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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  
(Not Known) *Irick, John, House*  
AND/OR COMMON  
*Copany Way, Dunker House*

**LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER *E of Burlington off 1157 ramparts*  
*Jacksonville-Jobstown Road Box 240* NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
CITY, TOWN *Burlington, N.J.* CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
*R.D. #1 Bordentown* VICINITY OF *Jacksonville* 4th  
STATE *New Jersey* CODE *31* COUNTY *Burlington* CODE *005*

**CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" 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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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 type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED ?	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME *Eleanor and Frank Dunker*  
STREET & NUMBER  
*Jacksonville-Jobstown Road*  
CITY, TOWN STATE  
*R.D. #1 Bordentown* VICINITY OF *Jacksonville* *New Jersey*

**LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. *Burlington County Administration Offices*  
STREET & NUMBER  
*49 Rancocas Road*  
CITY, TOWN STATE  
*Mount Holly* *New Jersey* *08060*

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
*New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory*  
DATE  
*August, 1976* FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS  
*Labor and Industry Building*  
CITY, TOWN STATE  
*Trenton* *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

The Dunker House is an 18th Century brick, 2 story, pitched roof farm house of 3 bays, with a modern side wing. The house is entered on the south side, in the center bay. At one time the house was one and one half stories, with a knee wall condition on the 2nd floor. Then, probably still in the 18th Century, the house was enlarged to a full 2 stories. There was also a wing on the right side of the house. This was destroyed by a falling tree in the 1950's. A new wing with a framed 2nd floor was built on the old foundation, to replace it.

The rooms are disposed as follows. The central front door leads directly to the large living room which occupies the entire frontal 3 bays of the house. The rear of the house is occupied by 2 rooms which are separated by a quarter-turn stair which winds from the bottom. The right room is considerably larger than the left room. The stair is wainscotted in. The side wing, which contains a kitchen, is entered from the right side of the living room, down half a flight of stairs.

There is a bedroom above each of the major rooms on the ground floor. There is also a staircase leading to the attic.

There are 2 chimneys. One occurs on the right side of the old main house. It is placed in the center of the side wall and services a corner fireplace in both the living room and the rear right parlor. It also services similar fireplaces in the rooms above. The other chimney occurs in the center of the right wall of the side wing. It services the kitchen. To the right of the kitchen is a small screened porch.

The exterior is worthy of note. The first story is laid up in flemish bond with burned headers, yielding a checkerboard pattern. The left end wall has the outline of the old gable which existed when the house had one and one half stories. This gable outline is defined by the change from Flemish bond with burned headers, to Flemish bond without burned headers. The old gable has the date 1761 inscribed in burned headers. There is also the burned header outline of a window which occurred in the center of old gable. This has since been bricked in. The second story is defined by a double string course. The central entrance door has a one bay porch with thin tuscan columns and a light entablature. This is of modern origin.

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The side wing is 2 bays with brick on the ground floor and clapboard frame construction on the 2nd floor. The lower story which contains the kitchen, has a 3 sided bay window facing forward. This bay window replaced the 2 ground floor windows which occupied the original side wing. The windows are uniformly 6 over 6, with the exception of the bay window and one window on the rear facade. All of the windows in the main house have pegged frames and all the windows on the front facade have louvered shutters. There is only one window on the left side, (where the date is). This occurs in the present gable.

The interiors are worthy of note. All of the partitions in the main house are formed of vertical beaded wainscotting of random width. All the floors in the main house are of irregular random width boarding. The living room corner fireplace is bed molded with a frieze and heavily molded shelf. The other fireplaces are simpler versions of this.

The Dunker House retains its rural setting despite the presence of nearby Jacksonville-Jobstown Road.

# 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input 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

1761

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The 18th Century pattern brick house with a gable end date, was a regionally distinct South Jersey type. Dunker house survives complete with the original wainscotting and floor boards, as a good example of this type. The wainscotting is of particular importance. Many houses which survive from the 18th Century have undergone modification which includes the ferring out and plastering over of the wainscott partitions. It is relatively unusual to find a house in which the wainscotting remains intact.

The Dunker house was originally built in 1761 subsequently it was enlarged to a full 2 stories. It was sold at a sheriffs sale in 1770 after which it passed through a succession of owners. One of the owners, Watson Craft was adjudged a lunatic and the house was sold for debts in 1830.

From 1901 to 1904 the house was owned by John Irick. Irick was a civic minded farmer who donated the land on the Burlington-Mount Holly Road where the Little Red School House was built. There were no public schools in Burlington, and Irick, together with his fellow farmers, worked hard to have a place where the youth could be properly educated. John Irick helped to cut wood, lay bricks, and fix shingles for the school building.

The house largely retained its original appearance until a storm in the 1950's felled a tree on top of the side wing, leaving only the foundation, and partial side walls. The wing was rebuilt in a fashion in keeping with the style of the house.

Primarily due to its architectural significance as as unusually well surviving 18th Century house, the Dunker House warrants inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Burlington County Tax Records, Mount Holly  
 Research done on Jacksonville by Dr. Calman, Research done by Dr. Karamas  
 Tax Books L, p. 644; F-2 p. 102, G-2 p. 310, A-3 p. 222; L, p. 149  
 to current

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than One  
 UTM REFERENCES

A	1,8	5,2,0,1,9,0	4,4,3,3,1,9,0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See Address

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

Eleanor Dunker

8-16-76

ORGANIZATION

owner

DATE

609-267-8704

STREET & NUMBER

Jacksonville-Jobstown Road

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

R.D. #1 Bordentown

STATE

New Jersey 08505

# 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*David J. Bond*

TITLE

Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection

DATE

Dec. 1, 1976

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

DIRECTOR OFFICE OF ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

*Mark [Signature]*

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

9/16/77

DATE

9.15.77