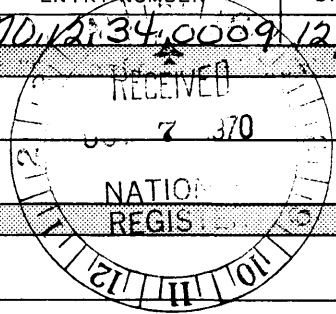


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1. NAME

COMMON: **Indian King Tavern**

AND/OR HISTORIC: **Creighton Tavern or Creighton House**

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: **233 Kings Highway East**

CITY OR TOWN: **Haddonfield**

STATE: **New Jersey** CODE: **34** COUNTY: **Camden** CODE: **007**

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<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"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	State-owned
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	Meeting Place	Historic site
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	Patriotic Groups	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: **New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Box 1390, John Fitch Plaza**

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

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:

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

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: **Historic American Buildings Survey NJ 6-99**

DATE OF SURVEY: **1934, 1936** Federal State County Local

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

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **Washington** STATE: **D.C.** CODE: **08**

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
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	(Check One)			(Check One)		
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Indian King Tavern or Creighton House was built in 1750 by Matthias Aspden. The original house was a three story brick structure with two rooms on each floor. A kitchen and a paved cellar were also part of the original tavern. The building which was 28 feet deep was changed and is presently 36 feet deep.

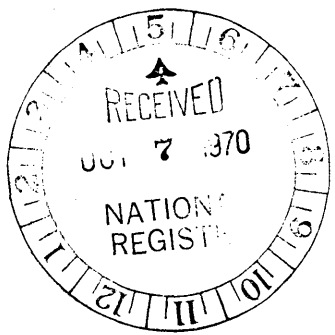
The three story structure, including the tavern is three bays wide with the door in the center of the structure. It has a pent roof between the first and second floor and three windows on the second and third floor levels. The gable roof is oriented in a northeast to southwest direction with the chimney on the northeast end.

The two and one-half story section contains a center hallway and two rooms on both the first and second floor. All four rooms have fireplaces. It is four bays wide with the door on the right (facing the front of the building). The pent roof is carried unbroken from the other section of the tavern.

Both sections had shutters with 12 over 12 sash windows.

The tavern is on Kings Highway, the original road that went from Salem to Burlington, and near the junction of Haddon Avenue, the road that went to Philadelphia.

By the American Revolution, Haddonfield was already a sizable town.



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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) c. 1750, (1777 meetings of the N.J. Legislature)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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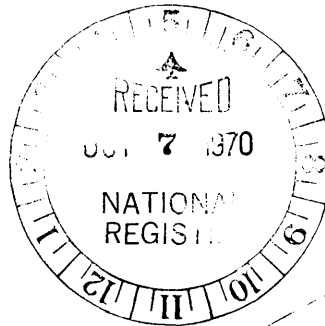
The Indian King Tavern or Creighton House is significant as a meeting place of the New Jersey Legislature during the American Revolution. The first assembly of the state met in this building during the spring and fall of 1777. The New Jersey Council of Safety was created during this meeting, and the design for the Great Seal of the State was accepted.

Timothy Matlack, the scribe of the Declaration of Independence was born in the house.

The tavern is significant as a typical 18th century wayside tavern used by passengers of the stages and horseback who traveled the main road, Kings Highway, between Salem, Philadelphia, and Burlington, Princeton, New Brunswick and New York.

Dolly Payne, later Madison, often visited her uncle Hugh Creighton who ran the tavern, when she was a young girl.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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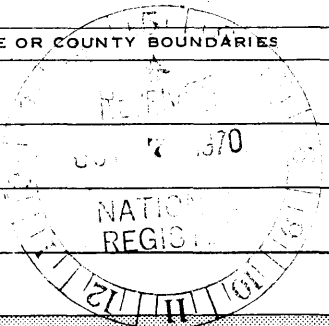
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Charles I. Wilson, Jr., Archeologist**

ORGANIZATION: **Historic Sites Section, N.J. Dept. of Environmental Protection** DATE: **July, 1970**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Box 1420, John Fitch Plaza**

CITY OR TOWN: **Trenton** 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 G. ...*

Title: Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection

Date: September 11, 1970

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

Ernest A. Connolly
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
DEC 18 1970

Date: _____

ATTEST: *William J. ...*
 Keeper of The National Register
NOV 27 1970

Date: _____

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