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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 **Lawrence Mansion**

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

W of Hamburg on NJ 94
STREET & NUMBER **State Route 94**

CITY, TOWN **Hamburg vic.** NOT FOR PUBLICATION
~~Hardyston Township~~ VICINITY OF **13th** CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
STATE **New Jersey** CODE **34** COUNTY **Sussex** CODE **037**

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" 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 **Mr. Carmen Cofrancesco**

STREET & NUMBER
Wallkill Avenue

CITY, TOWN **Hamburg Borough** VICINITY OF STATE **New Jersey**

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, **County Hall Records**
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

STREET & NUMBER
1 Park Place

CITY, TOWN **Newton** STATE **New Jersey**

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE **Sussex County Master Plan Study Report No, 10
Historic Preservation and Scenic Sites**

DATE **1976** FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS **Sussex County Planning Department**

CITY, TOWN **Newton** STATE **New Jersey**

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" 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 Lawrence Mansion is a large two story wood frame house built in 1841, with a one story wing on the north end of the house. The addition may have been constructed in the third quarter of the nineteenth century. The foundation of the original section is uneven coursed squared rubble with a random rubble fieldstone foundation for the north wing. The main section of the house is five bays wide with a large center hall. The original central entrance consists of a four panel door flanked on each side by three lights and a panel, and a seven light transom above the door.

All windows in the main section are 6/6. The middle windows, on both ends of the house, on the first and second floors, are 'blanks' employed to provide symmetry in the fenestration. The windows on the front and ends have louvered shutters, while the rear windows have paneled shutters. A bay window was added onto the north end, first floor, sometime late in the nineteenth century. The original section and wing are sided with six inch featheredged clapboard. The staircase between the first and second floors appears to have been a half pace stair. In the late 1960's, however, a fire consumed the entire stairwell area of the house, leaving only traces of the staircase location and style. Originally the kitchen was located in the basement of the main house, but was relocated to the north wing.

The roof is a very low hip type and is covered with a combination of hot tar and paper. There are four chimneys, two on each end of the main section of the house. Each chimney had two fireplaces, one on each floor, with the one located in the northeast corner having a basement fireplace. Only one of the chimneys still protrudes above the cornice line of the building.

The north wing is in a state of dilapidation, as a large section of the rear foundation wall has caved in, causing the back wall to be severely damaged. At one time, the wing had a covered back porch, the roof being supported by square columns.

The portico on the front of the main section of the building is supported by a colonnade comprised of six sixteen foot tall by two foot square wooden columns, with roman doric capitals. A round dentil molding separates the architrave and frieze.

Also on the property is a cluster of three barns. The largest of these is the earliest barn. This barn contains a trefoil opening and bargeboard at either end and has board and batten siding.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
.PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
.1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
.1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
.1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
.1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
.1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
.1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1841

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Lawrence Mansion, built ca. 1841, is significant for its historic associations with the development of the Hardyston-Hamburg area. The house is an excellent example of a Greek Revival house with a center hall layout, and is significant for the high quality of its craftsmanship and detailing.

Thomas Lawrence was one of the early settlers in the area, having come to the community in 1780 to live on the farm of his father-in-law, Col. Lewis Morris. The original 'Claremont' was built for Lawrence in 1794 by James Hamilton. His son, also Thomas, used the foundation to build the present imposing house in 1841.

The Lawrence family and the present mansion are closely associated with the agricultural and commercial development of the eastern part of Sussex County. Thomas Lawrence, who first came to the area in the last quarter of the eighteenth century, was among those instrumental in having the first post office established in Hamburg in 1795. Lawrence served as the first postmaster.

It is not readily known exactly in what years all of the tracts of land were acquired, but Thomas Lawrence managed an estate of approximately 800 acres, located just outside of the present boundaries of Hamburg Borough. The land was on both sides of the present State Route 94 going southeast toward the Town of Newton. Being one of the largest farms in the area, Lawrence maintained a large dairy herd, which served as the main source of income for the estate.

Records also show that Thomas Lawrence presided over a meeting on January 1, 1806 at Stockholm for the purpose of organizing the Hamburg and Paterson Turnpike. Chartered in 1806, the turnpike was completed in 1810 and proved to be a major stimulus to the area's economic base. Lawrence served on the Board of Directors of the turnpike for many years.

(See continuation sheet)

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See Continuation Sheet

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 11 acres

QUADRANGLE NAME Hamburg Quadrangle

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 18 534740 4555650

B 18 534740 4555570

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C 18 534860 4555510

D 18 534450 4555490

E 18 534470 4555560

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G

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Block 64, Lot 4B and Block 65, Lot 1

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

Wayne T. McCabe, P.P. Partner

ORGANIZATION

Historic Preservation Alternatives, Inc.

DATE

May 8, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

15 Sussex Street

TELEPHONE

(201) 383-1283

CITY OR TOWN

Newton

STATE

New Jersey

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL x

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 Scotty Wilson

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

7-21-79

TITLE Deputy Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection

DATE

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

Tom O'Neil Skurl

DATE

11-2-79

ATTEST: Nyan Beebe

DATE

Nov. 1, 1979

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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Lawrence Mansion

The grandson of Thomas Lawrence, of the same name, was born in 1814 and lived on the family estate and worked to improve the land while serving in public life. Beginning in 1861, he served for approximately twenty years as a Trustee of the State Normal School and in 1870 served as a member of the State Board of Education. Thomas Lawrence also was elected to the New Jersey State Senate and served in the legislative sessions of 1880 and 1882.

The mansion and most of the property remained in the family until 1958, when it was sold by Mrs. Elizabeth Lawrence, wife of the grandson of Senator Lawrence. The house has remained unoccupied since the time of sale.

Architecturally, the house is one of the finest examples of Greek Revival architecture in Sussex County. Almost all of the original exterior features and interior wood trim remain. The foundation has been stabilized during the past two years, and is presently stable. No other house of this classical order exists in Hardyston Township today. Despite the ravages of time and non-use the Lawrence Mansion retains the majority of its original fabric character.

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