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

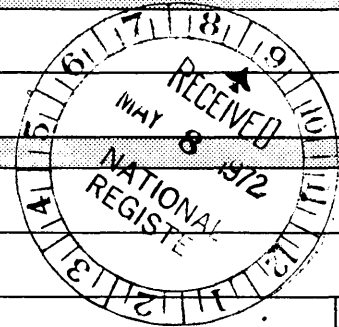
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STATE: New Jersey	
COUNTY: Passaic	
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**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Wayne Museum  
AND/OR HISTORIC:  
\* Van Ripper-Hopper House



**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
533 Berdan Avenue  
CITY OR TOWN:  
Wayne Township  
STATE: New Jersey CODE: 34 COUNTY: Passaic .CODE: 031

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
Wayne Township  
STREET AND NUMBER:  
Municipal Building, Valley Road  
CITY OR TOWN:  
Wayne 07470 STATE: New Jersey CODE: 34

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Municipal Building  
STREET AND NUMBER:  
475 Valley Road  
CITY OR TOWN:  
Wayne STATE: New Jersey CODE: 34

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory  
DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  Local  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Labor and Industry Building (Office of Historic Sites) #3250.7  
STREET AND NUMBER:  
John Fitch Way Plaza P.O. Box 1420  
CITY OR TOWN:  
Trenton 08625 STATE: New Jersey CODE: 34

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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

A 1½ story Dutch colonial farmhouse, gable roof with curved swept overhangs, constructed of native fieldstone accented with red sandstone sills and doorstrips; mortar of clay, straw, wool and horsehair; original beams; random width flooring; 12 on 12 pegged windows with much original glass; fireplaces with enclosed chimneys in each lower room and one in cellar for heat, cooking and baking.

Front hatchway led to dirt cellar floor; fireplace (1785) intact; firebed is 6' wide, 2' deep and lintel of 8' hewed tree trunk. This and inside stairway construction is interesting. The main part of the house has a center hall with Dutch doors on each end to the exterior. There is a parlor with a fireplace and a smaller rear room on each side of the hall. Off one parlor is the three room attached resident guide's quarters wing. Off the other is the two room kitchen extension.

During the middle 1800's dormers were installed for bedrooms. There are two fireplaces on the second floor. The present inside bathroom belongs to 20th century conveniences as does the central heating.

The living room of the resident-guide's 3-room attached quarters is believed to be the oldest part of the house.

The attractive grounds surrounding the building contain an herb garden with bee skep, orchard of old fashioned variety fruit trees, extensive lawn for gatherings such as annual Christmas tree lighting and carol sing, pit saw demonstration and a flag pole.

A first floor exhibit room has been completed for permanent displays and for individual collections.

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8. Significance

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian |  16th Century |  18th Century |  20th Century  
 15th Century |  17th Century |  19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1786

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | Museum  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | Bird Sanctuary                                      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  |   |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1720 the Albert Berden family established farming operations on the Preckness (the 1720 name for the Wayne, New Jersey area). The Van Ripers settled in 1762, adding grist, saw and cider mills, blacksmith shop, tannery, smokehouse and slave quarters.

In 1786, when Uriah R. Van Riper married his next door neighbor, Maria Berden, the two families constructed the Van Riper-Hopper house.

Nearly a century later, in 1872, the great great grand-daughter of Uriah and Maria Van Riper married Andrew Hopper and gave the house its present name.

The Van Ripers, the Berdens and the Hoppers all actively participated in local affairs and in 1847 aided in the formation of Wayne Township.

All belonged to the Preckness Reformed Church and most are buried in its cemetery.

When the house was threatened in 1960 by a proposed reservoir, the townspeople persuaded the Water Commission to reconsider and the Wayne Historical Commission transformed the Van Riper-Hopper House into a museum and bird sanctuary.

This Dutch colonial stone farm house is typical of 1780's architecture and although altered somewhat much remains of the original structure.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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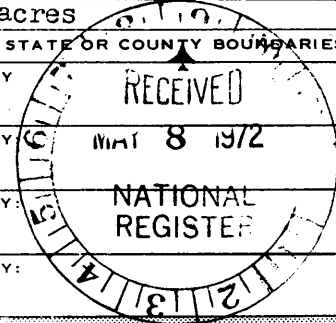
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2.7 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: Mrs. Kenneth Sills  
Mr. Charles Jackson  
 ORGANIZATION: Research and Preservation Committee  
Wayne Township Historical Commission DATE: 10/71  
 STREET AND NUMBER: 533 Beruan Avenue  
 CITY OR TOWN: Wayne STATE: New Jersey CODE: 34

**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: Richard J. Sullivan  
 Title: Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection  
 Date: May 1, 1972

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

Robert M. Utley  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 8/21/72

ATTEST:  
William H. Huntz  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Congressional Representation

Clifford P. Case - United States Senator  
Harrison A. Williams, Jr. - United States Senator  
Robert A. Roe - Congressman (8th Congressional District)

