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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

HISTORIC
Fordville

AND/OR COMMON
Edwin Ford House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
E of Morristown rd
30 Ford Hill Road

CITY, TOWN
Hanover Township *Morristown, N.J.* VICINITY OF
5th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE
New Jersey CODE 34 COUNTY Morris CODE 023-27

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"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Reverend Edwin Ford

STREET & NUMBER
30 Ford Hill Road

CITY, TOWN
Whippany VICINITY OF
New Jersey STATE

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Hall of Records, Morris County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER
Court Street

CITY, TOWN
Morristown STATE
New Jersey

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory (#1365.10)

DATE
1975
 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
Office of Historic Preservation, Dept. of Environ. Protection

CITY, TOWN
109 West State Street, Trenton STATE
New Jersey

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input 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 Ford House (Fordville), built in 1857-58, is a rectangular (40' x 32') 3 1/2 story stone masonry dwelling with a two-story kitchen wing off the gable end.

The exterior of the main unit has a five bay front facade with a center hall entrance. The windows on each floor are 4/4 sash with louvered shutters and cut stone lintels and sills. The roof is gable with paired sawn brackets under the eaves. There are four corbelled brick chimneys on this unit-two on each gable end. Projecting out over the first floor is a full-length Victorian porch with flat roof and square support posts with sawn brackets and scroll-work. Entry via the front door establishes a center through hall (8'10" wide) with a small side stairway. North of the hall are two parlors, front and back, of identical size (16' x 17'), a narrow six foot wide hall into the kitchen wing, and two small rooms at the rear, including a modern bathroom.

Contemporary with the main unit is a two story stone masonry kitchen wing (approximately 30' x 15'). This unit has a two bay front facade. The windows are all 6/6 sash with louvered shutters. The window sills and lintels are cut brownstone as in the main unit. The roof is gable with paired sawn brackets under the eaves. On the south gable end, at the roof peak, is a square brick chimney. Off the front is a one story three bay porch with square supports and sawn brackets identical to the main unit. Attached to the gable end of the kitchen is a one story frame leanto, probably late 19th century in origin.

Off the back of the kitchen wing is a small, modern framewing.

Situated atop a knoll on the west side of Ford Hill near the corner of Park Avenue, Fordville overlooks nearby woodland and is surrounded in front by a wooden picket fence. The property has numerous vegetation and landscaping.

The masonry of Fordville is gravel walls. The gravel wall combined limestone, sand and stone (in this case it appears to be coarse small sandstones) in a slacking process creating adhesion and forming a solid and durable concrete wall.

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
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<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 1857-58

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Ira J. Lindsley

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Architecture

Fordville is a good representative example of the type of high style vernacular architecture being practiced by master builders in Morris County in the mid-19th century. This substantial farmhouse reflects the mores and traditions of a middle class farming family of the Victorian period in New Jersey.

The gravel wall construction technique was advocated by Orson S. Fowler in A Home for All or The Gravel Wall and Octagon Mode of Building..., a book published in 1853. Lindsley's use of this construction method at Fordville represents perhaps the first usage in New Jersey.

Interestingly, this farmhouse is one of the few vernacular mid-19th century structures in New Jersey of which the builder is known and his design sources are established. From his father, Ira Lindsley inherited at least two architectural pattern books-Asher Benjamin's The Architect and Practical House Carpenter (1854 edition) and Gervase Wheeler's Homes for the People in the Suburb and Country (1858). These texts, along with several day books are in the possession of James Lindsley of Germantown, New York. Lindsley may have consulted other pattern books of the period, but these have not remained in the family.

Ira J. Lindsley (1828-1863) was a mason and builder in Morris County, New Jersey from around 1850 to 1863. The structures he is known to have built are generally simple Victorian structures evidently closely following architectural pattern books of the period.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

A

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Intersection of Hanover Avenue and Ford Hill Road. Property line follows Hanover north in a straight line about 660 feet and Ford Hill Road NNE about 950 feet in an irregular line forming a triangular shaped parcel of land.

Reference: Tax Map, Township of Hanover Township, Morris County, New Jersey. 8/19/61. Sheet 47. Block 4704, Lot 8.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Terry Karschner, Historian-Curator

ORGANIZATION

Office of Historic Preservation

DATE

May, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

109 West State Street, Dept. of Environmental Protection (609) 292-2028

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.

Deputy

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Terry Karschner

4/27/78

TITLE

Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of Environmental Protection

DATE

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

DIRECTOR OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST: *William LeVovich*

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 11/2/78
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE Oct 24, 1978

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SIGNIFICANCE

Born in Morristown in 1828, Ira Lindsley was the son of Joseph Morris Lindsley who listed builder among his numerous occupations and professions (farmer, distiller, weaver, politician, sheriff). Apparently educated at the Morris Academy and serving an apprenticeship with his father, Ira Lindsley worked in Brooklyn during its phenomenal development in the late 1940's. In the 1850's, Lindsley married and returned to Morristown and soon acquired the reputation and clientele which had been established by his father. Joseph Lindsley, however, constructed buildings with predominantly Federal style edifices such as the Morris County Courthouse (National Register) and Maccullough Hall (Morristown Historic District-National Register) in Morristown, while Ira Lindsley concentrated his efforts on Victorian buildings such as Acorn, Morristown (National Register) and Fordville, although he adhered to traditional forms of the earlier period.

During the Civil War, Lindsley formed Company C of the 15th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers in 1862 and became its captain. In 1863 Lindsley was killed in Battle of Chancellorsville near Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Agriculture

Edwin Ford (ca. 1800-ca. 1880) was a prominent farmer in the Morris County area in the mid-19th century. A direct descendant of John Ford, one of the earliest settlers of the area, Edwin Ford had this 3 1/2 story stone masonry farm building erected in 1857 on the site of an earlier colonial house. Little is known of Edwin Ford save his agrarian pursuits. According to the 1860 Census, Ford owned some 290 acres of which 150 acres were arable. His farm and other buildings were valued at twenty thousand dollars with similar personal holdings. In the house lived Edwin, his wife, five female children, and six other persons, including a domestic servant. (Eighth United States Census).

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SIGNIFICANCE

The substantial size and simple elegance of the house establishes Fordville as a noted aesthetic landmark in rural Hanover Township.

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