

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: New Jersey	
COUNTY: Mercer	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Joseph Hewes Birthplace and Boyhood Home

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Maybury Hill

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Snowden Lane

CITY OR TOWN:
Princeton

STATE New Jersey	CODE	COUNTY: Mercer	CODE
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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"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" 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"/> In Process <input 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"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Professor and Mrs. Jean Labatut

STREET AND NUMBER:
P.O. Box 215

CITY OR TOWN:
Princeton 08540

STATE:
New Jersey

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Mercer County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:
South Broad Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Trenton

STATE:
New Jersey

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input 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

"Maybury Hill," built about 1725 and enlarged in 1753, is a two-story stone Georgian Farmhouse with gable roof. As built in 1725 the house is believed to have been about 34 feet wide and 31-feet deep, with a detached kitchen building, 13 by 30-feet in size, located a short distance to the north. In 1753 the main house was extended to the north and connected with the kitchen structure. In its final form Maybury Hill is a L-shaped house about 50 feet wide by 31 to 41-feet deep, and a 13 by 30-foot kitchen attached to the north end.

The east (main) facade is five bays wide. Windows are topped by flat brick arches; first story windows have panelled shutters and those on the second story are adorned by Louvered shutters. The massive walls, constructed of field stone, were covered with concrete on the exterior about 1900 - except for this change, the house is otherwise little-altered. The center door opens into a central hall that extends through the structure to the rear. The stair is set against the right or north wall. To the left of the hall is a single large room, the parlor, which occupied the first floor of the 1725 portion of the house. To the right in the 1753 addition, are two large rooms, the living room and dining room. These rooms have panelled walls, shell cabinets, and exposed ceiling beams. The dining room fireplace is faced with tile. The floors are of wide boards. Upstairs there are four bedrooms.

The house is in excellent condition. Used as a private residence, the building is not open to visitors. The property is marked by a State Historical marker which reads:

"Joseph Hewes
Born here 1730, He later moved to North Carolina.
He signed the Declaration of Independence for that
State in 1776."

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6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1730-1750

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Abariginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | osophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cammerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This stone house, built about 1725 and enlarged in 1753, was the birthplace (1730) and boyhood home of Joseph Hewes, a Signer of the Declaration of Independence for North Carolina, merchant, and politician. The "Maybury Hill " is little-altered, Georgian House, and is in excellent condition.

Brief Sketch of the Life of Joseph Hewes, 1730-1779

Joseph Hewes was born January 23, 1730 on a farm at the edge of Princeton, New Jersey. After finishing his schooling in Princeton he was apprenticed to a Philadelphia merchant, then went into business for himself, and acquired a comfortable fortune. About 1760 he moved to Edenton, North Carolina, an important shipping and trading center, where he resided for the rest of his life. He established there a thriving mercantile and shipping business and he never married.

From 1766 to 1775 he was borough member in the North Carolina Colonial Assembly. In 1773 he was a member of the committee of correspondence and a delegate to all five provincial congresses of North Carolina. He served in the Continental Congress from 1774 to 1777. In 1775 he was the active member and real head of the committee to fit out armed vessels and as chairman of the committee of the marine, was in actual fact the first executive head of the navy of the United States. He appointed John Paul Jones as officer of the navy and found him a ship. In 1776 Hewes spent the entire year in Philadelphia and was a member of the secret committee, the committee on claims, and the committee to prepare a plan of confederation. In 1777 he was not reelected to Congress. In 1778, however, he was a borough member of the North Carolina House of Commons and was returned to the Continental Congress in 1779. He regularly worked 12 hours a day without interruption and without food and drink, and in consequence his health failed completely. He died in Philadelphia on November 10, 1779. He was buried in either the Christ Church Burial Ground or the churchyard of Christ Church, Philadelphia. His grave site is unknown and unmarked. A monument in his honor was erected in 1932 by the Congress of the United States at the south end of the Green in Edenton.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA Boundaries

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	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	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	40° 22' 11"	74° 38' 35"		40° 22' 02"	74° 38' 30"	
NE	40° 22' 02"	74° 38' 30"				
SE	40° 21' 56"	74° 38' 32"				
SW	40° 21' 59"	74° 38' 39"				

Location of house

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 15 acres

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:
Charles W. Snell, Survey Historian

ORGANIZATION Division of History, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation, National Park Service

DATE 2/18/71

STREET AND NUMBER:
801 19th Street N.W.

CITY OR TOWN: Washington

STATE D.C.

CODE

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 _____

Title _____

Date _____

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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8. Significance (1)

Joseph Hewes Birthplace,
Maybury Hill

HISTORY OF HOUSE

This stone farmhouse is believed to have been built in 1725, rebuilt following a fire in 1735, and enlarged to its present size in 1753. Joseph Hewes' father, Arron, leased the farm property from Judge Thomas Leonard during the period 1730-1755. The farmhouse was renovated by Dr. W. S. Maclaren of Princeton in 1920 and acquired by the present owners in 1936.