

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: New Jersey	
COUNTY: Somerset	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 71.1.34.0002	DATE 1/25/71

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Old Dutch Parsonage

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
The Frelinghuysen Parsonage

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
65 ~~38~~ Washington Place

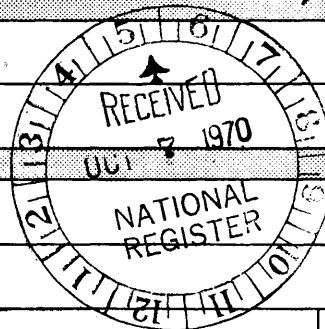
CITY OR TOWN:  
Somerville

STATE  
New Jersey

CODE  
34

COUNTY:  
Somerset

CODE  
035



**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<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 type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input 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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Box 1390, John Fitch Plaza

CITY OR TOWN:  
Trenton

STATE:  
New Jersey

CODE  
34

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
Somerset County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Administration Building

CITY OR TOWN:  
Somerville

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New Jersey

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**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Historic American Buildings Survey N.J. #294

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

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7. Description

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Built in 1751 in a Flemish bond brick pattern.

The roof line was raised and quasi-Victorian gables, both front and rear have been added. These have since been removed and a hand-split cedar shake roof restored. The front door was replaced with an exact duplicate and panelling in some of the rooms has been taken out, otherwise the original woodwork remains.

Before the house was moved in 1913, it had two frame wings, a kitchen on the west side with a Dutch oven and a wing in the rear built in the early part of the nineteenth century. Originally there was a smoke house in the attic.

The house was moved approximately 200 yards in 1913 due to its endangerment by a railroad line.

The interior consists of three rooms on the first floor (two drawing rooms and a pantry), four rooms on the second floor, one large one originally used as the study of classroom for the theological students.

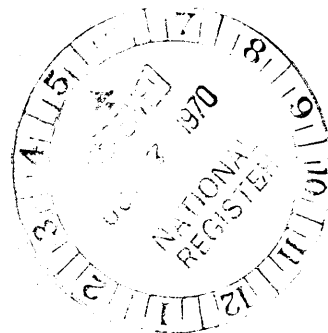
The attic contains two rooms and a smokehouse.

The floors are wide-board random width, the walls and ceilings are plaster.

The east and west brick elevations have no windows except for the clapboard gable ends.

None of the interior colors is correct and the house needs restoration.

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8. 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) 1751, (1758- Hardenbergh; 1778-79 Mrs. Washington's visit)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry             | <input type="checkbox"/> Science                        | _____                                    |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape            | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian            | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture         | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater                        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature           | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military             |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                |   |  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built in 1751 by the Congregation of the First Reformed Dutch Church.

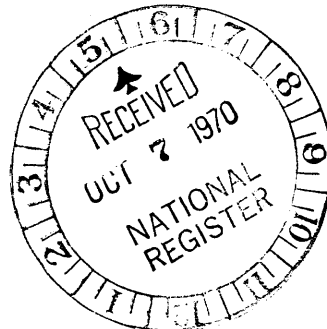
Within the walls of this building developed the nucleus of the establishment of Rutgers University and the New Brunswick Theological Seminary.

Rev. John Frelinghuysen brought his bride Dinah Van Bergh to live here in 1751 when he returned from Holland where he studied for the ministry. A son, General Frelinghuysen who who served under Gen. Washington, was born here. Students resided at the Old Dutch Parsonage in order to study under Rev. Frelinghuysen, one being Jacobus Hardenbergh who married Mrs. Frelinghuysen after the death of her husband. Rev. Hardenbergh was very active in the Revolutionary war, being a close friend of General and Mrs. Washington who stayed at the nearby Wallace House during the winter of 1778-79.

Rev. Hardenbergh was instrumental in the establishment of Queen's College, now Rutgers University and served as its first President.

The house is an excellent example of mid-18th century Flemish Bond brick structure. The smoke house in the attic, vented through the chimney, is an unusual feature and was used to foil marauding troops.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Ellis, Roeland, Colonial Dutch Houses in New Jersey, 1933  
 Hoffman, Robert V. The Revolutionary Scene in N.J., 1942  
 Mellick, Andrew D., Jr. The Story of an Old Farm

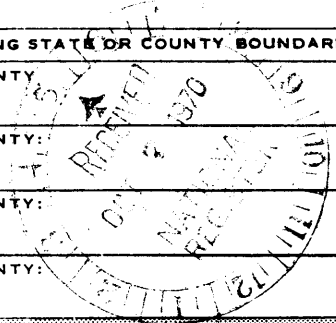
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	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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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1

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 AND TITLE:  
Charlotte Tomaszewski, Research Assistant

ORGANIZATION: Historic Sites Section, Department of Environmental Protection DATE: July, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Box 1420, John Fitch Plaza

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

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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 F. [Signature]*

Title: Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection

Date: September 11, 1970

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

*Ernest A. [Signature]*  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

JAN 25 1971

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

*[Signature]*  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: Nov 13, 1970

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6. New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory #2849.2 1961 State  
Historic Sites Section  
Department of Environmental Protection  
Box 1420, John Fitch Plaza  
Trenton, N.J. Code: 34  
Mercer County 021

