

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:  
New Jersey

COUNTY:  
Passaic

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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
70.12.34.0011	12/18/70

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
The Dey Mansion

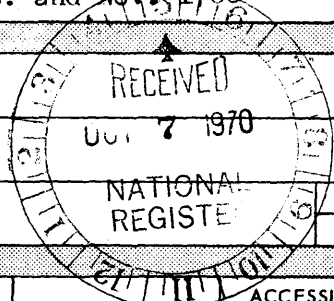
AND/OR HISTORIC:  
General George Washington's Headquarters, July, Oct. and Nov 5-1780

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
199 Totowa Road

CITY OR TOWN:  
Wayne

STATE: New Jersey      CODE: 34      COUNTY: Passaic      CODE: 031



**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
The Passaic County Park Commission, Lambert Castle

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Valley Road

CITY OR TOWN: Paterson      STATE: New Jersey      CODE: 34

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Register of Deeds - Passaic County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Hamilton St.

CITY OR TOWN: Paterson      STATE: New Jersey      CODE: 34

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Historic American Buildings Survey, N.J. 17

DATE OF SURVEY: 1936       Federal     State     County     Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Washington      STATE: District of Columbia      CODE: 08

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7. Description

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" 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

The Dey Mansion was the residence of Colonel Theunis and Hester Schuyler Dey. The house is Georgian in style built from local material: (stone and wood), the bricks were burned nearby.

This eight room manor house was completed about 1740. The front facade is of pink brick with brownstone quoins and decorations. There are quoins at the front corners of the house. Dressed stonework also creates a decorative effect around the windows and doors across the front of the house. Similar stonework accentuates the first, second and third floor lines. The interior area between the stonework is laid up in a Flemish bond pattern of pink brick. The sides and rear of the house are dressed stone to the third floor line and then brick above.

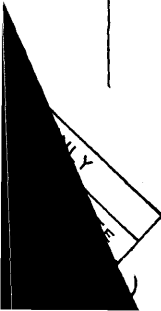
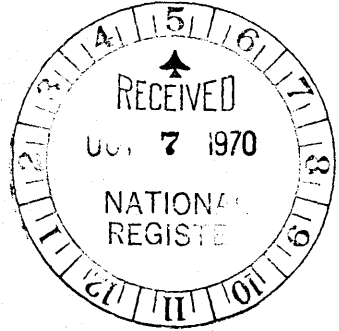
The mansion is five bays wide with each of the windows containing sash-type frames with sixteen over sixteen lights. The exterior is fifty-two feet long and thirty-five feet deep. The door is centrally located in the front of the house. It contains nine panels and opens into a central hall. There is a five light transom above the door.

The second floor has a wide hallway with an enclosed staircase. There is a hall window that contains three separate sash-type windows. The central sash is nine over nine with each of the other sashes being three over three.

In addition to the two stories, it has a story and a half attic.

The roof is of gambrel construction with a low pitched upper section; the lower section is steep with a slight flair at the eave. The cornice is dentated.

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8. Statement of 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) **1740:(1780 Washington's Headquarters)**

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)<br><b>History</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military    | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  | _____   |

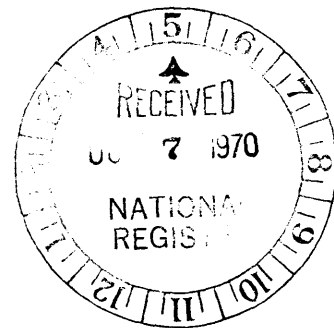
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Dey Mansion was the Military Headquarters of General George Washington during July, October and November of 1780. He arrived here July 1st, 1780 from Morristown with approximately four thousand soldiers and placed them along the Passaic River and the Singac Brook that ran along the outer border of the six hundred acre property. It was chosen as a military post as it is in the Preakness Valley with mountains around it, close to the British in the Harlem area, but protected. The storming of the block house was started here. Its owner Theunis Dey was a Colonel of the Bergen County Militia.

Architecturally it is an interesting example of Georgian architecture with Dutch influence. It is very different from the story and a half farmhouses of one room deep that were most prevalent in this area.

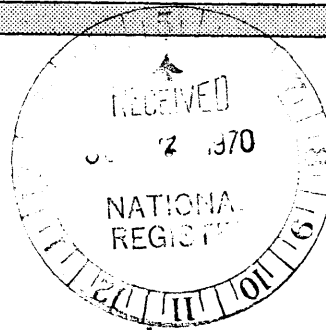
The gardens were laid out by Olmstead Brothers of Brookline, Mass. An orchard of old varieties of apples is in progress as well as a barnyard with barn, smokehouse, springhouse and tool shed with forge.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See separate sheet for listing.



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	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		74	14	00
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **2.15**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Raymond F. Dey, Curator, The Dey Mansion**

ORGANIZATION: **Passaic County Park Commission** DATE: **July 1970**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Dey Mansion, 199 Totowa Road, Preakness Park**

CITY OR TOWN: **Wayne** STATE: **New Jersey** CODE: **34**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 G. Fisher*

Title: **Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection**

Date: **September 11, 1970**

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

*Ernest A. Connolly*  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

**DEC 1 1970**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

*William J. Mumford*  
Keeper of The National Register

Date: **NOV 27 1970**

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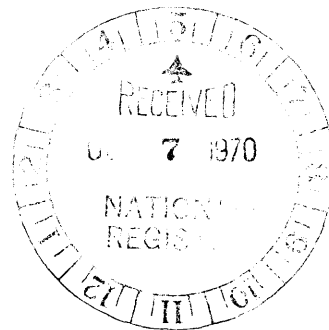
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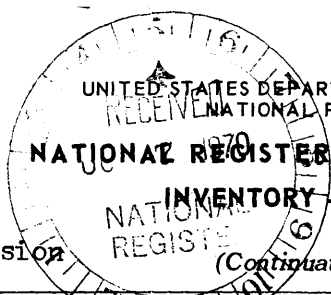
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8. The two chimneys are situated in the middle of the gambrel and halfway along the central wall of the house. They are square and each contains four separate flues. The eight fireplaces, most of the interior woodwork the hardware and the flooring is original. The interior has been restored.





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