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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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

Levi D. Jarrard House

AND/OR COMMON

**LOCATION** *George St, Douglass College Campus*

STREET & NUMBER

Douglass College, George Street

N/A NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

New Brunswick

N/A VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

15th

STATE

New Jersey

CODE

034

COUNTY

Middlesex

CODE

023

**CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input 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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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
	<u>N/A</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Rutgers University

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

New Brunswick

N/A VICINITY OF

STATE

New Jersey

**LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Middlesex County Clerk's Office

STREET & NUMBER

Box 1110, Kennedy Square

CITY, TOWN

New Brunswick

STATE

New Jersey

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS** has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

TITLE Historic American Buildings Survey, NJ-718

New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory - Middlesex County - New Brunswick

DATE 1960

1980

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Library of Congress

N.J. Office of Cultural & Environmental Services

CITY, TOWN

Washington

STATE

DC

Trenton

NJ

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house whose main, southerly facade faces George Street, is a large, Italianate villa, irregular both in plan and massing, with interlocking pavilions and an offset, square tower. Its masonry walls are laid up in uncoursed brownstone ashlar, and a variety of roof shapes and heights, windows, and panelled chimneys accentuate its picturesque qualities.

The left (west) side of the main facade is a 2-1/2 story block with front gable, pierced by three rectangular windows on each of the lower two floors and a single round-headed window on the third floor. The central window in the two lower floors is slightly larger than the others, which yields a subtle Palladian effect.

Nearly central within the facade, and extending the facade line of the left block, is a 4-1/2 story tower with a flat or shallow hipped roof. The main entry to the building is through the ground floor of this tower. Above this entrance are two, paired round-headed windows on the second floor, and a blind quatrefoil infilled with metal louvers on the third floor. The fourth level, where the tower rises above the mass of the house, is merely one-half story high, and bears a clockface on each of the four sides of the tower (probably added).

The fifth and topmost level is pierced on each side by paired, round-headed windows below a heavy, bracketed cornice. Each level of the tower is distinguished by stone belt courses that on the second and top levels also serve as sills for the windows.

The 2-story right (east) section is recessed from the rest of the facade by the depth of the tower, and is characterized by two widely-spaced bays visible on the second floor over a projecting solarium. The solarium, originally a porch, is the lone significant change to the original facade. On the second floor, the bays are articulated by segmentally-arched windows.

The ground floor of the left and tower sections is sheltered by a one-story, flat-roofed wood porch carried by chamfered square posts on panelled pedestals. This porch wraps around the left side of the facade, abutting a projecting 2-1/2 story cross gable and semi-octagonal two-story bay window. The other end of the porch contains a gabled element, centered on the tower, which leads to the entry.

# 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 type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1868

BUILDER/ARCHITECT unknown

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Jarrard House, located on the campus of Douglass College in New Brunswick, and adaptively reused as an administration building, is an archeologically typical example of the Italian Villa, chosen, in fact, by Marcus Whiffen to illustrate the style. [Marcus Whiffen, American Architecture: A Guide to the Styles (Cambridge: MIT Press, 1969, p. 69)]. As one (with the Bishop House) of the two finest villas in New Brunswick, not only is it exemplary of its style, but also is an important contribution to the long tradition of using brown sandstone as a building material in New Brunswick. In this respect, it extends to high-style houses of the nineteenth century the use of a material first extensively used in early eighteenth century houses and public buildings. The popularity of brown sandstone, which continued for almost 200 years, uniquely influenced the civic appearance of New Brunswick, a fact that can be appreciated when buildings as different as Ivy Hall (ca. 1740, a National Register property) and the U.S. Post Office (1935) are compared. The National Register already acknowledges the significance of three buildings in this tradition: Christ Episcopal Church (tower ca. 1773), "Old Queens" designed by John McComb, Jr., and the Gothic-Revival house at 542 George Street. The Jarrard House is equally worthy.

Levi D. Jarrard (1824-1886?), a state legislator for many years, was one of New Brunswick's most influential citizens from the Civil War through the 1870s, and his house was among the largest and finest in the city. Jarrard, born in Warren County, New Jersey, moved to New Brunswick in 1850 and opened "one of the most extensive ship chandleries in the state."<sup>2</sup> Jarrard located this business near the outlet lock of the Delaware and Raritan Canal, and he acquired several canal boats for freight hauling. His political career was launched with successive terms as a city alderman in 1857 and 1858. According to a contemporary biographical sketch, he possessed a "large public spirit and decided convictions", and was a staunch and active Republican with "superior executive ability, combined with great personal magnetism". These qualities "won for him ... the position of a leader in his section."<sup>3</sup> In 1864 he was elected to the first of five annual terms in the New Jersey General Assembly; in 1879 and 1873 he was elected to consecutive three-year terms in the State Senate. During his tenure in the Senate he

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- Everts & Stewart (pub.). Combination Atlas Map of Middlesex County, New Jersey, Philadelphia, 1876, p. 34.
- Lundy, F.L., and others (comps). Manual of the Legislature. Newark and elsewhere, 1872 and annually thereafter. (see notes).

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# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

**UTM NOT VERIFIED**

**ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 6

QUADRANGLE NAME New Brunswick

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

A 1 8 5 4 7 6 5 0 4 4 8 1 6 9 0

B                        

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C                        

D                        

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See Continuation Sheet

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

STATE N/A CODE COUNTY CODE

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Robert Craig, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Heritage Studies, Inc.

DATE

May 7, 1980

STREET & NUMBER

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TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Princeton

STATE

New Jersey

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL   

STATE X

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

*Laura Schultz*

3/27/81

TITLE

DATE

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

*Alison Byer*  
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Entered in the  
National Register

DATE

4/22/82

ATTEST:

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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Description (continued)

Aside from the cross-gable and bay window, the left (west) elevation is relatively plain. It is three bays deep to the cross-gable. The attic story contains a central gabled wall dormer.

The right (east) facade extends one bay, then is broken by a one-story semi-octagonal projecting bay. There is also a gabled dormer directly above, but since these minor elements do not align with each other in a regular way, their placement adds to the irregularity of the house's plan and massing. The north (rear) elevation features an oriel window above a covered rear entrance.

Interior details have largely been preserved. Outstanding features include a patterned tile floor and an elaborate period fireplace ensemble, both in the entrance hall; panelled wainscoting in the hall and dining room; and an open-string stair with heavy turned balusters and an octagonal newel post, focused on an oriel with window seating at the stair landing on the north (rear) side.

Boundary Justification

The boundaries reflect the smallest possible nominated property that would encompass the Jarrard House, its small privy, and the landscaped grounds in front of the house. The current boundaries would protect against potential intrusions that could mar the view of the Jarrard House from George Street. The presence of stone gateposts and numerous old trees further indicates that some elements of an early landscape plan for those grounds can still be discerned. The rear lines of the nominated property are lines of convenience selected with the above considerations in mind. The only outbuilding associated with the Jarrard House that is beyond the boundaries of the nominated property is the carriage barn (depicted in the 1876 illustration). Now known as the Counselor's House, it has been radically altered, inside and out, and was therefore excluded.

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Significance (continued)

served as chairman of the municipal corporations, railroads and canals, and stockholder of numerous corporations, including "most of the loan associations of New Brunswick". By 1868, when Jarrard was nearly reaching the peak of his political career, he moved into this house, apparently newly completed, along George Street. He continued to live there until 1886.

Notes:

1. See Heritage Studies, Inc., "New Brunswick Architectural Resources Survey: Introductory Report," May 1980, prepared for the New Jersey Office of Historic Preservation.
2. All quotations in this paragraph are drawn from The Biographical Encyclopedia of New Jersey of the Nineteenth Century, (Phila.: 1877), p. 332-33.
3. Additional, brief biographical sketches of Jarrard are found in F.L. Lundy and others (comps.). Manual of the Legislature, (Newark and other places: 1872, and annually thereafter); 1872, p. 19; 1875, p. 57; 1876, p. 60.
4. See New Brunswick Directory For 1868-9..., (New Brunswick: 1868), and J.B. Fitzgerald (pub.), New Brunswick Directory for 1886-7..., (New Brunswick: 1886), both available at Rutgers University Library.

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Verbal Boundary Description

Beginning at a point on the northeasterly side of George Street at the intersection of an asphalt driveway a few feet from the southerly line of the lot known as 135 George Street; thence easterly along the northeasterly line of George Street about 480 feet more or less to the northwesterly line of Chapel Drive; thence northeasterly along the northwesterly line of Chapel Drive about 280 feet to the middle of an asphalt driveway leading to the rear of the Jarrard House; thence northerly along the middle of the driveway as it now goes about 180 feet more or less to a point near the remains of a small outbuilding associated with the Jarrard House; thence northeasterly on a line passing to the southeast of the said outbuilding; and running perpendicular to the northeasterly line of George Street 60 feet more or less to a point in the rear of said outbuilding; thence northerly along a line parallel to the northeasterly line of George Street 300 feet more or less to the northwesterly line of an asphalt driveway leading to George Street; thence southwesterly along the driveway as it now goes 340 feet more or less to the place of beginning.



LEVI D. JARRARD HOUSE  
NEW BRUNSWICK, MIDDLESEX COUNTY  
NEW JERSEY

