

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>New Jersey</b>	
COUNTY: <b>Morris</b>	
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ENTRY NUMBER <b>JUL 24 1973</b>	DATE

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**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
**David Thompson House**

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

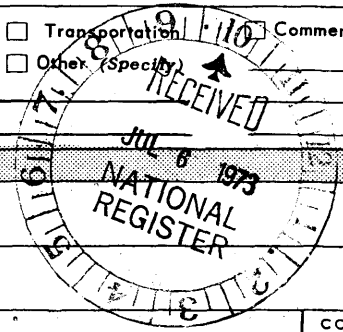
STREET AND NUMBER:  
**56 West Main Street**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Mendham**

STATE: **New Jersey**      CODE: **34**      COUNTY: **Morris**      CODE: **027**

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" 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
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:  
**Mr. and Mrs. Peter Chapin**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**56 West Main Street**

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

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**Hall of Records**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Court Street**

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

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**Historic American Buildings Survey (NJ-194)**

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

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

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Washington**

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

Exterior.

**Main Section.** The David Thompson House is an elegant Revolutionary stone building. A 2½ story structure of quarried stone laid in a random pattern the main section of the house has five bays in front (South facade) and a center hall. The rear facade, actually now facing the road, but originally the rear is stuccoed, as is the East end. The roof of the main section is gable with gable end brick chimneys at each end. There is a stone terrace leading to the center doorway. The door is inset and has a transom. The first floor windows are 9/6 sash with paneled shutters. The second story windows are 6/6 sash with louvered shutters. The North facade is nearly identical to the South except there is only one window East of the door. The doorway has a modern pediment.

**Original Kitchen Wing.** West of the main section is a stone 1½ story two bay kitchen and pantry with cold room. It appears that this section was built at the same time as the main building.

West of the Kitchen Wing is an early 19th century frame addition.

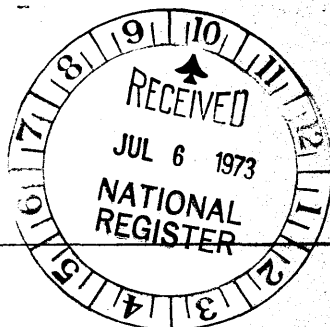
Interior.

**Main Section.** Upon entering the Thompson House by the center hall a right turn leads to the library which is 16½ feet by 14 feet with a fireplace and mantel. Adjacent to the library is a small office which has a recently added bathroom. The fireplace in this room has been covered. Out of this office and to the right, to the far end of the hall, is a winding stairway to the second floor. On the other side of the hall is what is presently a 17 feet by 27 feet living room with fireplace and mantel. This large room was originally two separate rooms. The second floor plan is identical to the first except for a bath over the hall.

**Original Kitchen.** At the South end of the living room is the doorway with downstep to the original kitchen. This kitchen has open ceiling beams and an enormous open fireplace. The fireplace has an oak beam which is 1 foot 7 inches wide and nearly 18 feet long. At one time this huge lintel was cut to reduce the fireplace length, but then replaced and steel reinforced.

The frame addition also has a stone fireplace with a Dutch bake oven.

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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

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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)    1770's

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AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Architecture.

This house was built for David Thompson in the 1770's by master mason Daniel Carey. Cary was summoned to Morristown by Presbyterian elders in 1744 to build a suitable meeting house, and settled in nearby Flanders. Thompson married his daughter and perhaps as a wedding present Carey built this magnificent home.

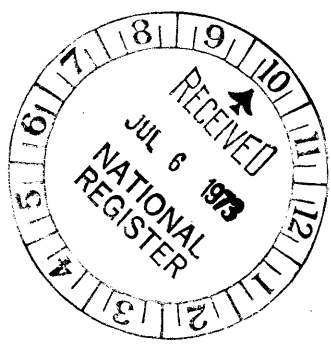
The house is an excellent example of American colonial architecture and has been altered very little. Remarkably, even much of the original hardware is still present, along with the original woodwork, doors, windows and frames, mantels, firebacks, and plaster walls.

Political.

David Thompson was a delegate to the Provincial Congress during the Revolution, as well as a Captain of the local militia.

CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATION  
 Senator Clifford P. Case  
 Senator Harrison A. Williams, Jr.  
 Representative Peter Freylinghuysen, Jr. (5th District)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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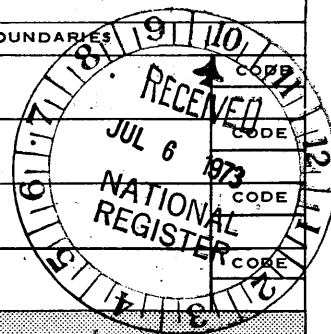
10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 9 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Terry Karschner, Historian-Curator

ORGANIZATION: Dept. of Environmental Protection, Historic Sites Section DATE: 3/26/73

STREET AND NUMBER: Post Office Box 1420

CITY OR TOWN: Tranton 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, Dept. of Environmental Protection  
 Date: June 13, 1973

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

Robert M. Utley  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation  
 Date: 7/24/73

ATTEST:  
[Signature]  
 Keeper of The National Register  
 Date: 7/23/73