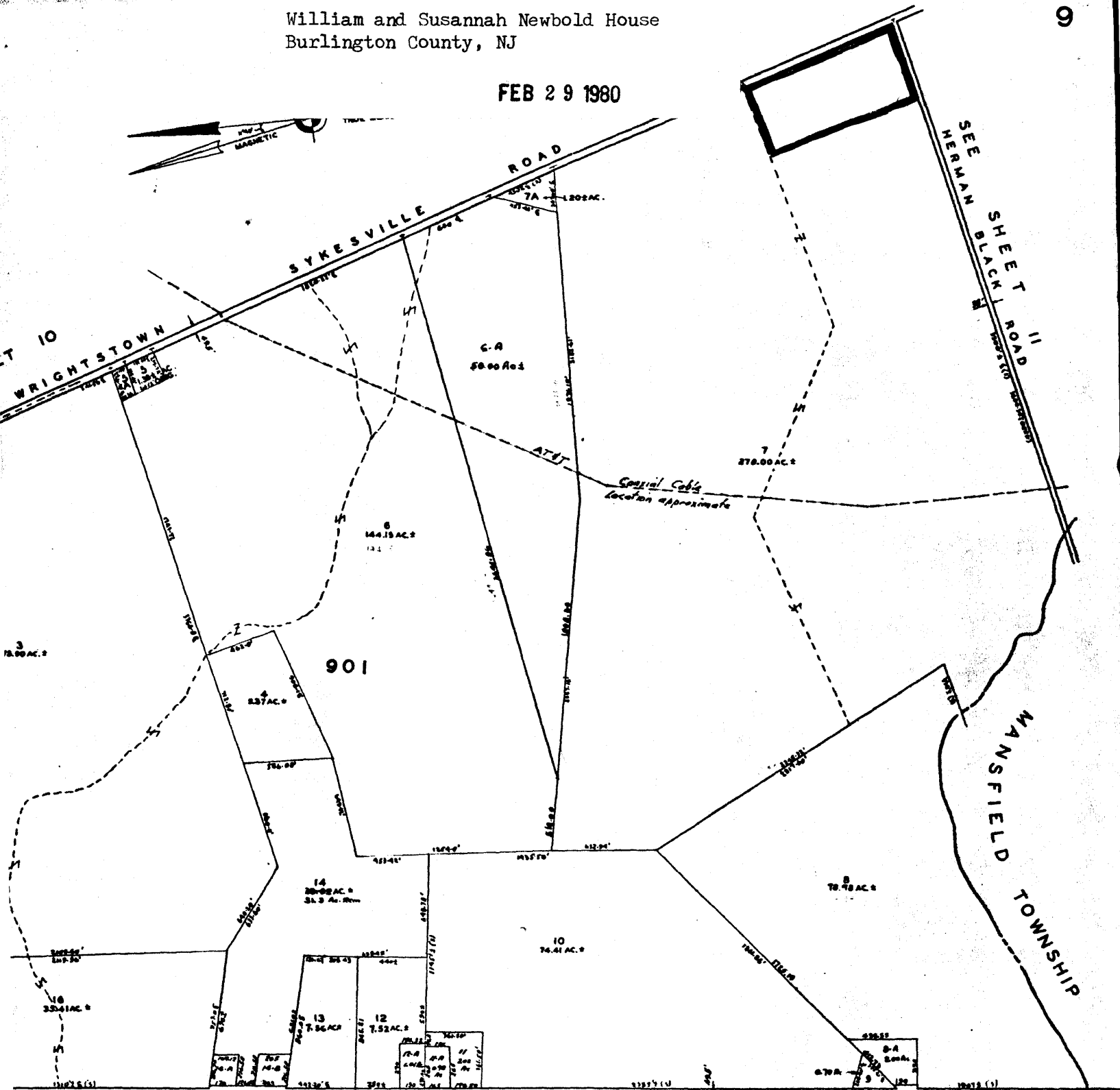
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SITE PLAN FOR  
"THE LOCUSTS"  
CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP  
NEW JERSEY



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Burlington County, NJ

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ORGETOWN CHESTERFIELD ROAD TAX MAP

SEE SHEET 8

TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD  
BURLINGTON COUNTY, N.J.  
PLOTTED FROM DEEDS AND RECORDS  
BY

HARRY E. NEWTON CONSULTING ENGINEER  
326 HIGH STREET BURLINGTON, N. J.  
DECEMBER 1962 REVISED MARCH 1963

SCALE: 1" = 400'  
GRAPHIC SCALE

200 400 600 800 1000  
REVISED BY H. E. NEWTON FEBRUARY 1964  
MARCH 1965  
NOVEMBER 1968  
NOV. 1969

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AD RETURN,  
1 FT.

NOTE: ALL ACREAGES SHOWN ON THIS MAP  
DO NOT INCLUDE ROAD AREAS  
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS MAP WAS  
MADE UNDER MY IMMEDIATE SUPERVISION  
HARRY E. NEWTON P E & L S. N. J. L. I. C. NO. 7198

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
DIVISION OF TAXATION  
ENGINEERING & RAILROAD TAX BUREAU  
APPROVED AS A TAX MAP PURSUANT TO THE  
PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 175, LAWS OF 1913, ETC.  
FOR THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF TAXATION  
BY *H. E. Newton*  
STATE SUPERVISOR  
DATE JAN 29 1963 SERIAL NO. 381

