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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  
Peter Kemble House (Mt. Kemble)

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER  
Old Camp Road and Mount Kemble Avenue  
CITY, TOWN Chatham, vic.  
Harding Township VICINITY OF 5th  
STATE New Jersey CODE 034 COUNTY Morris CODE 027

CLASSIFICATION

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

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME  
Leonard M. and Charlotte S. Johnson

STREET & NUMBER  
667 Mount Kemble Avenue

CITY, TOWN Morristown VICINITY OF STATE New Jersey

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
Hall of Records, Morris County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER  
Court Street

CITY, TOWN Morristown STATE New Jersey

**6** REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE  
Historic American Buildings Survey  
New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory

DATE  
1939, 1967  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS  
Library of Congress  
Office of Historic Preservation, 109 W. State St., Trenton, NJ

CITY, TOWN Washington STATE DC

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE <u>1840's</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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

### Exterior

The Kemble House is a five bay clapboard building with a center hall. The roof is now gable but apparently was originally gambrel. There are two interior chimneys. A full length front portico projects out from the eave and is supported by long, narrow square columns. This porch was added some time after 1937, since the Historic American Building Survey indicates the house had a one story porch around three sides at that time. The house has a quite plain unadorned doorway, flanked on either side by two windows which are Victorian in style. The second floor windows are 6 over 6 double-hung sash with shutters (as were the others), but are shorter than the first floor windows and appear to be of the period of the second quarter of the 19th century. Forming a base at the bottom of the second story windows is a patch where the porch was removed after 1937.

In the second quarter of the 19th century the Kemble House was moved to a different location and remodeled. A west end addition was added at that time.

### Interior

The Kemble House is 46 feet by 33 feet and has a cellar kitchen. The first floor center hall is seven feet wide and 33 feet long. On the right side (upon entering) is the living room, 18 feet by 33 feet separated only by the center fireplace. To the other side of the hall is the dining room which has a fireplace and mantel. Adjacent to the dining room is another hallway which is quite narrow, then a pantry or closet in the corner, and then the stairway. The second floor has an identical floor plan except the bedrooms (over the living room) which are partitioned off and small bedroom over the doorway. Of note are several mantels, the stairway, and a couple of original doors.

In the 18th century this house was probably a two story gambrel roofed house with a typical center hall and four rooms on each floor. Little detail except the basic plan remains from this period.

This house has many features dating from its moving and subsequent remodeling in 1840. The cellar with its kitchen is from this period. The kitchen retains its fireplace and brick bake oven. Many of the doors, mantels and trim are also from this period. The floor plan apparently is retained from the 18th century building with minor 20th century changes. The living room was enlarged by partially removing the partition between two parlors. The third floor attic has been remodeled with 20th century dormers and has been made into three bedrooms and storage. The original roof was gambrel, the present is gable. Also added in the 19th century was a west wing. In the 20th century a 2 story south portico was added.

# 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"/> 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Mt. Kemble Estate was the home of prominent Morris County figures from 1750 to the 1920's. The first owner, Peter Kemble, was a member of the Governor Royal Council from 1745 to 1775. Subsequent owners included Henry S. Hoyt, David Hunter McAlpin, and Charles William McAlpin; important New Jersey/New York businessmen. Charles McAlpin was an advisor to Woodrow Wilson.

The Kemble House is an example of mid-19th century vernacular architecture. Originally an 18th century 1 1/2 story gambrel-roofed structure, the Kemble House was moved in 1840 to its current site and enlarged substantially to its present-day form as a 2 1/2 story gable roofed dwelling. Original early 18th century features include some massive hewn beams in the basement and attic and the large Dutch door entrance. A late 18th-early 19th century feature is the baluster and railing on the second and third floors (the first level has a Colonial Revival stairway).

The main section of the house exhibits mid-19th century architectural characteristics both on the interior and exterior, but the house was significantly remodeled some time during the early 20th century with Colonial Revival features (stairway, some mantels and hearth tiles, hall arches and dormers - particularly evident in the rear facade).

Consequently, while the overall massing of the Kemble House is a simple but large scale vernacular Greek Revival form with limited features of the 18th century and extensive remodeling conducted around the turn of the century, the building does not represent a single architectural style, per se. Rather, the house reflects the organic growth and expansion of an 18th century building as its owners and the styles changed.

These owners were prominent Morris County figures. After Peter Kemble died in 1789 the estate went over his heirs, who continued to live here until Richard Kemble sold the property to Henry S. Hoyt in 1840.

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Goldman, Perry. The Forgotten Winter: The Revolutionary War Encampment at  
Morristown, New Jersey 1779-1780. Madison, New Jersey: Drew University,  
 1962.

**ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED**

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 10

**UTM NOT VERIFIED**

1:24,000

QUADRANGLE NAME Mendham

QUADRANGLE SCALE

UTM REFERENCES

A 1,8 5,4,0 1,7,0 4,5 1,1 8,3,0  
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B                    
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C                  

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## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

667 Mt. Kemble Avenue. Deed reference - D 2476, 0511  
Harding Township, Morris County

## 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 / TITLE

Terry Karschner, Historic Preservation Specialist

ORGANIZATION

Office of Historic Preservation

DATE

10/1979

STREET & NUMBER

109 West State Street

TELEPHONE

(609) 292-2023

CITY OR TOWN

Trenton

STATE

New Jersey

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

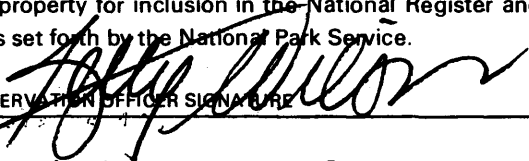
THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

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



6-25-80

TITLE

Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of Environmental Protection

DATE

## FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

W. Ray Luce  
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

8/26/80

ATTEST:     
 CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE

8-22-80

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The open stair is off the center hall, not part of the center hall as would be typical. The balusters and rail from the 1st to 2nd floor appears to be 20th century; that from the 2nd to the 3rd floor appears to be late 18th century. Possibly the original staircase was altered and parts reused in the 2nd and 3rd floor stair case.

The present property is a large wooded tract of ten acres with a gradient of about 30 degrees rising from the road to the back of the property. There is a circular driveway leading to the house. The driveway has a rubble stone pier at the entrance dating from about 1920. There is a small modern garage on the property.

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In 1885 the Kemble House was sold to David Hunter McAlpin (1816-1901). McAlpin was a tobacco manufacturer in New York City. He was also a director of many finance companies in the city. In New Jersey McAlpin was a director of the First National Bank of Morristown. McAlpin moved to outside of Morristown in 1885, purchasing what was then known as Hoyt's Corners (nee Mt. Kemble, Kemble Estate). McAlpin lived on the property until his death.

Charles William McAlpin (1866-1942), an associate of Woodrow Wilson, lived here for another generation. Charles William donated over one hundred acres of his estate for the creation of the Morristown National Historic Park (Jockey Hollow Area).

Peter Kemble was born in 1704 and migrated to the colonies in 1730. Already by 1740 he had become a success in New Brunswick and was made a member of the Governor's Council in 1745. He sometimes performed as speaker and, when the Governor was absent, chairman of the Council.

Sometime prior to 1750 Kemble bought a large tract of land near Morristown. By 1765 he had evidently completed his home at Mount Kemble since that was the year he moved to Morristown.

At the outbreak of the war Kemble, seventy years old and in poor health, refused to join the patriots' cause and nearly lost his property as a result. Perhaps his close connections with prominent New York and New Jersey families prevented the confiscation of his property.

Despite close connections with the English cause (his daughter married the Commander of the British Army in America, General Thomas Gage). Kembles' estate was the scene of several American army encampments.

General William Small wood of Maryland quartered there in the winter of 1779-1780 and General Anthony Wayne made headquarters here the next winter while from ten to thirteen thousand troops were camped nearby on land owned by three men: Henry Wick, Joshua Guerin, and Peter Kemble. The Kemble Plantation was the focal point of much of the camp's activities. The summit of Kemble's Mountain was the camp lookout.

The Federal Government owns and operates this area today as a National Park (Morristown National Historic Park-Jockey Hollow).

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OWNERS OF THE PETER KEMBLE PROPERTY

1. Chain of Title:

Survey of General's Office	26 September 1716
Proprietors of West Jersey	1250 Acres
to	Book N, 63
Amos Strettel	Burlington

This property was part of a larger tract purchase from the Indians by the West Jersey Proprietors and surveyed by John Reading.

2. Amos Strettel, Philadelphia Merchant	24 February 1751
to	1250 Acres
Peter Kemble, New Brunswick, NJ	650
Merchant	Book K k-13

The property had been held for thirty-five years by the Strettel family. The grantor here is a grandson of the Amos Strettel above.

3. Peter Kemble	1789
to	320 Acres
Richard Kemble	Will A 324

By his will, Peter Kemble devised to his son Richard, "all that farm or plantation whereon he now dwells is Morristown, known and distinguished by the name of Home Lot no. 4, or otherwise called Mt. Kemble, containing three hundred and twenty acres, together with the dwelling house, barn, the **out houses**, all the farming utensils, and appurtenances thereunto belonging."

4. Richard F. Kemble	16 May 1840
to	242.55 Acres
Henry S. Hoyt, of New York City	plus 20 acres, part of lot no. 5
	12, 365
	Book W3, 25

The homestead, lot no. 4, remained in the possession of the Kemble family for ninety years until it was sold to Henry S. and Frances M. Hoyt.



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5. Henry S. Hoyt 4 April 1885  
to 24.90 Acres  
David Hunter McAlpin Book M 11, 341

Henry S. Hoyt, who owned the property for forty-five years, moved the manor house to its present location and commenced work on the big stone house, later called Glen Alpin.

1910 Atlas

6. Cornelia Ross McAlpin, of New York 1904  
City (widow of David Hunter McAlpin) N 17 345  
to

heirs, Charles W. McAlpin of Morristown,  
Edwin A. of Ossining, NY, David H. of  
Morris Plains, George L. of East  
Hampton, Long Island.

7. Edwin A. McAlpin et al Ap. 12, 1904  
to Q 17, 360

Charles W. McAlpin and Adelaide  
McAlpin Pyle  
Same as conveyed by Richard  
Kemble to Harry S. Hoyt May 16,  
1840 (W3, 25)

Charles William McAlpin (-- d 1942),  
well known in philanthropic and  
charitable circles, an intimate  
associate of Woodrow Wilson.

Adelaide McAlpin Pyle, daughter of David Hunter McAlpin and wife of James Tolman Pyle.

8. Adelaid McAlpin Pyle et al Nov. 30, 1925  
to

Sara McAlpin Smart, 241 E. 61st St., T9, 575  
New York City

"property called "Glyntwood"

Sara McAlpin Pyle Smart, wife of Paul H., of  
Darien, Conn. was a daughter of Adelaide  
McAlpin Pyle.

The Kemble mansion was renamed Glyntwood after it was moved.

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| 9.  | Sara McAlpin Pyle Smart<br>to<br>Elizabeth W. Macy, of Morristown                                     | Sept. 6, 1927<br>P 30, 568                  |
| 10. | Elizabeth W. Macy, widow<br>to<br>Sara McAlpin Pyle Smart   | Dec. 28, 1938<br>O 35, 488                  |
| 11. | Sara McAlpin Pyle Smart<br>to<br>Minnie B. Van Rensslear, of<br>Petersborough, N.H.                   | Oct. 1, 1943<br>W 37, 471                   |
| 12. | Minnie B. Van Rensslear<br>to<br>Julian W. Story and Elizabeth F.<br>of Martinsville, Somerset County | Oct. 27, 1945<br>R 39, 458                  |
| 13. | Julian W. Story and Eliz. F.<br>to<br>Paul H. Feakins and Jane N.                                     | June 24, 1954<br>R 56, 476<br>16+ Acres     |
| 14. | Feakins, Paul H. and Jane N.<br>to<br>Leonard M. Johnson and Charlotte S.                             | Sept. 29, 1978<br>D 2476, 0511<br>10+ Acres |