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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: New Jersey	
COUNTY: Burlington	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	JUN 19 1973

1. NAME

COMMON:
Peachfield

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Burr Mansion

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
~~Burr's Road~~ N of ↓ on Burr Road

CITY OR TOWN:
~~Westhampton Twp.~~ Mt. Holly vicinity

STATE: **New Jersey** CODE: **34** COUNTY: **Burlington** CODE: **005**

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 type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PUBLIC ACQUISITION: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered			
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input checked="" 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 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) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Colonial Dames of America in the State of New Jersey

STREET AND NUMBER:
"Peachfield" Burr's Road

CITY OR TOWN: **Mount Holly** STATE: **New Jersey** CODE: **34**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Burlington County Surrogates Office

STREET AND NUMBER:
County Office Building

CITY OR TOWN: **Mount Holly** STATE: **New Jersey** CODE: **34**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

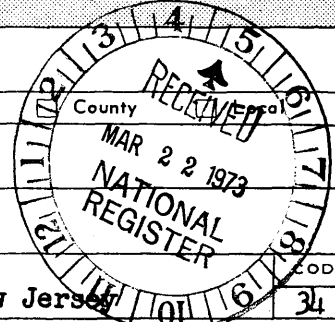
TITLE OF SURVEY:
New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory #2872.1

DATE OF SURVEY: **1960** Federal State

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Historic Sites Office

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 1420

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



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7. Description

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The historic name for the property "Peachfield" is very well established in NJA 21:140, 412, 473.

The present structure, 1725-1732, is the second house on the property of 300 acres at Peachfield purchased by Henry Burr by deed dated June 10, 1695, from Helena Skene, widow and executrix of John Skene of Peachfield.

The foundation of an earlier house on the property, built by John Skene, Deputy Governor of the Province of West Jersey is visible and is presumably of the one first occupied by the Burr family.

George DeCou in The Historic Rancocas says: "It measures sixty feet in length and is pleasantly located on a knoll commanding a beautiful view of the countryside. Burr's road was surveyed in 1852, at which time it was a lane leading to the Burr homestead. The outstanding feature of the mansion is a huge fireplace in the western room which measures 10 feet 4 inches.... Most unfortunately, the house was burned in September of 1929. The roof and all the interior woodwork was destroyed."

In 1931 Mr. and Mrs. Norman Harker bought the property and engaged Brognard Oakie to plan a complete restoration. The house was restored on its original foundation and remaining stone walls. Two recent written statements by two persons (Pickard and Atkinson) who worked on the restoration in 1932 stated that the west stone wall with chimney and the large fireplace remained standing. The middle fireplace and part of the chimney were intact. The other three stone walls remained standing, however the upper sections had fallen into the center of the gutted house. the fallen stones were salvaged for the restoration.

This two story house fronts to the south. There is presently a room on each side of the center hall and a wing off the rear of the east room. The central and western section of the present "Peachfield" was built by Henry Burr (datestone 1725 "B" standing for Burr, HE standing for Henry and Elizabeth, his wife.) The eastern section was built by his son John in 1732. The datestone near the eaves is marked 1732 Burr J and K, standing for John and Keziah.

At one time, the room in the western section with the large fireplace referred to in DeCou's Historic Rancocas was divided into kitchen and dining room. A beshive oven was outside the fireplace projecting out to the exterior. The hall had a winding stairway where the present stairway is, The present broad broad hall has an open staircase with landing. The restoration of the present dining room (the east room) includes a mantel, paneling and carved chair rail taken from a house in Mount Holly, believed to be one of the oldest in town. It was owned by Miss Ann Burr. The open cupboard in the upstairs hall also came from Ann Burr's house.

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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) 1732, 1931 rebuilt

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <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

Peachfield's restoration was executed by the well known restoration architect of Philadelphia, Brogard Oakie.

The deed dated June 10, 1695 from Helene Skene, widow and executrix of John Skene, states that there was a house, barn, outbuildings, and a cemetery. The existing foundation is thought to be that of the first house. John Skene was the deputy Governor of the Province of West Jersey; he, in all probability, is buried there as well as all the Burrs.

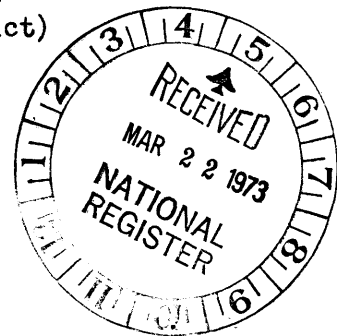
Henry Burr, the progenitor of the Burr family in Burlington County, was the father of eight children. There were five girls and three boys in the family, John the eldest, was surveyor general of the Province of West Jersey. He held this position with great distinction. He built the addition to Peachfield as indicated by the 1732 dateline and his initials. Elizabeth, the third child and the first daughter, married Samuel Woolman and their son was the famous Quaker abolitionist, John Woolman.

The property remained in the Burr family for 201 years. Historically, Peachfield has operated as a farm for over 280 years. It is today an operating farm with sixty acres under cultivation.

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CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATION

Honorable Clifford P. Case
 Honorable Harrison A. Williams
 Honorable Edwin B. Forsythe
 (Sixth Congressional District)



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

DEEDS:

Revel's Book on Surveys p. 36, p. 354
 John Skene Liber B, Part 2 pp. 507-508
The Historic Rancocas, George DeCou
Inventory of Historic Sites, Delaware Regional Planning Comm. p. 160

GENEALOGY OF BURR FAMILY:

Friends Records, Historical Society of Pennsylvania and of New Jersey
Journal of John Woolman

Pickard, John, Interview January 15, 1973

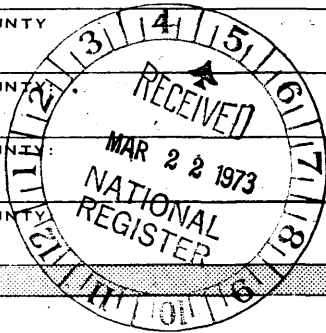
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **Less than 1 acre**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Mrs. John B. L. Baratta, President

ORGANIZATION: **Colonial Dames of New Jersey** DATE: **July 21, 1971**

STREET AND NUMBER:
525 Guarantee Trust Building

CITY OR TOWN: **Atlantic City** 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
 Richard J. Sullivan

Title: Commissioner, Dept. of Environmental Protection

Date: Feb. 14, 1973

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

Robertin Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 6/19/73

ATTEST:

W. M. [Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 6 12 73

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