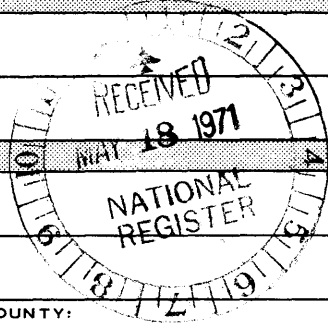


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1. NAME

COMMON:
Ivy Hall

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Cornelius Lowe House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
1225 River Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Piscataway

STATE New Jersey	CODE 34	COUNTY: Middlesex	CODE 023
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
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PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
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Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Stephen VR. Stong and Marianne S. Strong

STREET AND NUMBER:
1225 River Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Piscataway

STATE: New Jersey	CODE 34
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Middlesex County Clerk's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:
John F. Kennedy Square

CITY OR TOWN:
New Brunswick

STATE: New Jersey	CODE 34
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey # N.J. 360

DATE OF SURVEY: 1936 - 37 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:
Washington

CITY OR TOWN: Washington	STATE: D.C.	CODE 08
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CONDITION	(Check One)					
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Lowe House (Ivy Hall) is located on the northern side of the Raritan River, on the opposite side of the river from New Brunswick and about 2,000 ft. from the river bank.

The house is a two-story structure about 30 feet X 60 feet in dimension. It faces south, towards the river.

The structure is built of coursed sandstone, cut and fitted blocks on the front, or south elevation, and random pattern on the two side and one rear elevation. There are fitted dev stones over the first floor front elevation windows. The windows are six over six.

The house has a hip-roof and four tall (8') chimneys. There are three dormers on the front slope of the roof, probably a later addition.

The roof cornice has wide-spaced dentil trims. There is a porch (probably later) on the front of the house. A frame addition was built on the rear c. 1790 and later removed c. 1870 along with an original stone wing.

The interior is open in design and fine in the detail of its craftsmanship. A central hall runs from front to rear with a beautiful carved and paneled staircase at the back. Two rooms open off of the central hall on each side on both floors for a total of eight main rooms. Each has a fireplace and several retain original wood paneling and decorative molding.

Wide board floors are mostly original with some replacement and repair. The interior walls are plaster.

The basement with its massive fireplace foundations has been finished for useable living quarters. Some modern alterations(kitchens and baths) have been placed in the main portion of the house.

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PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1741 (original construction)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1741, Cornelius Lowe, a trader at nearby Raritan Landing, constructed the stone structure known as the Lowe House on a high bank approximately one-third of a mile from the banks of the Raritan River. The structure commanded an excellent view of the river.

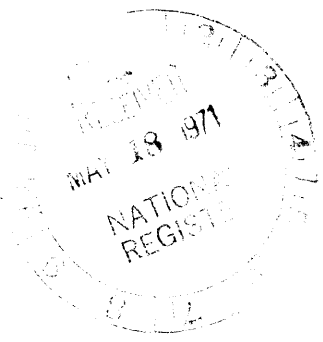
At one point during the War for Independence, the house was occupied by the British General Cornwallis.

In 1899 the house figured in the plot of an historical novel called Janice Meredith, written by Paul Leicester Ford. The novel was later made into a film.

The major significance, however, is the architectural value of the structure, both exterior and interior. The basic style and form of the building is unchanged. It was one of the finest houses in the area during the eighteenth century and is still an imposing home.

The Georgian details of fireplaces, paneling and other appointments make it a structure worthy of preservation.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Historic American Building Survey (N.J. 360) Library of Congress

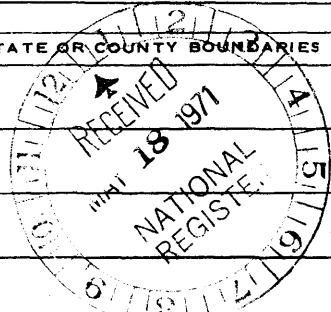
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1.99

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: Stephen VR. Strong, owner and David N. Poinsett, Historian N.J. Dept. of Environmental Protection

ORGANIZATION: _____ DATE: _____

STREET AND NUMBER: 1225 River Road

CITY OR TOWN: Piscataway 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
RICHARD J. SULLIVAN

Title: COMMISSIONER, Department of Environmental Protection

Date: April 7, 1971

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

Ernest A. Connelly
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

MAY 27 1971

Date: _____

ATTEST:

William Stewart
Keeper of the National Register

Date: _____

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#3 Ownership: Public Acquisition - In process
New Jersey State Transportation Department is negotiating with the owner in order to take twenty-five feet from the property (along the high bank) for the widening of Rt. 18.

#6 New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory #2464.2
Historic Sites Office, Department of Environmental Protection
Labor and Industry Building, John Fitch Plaza
Box 1420
Trenton, N.J. 34

Congressional Correspondence:

Rep. Edward J. Patten (15th District)

Sen. Clifford P. Case
Sen. Harrison A. Williams

