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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

HS HISTORIC Smith Mansion
AND/OR COMMON Smith-Cadbury Mansion

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 12 High Street
CITY, TOWN Moorestown VICINITY OF _____
STATE New Jersey CODE 34 COUNTY Burlington CODE 005
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 6

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"/> 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input 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:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Historical Society of Moorestown
STREET & NUMBER 12 High Street
CITY, TOWN Moorestown VICINITY OF _____ STATE New Jersey

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Burlington County Clerk's Office
STREET & NUMBER County Office Building
CITY, TOWN Mount Holly STATE New Jersey

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE New Jersey Inventory of Historic Sites 2051.6
DATE _____
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Historic Sites Section
CITY, TOWN Trenton STATE New Jersey

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" 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

The 2 and 1/2 story house has a rectangular plan of approximately 60 feet by 26 feet, the western 2/3 of which dates from 1738. This section is bisected into two rooms by an off center alcove with stair behind. This condition is roughly repeated on the second and third stories. The eastern portion, which dates from the late 1760's has a slightly higher cornice line. It has a side hall plan, with the hall running parallel to the long (north) side of the house. Aside from the hall, there is one major room on each floor. The hall contains a quarter circle winding staircase.

The east, north, and south sides of the house have porches, none of which are original. The old western portion has weather boarding with 9 over 6 sash windows. The eastern addition has flush beaded weather boards of irregular width, with 9 over 9 sash windows. Much of the original glass remains, as does much of the original hardware and wainscoting. There are 6 fireplaces, 2 of which are of the corner type. The fireplace on the ground floor of the addition is framed in fine raised paneling.

When first built, the house faced King's Highway (north side). However, when High Street was cut through, the main entry and address was moved to eastern end of the house.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" 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 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

1738, 1766

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Smith-Cadbury Mansion is associated with two families of local prominence. The Smith family, which owned the house from 1766 to 1798, were involved in the retreat of the British forces from Philadelphia in 1778. Also during the Revolution, the house received an overnight visit from Lafayette.

The Harris', who are credited with helping to establish 3 Protestant sects in Moorestown (Baptist, Episcopal, and Methodist), bought the house in 1798. Edward Harris, Jr., allowed early meeting of the aforementioned sects in the mansion, and latter donated land to each, for the purpose of church construction.

The mansion is one of the earliest frame houses of weather board exterior in Moorestown. Much of the original hardware, wainscoting, and glass remains. Moreover the house represents a regional country residence type, which is considerably above average in terms of size and opulence of detailing.

Although owners antedating the Smiths and Harrises took part in Moorestown activities and civil organization (Joshua Humphries and Nehemiah Haines), they were not recorded as "prominent" in the sense that the Smiths and Harrises were. Samuel Smith was an historian who bought the property for his son Richard. The farm contained 160 acres at that time. Richard inherited the property in 1775 and resided upon it until his death in 1796. Richard was active in local affairs and held offices of Freeholder and Township Committee for several terms. As an influential property owner who possessed one of the largest homes in the area, Richard Smith entertained many important political and military personages. (2,3)

During the American Revolution, the German General VonKnyphausen made the mansion and property his headquarters during the night of June 19, 1778. His Hessian troops were part of the retreating British Army leaving Philadelphia. Letters exist which the General wrote for Joseph Roberts to regain possession of his horses, stolen by the troops. Since the soldiers had no manners and were rough, the ladies were order locked in their upstairs rooms. A young niece of Mr. Smith (Elizabeth Murrell) precipitated an "incident" by trying to transfer to another room, and was accosted by a soldier -- rescued by her screams.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Purdy, James C. Moorestown, Old and New

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1 - 1/2 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A

118	504	490	4710	44	23	4210
ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING			

B

ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See Address

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

New Jersey Historic Sites Staff

Jonathan Frickson

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Box 1420

TELEPHONE

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

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

David J. Bond

TITLE Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection

July 30, 1976

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

ATTEST: *James C. Purdy*

DATE *10/22/96*

DATE *10/15/76*

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER