

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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STATE:
New Jersey

COUNTY:
Morris

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ENTRY DATE
FEB 15 1974

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1. NAME

COMMON:
Stephen Condit, House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: NE of Parsippany
on North Beverwyck Road off 45-46

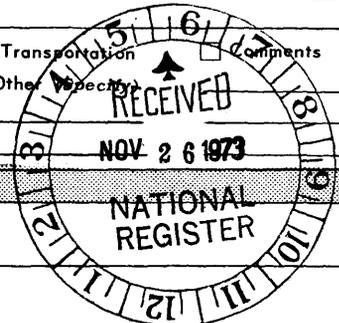
CITY OR TOWN: Parsippany-Troy Hills Township

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

STATE: New Jersey CODE: 34 COUNTY: Morris CODE: 027

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 type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)



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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Stephen Condit

STREET AND NUMBER: North Beverwyck Road

CITY OR TOWN: Parsippany

STATE: New Jersey CODE: 34

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Hall of Records

STREET AND NUMBER: Court Street

CITY OR TOWN: Morristown

STATE: New Jersey CODE: 34

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory (#3076.2)

DATE OF SURVEY: 1972 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Department of Environmental Protection, Historic Sites Section

STREET AND NUMBER: Post Office Box 1420

CITY OR TOWN: Trenton

STATE: New Jersey CODE: 34

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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 type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Condit House, built around 1870, is a 2½ story clapboard building. The ornate front porch covers the center hall doorway. This entrance is a double door entry into the small entry hall. To the right or left of the entry hall are double doors to parlors on each side. The hall continues to the other end of the main section with a closed stairway obstructing the width of the hallway. The parlors (16½' by 16½') are identical in size except the one on the right (on entering the house) has a closet and a side entry which cuts the width of the room down by two feet. Each parlor has a fireplace as do all the main rooms. Adjacent to the north parlor is the master bedroom. Adjacent to the south parlor is the dining room. This is the first floor of the main section of the Condit House.

In the dining room of the main section is a doorway to the kitchen wing interrupted briefly by a small butler's pantry. As in all the rooms the kitchen has a fireplace with a plain mantel. Neatly inserted in the spacious fireplace is an old cast-iron kitchen cook stove. There are several other small rooms in this section, including a bathroom.

There is a doorway from the kitchen to a porch and wood shed in the far rear of the house. The shed has hewn beams and pegging throughout; probably being built from parts of an earlier structure.

The second floor of the main section is nearly identical in plan to the first; all four rooms being bedrooms about 16 feet by 16 feet. Each room has a fireplace, but all have been plastered up to accomodate modern heating.

In the hallway is a bathroom, enhanced by an early 20th century porcelain bathtub and sink.

Above the kitchen wing are three small rooms and a room which collected and supplied water for the household. These rooms are quite plain in comparison to the others, and, although they may have been used originally as servants' quarters, they are presently used for storage. One small room has a water tank that collects rain water from the roof in lead plumbing fixtures to supply the household with water.

Some, but not all, of the rooms have ceiling cornices, chair rails, and wainscoating. The doors appear to be white pine; stained to seem more elegant and expensive. Most of the downstairs mantels are marble, but one is an ornately carved wood mantel, and another is a cast-iron fireplace. The upstairs mantels are quite plain mantel shelves.

Until a few years ago a 19th century barn stood about 100 yards south of the house, but recently burned to the ground. The foundation of the barn still remains.

There is a small Victorian style well-house on the property just to the south of the house.

There are many trees on this spacious two acre property; at least six of these trees being black walnut.

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7. Description (cont.)

The Condit House is a white clapboard, 2½ story, T-shaped Victorian farmhouse. The main rectangular section has a center hall doorway with double doors. There is an ornate Victorian portico over the doorway. On each side of the door is a window. The windows all have mullions, a curved arch, and louvered shutters. The roof is gable with a full sized center dormer, which is original. The eaves have decorative bargeboard and finials. The north gable end has a full length porch. The kitchen wing section is similar except for the smaller windows and a slightly lower gable roof.



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)

1870

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) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <u>Community History</u> |
| <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 | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Architecture.

Built in 1870 this Victorian farmhouse provides the people of Parsippany-Troy Hills Township with an ideal impression of what life was like in the late 19th century.

Situated on a sprawling two acre lot on a slight knoll the Condit House, although surrounded by modern housing, still gives off a rural feeling.

The exterior of the house has not been changed since its construction in 1870. The windows, clapboards, bargeboard, finials, shutters, and porches are all original.

The interior of the house is also basically unaltered. All the woodwork, the mantels, the window casements, the flooring, and the rooms themselves have not been changed significantly. Only a few modifications have been made in the house since construction (Bathroom, kitchen facilities, modern heating, and plumbing.). Otherwise the inside has been practically unchanged since 1870. And most of the changes were completed early in the 20th century.

Notable also are the furnishings within the house which are mostly original to the house.

The house is not an exceptional work of architecture, but is typical of the period. It is, however, one of the few Victorian farmhouses left in Parsippany, and the building as a whole is outstanding; providing one with an authentic view of Victorian life.

Community History.

Stephen Condit (1768-1816) moved to the Parsippany-Troy Hills area around 1800 where he purchased a farm and set up a tanning and currying business.

John Ogden Condit (1797-1866) probably inherited his father's farm and business in Troy and continued to operate as a tanner and currier while also adding to his real estate holdings. John Ogden Condit purchased the land on which the Condit House is located in 1828.

Stephen Hobart Condit (1830-1909), John's son, came to be recognized as one of the premier farmers in Morris

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Genealogical Record of the Condit Family. Jotham and Eben Condit. Newark, NJ: 1916.
History of Morris County. W.W. Munsell. 1882.
 verbal information supplied by Stephen Hobart Condit, grandson of the original owner and currently living in the house.
 Floor plans of the Stephen Condit House available from Historic Sites Section. Plans completed by Parsippany-Troy Hills High School student.

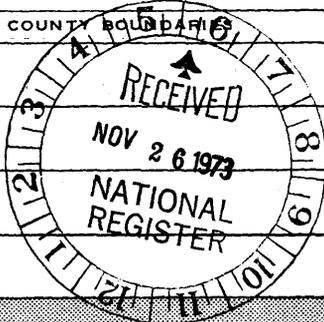
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1.7

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: Historic Sites Section Staff (Terry Karschner, Historian)

ORGANIZATION: Department of Environmental Protection DATE: Sept. 15, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER: Post Office Box 1420

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 J. Sullivan
 Title: Commissioner, Dept. of Environmental Protection
 Date: November 20, 1973

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

[Signature]
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 2/15/74

ATTEST:
[Signature]
 Acting Keeper of The National Register
 Date: Feb 14, 1974

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8. Significance (cont.)

County. Stephen Hobart owned the farm when he had the house built in 1870. The house somewhat indicates the stature Stephen Condit held in this rural area. He was trustee in the Brick Presbyterian Church in Parsippany and held many other local office in the sparsely populated area.

Judd Condit (1868-1936), son of Stephen Hobart Condit, inherited the farmstead and probably many of his father's posts. He was trustee and elder of the church, superintendent of the church, and a member and chairman of the Hanover Township Committee until the township was divided up in 1928.

The second Stephen Hobart Condit (1909-), grandson of the first, and the present owner, has lived in the house for his entire life. He was also an influential man in his community; belonging to the township committee & the county committee until 1952 when he became township assessor. In recent times he has served on many other public committees and is currently retired, although he still serves on several organizations.

Stephen Hobart Condit is also the author of the "Christians' Bible", a condensed version of the Authorized King James Bible, which emphasizes the great historical narratives of the old world.

