

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

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STATE: New Jersey	
COUNTY: Morris	
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**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Miller-Kingsland House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Vreeland Avenue, 900 feet West of Montville Township boundary

CITY OR TOWN:  
Boonton

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 type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" 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:  
Alex D. Fowler

STREET AND NUMBER:  
1115 Vreeland Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:  
Boonton

STATE: New Jersey      CODE: 34

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Morris County Courthouse

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

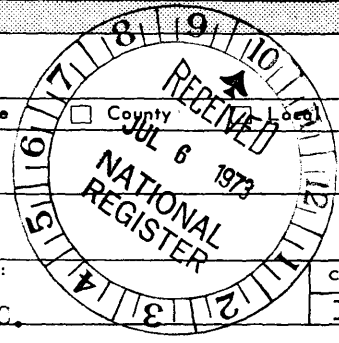
DATE OF SURVEY: 1937       Federal       State       County

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Exterior.

The Miller-Kingsland House was constructed at two different periods.

The West wing, built around 1740, is a 1½ story structure with gable roof and a Dutch sweep on the South side. The West wall of this section is stone and brick providing for the large fireplace and Dutch oven. The rest of the wing is frame and was originally clapboard covered, but was covered over with abestos shingles aroun 1930.

The Main section, built in 1808, is a 2½ story Dutch style gambrel roof house with an offset center chimney. The Main house has 3 bays, the Eastern-most being a side hall which has a Victorian porch protecting the doorway. The South facade has knee-wall windows on the second floor. The East wall has a small applique chimney added for the furnace about 1875-1905. As with the older section the original clapboard exterior was covered about 1930 with building paper and 20 inch asbestos shingles,

Interior.

Much of the interior hardware and woodwork of the Miller-Kingsland House is original. The colonial has an enormous brownstone fireplace with a high narrow mantel and a Dutch oven. (See photo) Flanking the fireplace are wooden cupboards with the original hardware. This 15½' by 15½' room apparently was a complete house before 1808, when the main section was constructed. The floor boards are random width and the ceilings have open beams which appear expertly hand hewn.

The Main section, built in 1808, according to a plaque in one of the two Federal mantels, was built in 1808.

From the side hall one enters and immediately confronts the attractive stairway to the second floor. The hall is 19 feet by 8½ feet. Behind the hall is a pantry or store room. Off to the side of the store room and hall is the bedroom and dining room, both 18 feet by 14½ feet. The center chimney divides thes two rooms with large fireplaces. The walls are plaster and have chair rails. The floor boards are 6 to 12 inches wide. The doors are mostly original.

The upstairs follows basically the same plan as the ground floor, out there are no fireplaces in the upstairs.

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8. Significance

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian     16th Century     18th Century     20th Century  
 15th Century     17th Century     19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) circa 1740, 1808

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry     | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | <u>Settlement</u>                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape    | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature   | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Military     |  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            | <input type="checkbox"/> Music        |  |   |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Settlement.

The original house (the 1½ story west wing) is the oldest known house in the town of Boonton. The land on which it stands, bordered on south by the Rockaway River, was purchased in 1728 by the first settler, Johannes Miller "...of Roughway River..." from John Reading, one of the proprietors of West New Jersey. A County road survey of 1758 for what is now Vreeland Avenue directed that a road be run down to Jonas Miller's.

Johannes Miller willed his property to his son, who subsequently sold the property to Isaac Kingsland in 1798.

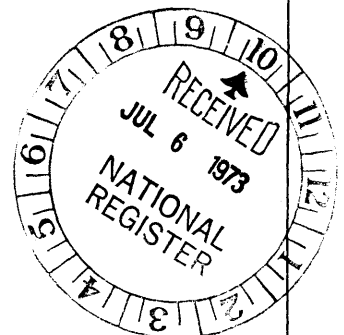
Isaac Kingsland brought his first wife here to live in the one-story with attic house in that year. She bore him three children, and died in 1805. Isaac married the second time to the widowed Nancy Heard in 1807, and built the main unit of the house the next year. The old wing was retained as a kitchen.

Architecture.

About the only negative aspect concerning the Miller-Kingsland House is the unfortunate application of asbestos shingles in the 1930's. Otherwise this house is an ideal blending of the old Dutch colonial one room early settlers house with the early 19th century main section which has both Federal characteristics and Dutch elements.

CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATION

Senator Clifford P. Case  
 Senator Harrison A. Williams, Jr.  
 Representative Joseph Maraziti, 13th District



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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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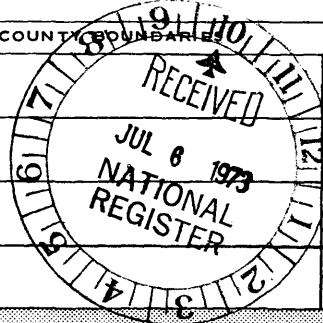
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	0 . "	0 . "				
SE	0 . "	0 . "				
SW	0 . "	0 . "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 7 acres

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: Dept. of Environmental Protection, Historic Sites Sec. DATE: March 20, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:  
P.O. Box 1420

CITY OR TOWN: Trenton 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  
 Title: Commissioner, Dept. of Environmental Protection  
 Date: June 13, 1973

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

Robert M. Wiley  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 7/31/73

ATTEST:  
[Signature]  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 7/23/73