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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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The Old Stone House faces south at 3501 M Street, N.W. The house is architecturally styled as Pennsylvanian and most of the exterior trim is original. It is T-shaped in plan, with a small wing in the rear projecting into the hill behind the house. This wing was added to the house in 1767, two years after the house was built. The panelling in the second floor dining room, also added by the second owner, is unique in that the only similar panelling found in America, now in the American wing of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, was found in a Long Island, (N.Y.) home built in 1739. The street level floor of the house, built by Christopher Layman as a shop and living quarters, has a well-proportioned room with a huge fireplace and original mantel. The kitchen on this floor which served the Layman family has a fireplace measuring 5 x 6-1/2'. On the outside front of the house is a stairway from the sidewalk that leads to a second story door, just above the ground floor entrance. The second floor has three rooms, one of which is the panelled dining room with an off-center fireplace. The third floor contains the living quarters: 3 bedrooms.

The exterior of the house is blue granite quarried locally. There are three windows facing the street beneath a pitched wood shingled roof with a chimney at either end of the house and two dormers in front.

There is a garden area behind the house which provides a quiet setting for the house and suggests the kitchen gardens typical of town dwellers during the period. In 1960, the National Park Service opened the house to visitors after restoring it to 18th Century appearance and furnishings.



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The Old Stone House is believed to be the oldest pre-Revolutionary building in Washington, D.C. The house stands on what was called Bridge Street (now M Street, N.W.) in George Town, which was laid out in 1752. Bridge Street was a main thoroughfare for road traffic from the Western frontier and paralleled the canal, which after 1833 was heavily used for cargo traffic. The house was to be built on Lot 3, land first sold to John Clagett, one of George Town's Commissioners. In 1764, Christopher Layman, a cabinetmaker and his family purchased Lot 3 and built the Old Stone House for use both as a home and a shop. Layman died in 1765 and the house was sold to Cassandra Chew, who in 1767 added a wing to the rear of the house. Cassandra and her two daughters lived in the house until 1808 when it became the home of the eldest daughter Mary, and her husband Richard Smith. From 1826, according to the will of Mary, who had married twice, the house was divided among her several heirs and was continually used as a residence until 1953 when it was purchased for \$90,000 by the U.S. Government. Among the inhabitants of the Old Stone House were John Suter, Jr., Mary Smith's son-in-law, who used the ground floor of the building as a watchmaker's shop during Many's residency there.

There have been various attempts over the years to prove that the Stone House was either George Washington's Engineering Headquarters and/or Suters Tavern, but neither of these ideas was ever substantiated, although, for a time, a plaque on the house designated it as Washington's headquarters.

The significance of the Old Stone House lies in its mixed residentialcommercial use during the last quarter of the 18th Century as a reflection of the social, cultural and economic life of George Town, and as an example of pre-Revolutionary American architecture.

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