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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 Butler Farm

AND/OR COMMON Butler Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER *E of Swedesboro*
Mullica Hill - Swedesboro Road (High Street)

CITY, TOWN ~~Harrison Township~~ VICINITY OF Swedesboro

STATE New Jersey CODE COUNTY Gloucester CODE 15

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Ralph C. and Walter H. Butler

STREET & NUMBER High Street

CITY, TOWN Mullica Hill VICINITY OF STATE New Jersey 08062

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Clerk's Office, Gloucester County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER Broad Street

CITY, TOWN Woodbury STATE New Jersey

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Architectural Survey of Harrison, South Harrison and Part of Elk Townships, Gloucester County, N.J.

DATE Summer, 1977 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Office of Historic Preservation

CITY, TOWN Trenton STATE New Jersey

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" 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

This farm complex consists of nine old structures and several modern ones, described individually as follows:

1. The farmhouse faces north northwest on Mullica Hill - Swedesboro Road (High Street). It is frame, two and one half stories, with two internal end chimneys and two corner chimneys. On plan, it is double fronted with four symmetrically placed openings on the facade, one inner one being the front door. It measures approximately 34 feet long by 26 feet deep. The old window frames and sashes are retained, 9/6 on the first story and 6/6 on the second. The entire exterior has been covered with stucco over lath on top of the old clapboards. There is a rather heavy cornice with returns which might possibly be original but which more likely dates after the middle of the 19th century. An addition on the west side contains an extension of the old kitchen on the first floor and a large bathroom on the second. On the south side of this and extending onto the old house is a one story addition containing a new kitchen. A modern one story enclosed porch has been added across the west side of both of these additions.

On plan, the first floor has four rooms exclusive of the additions. The northwest front room has a country federal, Adamesque but plain corner fireplace in the front northwest corner. The northeast room has a Greek revival fireplace with band moldings on the frame reminiscent of furniture of the 1830's. It is against the east wall. The rest of the interior has been heavily modified, but originally the southeast section was one room with a fireplace against the east wall. Next to this is an enclosed staircase, open at the top, and rising from center to back, against the inner cross partition. On the other side of the partition is another enclosed staircase, rising in the opposite direction from the old kitchen. Even though this room has been extended, the chimney is visible in what was the southwest corner.

The second floor originally had a narrow corridor at the head of each staircase. There is a fireplace against the east wall in the northeast room, and one in the outside corner of the northwest room, facing into the room with a closet beside it. The latter is now closed.

Structurally, the house has local sandstone basement walls with a stone partition running from front to back in the center. Two brick supporting arches are against the east wall. A brick squinch is in the northwest corner of the west section. A rectangular support for the old kitchen fireplace can be seen against the south wall. There are two summer beams running parallel to the front with the joists tenoned into them. Originally there was an outside basement stair in the area under the kitchen extension.

2. Southeast of the house is an old frame privy.

3. At the southeast corner of the privy, which opens on the north side, is a small frame smoke house opening on the south side. It has box cornices and appears very old, but the rafters are cut vertically and nailed at the tops and it was probably built in the 20th century.

4. A large frame chicken house is placed between the above and the next building with the exposed gable end practically touching the corners of both.

(See Continuation Sheet)

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Butler farmhouse, with its related outbuildings, is a fine example of a better class farm complex of the early 19th century. The complex is unusually complete, with the buildings grouped around a central courtyard, and includes even the facilities for tenants and migrants. The windmill is a fine example of its kind, the only one still working in the area.

The house obviously has two forms. In style, the western half is country federal and the eastern half country Greek revival. The Adamesque and Greek revival fireplaces are noteworthy.

While the outbuildings were built later than the house, and some even in the 20th century, their siting in relation to the house, and the completeness of the whole complex, add greatly to the historical significance as well as to the visual appeal of this farmstead.

The earliest record of this property is a transference of 648 acres from John Alford of Charlestown, Mass. to Francis Batten in 1737. Batten conveyed 250 acres of this to Benjamin Cheeseman in 1738. As a result of a suit brought against Cheeseman by Aaron Pancoast, Pancoast acquired the 250 acres in 1786 for £590.

Aaron Pancoast had numerous holdings at the time of his death in 1800, including 340 acres recorded in the 1780 and 1784 Books of Ratables for Gloucester County, that acreage and others having been acquired from the following sources: (1) 13 acres in 1793 from the Gloucester County Loan Office under "an act for striking and making current £100,000 in bills of credit" to encourage development of West Jersey; (2) a plantation tract in 1794 at sheriff sale having been the property of John Pinyard, deceased, which had been acquired in pieces originally from Woola Mulliker, Clement Coronet, John Budd and others; (3) tracts in 1794 seized for service to the King and sold at auction by the state of New Jersey; (4) a 161.5 acre tract and plantation in 1790 from an unspecified source.

The heirs of Aaron Pancoast (three sons and three daughters) proceeded to divide his lands in 1802, subject to adjudication of boundaries in dispute with the Battens. In the division, Caleb Pancoast received a 23 acre tract, James Pancoast a 30 acre tract, and two daughters, Mary Wood and Tacy Eldridge, the rest of the land which constituted the 182 acre plantation or tract which the heirs conveyed to Samuel Shute in 1812. Samuel Shute died, after which Isaac Shute sold it to David Wolf in 1823. Wolf conveyed the major part of the land to William Garwood, and the farmhouse and premises on the south side of the road to John Batten, Jr., both in 1825.

Phineas Kirkbride assembled the major part of the farm property as it exists today from the following individuals: (1) William Garwood in 1830; (2) John Batten, Jr. (the house tract) in 1831; (3) David Wolf (a 9.27 acre tract) in 1837; (4) the Francis Batten

(see Continuation Sheet)

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Stansbie, A.C.; Keily, James; and Rea, S.M. A Map of the Counties of Salem and Gloucester, New Jersey. Philadelphia: Smith and Wister, 1849.
2. Lake, D.J., and Beers, S.N. The Vicinity of Philadelphia and Camden. Philadelphia: Stone and Pomeroy, 1860.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 5 Harrison Blk. 53 Lot 2 47.44 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,8	47,6	740	439,8	28,0	250	B					
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING					ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		
C							D					

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Begin at a point in the center of High Street about 300 feet N.E. of the Harrison Township line; 660 feet N.E. on High Street; make a right angle and go 330 feet S.E.; a right angle and 660 feet S.W.; a right angle and 330 feet N.W. to the point of beginning.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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ORGANIZATION Glassboro State College DATE July 22, 1977

STREET & NUMBER TELEPHONE 609-445-6105

CITY OR TOWN Glassboro STATE New Jersey

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE 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 *John Wilson*
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE Deputy Commissioner DATE JUL 12 1978

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

Charles A. ... DATE 12-16-78
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST *Lynn D. ...* DATE NOV 28, 1978
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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Item #7 - Description:

5. At the southwest corner of the above is a frame equipment shed with three bays, built in wagon shed fashion with a pitch roof of unequal slopes and a big beam directly beneath the ridge.

6. At the southwest corner of the above and facing northwest is a larger frame equipment shed.

7. The barn faces into the central driveway area opposite the house. It is a frame, two level structure with a horse stable in the lower west section. There is a large door to the other section in front and on the east side. The second level is approached from within by ladders and has two rather small hay doors on the front wall. The structural members are pegged except for the rafters, which are sawn vertically and nailed at the tops. It was built about 1918.

A small pighouse lies directly to the south of the barn.

8. Just west of the barn is a windmill which pumps water from beneath to various parts of the farm. A small well house lies just south of it.

9. Northwest of the barn is another large equipment shed, also built about 1918. A small corn crib is attached to the southern half of the west side. Just north of it is a separate privy and north of that a shed addition containing a shower room.

10. Northwest of the above is a modern sweet potato store house with the date 1934 on the front. Another modern structure lies directly in back of it.

11. Northeast of the above is a small frame two story single unit tenant house with a shed addition on either side. It was moved from a property a short distance to the east. Another privy is situated in back of the tenant house.

12. Between the tenant house and the main house, on a plot formed by the two dirt driveways, is an old local sandstone ice house with pegged rafters, now extended on the south and used as a garage.

A gas pump is in the central area in front of the barn. All of the buildings are in good condition.

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Item #8 - Statement of Significance (Continued)

estate in 1835; (5) Benjamin Gill in 1836; and (6) Robert Kirkbride in 1851. In 1851, Phineas Kirkbride transferred the 135.08 acre "farm" to Peter Mounce, who also acquired 1.21 acres from Joseph Batten in 1875. In 1881 the property passed to Thomas Mounce, who had acquired an additional 16 acres from the estate of Ezekial R. Moore in 1872. In 1907, Thomas Mounce sold all of this property to Samuel Butler. Since then, the land has been in the Butler family, passing from Samuel to Frank in 1924, from Frank to Clarence in 1959, and, in 1970, from Clarence to the present owners, Ralph C., Walter H. and Milton D. Butler as joint tenants.

Item #9 - Major Bibliographical References: (Continued)

3. Everts and Stewart. Combination Atlas Map of Salem and Gloucester Counties, New Jersey. Philadelphia: Everts and Stewart, 1876.
4. Mr. Walter Butler

Butler Farm
Harrison Township
Gloucester County
New Jersey

Butler Farm - Plot Plan

Harrison Twp., N.J.

