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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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

Smithville Apothecary

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Off Mono Hill Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Smithville

___ VICINITY OF

___ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2nd

STATE

New Jersey

CODE

34

COUNTY

Atlantic

CODE

001

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

___ DISTRICT

___ PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

___ AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

___ UNOCCUPIED

___ COMMERCIAL

___ PARK

___ STRUCTURE

___ BOTH

___ WORK IN PROGRESS

___ EDUCATIONAL

___ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___ SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

___ ENTERTAINMENT

___ RELIGIOUS

___ OBJECT

___ IN PROCESS

___ YES: RESTRICTED

___ GOVERNMENT

___ SCIENTIFIC

___ BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

___ INDUSTRIAL

___ TRANSPORTATION

___ NO

___ MILITARY

___ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

"Historic Towne of Smithville"

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Smithville

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

New Jersey

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Atlantic County Court House

STREET & NUMBER

South Carolina

Barach Boulevard

CITY, TOWN

Atlantic

STATE

New Jersey

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

June 1976

___ FEDERAL STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Labor & Industry Building

Room 810

CITY, TOWN

Trenton

STATE

New Jersey

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE 1973

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Smithville Apothecary is set on a plot of land within a small townscape. Although the building has been moved from its original site, in Manahawkin New Jersey, the structure itself is essentially unchanged. The one (1) story frame building has a pitched roof, with the gable at the front and rear. The interior consists of two (2) rooms, one behind the other. The old floor boards are exposed, but the other major interior features are replacements. However, they date from the same time as the building. These features include the fixtures and the collection of apothecary equipment.

The exterior is articulated as follows. The clapboard building is surmounted by an Italianate bracketed cornice, with returns on the frontal gable. The gable itself has a pitch of roughly forty-five (45) degrees, and a patterned shingle infill. The pattern consists of broad horizontal stripes.

The front porch is set below the frontal gable, and below the main cornice of the building. The three (3) bay porch has a bracketed cornice of its own. The ground floor is entered through a central door which is flanked by large three (3) sided bay windows. These are late 19th Century commercial shop front windows, whose upper portions are decorated with small panes of colored glass, in the Queen Anne mode (the windows are original to the building). The upper half of the entrance door is similarly decorated. The rear gable is criss-crossed with diagonal framing members forming a diamond pattern. At the center of this composition is a diamond shaped window.

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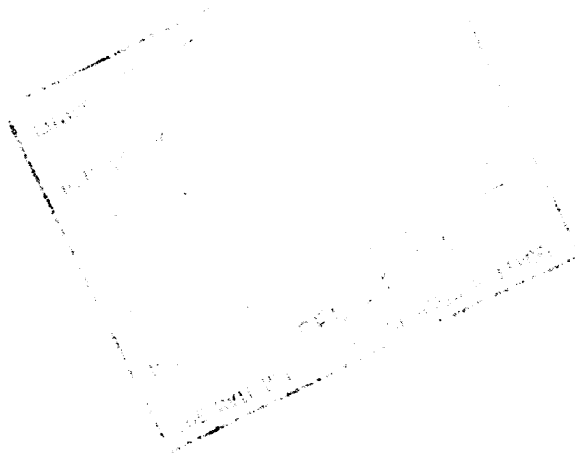
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The following is a description of the original surroundings of the structure now known as the Smithville Apothecary.

Manahawkin is a small strip development town, with a main street scape comprised of mid to late 19th century structures (which have undergone many physical changes) and several backstreets lined by c.1910, Bungalows. This town can in no way be described as being in a state of preservation. The small apothecary building was set among the above mentioned structures, which were residential in nature, larger in scale and not completely in character.

Although it is now in Smithville (an artificial historic community setting), the surrounding restored structures present a setting which is probably closer in feeling to the surroundings at the period of the apothecary's construction than those of its original site.



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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Doctor John Lewis Lane

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Smithville Apothecary is a good surviving example of a small late 19th Century commercial building. At one time, this building type characterized many small towns in South Jersey. However, because of their intown location, many have been destroyed by subsequent development. Those which survive have often been severely modernized. The Smithville Apothecary survives intact complete with the original Queen Anne shop front windows, whose authenticity is confirmed by surviving relatives of the original owners. The apothecary is also indicative of an important aspect of 19th Century life.

The apothecary is unusually well executed for such a small structure. The Queen Anne front gable, the fine stick style rear gable, the Italianate cornice, indicate that the building was designed without a sophisticated knowledge of styling. It therefore can be seen as a fine surviving piece of builder-vernacular architecture of the late 19th Century.

The apothecary is no longer on its original site. However it is a surviving example of a 19th Century type, and is not being nominated to the National Register because of associations with any specific piece of history. Therefore, the fact that the building was moved is of diminished importance.

HISTORY

The remembrances of family members indicate, that in the early 1890's the pharmacy was owned by Doctor John Lewis Lane, who had built it some years before. Lane was born in Tuckerton, New Jersey in 1867. He graduated from Jefferson Medical College in 1888. He lived in Tuckerton and conducted the apothecary in Manahawkin. Apparently he operated as both physician and pharmacist to the town. This was not an unusual arrangement for the period.

In 1894 the apothecary was sold to C. H. Crammer. It was then used as the Barnegat Exchange by Bell Telephone Company. Later the United States Post Office occupied the building. The apothecary was being used as the local Girl Scout Headquarters when it was purchased by the Smithville Inn and moved to its present location.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

THE RESTORATION OF A NEW JERSEY PHARMACY - 1890

by

John L. Voigt, Ph.D.
Director

Pharmaceutical Extension Service
Rutgers . The State University
College of Pharmacy, Newark, New Jersey

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one Acre

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

see map

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

New Jersey Historic Sites Staff

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Aug 1976

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Labor and Industry Building

(609)-292-2024

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Trenton

New Jersey

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

TITLE Commissioner Dept. of Environmental Protection DATE

Dec. 20, 1976

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
 ATTEST: Katherine H. Cole
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

6/9/78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

6-5-78

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HISTORY (continued)

Because of its architectural importance as well as its significance as a surviving commercial building type, the Smithville Apothecary warrants inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.