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

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC The Fredericks House

AND/OR COMMON The Haight House

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
6 Duchess Drive

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN Kinnelon Fayson Lakes VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 5

STATE New Jersey CODE 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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Gordon and Barbara Haight

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LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Morris County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER
Washington Street

CITY, TOWN Morristown STATE New Jersey

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory

DATE 1973 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Office of Historic Preservation

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 checked="" 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

The siting of the Fredericks House is on a northeast-southwest axis with the earliest unit at the northeast. The building is located in a heavily developed suburban community known as Fayson Lakes.

The early unit is a mid-18th century one and a half story random fieldstone structure built into bank. The stone is twenty inches thick and is currently painted white. It has a three bay facade with uneven fenestration. The windows are all modern one over one sash with board and batten shutters on the main floor. The roof is gable with a broad brick chimney at the south end. There is a smaller chimney to the north.

The ground floor of the 18th century unit had a basement fireplace and kitchen, but when the current concrete floor was installed it was apparently removed (around 1950).

The main floor is divided into two rooms with 5 X 8 inch finished beams in the ceiling. The hearth in the northeast room has been removed, but there are indications of an earlier fireplace. The southwest end has a hearth of dressed stone blocks with mantel and attached cabinet dating from the late 18th century or early 19th century, possibly from another building. These could be from another house or perhaps added when the building was enlarged. The attic floor was converted into a bedroom in the second quarter of the 20th century by inserting a shed dormer and finishing off parts of this loft space leaving the hewn oak rafters exposed. The northeast end is unfinished.

The second portion of the Fredericks House was probably added in the first quarter of the 19th century. This later 1 1/2 story unit has three bays with a wide side hall. The roof is gable with a shed dormer over the hallway. There is a chimney on the southwest gable end. A modern screened-in porch covers the front facade of this unit. The interior exhibits early 19th century features

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including Greek Revival mantels, 1820's window cornices and mouldings, plank flooring and period hardware. Some features, however, have been removed or improperly interpreted - removal of the newel and bannister and opening the plastered ceilings to expose the sawn joists.

Earlier accounts of the building indicate that the beams in the main floor of the earliest section were uncovered and honed. This local account also discusses the adding of the 19th century section in two parts - the first being a small detached building and later the wide hall and stair connecting the 18th century unit.

This farmhouse was built over a spring brook which still flows underneath.

Frank Fay purchased the rural land in 1927 and subsequently developed the surrounding suburban Fayson Lakes. In 1946 the Booth family acquired the house and lived here until 1976. Most of the modern alteration occurred during this period.

The surrounding area is suburban residential containing mostly modern split-level and ranch houses.

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
<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 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Fredericks House is a stone farmhouse built in the mid-18th century by the Fredericks family whose descendants lived in it until the twentieth century. The house is one of the oldest houses in Morris County and was part of the estate of one of the earliest families in this region.

The Fredericks family was one of the early settlers of this area and deeds show that Fredericks owned large amounts of land here in the 18th century.

Peter Fredericks was a Morris County Freeholder in 1793 for Pequannock Township and chosen as an overcrier of the poor by the town meeting during that time.

The Fredericks were farmers and lived off their land.

On June 1, 1785 Peter Fredericks recorded his livestock identification number to be PF on the right thigh and an ear mark, a hole in the right ear.

An early will and inventory dated 1795 of Peter's father Frederick shows that his father left him a large part of the property and Peter's will shows that he left the house to his wife Mary.

The inventory indicates they were farmers and harvested corn and various vegetables for market. It also reveals that in addition to growing and selling produce the Fredericks owned cows, sheep and horses.

The Fredericks graveyard in nearby Fayson Lakes has graves dating back to 1745 and there are many unmarked stones which possibly could be even older.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 Some Early Records of Morris County New Jersey, 1740-1799, New Orleans: 1975.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1/2

QUADRANGLE NAME Pompton Plains QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,8	55,3	2,1,0	4,5,3,5	4,5,3,6	8,8,0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING					ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C							D			
E							F			
G							H			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The nominated property occupies City Block 34, Lot 235.

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 Barbara Haight/revised by Terry Karschner, OHP, Trenton, 609-292-2023

ORGANIZATION _____ DATE 4/1977, 12/1978

STREET & NUMBER 6 Duchess Drive TELEPHONE (201) 838-8110

CITY OR TOWN Kinnelon 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.

Deputy [Signature]
 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

518-75

TITLE Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of Environmental Protection DATE May 18, 1979

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

[Signature] DATE 10-18-79
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: [Signature] DATE 10/18/79
 CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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For the Fredericks this farmhouse was a meeting place for all family meetings. It is believed that the early Fredericks were Tory sympathizers. Some suggest the house was a Tory hideout during the Revolutionary War. This is questionable, however, as two members of the Fredericks family signed the Pequannock Township Articles of Agreement in 1776 supporting the Continental Congress.

General History

In 1695, negotiating a purchase first with the Indians, and then with the Board of Proprietors, the first white settlers led by Arent Schuyler came to the Pompton region, and claimed the most desirable land -- meadows and streams. These hills of Kinnelon were a frame for the valley farms.

Among the families purchasing land grants from the Proprietors in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries were the Meads, Stickles, and the Cobbs. The old farmhouse and cemetery in Fayson Lakes were built by the Fredericks family on land bought from the Cobb's patent. Pequannock Township which included Kinnelon, Butler, Pompton Plains, Riverdale and Montville was formed in 1740.

The Fredericks family lived in this house for almost two centuries. In the Atlas of Morris County dated 1868 the Fredericks family and about 30 other families are listed in the area.

In the early twentieth century the Fredericks home was sold to the Kitchells. The Kitchells used the land for an apple orchard.

The Kitchells sold the house and land to Frank Fay in 1925. Fay continued to harvest the apples and used them to make apple jack. (An apple tree said to be over 100 years old and the oldest tree around can still be seen on the property).

Fay and his son subdivided the land for a development built in the area now known as Fayson Lakes.