

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: New Jersey
COUNTY: Monmouth
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ENTRY DATE APR 26 1974

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1. NAME

COMMON: **Kovenhoven (Kouvenhoven)**

AND/OR HISTORIC: **Hillside Farm and Conover Homestead**

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: **Schank Road - 200.74 feet east of Hwy. 34**

CITY OR TOWN: **Holmdel** CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: **Third - James Howard**

STATE: **New Jersey** CODE: **34** COUNTY: **Monmouth** CODE: **025**

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"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PUBLIC ACQUISITION: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered			
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: **Jerome and Genevieve U. Rabe**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Schank Road**

CITY OR TOWN: **Holmdel** STATE: **New Jersey** CODE: **34**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: **Monmouth County Court House**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Court Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Freehold** STATE: **New Jersey** CODE: **34**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

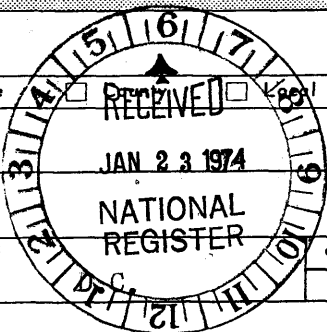
TITLE OF SURVEY: **H.A.B.S. - NJ #646 NJHSI 1498.12**

DATE OF SURVEY: **1939** Federal State

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: **Library of Congress**

STREET AND NUMBER: _____

CITY OR TOWN: **Washington** STATE: _____ CODE: **11**



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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

This 1½ story Dutch House was built in two sections. The smaller, eastern unit is thought to be about 1700. The main unit was built shortly after, and before 1735. The later main unit is 40 feet by 33 feet deep. The earlier east unit is 22 feet by 21 feet deep. Both south walls align. The roofs are gable with a swept overhang. The lean to shed extension, measuring 10 feet by 16 feet, off the east end of the kitchen wing has been removed. Off the north end of this wing was another shed which has been reduced in size and made into a kitchen.

The exterior retains its original form and character. The south elevation is best preserved. The sash of the larger unit have been changed from 9/9 to 12/12. This was done on the other elevations. The stair hall window in the earlier section has been enlarged and one of the windows in this wing moved. The north facade of the main unit has had the entrance door replaced by a window and an additional window added. The north gable wall has three additional windows. The east facade has been altered with the removal and alterations of the sheds and the additions of windows and an exterior fireplace chimney.

The first floor south facade of the larger unit is 5 bays with a center entrance. This door opens directly into the largest room. The north facade is 3 bays, originally with a center entrance leading into a small hall which extended only to the depth of the north rooms. This opened to a room on each side. The two south rooms had entrances at the rear of the hall. This north entrance has been removed and the hall has become a bathroom. The southwest room had an end wall fireplace, now removed. The south-east and north-east rooms had back to back corner fireplaces; only the fireplace in the large south-east room remains. The mantel from the north-east room has been reused in the kitchen wing. Three of these rooms had a corner closet, only the large south-east room retains this. One has been relocated in the kitchen and another was stored in the attic. The ceilings have large exposed oak beams.

The earlier smaller unit is connected to the large south-east room of the main section of the house through a stair hall. The North depressed milk room was raised to the first floor level and an additional stair hall was built in this space. The kitchen had a large fireplace on the east gable end with a winder stair in the north-east corner. Both the stair and the fireplace have been removed. This has been replaced by a smaller fireplace with an exterior chimney. One of the original mantels from the main section of the house was reused on this fireplace. The shed off the east wall of the kitchen, probably containing a fireplace or bake oven, was removed. The north shed has been completely altered and is now a kitchen.

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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)

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 | <u>local community</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | <u>affairs and</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | <u>settlement</u> |
| <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

Cornelius Willemse Van Kowenhoven was born in Flatlands, Kings County, Long Island in November, 1672, son of Willem Gerritsz Van Kouwenhoven.

Cornelius Van Kowenhoven, Peter Wyckoff, Garret Rolofse Schenck and Stephen Court Van Voorhees jointly purchased 500 acre tract from William Bowne in Middletown. He probably moved to that area in June, 1696, since on June 26 of that year, he brought his cattle to the town clerk to be marked.

In December, 1700 Van Vorhees and Wyckoff sold interest to Garret and Jan Schenck. They, in turn, released 125 acres to Van Kowenhoven on December 24, 1700. In the same month he married the Schenck's sister, Margaretta. He probably built the smaller unit of his house shortly before his marriage. The larger unit was built sometime after.

He died in the house on May 16, 1736. His wife received the estate; his oldest son William received 2 tracts of land of 156 and 120 acres; another son, Roeloffe, received the 125 acre tract Van Kowenhoven had gotten from the Schencks in December, 1700. Roeloffe then became the owner of the homestead here considered. His son, Cornelius inherited the home at Roeloffe's death.

Cornelius Willemse Van Kowenhoven was descended from Wolfert Gerritsz Van Kouwenhoven. Wolfert Kouwenhoven came from an estate named Kouwenhoven in neighborhood of Amersfoot in the province of Utrecht, the Netherlands. He arrived in Manhattan in 1625, one of five head farmers sent by the West India Co.. His son, Gerrit Worfertsz, was the father of Willam Gerritsz who, in turn, was the father of Cornelius Willmse Van Kouwenhoven.

Cornelius Van Kouwenhoven was one of the earliest settlers in this area of Monmouth County. The basic form of his house is still in tact and represents an early Dutch colonial farm.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Rosalie Fellows Bailey, Pre Revolutionary Dutch Houses in Northern New Jersey and Southern New York, pp. 398-400.
2. George Beekman, Early Dutch Settlers of Monmouth County, 1901, pages 1, 24, 26.
3. The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, vol. 70, 1939, pp. 230, etc.
4. HABS

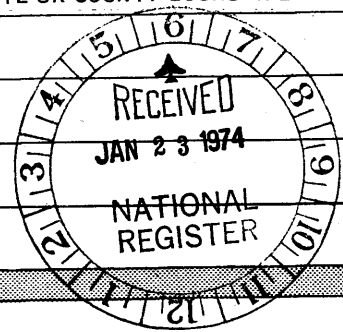
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	OR		
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NW	° ' "	° ' "	40	21	55
NE	° ' "	° ' "	74	°	11 ' 43 "
SE	° ' "	° ' "			
SW	° ' "	° ' "			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **one and one-half acres**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Staff of Historic Sites Section**

ORGANIZATION: **Historic Sites Department of Environmental Prot.** DATE: **Dec. 14, 1973**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Box 1420**

CITY OR TOWN: **Trenton** STATE: **New Jersey** CODE: **31**

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*
Richard J. Sullivan

Title: Jan. 10, 1974
Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection

Date: _____

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

A. B. Mortensen
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 4/26/74

ATTEST: *Ann Shultz*
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 4. 24. 74

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Section 7: Continued

The attic of the main section is completely open, though at one time it had six board partitioned rooms. The attic of the smaller section had two rooms and is presently a single room.

There are numerous 18th century doors, some being 4 and 5 raised panel doors, other being batten doors. Several are hung on strap hinges and pintles. One of the latches is dated 1750. The fireplace in the large south-east room has raised paneling to the ceiling. The elaborate corner closet in this room is flanked by fluted pilasters and an entablature. The upper section has glass paned arched doors and an arched interior with shell motif. The other corner closet is simpler and has been altered. These three units are Georgian in character. The reused fireplace mantel from the north east room is Federal.

The alterations as noted were made in 1935 when the house was renovated.

