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Burlington City is built along the south bank of the Delaware River. It is divided by two major streets; High Street, separating the east and west, and Broad Street, north and south. The Burlington Historic District is in the northwest section, bounded on the north by the Delaware River. Represented are residential, religious, and education buildings, with two late 17th and early 18th century buildings. Most of the examples represent the late 18th to third quarter 19th century.

West Delaware St. parallels the river. Along this street are nine riverfront homes, broad lawns and many trees, extending across the street to the bank of the river. Many have decorative iron fences. four in the series are high style Victorian houses of the middle of the second half of the 19th century. Further west at 180 Delaware is the house built in 1836 by the architect, William Strickland. This two story residence is stuccoed and scored to represent cut stone. The moderately low pitched gable roof has broad over hangs with decorative exposed rafter ends. A Gothic influence is expressed in the diamond paned windows, each with a label moulding above. Behind the house is the two story carriage building, also with diamond paned windows. It has been converted to apartments. The next three houses represent late 18th and early 19th century architec-At the west terminus is Saint Mary's School complex, also fronting the river. There are six major buildings positioned in a "U", surrounded by lawns and playing fields. The earliest remaining section, built in 1836, stands in the center and faces the river. It is a 3 1/2 story gable roofed structure, six bays across the front. The stuccoed exterior walls are scored to represent cut stone; on the first floor this is emphasized with rustication. The center entrance door is flanked by four bold ionic columns supporting the porch roof. Broad marble steps lead up to the porch. each side are 3 story connecting wings to a structure on each side of this center building. To the left is a 3 story mid-19th century brick building (recently suffering a fire on the top floor, destroying the roof and doing damage to the roof of the center building). On the right is the Chapel of Holy Innocents, built in 1845. This small stone Gothic Revival chapel is basically unaltered, having stain glass windows and stone butressing. Extending back from each of these end buildings, forming the "U" are two large three story brick halls. These were built in the later part of the 19th century, using Gothic details. Another late 19th century building is located behind the center building.

Running south from the river and from West Delaware Street is Wood Street. Along this street are residences from the late 18th through third quarter 19th centuries. The tree lined street has brick sidewalks with marble or brownstone steps leading to most of the houses. Many of the side yards have decorative iron fences and gates. These 27 residences begin at Pearl Street and continue across Union Street and halfway through the block to Broad Street, most representing the first half of the 19th century. Most are row houses or double houses built up to the sidewalks. Generally these are constructed of brick and are 2 1/2 or 3 stories. Typically the houses are 3 bays across the front with a side hall entrance. (cont. page 2)

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The office of Thomas Revell, the first clerk of the West Jersey Assembly, lies in the district. It is thought to be one of the oldest buildings in the The building was moved to its present site in 1966.

Another man of note who was a resident of the district was Elias Boudinot, a President of the Continental Congress. At his retirement he moved to his home at 207-9 West Broad Street: His daughter, Susan Bradford wife of Washington's Attorney General, joined him there and became a leader of Burlington Society until her death in 1851. Many distinguished guests, including Mrs. James Madison and Mrs. Alexander Hamilton, were entertained in this home. Boudinot is buried in St. Mary's Cemetery, within the historic district.

Ulysses S. Grant and his family purchased the house at 309 Wood Street and the family lived there during the Civil War. He was on his way to this home the night President Lincoln was assasinated.

Education - Burlington City residents were always concerned with educa-Both the Quakers and the Episcopalians believed strongly in schools and provisions for children's education wre always a high priority.

St. Mary's Hall is located on Green Bank within the historic

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Beginning at the intersection of Reed St. and West Delaware St., proceed along West Delaware Street to the intersection of Watkins Lane. Proceed west 110 feet and thence south to Pearl Street. Thence proceed 60' west and 120' south to back property line of houses on Pearl Street. Thence proceed east 90' and south 45'. Thence proceed east 65' and proceed south 50'. Proceed west 20' and South 150'. Thence proceed east 235' and proceed south 175' crossing Union Street. Proceed east 80' and south 100'. Thence proceed west 30' and south 25', to Ellis Alley. Thence proceed along the northern curb of Ellis Alley 175', thence south crossing Ellis Alley to Smith Alley. Proceed along the northern curb of Smith Alley to Wood Street. Thence proceed 135' south along the eastern curb of wood Street and thence east to High Street. Thence proceed south 115' along the western curb of High Street. Thence proceed west 480' and south 125' to northern curb of West Broad Street. Thence proceed along the curb of West Broad Street across Talbot St. to a point 130' west of the western curb of Talbot. Thence proceed North to hhe alley between Conover and W. Broad Streets. Thence proceed est to eastern curb of Talbot Street and proceed north to southern curb of Union Street. Thence proceed 455' east and proceed north to the northern curb of Pearl Street. Thence proceed west 30' and north 140'. Thence west 370'. Proceed south 130' and west to the eastern curh of Talbot and thence north 150'. Then cross Talbot Street and proceed west to property line of St. Mary's School and the intersection of a projection of Ellis Street. Thence Proceed along the southern boundary of the property line to Reed Street and thence north to the point of beginning,

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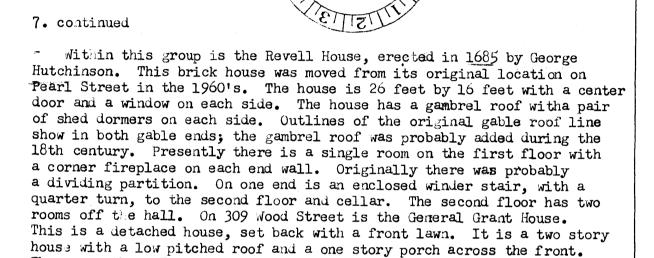
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The remainder of wood Street, to Bread Street, consists of St. Mary's Episcopal Church complex and the Friends Meeting property. The Friends property extends across the entire block, fronting both wood and High Streets. The Friends Cemetary opens to wood Street; the Meeting House fronts High Street. Built in 1784, it is a 2½ story brick structure. There are two entrances and four 12/12 sash windows on the front; the second floor windows are 8/8 sash. A mid-nineteenth century porch replaced the earlier pent roof. The Meeting House and Cemetary are enclosed by a brick wall and iron gates.

There are three French windows onto the porch. The house appears

to be from the third quarter of the 19th century.

Union Street parallels the river and Broad Street approximately midway between, and crosses, wood Street. The historic District extends approximately one block on each side of wood Street and is almost completely residential. This street, like wood Street, is typically 2% story and 3 story brick construction, with tree lined brick sidewalks, marble and brownstone steps, and decorative iron fences and gates. The 28 houses most heavily represent the second and third quarter of the 19th century. This street has a higher concentration of row and double houses than wood Street. At 23 West Union Street is the Burlington Library. This Greek Revival structure was built in 1864. The front is cut stone blocks and the sides are rough coursed stone. The three bay front has a center entrance witha window on each side. These are each set within a round stone arch. Four stone pilasters rise to the frieze and pediment roof above. At 22 West mion is a large three story brick Victorian house from the middle of the second half of the 19th century. It has a

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a mansard roof and a heavy cast iron decorative fence. Behind it is the carriage house. This two story brick structure contains the original horse stalls with hay lofts above, the wood paneled carriage bay, and the stable keepers quaters. The quarters are used as an apartment; the remainder of the carriage house has not been altered and contains many of the original features. It was well furnished on both the interior and exterior. At the west end of the district is the cemetery of St. Mary's Church complex.

Broad Street also parallels the river and is the south boundary of the district. It extends approximately one block on each side of wood Street. East from wood Street, 43 and 45 Broad, is a 2½ story double house from the first quarter of the 19th century. Next to it is a colonial revival brick building built in 1919 for the records of the West New Jersey Proprietors. The entire block from wood to Talbot Streets contains the St. Mary's Episcopal Church complex. This property fronts on Broad Street and extends to parts of which, union, and Talbot Streets. The complex includes Old St. Mary's, parts of which date from 1703; new St. Mary's, built in 1846, designed by Richard Upjohn, a nationally noted architect; and the offices and cemetary. This is on the National Register.

West of Talbot on Broad Street are three residences. The third, 207 and 209, is the former residence of Boudinot. It is a very early 19th century brick house with fine details. It is 2 stories with three dormers. It was originally built as a center hall entrance with two windows on each side. The front is Flemish bond with a stone belt course, stone lintels, and moulded brick water table. The wood frieze and cornice have exceptionally fine detailing. The house has since been converted into a double house and has suffered alterations.

The district is without modern intrusions. It contains 18th and 19th century buildings with several late 19th and/or early 20th century buildings

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7. Description (con't.)

The boundaries of the historic district represent the one area of Burlington which has retained its historical integrity. Most of the city has been involved in an urban development project which included tearing down or renovating sections of the city that contained historical buildings.

The store fronts on High Street have been modernized over the years and contain little of their original fabric. The district is, thus, visibly distinguishable from its environs, with High Street to the south and urban ℓ development areas and modern housing projects on the other sides.



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district. It was founded by Bishop George Washington Doane in 1837. The buildings were originally part of Samuel Gummere's school. It is one of the oldest Episcopalian schools for girls in the country. The school still operates today as a private educational institution.

Wood Street was known as "Professor's Row" because several members of St. Mary's Hall resided there. John Gummere resided at 222Wood St. He is noted as a scientific scholar as well as an educator.

Another aspect of the city's interest in education was the founding of the Burlington Library in 1757 with a charter from George II. Since then the library has had a record of continuous service. The building it now occupies at 23 West Union Street was built in 1864 by a group of public minded citizens.

Religion - The town of Burlington has a rich religious history. The Quakers and the Episcopalians were a strong influence in the city's settlement and development.

The Quakers were the prominent settling group on Burlington, many coming over on the Kent in the 1670's. Their intention was to establish a Quaker colony in West Jersey. In December of 1682, the Monthly Meeting of the Friends decided to erect a meeting house. The hexoganal building on High St. was completed in 1687. By the 1780's, the Burlington Meeting had grown so fast that another larger ahll was necessary. The newer building was completed around 1784. This building is still used today as it was originally intended. In its graveyard lie Stephen Grellet, the Quaker Apostle and Isaac Collins, printer to the King.

The other church in the district is on the opposite corner of the street from the Quaker Meeting House. This is the St. Mary's Church Complex, including the Old St. Mary's Church founded in 1703 and now the oldest standing church in Burlington. This complex has previously been placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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Architecture - The historic district is a good illustration of a progression of architectural styles from the late 17th century to the early twentieth century. Various streets represent different styles. For example, Wood Street is basically first and second quarter 19th century row homes. Union Street has good example of later 19th century row homes. These two streets have a unified sense to them, with similiar brick work and style to each house. On the other hand, on Deleware Street, one gets the sense of greater individuality in the construction of the buildings.

Within the district are examples of two noted architects work. St. Mary's Church was designed by Upjohn, and 180 Delaware was built by William Strickland.

Burlington Historic District is representative of a truly historic city, important in the development of the city itself, the state and the country.

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The proposed historic district is a section of the original town as designed by its Quaker settlers. Although the city grew beyond its original boundaries, this core section remains a basic center of activity, politically, educationally, religiously and socially for the entire community. The historic district is a tie to the city's past. As the only section with its historic integrity intact, it is a symbol for the entire city of its past cultural endeavors.

Prior to the English settlement, three Dutch families were settled in what is now the city of Burlington. The British arrived on the "Kent" in 1676. Most of these first settlers were Quakers from Yorkshire and London. One of their first endeavors was to design a plan for the city's layout. A main street (now High Street) was developed running at right angles to the Delaware. The town was divided into twenty properties: ten on the east side of the main street for the Yorkshire settlers, ten on the west for those from London.

The proprietors of West Jersey had chosen Burlington to be their chief city. In 1681 it was declared the capital of the province. It was the seat of the court system as well as the meeting place of the legislature. Eventually, the site of the capital was moved because Burlington was not centrally located and convenient for all. The proprietors of West Jersey, however, still continue to meet in Burlington.

In 1696, Daniel Leed described the layout of the city of Burlington, listing the existing streets. Some of the thorofares included were High, Broad, Pearl, Wood, Talbot, Ellis, Washington, York and Tathem Streets. (A copy of Leed's map is enclosed.) The historic district includes a section of the city included in this early map.

By 1700, a church, schools and the press were well established in the city. The inhabitants considered their city as an important commercial center.

Thomas Gordon in <u>The Gazetteer of the State of New Jersey</u> (1834) describes Burlington as a city laid out on nine streets. He refers to the area on the Delaware River (W. Delaware Avenue). "Those on the River bank, below the town, are beautifully situated, with fine verdant, velvet swords to the river's edge" I

¹Thomas Gordon. The Gazetteer of the State of New Jersey, Fenton: Trenton,

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Woodward and Hageman (1883) call the city one of the "most desirable places for residence and for business" 2 They describe the city with commercial interests, containing important religious and educational facilities. They state that many men of prominence and influence considered Burlington their home.

The city's proximity to Philadelphia was a major factor in its never becoming a major port or commercial center.

² Woodward and Hageman. <u>History of Burlington and Mercer Counties</u>, p. 164



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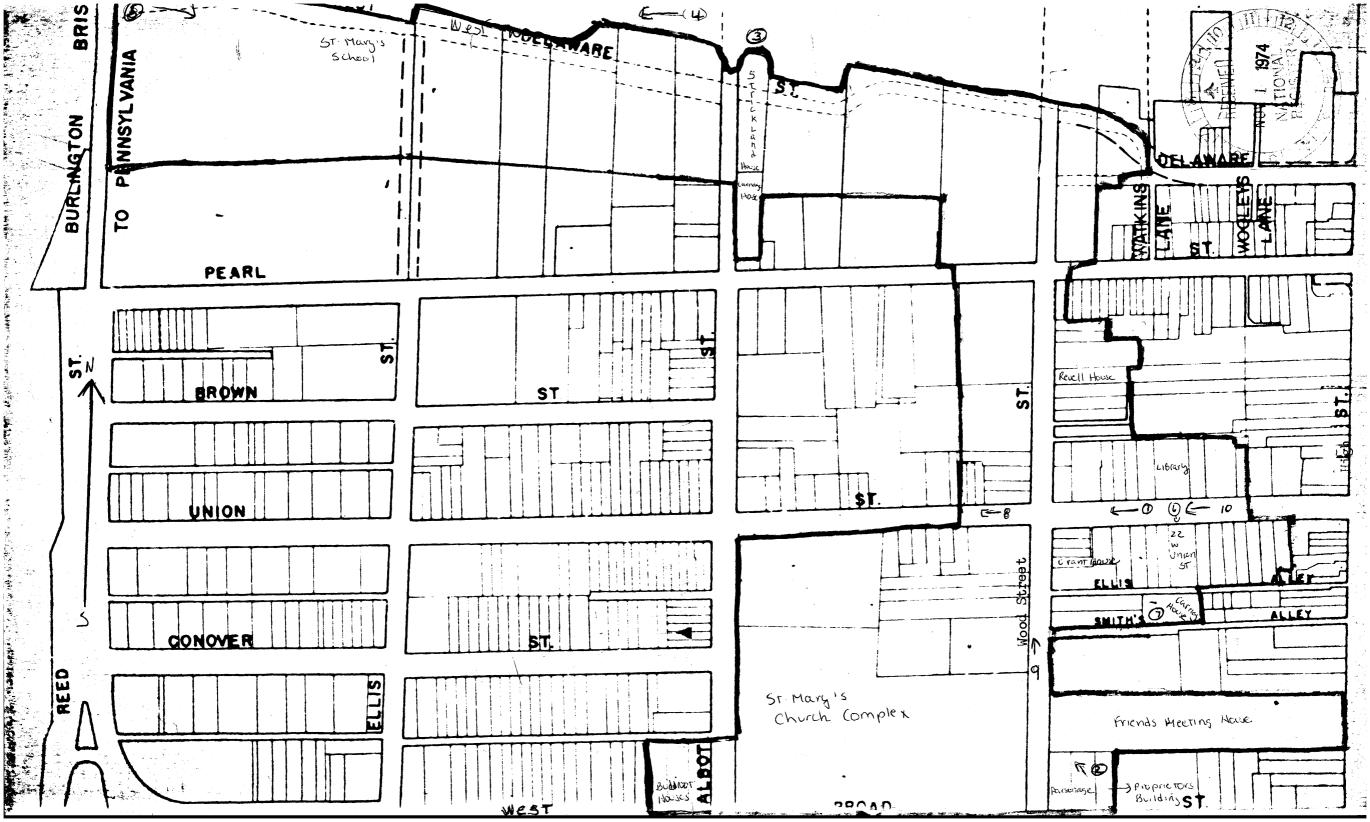
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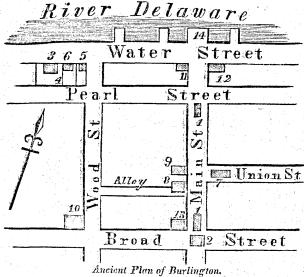
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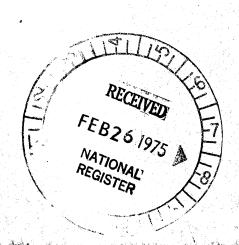
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had to face the cannon, as they fired up Work-street. My father bade me watch the flash, and immediately fall flat, which we both did; and were favored to arrive safe. We found the family had retired to the cellar, which was the retreat chosen by numbers. In the spring of 1778, on a first-day afternoon, a number of women and children (myself amongst them) assembled on the bank, in front of James Kinsey's house, above the town-wharf, to view the British naval armament, that had been up the Delaware and destroyed the American frigates and row-galleys; and as they had passed up peaceably the preceding day, it was not supposed they would fire on the town. Now a large sloop, with cannon in her bow, (I believe a twenty-four pounder,) approached the wharf. A man stood on the quarter-deck, waved his hat, and called aloud, 'The women and children must leave the bank; we are going to fire!' I immediately took shelter behind Abraham Hewling's brick store, on the wharf, and watched their movements. I distinctly heard the word 'Fire!' (being not two hundred yards from the vessel.) The first shot struck Adam Shepherd's stable, below the wharf, where several men were standing; all of whom escaped injury. Supposing myself out of danger, I continued an attentive spectator to their valiant attack on the peaceful city of Burlington. The wind being ahead, the sloop had to tack, and continued firing until she passed the city. Providentially, not one human being was injured, so far as I can learn."



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