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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

The Edward Sharp House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

200 Cooper Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Camden

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

1st

STATE

New Jersey

CODE

034

COUNTY

Camden

CODE

007

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

C. Philip Murray, Jr.

STREET & NUMBER

200 Cooper Street

CITY, TOWN

Camden

VICINITY OF

STATE

New Jersey

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Camden County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Federal and Market Streets

CITY, TOWN

Camden

STATE

New Jersey 08101

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Camden County Inventory of Historic Sites

DATE

1977, 1978

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Gail Greenberg, Historian, Room 406 Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Camden

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

The Edward Sharp House, built between 1810-1812, is also known as "The Pebbledash House" because of the rough finish of the 2 1/2 story structure built of rubble stone. It was described in a local newspaper advertisement, 1825, as a "superb mansion in Camden."

When it was advertised for sale by the sheriff in the summer of 1821, it was described:

"The main building in 32' on Cooper Street and 44' on Queen Street, with well finished back building, 18' in width by 36' in length making the whole depth of the buildings 80' on Queen Street. The whole contains 13 rooms and 2 kitchens..."

The late Federal-style structure, was built by Gideon V. Stivers who was said to have been inspired by Asher Benjamin's 1806 American builder's Companion.

The original lot measured 40' x 180'. It was listed as lot #42 in Jacob Cooper's Plot of the "Town of Camden, in the Township of Newton, in the County of Gloucester, in the State of New Jersey" as land out by Cooper in 1773.

The house has two original entries, one on Second (originally Queen) Street. The main entry on Cooper Street, which is the front facade, has a wood arched doorway with fanlight window over the door in the Federal manner. There are round hooded dormers on the roof.

The front facade, 32' wide, shows a balanced pattern of windows and door as does the Second Street facade also with an arched doorway. The lock and key here are original. When the property was purchased by Dr. Samuel Harris in 1825, at a sheriff's sale, the rear extension was probably added and used for his medical office, until his death in 1844. Architectural evidence appears to bear this out as a rear wall parallel to the original structure, curves back to meet the original structure in such a manner so as to prevent blockage of the windows. This, and a kitchen built in 1954, are the only structural alterations to the original structure. Central heating, electricity and plumbing were installed 1950-1952. The floor and wall boards placed in the kitchen were said to have been removed from another Stivers-built house in Salem, by prior owners, Mrs. & Mrs. Weiderspohn.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) medicine	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

c. 1810-12

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Gideon V. Stivers

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Architecture "The Edward Sharp House" at 200 Cooper Street has much significance architecturally and historically. It is a fine example of a late Federal house in Camden County and the only extant building of this period in Camden City. It's fine Federal interior is intact with few alterations and minimal removal of original fittings.

Gideon V. Stivers, architect and builder of the house, was a highly respected Camden master carpenter and bridge-builder. Born in Belleville, New Jersey, 1786, he was probably the son of Gideon Van Winkle Stuyvers. He arrived in Camden in 1810, and opened a shop on the southeast corner of Fourth and Market Streets. The area became known as "Shingle-Shaving Hill" because of a duck pond into which shingle shavings were thrown. In addition to the Sharp House, Stivers also is credited with being architect-builder of Camden City's first City Hall located on Federal Street (1828-29); St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Market Street (1833-34) which is still in existence and is unchanged except for an addition and new exterior walls; a covered wooden truss bridge, without a draw, over the Cooper Creek (1833). Other structures attributed to him as the builder are a bridge at the Falls of the Schuylkill and an early span across the Delaware River between New Hope, Penn. and Lambertville, N.J. From 1830-37, Stivers served as mayor of the City of Camden and he was also a vestryman at St. Paul's Church.

Politics Edward Sharp, for whom the house is named, was a major agitator for the building of a bridge across the Delaware River to Windmill Island. A ferry would then take travelers to the Philadelphia termini. Sharp purchased 98 acres from Joshua Cooper in 1803, and laid out Bridge Avenue (only a few streets from his house), a broad street through the center of the land which he sub-divided and called "Camden Village". In 1820, Sharp petitioned the State Legislature for authority to build a bridge across the Delaware. The eastern terminus was to be at the foot of Bridge Avenue. The bill authorizing construction was passed but the span was never built. In 1819, the country experienced an economic depression. Sharp's business associates in the Pennsylvania and New Jersey Communication Company which was formed included Charles Penrose, Pierce Butler Waln, Edward Pennington and Andrew Beyara of

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA **ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED UTM NOT VERIFIED**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .093

QUADRANGLE NAME Philadelphia, Pa. QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The Sharp House is located on Camden City Tax maps as Block 195, Lot. Tract #1. BEGINNING at the southeast corner of Cooper Street and Second Street, thence (continued)

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
 Gail Greenberg Historian for Camden County

ORGANIZATION
 Camden County Cultural and Heritage Commission

DATE
 March 12, 1979

STREET & NUMBER
 Room 406, Courthouse

TELEPHONE
 (609) 757-8191

CITY OR TOWN
 Camden

STATE
 New Jersey 08101

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL XX

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 *[Signature]* DATE 10-26-79

TITLE Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of Environmental Protection

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

[Signature] DATE 2/29/80
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: *[Signature]* DATE 2/22/80
 CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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DESCRIPTION

The house contains 13 rooms and 10 fireplaces including a kitchen fireplace in the basement. The fireplace surrounds and mantels vary in detail and material. The first and second parlors have marble chimney pieces (original); the unusual connecting door is of tiger-strip maple and mahogany. The second parlor chimney piece is of dark marble.

The amply proportioned rooms have late Federal woodwork also inspired by Asher Benjamin's design books.

All interior walls to the second floor are stone and plaster 18" - 22" thick. The floors are of Jersey hard pine. There is a lunette window at the foot of a small but graceful curving stairway, on the third floor. Interior fixed louvers at the end of the front hall are original. The back door louvers were made in the Victorian period.

The plaster ceilings found in the house were cast in place. Door trim, was hand planed of a single piece of wood and in place.

The upstairs bedrooms have wooden fireplace mantels inspired by Asher Benjamin's pattern book. One mantelpiece is faced with King of Prussia marble. Except for the mantel; some floorboards on the second floor and some windowpanes and door knobs, all interior details are original.

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Pennsylvania and Caleb Newbold, Isaac Mickle, Samuel Howell, Henry Chew and Dr. Samuel Harris of New Jersey. Undoubtedly, these men met and were entertained often in Sharp's mansion. From 1815-17, Sharp served in the New Jersey Assembly representing Gloucester County of which Camden City was then a part. The economic panic that hit in 1819, brought failure to the Comany and to Sharp, personally. His house was seized for a debt of \$6000. Dr. Samuel Harris purchased the house at auction in 1825.

Medicine Dr. Harris was the first physician to settle in Camden and conduct his practice there; he came from a family deeply committed to the medical profession. His father, Dr. Isaac Harris was a pioneer in the organization of the New Jersey Medical Society. Dr. Samuel Harris (1781-1843) settled in Camden in 1811 and after purchasing the Sharp house he opened his office there and also established a drug dispensary; this became the only place, and the first, where medicine could be purchased. Dr. Harris was also connected with St. Paul's Church, having been one of its founders in 1830 and a vestryman until his death.

In 1836, when the Camden and Philadelphia Steamboat Ferry Company was incorporated Dr. Samuel Harris and Gideon V. Stivers were among the first directors. Harris was President at his death. The other directors included the leading business and political figures of the day. (They were also, no doubt, entertained at the Sharp-Harris home.) The Federal Street Ferry was purchased by the company and in 1838, it obtained a charter for a canal through Windmill Island, from the Pennsylvania Legislature, which shortened the ferry route across the Delaware River. The House was also at one time used as the temporary office of the State Bank during remodeling of the bank building at Second and Market Streets.

The house, its builder and inhabitants, and the land on which it stands are thus closely connected to each other as well as to the early history of the City of Camden.

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thence easterly along the southerly side of Cooper St. 38.33' to the westerly line of Lot B, sold to Charles Janney; thence southwardly along said westerly line of Lot B, 107.42; to the northerly line of a 4' wide alley; thence west along the northerly line of said alley 38.33' to the easterly line of Second St., thence northerly along the easterly line of Second St. 107.42' to beginning. Tract 2. BEGINNING at point on the easterly side of Second St. 111.42' south from the southerly line of Cooper St. said point being the southerly line of four' wide alley and a corner to Lot H, sold to Randel E. Morgan; thence south along the easterly line of said Second St. 18'; thence east 111' to the westerly line of a four' wide alley ; thence north along the westerly line of said alley 18' to the northerly line of said Lot H, thence west along the northerly line of said Lot H and along the southerly line of a four' wide alley 11' to place of beginning.

C.P. MURRAY, JR.
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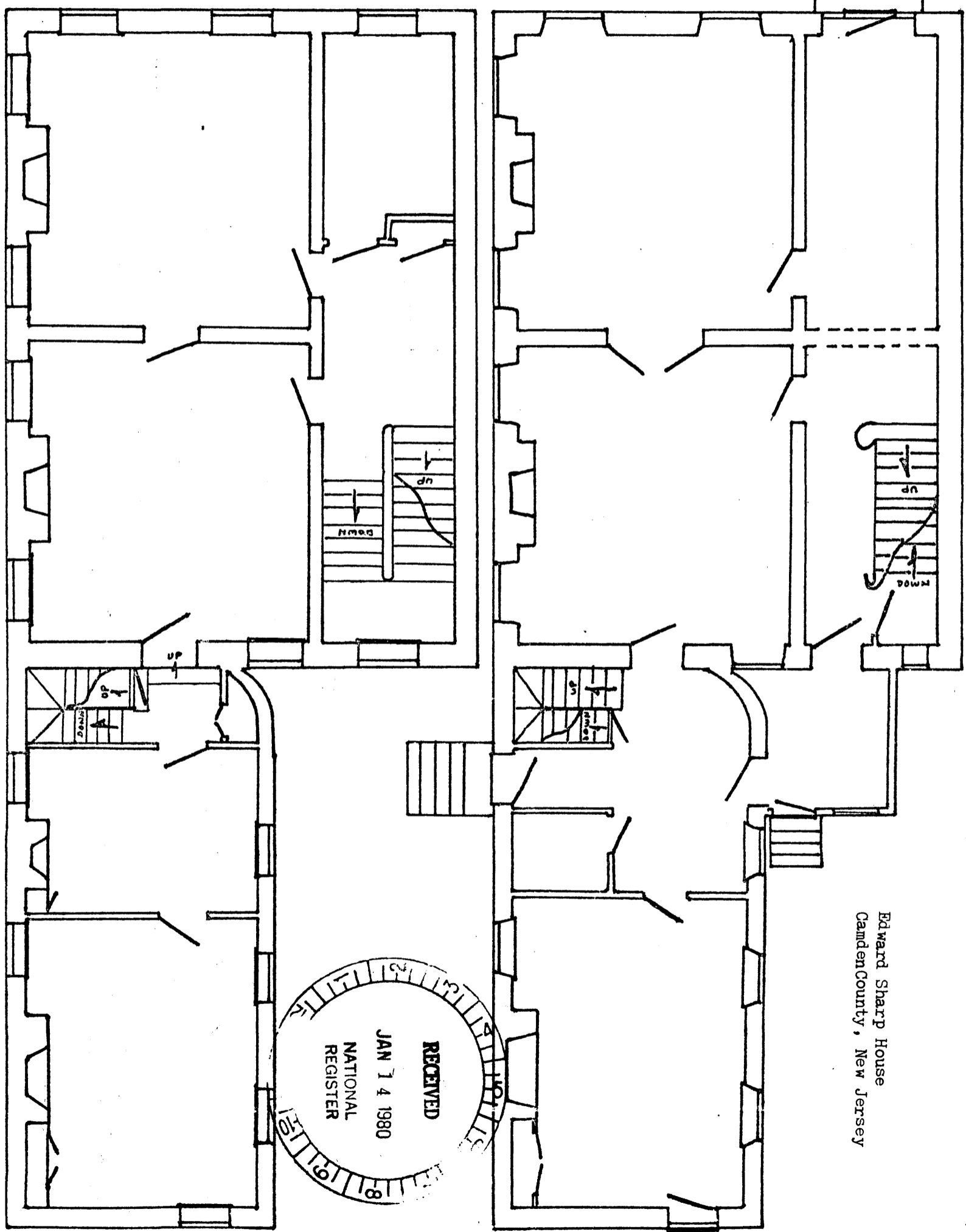
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FIRST FLOOR



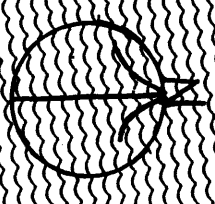
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