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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  
St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
King's Highway  
CITY, TOWN  
Clarksboro  
STATE  
New Jersey  
VICINITY OF  
1  
COUNTY  
Gloucester  
CODE  
034  
CODE  
015  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
1  
NOT FOR PUBLICATION

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME  
St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
STREET & NUMBER  
King's Highway  
CITY, TOWN  
Clarksboro  
VICINITY OF  
STATE  
New Jersey

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
Gloucester County Court House  
STREET & NUMBER  
CITY, TOWN  
Woodbury  
STATE  
New Jersey

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory  
DATE  
1976  
DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS  
Dept. of Environmental Protection, P.O. Box 1420  
CITY, TOWN  
Trenton  
STATE  
New Jersey  
FEDERAL  
 STATE  
COUNTY  
LOCAL

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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

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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

St. Peter's is a Greek Revival Basilican Church, with a square plan entrance tower. The nave has 3 bays and a heavy entablature. The entrance facade is articulated as a Greek Temple form, with Tuscan pilasters at the corners. But the facade is broken by the imposition of the tower. The first stage of the tower extends above the peak of the nave roof, terminating in a bracketted cornice. The entrance double door is set in a molded frame with an upper triangular section resting blocks. This is probably a provincial abstracted version of a Grecian pediment on consoles. This motif is repeated in the first floor side windows of the tower, as well as in its second story windows. Above the central second story window is a panel with ear moldings on all 4 corners. The words "Founded 1770" are painted in the panel. Above the cornice is a smaller second stage tower, with tall louvered openings, one on each side. These openings had shallow arch tops and were framed in pilaster strips. Another cornice, similar to the one below, surmounts the second stage. There is a pyramid roof with an octagonal conical spire surmounted by a cross. The entire exterior has a clapboard surface with end boards, except for the front of the nave.

# 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1846

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

St. Peter's is an intact surviving provincial Greek Revival Church, built at a time when enthusiasm for Grecian architecture, our first national style, was at its height. In addition, the building's residential scale fits well into the rhythm of the surrounding houses, while the tower introduces an interesting vertical accent.

Founded in 1770, St. Peter's was the last of the colonial parishes founded in New Jersey prior to the Revolution.

History The parish known as "Mantua Creek" was founded in 1770. The old records of St. Peter's of Berkeley date from that year. Prior to that time, Nathaniel Evans served as Episcopal Missionary to Gloucester County. Evans was a Quaker convert to the Episcopal Church. He was a celebrated poet, whose work was posthumously published in 1772 by John Dunlap. Following Evan's death in 1767, it is probable that his father (Edward) took up his congregations. The people, who were exceedingly fond of him, built him a small chapel on Mantua Creek at Mt. Royal.

In 1838, a parsonage was purchased in Clarksboro and in 1845, to meet the demand for a more central location, a new church was erected directly across the street from the parsonage. In 1846, the church was presented to, and taken under the spiritual wing of, Bishop George Washington Doane, who was the only American member of the Ecclesiological Society, in England.

Since that time the church has continued in active use down to the present day.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Founded November 9, 1770 in Berkeley, (Mt. Royal) New Jersey.

Charter of Incorporation April 28, 1835 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of Gloucester County in Lib. M 3 of Deeds Folio 509 g Smallwood, Clerk. "...the said Church shall be known and which is the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of Saint Peter's Church in Berkeley."

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.1 - 1/277, 1/277, 1/277, 1/277

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,8	4,8,0	78,0	4405	4,4,4,0	3,0,0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING				ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C							D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See Address

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

George F. Silbertzahn

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

13 Cooper Street

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Gibbstown

STATE

New Jersey

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

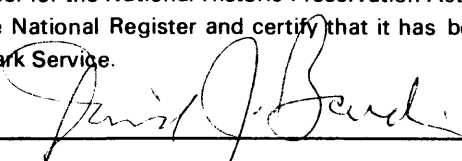
NATIONAL

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

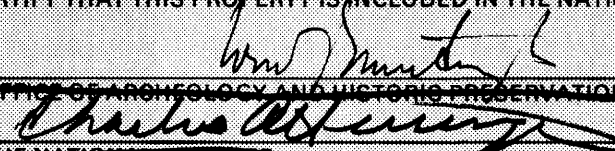


TITLE Commissioner, Dept. of Environmental Protection

DATE Apr. 12 1976

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
 ATTEST:   
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 8/18/77  
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER  
 DATE 8-78-77