

# DATA SHEET

Form 10-300  
(Rev. 6-72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	New Jersey
COUNTY:	Morris
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	MAR 4 1975

### 1. NAME

COMMON:  
Rockaway Borough Free Public Library

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Colonel Joseph Jackson House *use*

### 2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
82 East Main Street

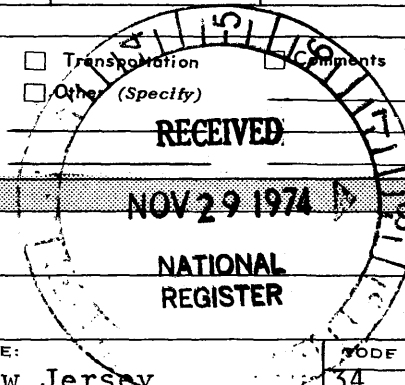
CITY OR TOWN:  
Rockaway Borough

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
13th District

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input 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:  
Borough of Rockaway

STREET AND NUMBER:  
1 East Main St.

CITY OR TOWN:  
Rockaway

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 (N.J. - 507) (N.J.H.S.I. - 2660 4)

DATE OF SURVEY: 1938, 1940       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 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 type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This 2nd quarter 19th century house is a simple rectangular frame 3 1/2 story building (including basement) with a gambrel roof and a smaller unit on the side. The main clapboard unit has a side door with two windows alongside. The porch over the entranceway is modern. The doorway a fanlight, rectangular sidelights and a 6 panel door. The windows are all 6/6 sash with louvered shutters. Much of the glass is original. The foundation is brick. Originally there were paired chimneys on the east gable end, but one of these chimneys has been removed.

The smaller unit, probably constructed at the same time, is a 2 1/2 story clapboard structure with gable roof. This wing has no cellar, but the foundation is brick. The side door enters into a small room while a narrow enclosed stairway is off to the side. The window framing in this section is about 6 inches narrower than the main unit, but the lights are still 6/6. Off the rear of the smaller unit is a one story leanto addition, probably originally used as a cool storage room. There is a solid vertical board shutter on the one window of the leanto, possibly an original.

The first floor of the main section of the Jackson House has a full length side hall with a narrow enclosed stairway pressed against the outside wall. There are two rooms, front and back, along the hall. Minus the closet space in the front room these rooms are identically square (17' x 17'). The second floor has a similar plan except for the small bedroom and bathroom in the hallway.

The attic provides an excellent view of early 19th century construction methods and forms. The framing is clearly visible being a reinforced queen-post form. The points are mortise and tenon. The major beams are hand-hewn, but the smaller ones are vertical sawn.

Historical American Buildings survey dated this structure ca. 1800. The house, however, evidences mostly Greek revival characteristics and should probably be dated as 2nd quarter 19th century.

The building was converted into the town library in the 1930's, but only the first floor is used as a library and this has compromised the building very little.

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**3. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Joseph Jackson, son and grandson of one of the earliest settlers in Rockaway, was probably the most prominent industrialist in the village from 1812 to 1854. In addition to owning and operating a substantial iron forge and rolling mill which eventually employed upwards to 50 workers, Jackson was Postmaster, Morris County Judge and Justice of Peace and a member of the New Jersey Assembly for three terms.

The Jackson Family, one of the earliest founding families of Rockaway, of which Joseph Jackson was the third generation, was probably the most prosperous and prominent family of Rockaway from the mid-1700's to the late 19th century.

The Jackson's came originally from Massachusetts via Connecticut and Long Island. The first Jackson at Rockaway was Joseph (1710-1769). A general in the French and Indian War, Joseph may have built a house in the mid - 1700's on the lot of what is now the Sacred Heart Convent at 40 East Main Street. The original building probably dated back to the 18th century, but an early photograph shows that the earliest unit was eventually demolished.

Stephen Jackson (1744-1812), son of Joseph, was possibly born in Rockaway and by the time of his death owned a good part of the village. Stephen served as a Captain in the Revolution. Certain sources indicate that Stephen Jackson built this house at 82 East Main Street but it is more likely that his eldest son Joseph constructed it.

Joseph Jackson (1774-1854) lived in Rockaway all of his life and was its most important citizen after his father's death in 1812.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

History of Morris County, New Jersey. W.W. Munsell. 1883  
 Edmund Drake Halsey Manuscript Collection  
 Donated to the Rockaway Library by  
 Edmund Halsey Kellogg, Massachusetts.  
 Historic American Buildings Survey. New Jersey - 507  
 United States Census of 1850. Rockaway Township.  
 Schedule 5 - Industries.

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

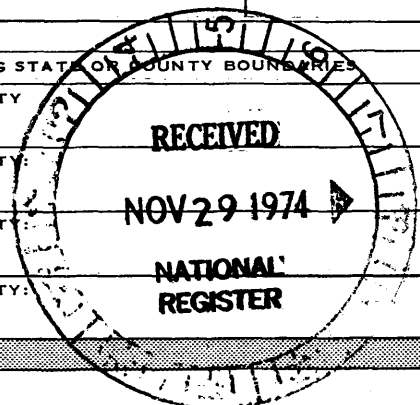
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1

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:  
 T. Karschner, Historian-Curator

ORGANIZATION: Historic Sites Section,  
 Dept. of Environmental Protection

DATE: August, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER:  
 Box 1420

CITY OR TOWN: Trenton

STATE: N.J. CODE: 34

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

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: David J. Bardin  
 Title: Commissioner  
 Dept. of Environmental Protection  
 Date: November 19, 1974

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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

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

Date: 5/14/75

ATTEST:  
Charles A. ...  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 2-25-75

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8. Significance (Cont'd)

Stephen, throughout his lifetime, accumulated land and invested so successfully that he controlled most of the town by the time of his death.

One of the few lots which Stephen did not own was that of his son, Joseph.

Joseph married Betsey Platt Ogden of Sussex in 1802 and she provided him with three children before her death in 1807.

Earlier, in 1798, Jackson was appointed postmaster for Rockaway - a post which he held for nearly 50 years.

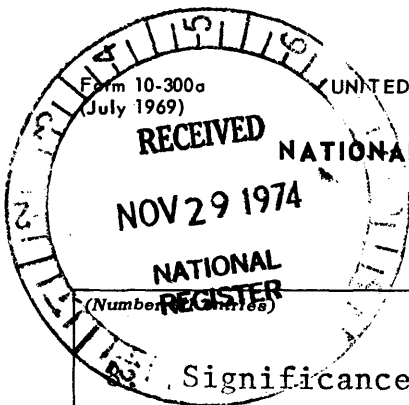
In 1804 he was a colonel of the 3rd Regiment of the Morris Militia and in 1812 he was ordered into active service by New Jersey Governor Aaron Ogden and served at Jersey City in command of a regiment for 3 1/2 months. Jackson resigned from the militia in 1816.

Jackson was also an elder of the First Presbyterian Church at Rockaway, a Judge and a Justice of Peace - all for over thirty years. In addition, he was elected to the New Jersey Assembly for three straight terms during the reign of President Andrew Jackson.

Although Stephen Jackson probably was more successful financially than his son it was Joseph who had a more lasting and significant impact on the town of Rockaway.

Stephen dealt mainly in land speculation, farming, and small local business which did little to encourage further settlement. Joseph Jackson, however, had more vision than his father and as early as 1800 had begun producing finished iron products to be transported to Newark and New York. Consequently,





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Significance (Cont'd)

as the industry grew more and more men sought employment as ironworkers and, subsequently, in related and unrelated occupations in Rockaway.

As common with many iron industries in the 19th century the Jackson business does not appear to have been especially profitable and Joseph's inheritance of part of his father's wealth in 1812 was probably most welcome.

Even with this income iron production in the early 1800's was difficult. The business always seemed to be depressed and Joseph Jackson had trouble making ends meet. Fortunately, for Rockaway, several Government contracts kept Jackson in business.

Although apparently frequently faced with financial difficulties Jackson managed to operate the business until 1852 thereby encouraging the 19th century settlement of Rockaway.

According to the Stephen Joseph Jackson, his son and partner, Joseph owned at one time: four forge fires, a steel furnace, three iron mines, an iron works, three rolling mills, and 1800 acres of land.

An newspaper ad, probably appearing in the Newark Daily Advertiser sometime in 1840, indicates the type and magnitude of his business:

Chilled Rolls, with Stands, Screws and Brasses to fit, Turning lathes for Cast or Wrought Iron, Made to Order, Pipes for Hot Blast, Mill Irons, Gudgeons, Cranks and Wrought and Cast Iron Shafts to any pattern ordered, Sprin Sted, Round, Flat and Square Iron, Hoops, Nail Rods, School Iron, Band Iron, and c. Manufactured and delivered to order in New York, by the Subscribers, Joseph Jackson and Son, 25th March, 1840. Rockaway, Morris County, New Jersey.

N.B. - Iron Ore, of superior quality delivered at Newark, at five dollars per ton 2240 lbs.

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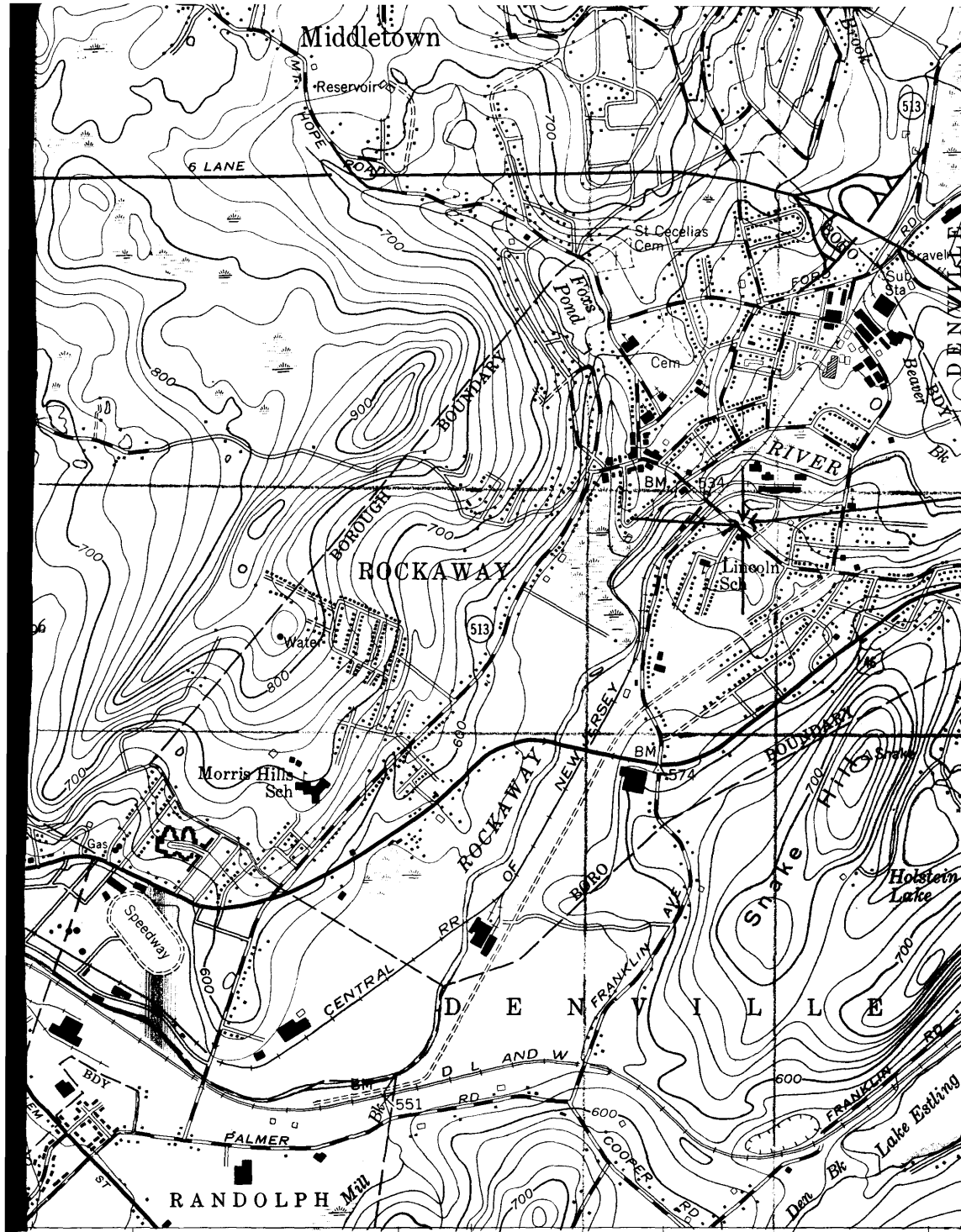
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Library  
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New Jersey, 34

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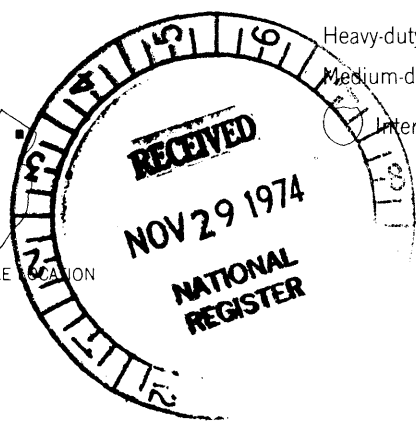
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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- Medium-duty ————
- Light-duty —————
- Unimproved dirt - - - - -
- Interstate Route (Shield)
- U. S. Route (Shield)
- State Route (Circle)



NEW JERSEY  
QUADRANGLE LOCATION

DOVER, N. J.  
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