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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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

Millville's First Bank Building

AND/OR COMMON

Old Library Building

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Second and East Main Streets

—NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Millville

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2nd

STATE

New Jersey

CODE

034

COUNTY

Cumberland

CODE

011

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

—DISTRICT

PUBLIC

—OCCUPIED

—AGRICULTURE

—MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

—PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

—COMMERCIAL

—PARK

—STRUCTURE

—BOTH

—WORK IN PROGRESS

—EDUCATIONAL

—PRIVATE RESIDENCE

—SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

—ENTERTAINMENT

—RELIGIOUS

—OBJECT

—IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

—GOVERNMENT

—SCIENTIFIC

—BEING CONSIDERED

—YES: UNRESTRICTED

—INDUSTRIAL

—TRANSPORTATION

—NO

—MILITARY

OTHER: health

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

City of Millville

STREET & NUMBER

City Hall

CITY, TOWN

Millville

— VICINITY OF

STATE

New Jersey

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk's Office of Cumberland County, Book 296, page 125

STREET & NUMBER

West Broad and Fayette Streets

CITY, TOWN

Bridgeton

STATE

New Jersey

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1976 (summer)

—FEDERAL STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Office of Cultural & Environmental Services

CITY, TOWN

Trenton

STATE

New Jersey

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		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Millville's First Bank is a simple Italianate building with a large two story banking space in front, and two floors of office space in rear. The banking room is entered on the south side and extends eastward one bay in two story wing. Each floor of the office portion is divided into an east and a west room. On both floors, the west room is contiguous with the lateral walls of the two story banking space. This forms the main building block. On both floors the east room forms the eastern wing of the structure. There is a straight staircase against the rear wall of the west room. In the ground floor east room, there are two bathrooms and a separate entrance, which faces south. Both the rooms on the ground floor form a continuous space with the two story banking area.

The fenestration is worthy of note. The building is entered through a great two story brick arch which is formed as follows. The central entrance is flanked by raised pilaster strips. These reach upward to form the arch in a continuous sweep, which is not broken by keystone or impost block. The lower story of the arch inscribes the front double door, which has its own aedicule motif with pilaster strips and a heavy frieze. The frieze is surmounted by a large second story window, which lights the interior banking space. The window, which extends up as far as the springing line of the arch, is divided into three parts, two narrow flanking strips and one large central portion. The west side of the building is divided into three bays. The front two bays have two story round head windows which light the banking space. These windows are each framed with raised brick stretchers laid horizontally so as to form an eight inch border. The borders frame the windows, including the upper arches, with an unbroken sweep, in a manner similar to the front entrance arch. However, the side window arches are smaller and rest upon sills which have simple brick consoles. The rear bay of the west side is divided into two conventional stories, with a double window below, and a simple Romanesque double arch window above. The east side of the banking space is articulated, on the exterior, as one large bay with two round head windows, similar to the two story ones on the west side, though one of the windows is slightly smaller. The south entrance to the eastern wing has a concave hip roof hood porch, resting on a pair of slightly curved framing principals. This door is surmounted by a round head window with a heavy sill on simple brick consoles.

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 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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1857

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

An important financial institution in the city during the last half of the 19th century, the Millville Bank, a fine example of commercial Italianate style architecture, also functioned educationally as the area's public library from 1908 to 1963.

Because of the expanding and changing nature of business districts, there are relatively few surviving mid-19th century banks in New Jersey. Millville's First Bank was the focal point of the town's development during that period. Moreover, its clean detailing, direct spatial articulation make it an unusual and wholly notable example of the Italianate style.

Millville's First Bank Building is further one of the few remaining structures from the city's early development. It marked the early business community's faith in the future development of the city. Many of the prominent city leaders were influential in the organization of this bank.

On March 19, 1857 by an act of the legislature, the Millville Bank was chartered as a state bank. On May 12, 1857 one thousand shares were offered at \$50 each. The stockholders met for the first time on June 8, 1857 at which time a Board of Directors was elected. The directors authorized the purchase of the lot from Pierson D. Stockwell. The following month a contract was signed for the construction of the building. The structure was modeled after a bank in Burlington, New Jersey and was built at a cost of \$2,800.00.

The Millville Bank served the growing community well and in May, 1865, it was reorganized as the Millville National Bank. Following the 1883 refurnishing, the bank was described as "one of the most convenient edifices of the kind to be found outside of the larger cities." However, as the century drew to its close, and the business of the institution continued to expand, it became evident that new and larger quarters were needed. In 1908 after the completion of a new bank building the original was sold to the Millville Library and Reading Room Association for \$2,000. The association, later known as the Millville Public Library, occupied the building until 1963. Since then it has served as the local offices of various county and municipal health agencies, presently being the headquarters of the Millville Public Health Center.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See Continuation Sheet

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

UTM NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.12
 QUADRANGLE NAME Millville Quadrangle

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES
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 ZONE EASTING NORTHING
 C
 E
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B
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING
 D
 F
 H

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Block 4, Lot 17 - Millville Tax Map

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

Paul Lee Heckendorn, Principle Planning Aide

ORGANIZATION

City of Millville

DATE

1974

STREET & NUMBER

City Hall

TELEPHONE

825-7000

CITY OR TOWN

Millville

STATE

New Jersey

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

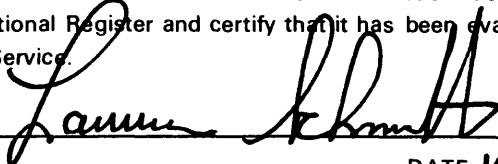
STATE

LOCAL X

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.

Deputy

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

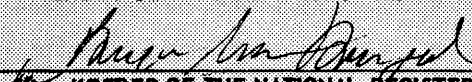


TITLE Chief, Office of Cultural and Environmental Services

DATE 10/3/80

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



KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

11/20/80

ATTEST:

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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Description (continued)

The main section (the banking space and the west offices) is formed under a shallow pitch roof, with the main gable facing south. The bays are defined by brick quoining. The entrance facade is framed in brick quoining which plays off well against the entrance arch. The eaves protrude, and surmount a cornice in which the medallions are brick headers laid on end.

This building is constructed of brick and stuccoed over. It has a stone foundation. Alterations are as follows:

1883

The bank "was rebuilt and refitted during 1883 at an expense of two thousand five hundred dollars, and it is now one of the most convenient edifices of the kind to be found outside of the large cities." (History of the Counties of Gloucester, Salem, and Cumberland, New Jersey. 1883. page 638).

This rehabilitation included the two story addition to the rear of the building which extended the bank room on the first floor and provided a new office on the second floor.

1908

The Millville National Bank sold the building to the Millville Library in 1908. At that time no alterations were made to the exterior, but all counters and other banking facilities were completely removed from the first floor. The bank directors' office on the second floor was left with all furnishings for the use of the library. First interior photographic evidence comes from these early years with the library.

1940

The large Italianate style sash windows on the west facade were replaced by stationary colonial style multi-paned windows installed within the Romanesque arches. On the south facade the three small Italianate windows and the balustrade beneath with the original main entrance doors and doorway were likewise replaced with a large multi-paned colonial motif window with side panels and new doors with small panes of glass.

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1963

The Library removed to a new building. All bookcases, tables and other library equipment were removed, and partitions were put up on the first floor for offices of the local child health facility. Lavatories were built into the 1883 first floor addition.

1977

All partitions were removed when the Millville Historical Society acquired use of the building. The lavatories were retained. At this time the restoration of the exterior was accomplished through a Federal grant though no effort was made to restore the windows and doors restyled in 1940.

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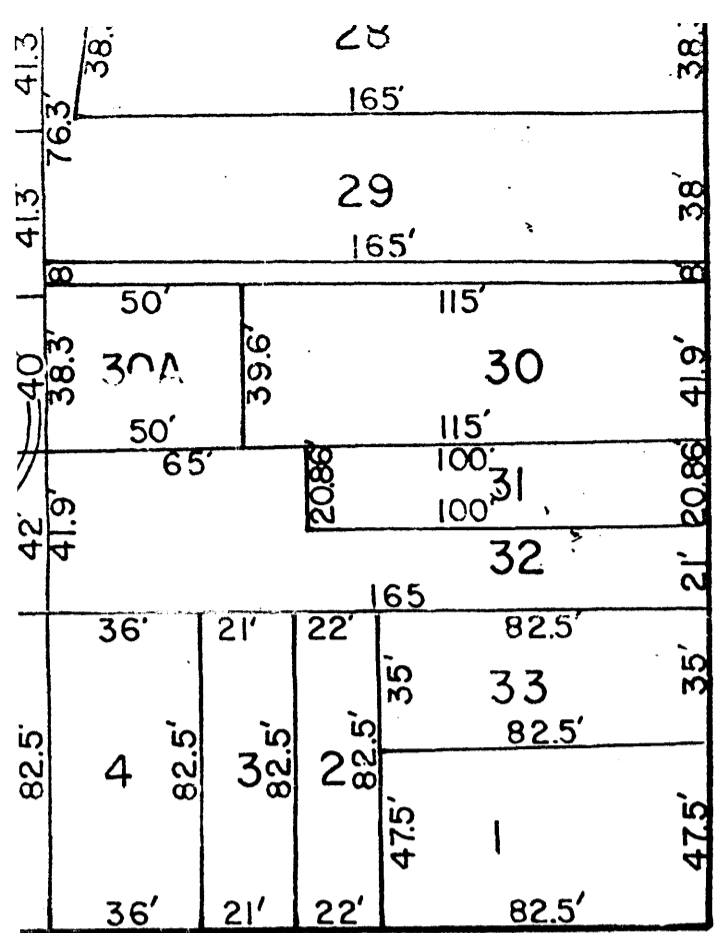
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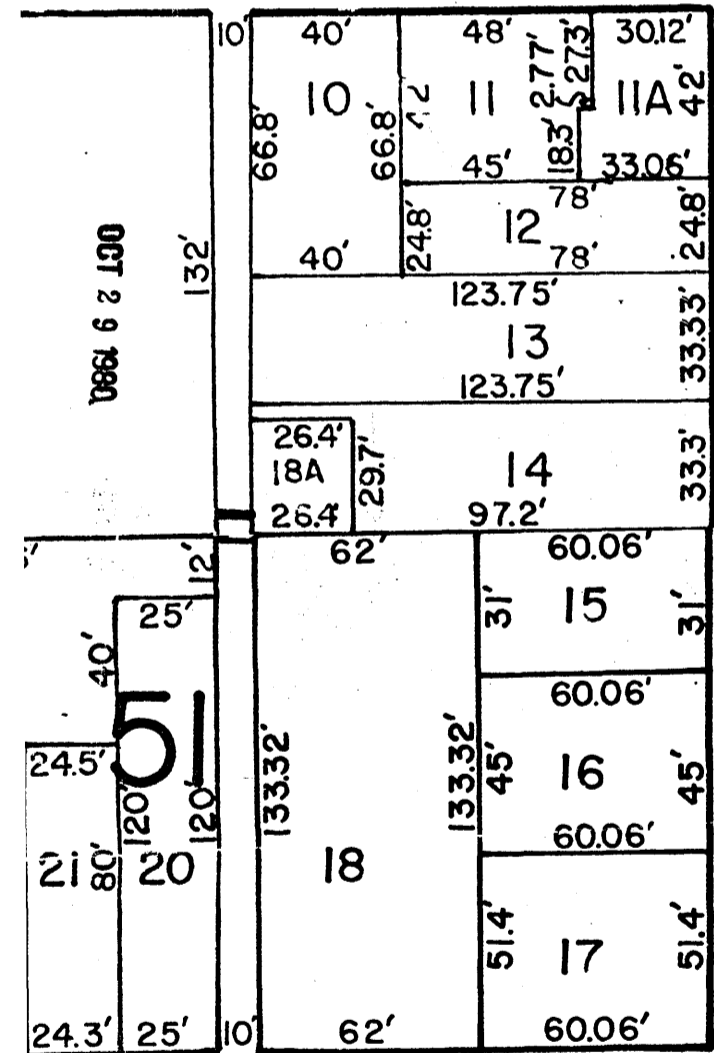
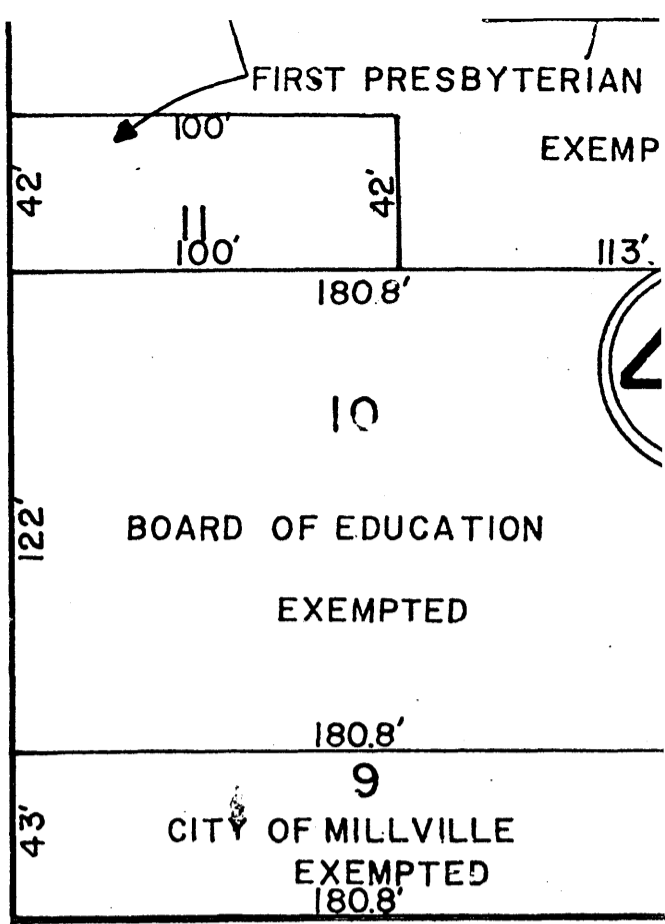
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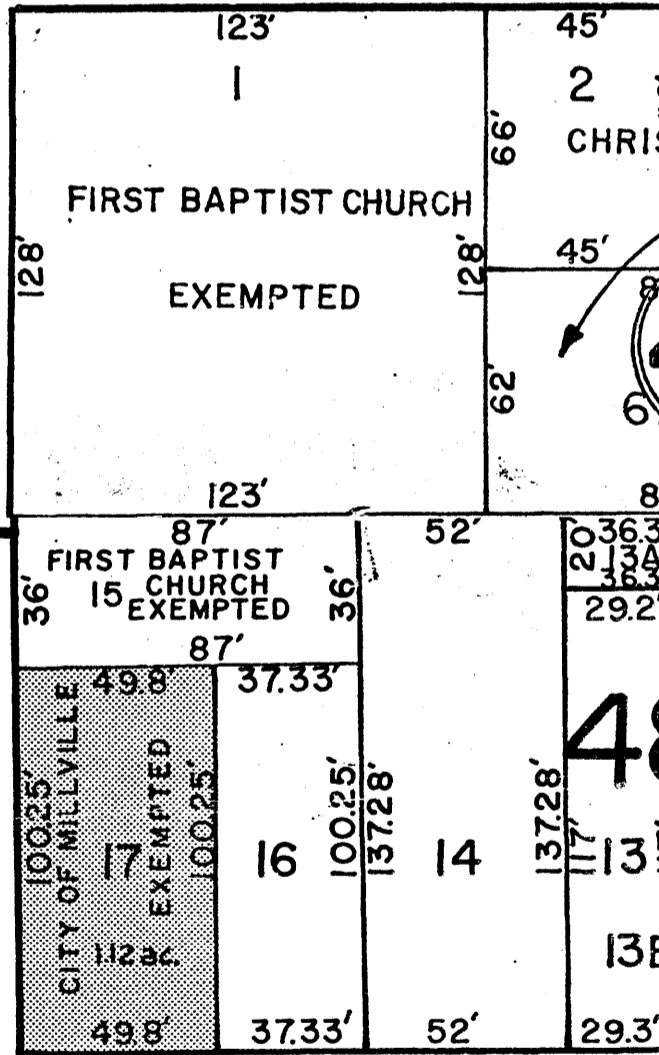
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