

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 10 1975

1. NAME

COMMON:
Cutler Homestead *use*

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Silas Condict/ Joseph Cutler/ Augustus Cutler House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
21 Cutler Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Morristown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
5th - Peter Frelinghuysen, Jr.

STATE:
New Jersey

CODE: **34**

COUNTY:
Morris

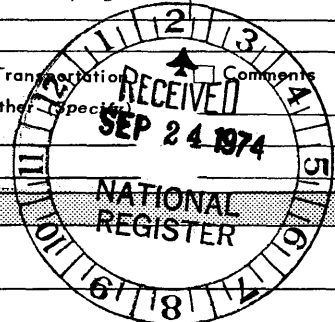
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3. CLASSIFICATION

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 type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <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
PUBLIC ACQUISITION:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes: 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 type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		



4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Montessori Children's Home of Morristown

STREET AND NUMBER:
21 Cutler Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Morristown

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:
New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory (2064.26)

DATE OF SURVEY:
1968

Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Historic Sites Section, Dept. of Environmental Protection

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 1420

CITY OR TOWN:
Trenton

STATE:
New Jersey

CODE:
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

 Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

 Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

 Moved Original Site

(Check One)

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Cutler Family records indicate that the original house was built in 1799 by Joseph Cutler for Silas Condict. This two story section still exists, but is surrounded by mid- 19th century renovations. The original section is to the rear of the principal building. It measures approximately 21 feet by 25 feet. The north wall has a fireplace and Dutch oven which projects into what is currently a storage room. The entrance to the 1799 section faces west and has three bays. The door is in the center and a stairway is located on the side nearest the 1853 section. Presently the 1799 wing houses the kitchen facilities and utilities and, consequently, is considerably altered, although the flooring is the original wide oak.

In 1853 the house was considerably enlarged by Augustus W. Cutler and the orientation of the house changed, making the house face south, or Cutler Street. The 1853 wing measures approximately 55 feet by 34 feet, has five bays and a center hall, and is 2½ stories high. This section, like the 1799 structure, is clapboard. There are paired chimneys on both the east and west gable ends. The roof is gable, the peak of the roof traversing east to west, with a large intersecting center gable going north and south. All four gable ends have one 6/6 sash windows with louvered shutters and triangular louvers immediately above. Underneath the overhang of the roof on all the gables are brackets. The front, or south, facade has a 45 feet veranda over the first story which covers all five bays. This portico is supported by four square panelled columns and embellished with gingerbread and brackets. (There are two other similar porches; one over the front of the first floor of the 1799 section, 17 feet long, and the other in the rear of the 1853 section, bracing up against the rear of the 1799 wing, 25 feet long.). The doorway has rectangular sidelights and fanlights and is flanked on either side by two large window which are about six feet high. The second story windows are 6/6 sash with louvered shutters.

The east facade has two one story protruding window bays while the west facade has only one.

Inside the building is a center hall (34 feet by 12 feet) with a stairway in the rear to the east. To either side of the hall are two rooms up and back (south and north) and nearly identical in size (21 feet by 18 feet & 21 feet by 16 feet versus 19½ feet by 18 feet & 19½ feet by 16 feet) with the east end gaining a small advantage in size. Each room has a fireplace.

The second floor plan is quite similar and each of these main four rooms also have fireplaces. Above the first floor hallway, to the front, or south, is a small room measuring approximately 11½ feet by 11 feet.

The third floor is generally for storage, but also has 3 small bedrooms.

Generally, the exterior of the 1853 section is unaltered and exhibits characteristic of both Greek Revival and early Gothic Revival architecture.

S E E I N S T R U C T I O N S

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" 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)

1799 - 1885, almost continuously

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
Judicial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Political.

Silas Condict (1738-1801) commissioned Joseph Cutler to construct this house in 1799, only two years prior to his death. Condict was a surveyor and farmer. He entered the political arena in 1768 to become Morristown's assessor. In 1772 Condict was elected town surveyor of highways and Overseer of the Poor. During the Revolution he was a Morris County representative to the New Jersey Provincial Congress, a member of the committee which drafted New Jersey's first state constitution, and a member of the Continental Congress (1781-84). After the Revolution Condict served in many capacities. He was an elected freeholder, an elected Moderator, and a member of the New Jersey Assembly, serving frequently as the Speaker of the House.

Joseph Cutler (1778-1854) was a carpenter and builder when Condict employed him in 1799 to build the house, now 15 Cutler Street, Morristown. During construction he apparently began courting Condict's grand-daughter, Elizabeth Phoebe Cook, whom he married in 1800. Joseph Cutler was appointed one of the executors of Condict's will upon his death in 1801. At various times Cutler was an officer in the New Jersey State Militia, an Overseer of the Poor, a director of the Morris Turnpike Company, and president of the "State Bank". Cutler's chief occupation after his marriage in 1800, however, was management of the farm that had belonged to Silas Condict.

Augustus W. Cutler (1827-1897), youngest son of Joseph, lived his entire life in the Cutler Homestead. Augustus, a Yale College graduate, was admitted to the bar in 1850. He entered into active participation in local affairs soon after he became a lawyer and was a power in Morris County for many years. He was elected to the Morristown Board of Education in 1854 and soon became its president, a position he held for twenty years. In 1871 Cutler was elected to the New Jersey State Senate. He was nominated by the area Democrats to oppose William Walter Phelps for Congress in 1874. After a bitter contest, in which the issues of a post-Civil War nation predominated, Cutler was elected to the Fifth District of the United States House of Representatives. Two years later he was returned to Congress, but refused to run for a third term in 1878. In 1881 he ran once again, but unsuccessfully, as

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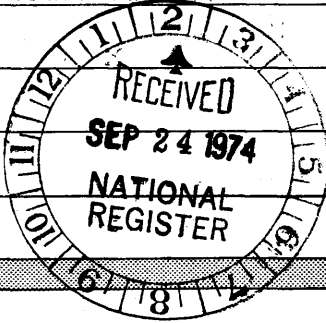
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1.5

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: **Terry Karschner, Historian-Curator**

ORGANIZATION: **Historic Sites Section, Dept. of Environmental Protection** DATE: **03/03/1974**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Box 1420**

CITY OR TOWN: **Trenton** STATE: **New Jersey** 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. Bunde
 Title: Commissioner, Dept. of Environmental Protection
 Date: July 1, 1974

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

A. P. Martens
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 3/10/75

ATTEST:
W. Munsell
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 3.5.75



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8. Significance (cont.)

was the case in 1896 when he was defeated by Mahlon Pitney, later United States Supreme Court Justice.

Augustus Cutler aspired to the office of Governor of New Jersey in 1895, but although he was highly qualified and widely supported by the Democratic Party in New Jersey, he lost the nomination to A.T. McGill, who then lost the election too??

The house itself was virtually the headquarters of the New Jersey Democrats during the last two decades of the 19th century.

Education.

As a United States Representative Cutler introduced a bill to the House to appropriate the proceeds of the sale of public lands of the different States and Territories, according to their population, for the creation and benefit of free schools. Earlier, in 1861, as a New Jersey State Senator, Cutler drafted the original free school bill and, in 1864, he inaugurated a crusade against railroads in New Jersey to obtain state control of and to secure the proceeds of the sales and rentals of the riparian lands of the state for the benefit of free schools. The fight was highly successful for in a years time over one million dollars was paid to the fund -- causing Augustus W. Cutler to be called the father of the New Jersey free school system.

Judicial.

Willard Walker Cutler (1856-1926), eldest son of Augustus Cutler, lived in the Cutler Homestead from the time of his birth to 1885 when he moved across the street to accommodate his growing family. Cutler studied for the legal profession under his father and was subsequently admitted to the bar as an attorney in 1878 and was made a counsellor in 1881. Later, he became a special master and examiner in Chancery and a Supreme Court commissioner. In 1882 Governor Ludlow appointed Cutler Prosecutor of the Pleas of Morris County, a position he held for eleven years. He resigned this position to accept an appointment of law judge for Morris County. Judge Cutler was appointed a Circuit Court Judge in 1916, a position he held until his death in 1926.

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