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### **Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.) (see continuation sheets)

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### NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

#### **Summary Paragraph**

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The Dr. Robert W. Cooke Medical Office is a small, early 19th-century, two-story, doctor's office, located at 67 McCampbell Road in Holmdel Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey, in a rural residential setting, on property leased from the Holmdel Township Board of Education. The building is owned and maintained by the Holmdel Historical Society, a non-profit 501(c)3 organization run by volunteers. It was built ca.1823 in the Federal style, with a hewn timber frame and brick nogging covered with clapboard. It has a footprint measuring 18'3" x 23'4" and contains three first-story rooms and one second-story room. The Federal style is conveyed through doors, windows, and other architectural millwork. The property is well preserved and possesses integrity of setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. The building remains very little altered since its recording by the Historic American Buildings Survey in 1940. Integrity of location has been compromised from two short moves that took place subsequent to the period of significance, in 1910 and in 1994, the cumulative effect of which is that the building stands today a few hundred feet from its original location, but still on a portion of the property that was associated with the building in 1823 (see below).

#### Exterior

The front entrance is the central element of the façade; it is surrounded by narrow sidelights with thin wood muntins and intricate metal tracery and a headboard incised in an elliptical pattern above. The entrance is further enhanced with a small porch featuring parallel bench seats, spindled hand railings and tapered columns, topped by a triangular pediment with tooth-like soffit blocks (See photo #7). The rest of the front facade features clean lines and easy symmetry in the placement and arrangement of the centered second floor dormer, centered chimney, the paned windows, shutters, decorative spindled roof railings with corner posts and horizontal weatherboard. The foundation is modern cement block installed in 1994 when the building was moved to its current location. Exterior walls are modern horizontal running weatherboard replaced in 1994 and painted white, with brick nogging inside between the studding.

#### Front Porch (See photo #3)

The attractive front porch is original except for the cement foundation. It is symmetrical in design measuring 5' deep and 8' wide, with parallel bench seats, hand railings and slim tapered columns on both sides of the front door. The columns are 8' 6" height. The bench seats are 58" long x  $13\frac{1}{2}$ " wide. The wooden porch railings are 36" high with rectangular spindles that are different than the rounded spindles of the roof railing.

### Entrance (See photo #1)

There is one centered front door, measuring 2'8" wide. There are narrow, <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> length intricate window sidelights on both sides of the front door. The headboard traversing the front door and sidelights has a combination of thirteen elliptical, oval and semicircular patterned carved relief incised ornaments (See photo #4). The front door sidelight windows have wood muntins and six different metal ornaments including acanthus leafs at intersections (See photo #2).

### Shutters

First floor window shutters are wood recessed three-panel, hung on metal pins and painted green. Shutters on the second floor are louvered and painted green. The windows on the rear wall do not have shutters.

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### Roofs

The roofs are gable. The first floor roof is cedar shakes. There are decorative wood spindled hand rails on the first floor roof attached to the front and sides but not the rear wall. The second floor roof is of Pennsylvania slate. The Yankee copper gutters pitched towards the back wall were replaced in May 2010 by Sandford Bredbenner of Artisan Construction and Restoration Specialties, LLC. Eaves and pediments have cornices denticulated with soffit blocks.

### Interior

Two rooms make up the first floor. Interior walls are plaster on hand-split lath and painted white. The front door opens into the reception room and has a central fireplace (See photo #H6). The exam room to the left is smaller and narrow, with a closet, where Dr. Cooke used his medical instruments to examine and treat patients. Upstairs is a bedroom with a closet that may have been used for patients to rest or recover. The height of the upstairs ceiling is seven feet. Dr. Cooke may have used this upstairs room as a bedroom for three years, from 1823 to 1826, when he had his house built right next to his doctor's office.

### Doors

The front door is wood recessed six-panel. Inside there are four doors: to the exam room, to the exam room closet, to the stairway and to the upstairs closet. All doors are the same style with same brackets. The stairway door is shorter, measuring 77.5" height. A fifth door, to a closet to the right of the fireplace, was removed before 1940. Door trim in the reception room have carved leaf pattern corner blocks measuring  $5\frac{1}{2}$ " square on the top molding. Door knobs are white porcelain. Door locks are thin 3.5" x 4" black metal boxes that fasten to the face of the door, with skeleton keys.

## Windows - First Floor

There are six windows on the first floor. All are original double hung sash except for the replaced reception room rear wall window. The two front wall windows and the two side wall windows are identical, 6/6 double hung sash with thin muntins. Window panes on the first floor measure 8" x 12". First floor front and side wall windows measure 4'5" height x 2'5" wide. The window on the exam closet room rear wall measures 1'9" wide and is 4/4 pane. The front door sidelights have more than a dozen panes each, cut in rectangular, oval and round shapes. One window on the first floor reception room rear wall was removed and replaced after 1940 and before 1986. The replaced window is 2/12, 12/12, and 2/12 (See photo #13). The windows in Dr. Cooke's Medical Office seem similar to the windows in the original portion of Dr. Cooke's adjacent residence (McCampbell Estate, ca.1826), indicating the possibility of a common builder.

## Windows - Second Floor

There are three windows on the second floor. All three are 6/6 double hung sash. Panes in the second floor windows are 8" x 10". The second floor windows are 3'10" height x 2'5" wide. Window trim on four of the first floor windows extends to the floor with decorative wood panels below the windows. There are carved leaf pattern corner blocks measuring  $5\frac{1}{2}$ " square at the window heads in the reception room including front door sidelights but not on the windows in the exam room. On the second floor side windows, window trim extends to the floor with closet doors below the sill allowing access to the rafter area.

Chimney

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The central interior chimney is red brick laid in running bond and is corbelled. Sanford Bredbenner installed a chimney cap in May 2010, matching the style of the original chimney caps on Dr. Cooke's house that was built in 1826.

### Stairway

The stairway is 26" narrow and steep with a 180° left-handed turn. There are eleven steps, some only 8" wide on 9" high risers, with some triangular shaped steps and a midway platform and two left hand turns. There is a door on the first floor entrance to the staircase but at the top it opens into the room without a door.

### Significant Interior Features

Cornice (See photo #12) The ceiling cornice in the reception is molded plaster that projects 7". Baseboard trim is 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" tall.

### Fireplace (See photos #10 and H6)

The central fireplace is 42" wide with a cabinet surround and mantel piece. The hearth is modern brick. The wood cabinet surround measures 45" tall and 3" deep and is painted white. Sides are  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " wide. The centerpiece below the mantel shelf has three raised elliptical carvings. Above the surround is a wood mantel shelf measuring 8" x 42".

## Layout

The reception room served as a waiting room, typical of layout in today's professional doctor's offices. The exam room is narrow but wide enough for an exam or operating table, and has ample natural lighting. There is a new modern floor laid over the original floor on the first floor, but the floor on the second floor is original, thick, wide, long pine boards attached with cut nails. A tan stain was applied to the second floor boards before 2008. Dr. Cooke's Medical Office is a single building and there are no other manmade elements to this property.

## Vandalism

The front door handle and lock were stolen sometime between 1994 and 2000.

### **Moved Property**

From its original location in 1823, the building was moved twice, in 1910 and in 1994. On August 16, 1909, Dr. Henry G. Cooke (Dr. Robert W. Cooke's son) sold the Cooke Estate to Theron McCampbell. The property included Cooke's house, medical office, other outbuildings and acreage. McCampbell moved the medical office building about 70' East and 40' North and turned it so that the front door faced south. He converted the medical office into an art studio for his wife, Mrs. Sarah McCampbell. McCampbell added knob and tube electrical system, and removed a closet door and wall in the reception room to install a kiln for his wife to use to make pottery (See #H14). These changes took place after McCampbell took possession in 1909.

On August 16, 1986, owners Wilbur and Edith Trapp sold the McCampbell Estate to the McCampbell Development, Inc. Developers Dimisa and Acquaviva planned to knock down Dr. Cooke's Medical Office building. Mr. Gerald Ceres, then president of the Holmdel Historical Society, made three arrangements: with the sellers to donate the medical office building to the Historical Society, with the buyers to pay for the move, and with the Holmdel Board of Education to lease a plot of land where the medical office building would be relocated. Six years later, on July 21, 1994, the W.A. Building Movers & Contractors, Inc., physically raised the

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medical office building onto a flatbed truck and drove it across the street to its present location (See photos #H15, H16 and H17). The building was turned so that the front door now faces north. The original location, second location, and third location of Dr. Cooke's Medical Office building are within a few hundred feet of each other and each of the three building location sites are on the original 14.5 acres that Dr. Robert W. Cooke originally purchased on January 27, 1823 from Rulif and Mary Smock. It is in a residentially zoned neighborhood with no commercial properties within sight.

### **Alterations And Changes**

One window in the rear reception wall was removed and replaced with modern 12/12 and 2/12 sidelights after 1940 (See photo #13). One interior closet wall and door was removed and one pottery kiln was added before 1940. Modern floorboards were installed on the first floor before 1940. The fireplace hearth is modern brick before 1940. Several glass window panes have been replaced with modern glass over time. Shutters are missing on the small exam room closet rear wall. Knob and tube electrical system was disabled but still exists. Some pieces of metal tracery from the entrance door sidelights are missing. The porch foundation is modern cement. At its current location in 1994, the Holmdel Historical Society hired contractors to install an electrical heating system. They hired contractors to replace the exterior weatherboard and install a microlam beam for support inside the rafters on the second floor, and had the building painted inside and out. In May 2010, the Yankee copper gutters were replaced and a cap was installed on the chimney.

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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- X A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- X B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

X C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

#### **Criteria considerations**

(mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

#### Property is:

A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.

X B removed from its original location.

C a birthplace or grave.

D a cemetery.

E a reconstructed building, object or structure.

F a commemorative property.

G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

#### Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.) (See continuation sheets).

### 9. Major Bibliographical References

#### Bibliography

(cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):	Primary location of additional data
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X previously determined eligible by the National	Local government
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Monmouth County, NJ

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# Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Health/Medicine

Architecture

#### Period of Significance

ca. 1823-1909

**Significant Dates** 

ca. 1823-1909

#### Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cooke, Dr. Robert W

### **Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

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# STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

### Summary Paragraph

The Dr. Robert W. Cooke medical office is a rare surviving example of a professional office building<sup>1</sup> from the early 19th century, and a good example of the Federal style of architecture as applied to that building type. It was built about 1823 as a doctor's office, and is the oldest known purpose-built doctor's office in New Jersey. A claim, not yet contradicted, was made in 1940 when this building was recorded by the Historic American Buildings Survey,<sup>2</sup> implying that it was the oldest such building in the United States. For more than 40 years Robert W. Cooke (1797-1867) practiced medicine from this building, and he was a locally significant figure both in the medical field and as Holmdel's first postmaster. His son, Dr. Henry Gansevoort Cooke (1833-1919), who continued his father's practice in this building until 1909, was also a locally significant figure in the field of medicine. The building meets National Register criterion C with statewide significance in architecture, and criterion B with local significance for association with both Drs. Cooke. This building also meets Criteria Consideration B (for moved buildings) because its primary significance is architectural and because it is the principal building most importantly associated with the medical activities of both Cookes.

### **Historical Background**

Robert W. Cooke (see photo #H1) was born July 11, 1797, at Newton, Sussex County, New Jersey, a son of Dr. Ambrose Ellis Cooke (1772-1828) and Sarah Piersall Wheeler (1774-1857). He was the second of ten children born in this family and he developed an interest in medicine under his father's training. He went to New York and studied under eminent surgeon Dr. Valentine Mott, who went on to establish Rutgers Medical College. Cooke also studied at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York in 1817-1818 but did not graduate, which was not uncommon for physicians at the time. Dr. Cooke moved to Holmdel in 1820 and began his practice, taking up residence in the Parsonage House belonging to the Dutch Reformed Church.

On January 3, 1823 he purchased the land on which the Cooke medical office was soon thereafter built, a 14.5acre tract from Ruliff and Mary Smock.<sup>3</sup> This land is adjacent to the still existing Parsonage House. Cooke is believed to have had the office constructed on his land within a year following his purchase, although definitive evidence has not been found. He married Susan Gansevoort of Albany, New York in September 1830. Their son Henry Gansevoort Cooke was born three years later.

Dr. Cooke was a figure of local importance and a leading physician in the county. He joined the Monmouth District, formed in 1816, of the New Jersey Medical Society, and served as its secretary in 1825-1826 and from 1831-1835. He served as its treasurer in 1841-1842; as vice president in 1828 and 1843, and as its president in 1844. Dr. Cooke built an extensive practice as doctor, surgeon and mentor to younger men entering the profession. He practiced medicine in his medical office until he was too ill at age 70. He died on December 27, 1867; his remains are buried in the Cooke family plot at Old Brick Reformed Church in Marlboro, New Jersey. He was remembered at that time for his self-reliance and energy, for having had a genuine love of the medical

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Several lawyer's offices, some farm offices, and at least one telegraph office survive from the 19th century in New Jersey.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> HABS NJ-666.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Monmouth County deed book I-2, p.76.

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profession and a keen interest in its progress. At his funeral, one of his eulogists described him as a "famous physician and surgeon of his day."

He was also appointed the first postmaster of Holmdel, on January 21, 1830. Dr. Cooke's medical office also likely doubled as the village's first post office. Establishment of the post office is also associated with the first usage of the name "Holmdel" for this area. Until that time, the locality was a part of Middletown Township known as the Baptisttown section. On February 25, 1848, it became part of Raritan Township, and on February 23, 1857 Raritan Township was split, forming Holmdel Township. Dr. Cooke held the Holmdel postmastership for 19 years, until Gilbert H. Van Mater succeeded him in 1849.

After Dr. Cooke died, his son, Dr. Henry Gansevoort Cooke (see historic photo #3), continued to examine and treat patients in his father's office. Henry Gansevoort Cooke was born February 3, 1833 at Holmdel. He was the first male and the second of six children born into this family. Like his father, Henry developed an interest in medicine under his father's training. He was graduated from Rutgers College in New Brunswick in 1853, and from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York in 1857, then studied medicine under Dr. Willard Parker of New York City and then joined his father to practice in Holmdel.

In 1859, Dr. Henry Cooke became presiding officer of the Monmouth County Medical Association. A year later he became vice-president of the Monmouth District of the Medical Society of New Jersey and in 1860 he became president of the Monmouth District. He entered military service during the Civil War on September 20, 1862, when he mustered in at Camp Vredenburgh, in Freehold. He served as a Major Surgeon with the US Army of the Potomac, 29<sup>th</sup> Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers, for nine months and was at the battles of Fredricksburg and Chancellorsville. Later he served during the Union Army's Overland Campaign of 1864 at the Wilderness and at Cold Harbor. After the war ended, he returned to his father's medical office where he continued his practice. In 1868, he was a delegate to the American Medical Society.

In June 1876 at age 43, Dr. Henry Cooke married Maria Burritt Cowdrey of New Rochelle, New York. Henry and Maria had six children: Sara, Maria, Robert A.,<sup>4</sup> Henry, Edward and Susan. Dr. Henry Cooke was also an elder at the Dutch Reformed Church of Holmdel. On October 13, 1909, he sold the Holmdel property and moved to New Brunswick, New Jersey. He died December 2, 1919, and is buried in the Cooke Family Plot at Old Brick Reformed Church Cemetery at Marlboro.<sup>5</sup>

## Architectural significance

The Cooke medical office, built ca. 1823, meets Criterion C because of its significant and well preserved Federal style features. In New Jersey, the Federal style gained momentum in the 1780s, reached a flowering in the 1790s, and spread in that decade from high-style churches and public buildings and the finer houses to lesser buildings, including outbuildings and subsidiary buildings. One form of the latter were office buildings, small, usually one-story, often one-room buildings built for lawyers, doctors, and a few other types of business practice and public use. The oldest surviving office building in New Jersey is probably the John Jones law office (HABS NJ-261) in Salem City, Salem County, built ca.1735. Archaeological evidence was found several years

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Dr. Robert Anderson Cooke later became a physician and an authority on allergies.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> For more information see www.holmdelhistory.org/DrCookes.html.

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ago of one of a pair of small office buildings built by the State of New Jersey behind the original Statehouse in the 1790s, which once held the early archives of the State. The most impressive office buildings in the Federal style in New Jersey are unquestionably the symmetrical pair of offices built in 1807 that flank the old Burlington County Courthouse in Mount Holly (see HABS NJ-27). These predate the Cooke medical office and are larger, of masonry construction, and more high-style in their features, but were also built for official county purposes by a public body. Early office buildings, including a surviving lawyer's office built about 1830 in Flemington, New Jersey, tend to occur most often in county seats.

The Cooke medical office, in contrast, was built as a frame building for an individual physician's practice in a small, emerging village far from the county seat, yet it exhibits an unusual degree of stylishness. In the façade, the more expressive features are concentrated in the central bay, the two-story portion of the building, which combines the first-story entrance, a room above, and a front gable above that. The attention, however, is chiefly focused on the entrance and entrance porch. The porch features a shallow hipped roof, shingled, and supported on slender columns, which, in turn, rest on short pedestal blocks. The columns, epistyle, and roof structure are believed to be original and represent one of the oldest surviving porches in New Jersey and among very few in the Federal style. The columns are plain but finely attenuated, with a noticeable entasis, and even though they are unfluted and lack capitals, they have simple molded bases and necking that are appropriate to the Federal style. Like the columns, a pair of benches that are covered by the porch and flank the door are believed to be original, another rare survival.

The entrance is the most important focal point of the façade. The door is a six-panel door of the Federal style, with panels that feature raised fields with molded edges. The door is enclosed within a frontispiece that includes sidelights with fine leaded tracery between narrow molded and reeded pilasters. There is no transom above the door, but rather a wide architrave ennobled with punch-and-gouge sunbursts, competently executed but without the level of fine detail sometimes seen in the principal chimneypieces of important rooms. Surmounting this composition is a shallow molded cornice below the porch soffit. The entire assemblage is a consistent exemplification of the Federal style as it was practiced in New Jersey by the better builders of the period, and would have been a very attractive building to Dr. Cooke and his clients. (It is to be regretted that the name of the builder has not yet been identified.)

In the interior, the Federal style is also consistently maintained. The doors are comparably paneled and molded, and the door surrounds have molded and reeded architraves that match the front entrance. The corners, however, are further heightened with ornamented corner blocks. One enters into the reception room, which is the larger downstairs room to the right, and the examination room is through a door to the left. A small firebox with a chimneypiece in the reception room is centered along the wall opposite the entrance. It carries the one inconsistent note in the room. It appears to have been fashioned by a different and less talented craftsman than the one responsible for the entrance. It is too deeply molded, with shadow lines exhibiting too much relief, and although it was produced by a person generally familiar with the compositional form of a chimneypiece in the Federal style, that person was not familiar with its conventional proportions and profiles. Although raised ovals dominate the panels, the panels themselves are framed, and no punch-and-gouge carving was attempted. There is no molding and reeding in the pilasters, but the pilasters are framed. It may be that this element was added within a few years after the building was constructed, when the Federal style was still remembered but no longer practiced, but its degree of undisciplined incorrectness suggests that it might even have been added during the

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20th-century Colonial Revival, when an undiscriminating combination of Georgian- and Federal-style features was commonplace.

That feature aside, the Cooke office is a fine example of the Federal style, and a rare proof that that style penetrated to small professional offices constructed outside the principal towns.

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## **Correspondents:**

Cooke, Claudia, Dr., New York City NY. Cooke, Donald, Viejo CA. Cooke, Robert A. III, Colts Neck NJ. Mitchell, Bruce, Nuevo CA.

Cooke, Dr. Robert W., Medical Office Name of Property			Monmouth County, NJ County and State					
10. Geographical Data								
Acreage of property $50' \times 50' = .05 \text{ acre}$								
UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)								
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11. Form Prepared By	1.000	-						
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organization Holmdel Historical Society			da	te J	uly 2010			
street & number PO Box 282			telepho	ne (73	32)946-274	3		
city or town Holmdel Township		state	N	J	zip code	07733		
Additional Documentation	-							
Submit the following items with the completed form: Continuation Sheets Maps A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the	proper	ty's loca	ation.					
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nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C.470 et seq.)

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# GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

### Verbal Boundary Description:

The nominated property can be specified as a square parcel of ground on which the Cooke medical office stands described as a portion of Block, Lot in Holmdel Township, Monmouth County, and further described as follows: Beginning at a point distant from the intersection of the southerly right of way line of McCampbell Road and the easterly right of way line of Middletown Road along a course a) S18° 12'18"W along the easterly right of way line of Middletown Road along a course b) N87° 45'E a distance of 75' to the point and place of beginning; and from thence running:

- 1) N87° 45'E a distance of 50' to the point; thence
- 2) S02° 15'E a distance of 50' to a point; thence
- 3) S87° 45'W a distance of 50' to a point; thence
- 4) N02° 15'W a distance of 50' to the point and place of beginning, containing 2500 square feet.

The Latitude of the property is 40°20'45.5994"N, and the Longitude 74°10'11.6034"W, and grade is 112' above sea level.

### **Boundary Justification:**

The boundaries of the 50' x 50' lot were agreed upon in a lease signed in 1994. The boundaries were created to encompass the full extent of the 18'4" x 23'3" Medical Office. The actual site was chosen as a portion of the Village School property that is not in the way of any school activities and where the Medical Office building can clearly be seen by passing traffic on both Middletown Road and McCampbell Road, not far from its original location.

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### **CURRENT PHOTOGRAPHS**

All current photographs are printed on a HP Photosmart C7280 printer using HP Vivera Ink, on HP Premium Plus Photo Paper. Current photograph TIFF files are saved on Verbatim Ultralife Gold Archival Grade CD-R. Photographer Thomas Amoresano used a Samsung GX-10 Digital SLR 10.2 Megapixel camera.

Current Photographs, on CD-R, and 8x10 B/W

Current Photograph List: Photograph No. 0001 Exterior - Front View, 2009 Photograph No. 0002 Exterior - Sidelight Detail, 2009 Photograph No. 0003 Exterior - Front Porch, 2009 Photograph No. 0004 Exterior - Incised Headboard over Entrance, 2009 Photograph No. 0005 Exterior - West Wall, 2009 Photograph No. 0006 Exterior - Rear Wall, 2009 Photograph No. 0007 Exterior - Dentils, 2009 Photograph No. 0008 Exterior - East Wall, 2009 Photograph No. 0009 Exterior - Road Sign, 2009 Photograph No. 0010 Interior - Fireplace Detail, 2009 Photograph No. 0011 Interior - Kiln, 2009 Photograph No. 0012 Interior - Reception Room Cornice, 2009 Photograph No. 0013 Exterior - Rear Wall Replaced Window, 2009

### **Current Photograph Details:**

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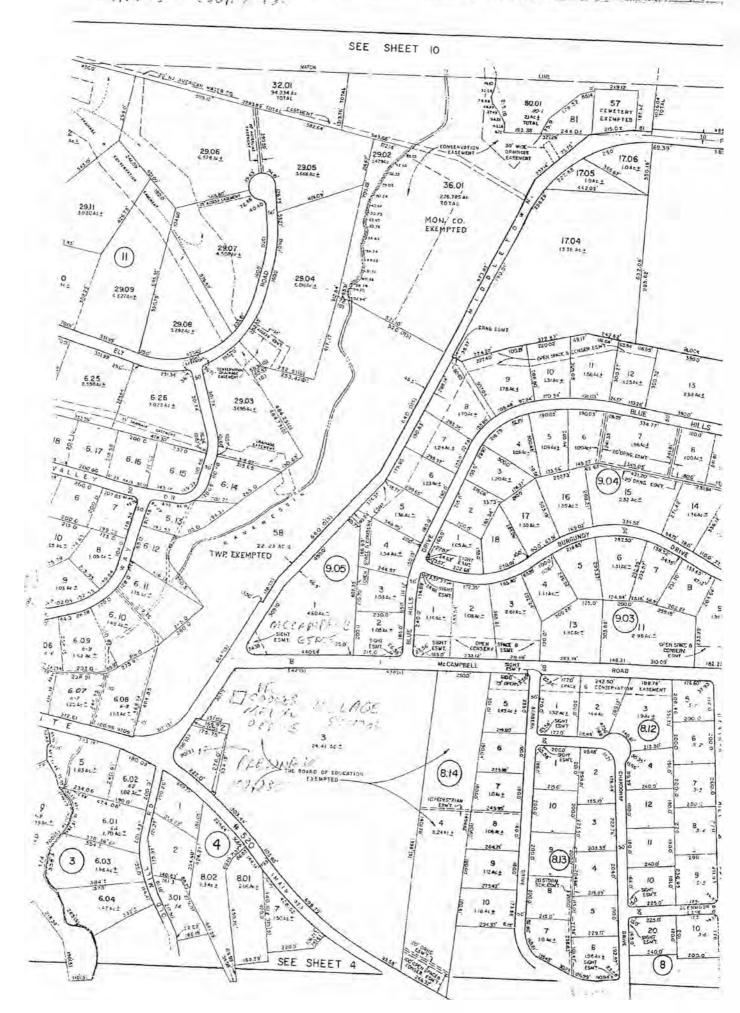
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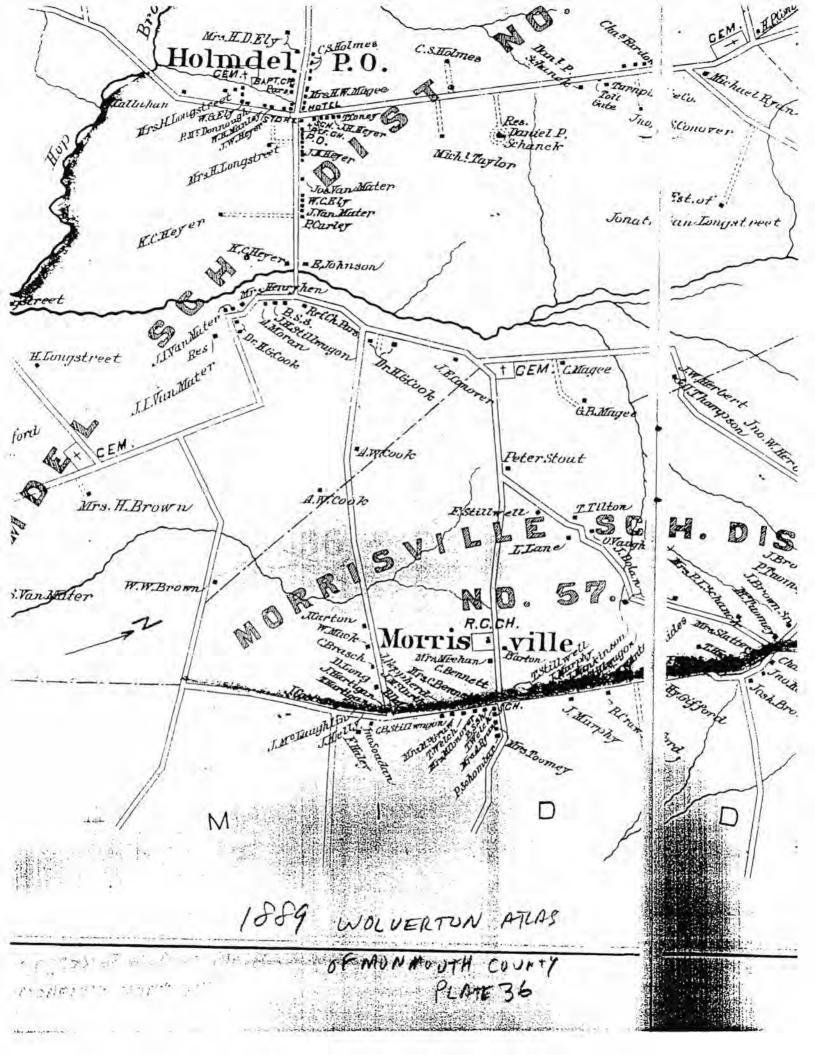
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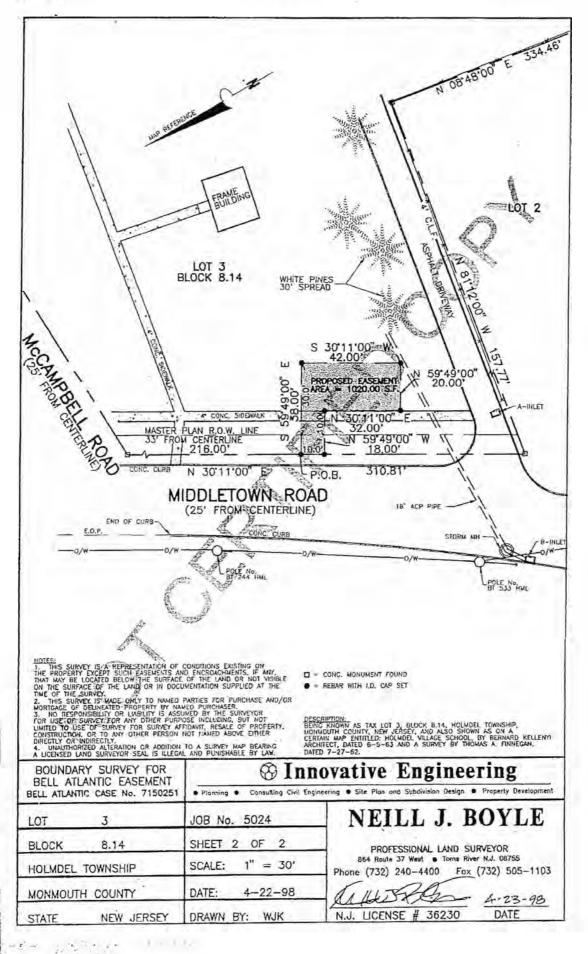
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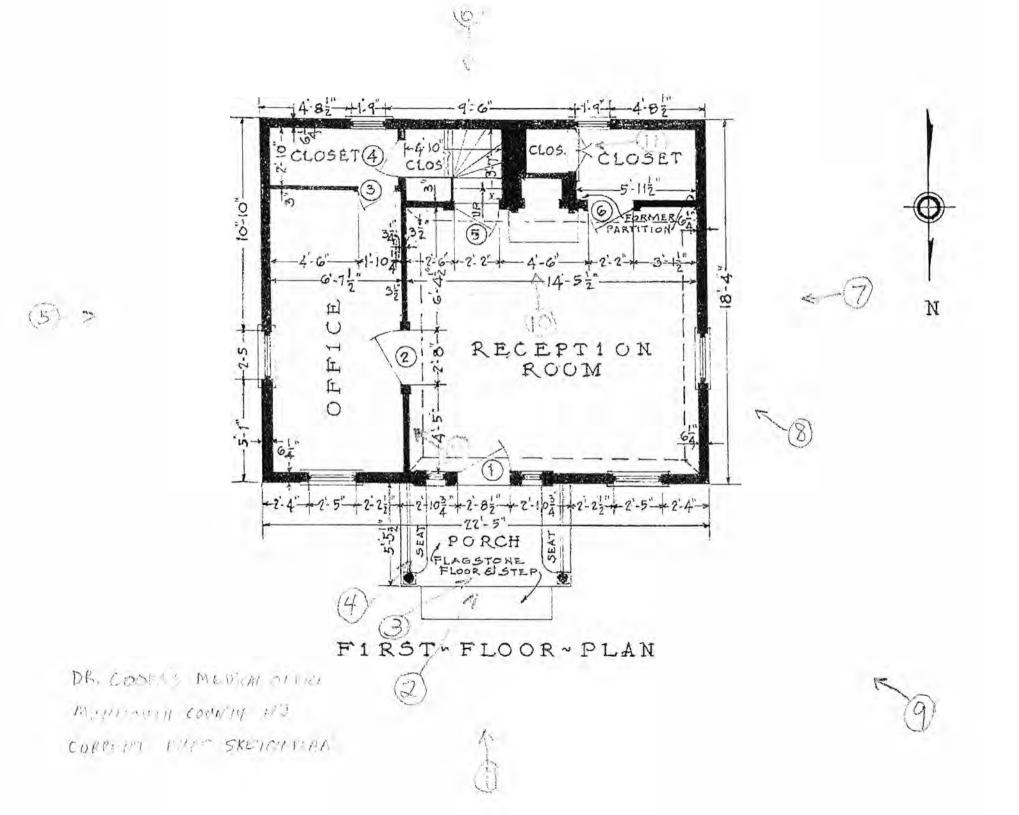




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### Historic Photograph List:

Photograph No. H001 Portrait - Dr. Robert W. Cooke, pre-1867 Photograph No. H002 Exterior - Cooke Medical Office in Original Location, ca.1879 Photograph No. H003 Portrait - Dr. Henry Gansevoort Cooke, pre-1919 Photograph No. H004 HABS-NJ-666 Exterior - View from Southeast, 1940 Photograph No. H005 HABS-NJ-666 Exterior - Detail Front Door, 1940 Photograph No. H006 HABS-NJ-666 Interior - Fireplace Mantel Detail, 1940 Photograph No. H007 HABS-NJ-666 Drawing First Floor Plan, Plans & Elevations, 1940 Photograph No. H008 HABS-NJ-666 Drawing South Elevation (Front), 1940 Photograph No. H009 HABS-NJ-666 Drawing Detail of Front Door Exterior, 1940 Photograph No. H010 HABS-NJ-666 Drawing Detail of Front Door Interior, 1940 Photograph No. H011 HABS-NJ-666 Drawing Fireplace & Stair Detail, 1940 Photograph No. H012 HABS-NJ-666 Drawing Windows & Blinds Details, 1940 Photograph No. H013 HABS-NJ-666 Drawing Door, Closet & Blind Hardware, 1940 Photograph No. H014 HABS-NJ-666 Drawing Map of Original Location, 1940 Photograph No. H015 Exterior - Preparing for Move, 1994 Photograph No. H016 Exterior - Medical Office Raised, 1994 Photograph No. H017 Exterior - Moving Day July 21, 1994 Photograph No. H018 Exterior - Aerial View ca.2005

## **Historic Photograph Details:**

Photograph No. H001 Dr. Robert W. Cooke, pre-1867 8"x10" B/W, pre-1867, photographer unknown Original in possession of Donald Cooke, Irvine CA.

Photograph No. H002 Dr. Robert W. Cooke's Medical Office in original location ca.1879 8"x10" B/W, ca.1879, Photographer G(ustavius) W. Pach, 841 Broadway, NYC Front facing west. Dr. Henry Cooke in front of office, his mother Susan Ganesvoort Cooke and wife Maria Buritt Cowdrey Cooke standing together near the house, baby in carriage is Donald Cooke's Aunt Maria Cowdrey Cooke (1878-1980).

Original in possession of Donald Cooke, Irvine CA.

Photograph No. H003 Dr. Henry Gansevoort Cooke, pre-1919 15 ½"x19½" B/W, pre-1919, photographer unknown Original in possession of Donald Cooke, Irvine CA.

Photograph No. H004 Exterior View from Southeast, 1940 8"x10" B/W, September 16, 1940, Photographer R. Merritt Lacey, camera facing northwest HABS NJ,13-HOLM, 2-1, original 5"x7" HABS NJ-666, Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division, Washington DC.

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Photograph No. H006 Interior – Mantel Detail, 1940 8"x10" B/W, September 16, 1940, Photographer R. Merritt Lacey HABS NJ,13-HOLM, 2-3, original 5"x7" HABS NJ-666, Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division, Washington DC.

Photograph No. H007 Drawing First Floor Plan, Plans & Elevations, 1940 HABS NJ-666, Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division, Washington DC.

Photograph No. H008 Drawing South Elevation Front, 1940 HABS NJ-666, Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division, Washington DC.

Photograph No. H009 Drawing Detail of Front Door Exterior, 1940 HABS NJ-666, Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division, Washington DC.

Photograph No. H010 Drawing Detail of Front Door Interior, 1940 HABS NJ-666, Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division, Washington DC.

Photograph No. H011 Drawing Fireplace & Stair Detail, 1940 HABS NJ-666, Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division, Washington DC.

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Photograph No. H013 Drawing Door, Closet & Blind Hardware, 1940 HABS NJ-666, Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division, Washington DC.

Photograph No. H014 Drawing Map of Original Location, 1940 HABS NJ-666, Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division, Washington DC.

Photograph No. H015 Exterior View, preparing for move, 1994 8"x10" B/W, July 1994, Photographer Gerald Ceres, camera facing north Original 5 x 7" in possession of Holmdel Township, Board of Education, Holmdel NJ.

Photograph No. H016 Exterior View, building raised for move, 1994 8"x10" B/W, July 1994, Photographer Gerald Ceres, camera facing northeast Original 5 x 7" in possession of Holmdel Township, Board of Education, Holmdel NJ.

Photograph No. H017 Moving Day, July 21, 1994 8"x10" B/W, July 21, 1994, Photographer Gerald Ceres W. A. Building Movers Company, Westfield NJ Original in possession of Gerry Ceres, Holmdel NJ.

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Photograph No. H018 Aerial View, ca.2005 8"x10" B/W, ca.2005, photographer unknown Original in possession of Holmdel Township, Buildings and Grounds, Holmdel NJ.

#### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Cooke, Dr. Robert W., Medical Office NAME:

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: NEW JERSEY, Monmouth

DATE RECEIVED: 12/02/10 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 1/04/11 DATE OF 16TH DAY: 1/19/11 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 1/17/11 DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

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REJECT 1.18-10 DATE

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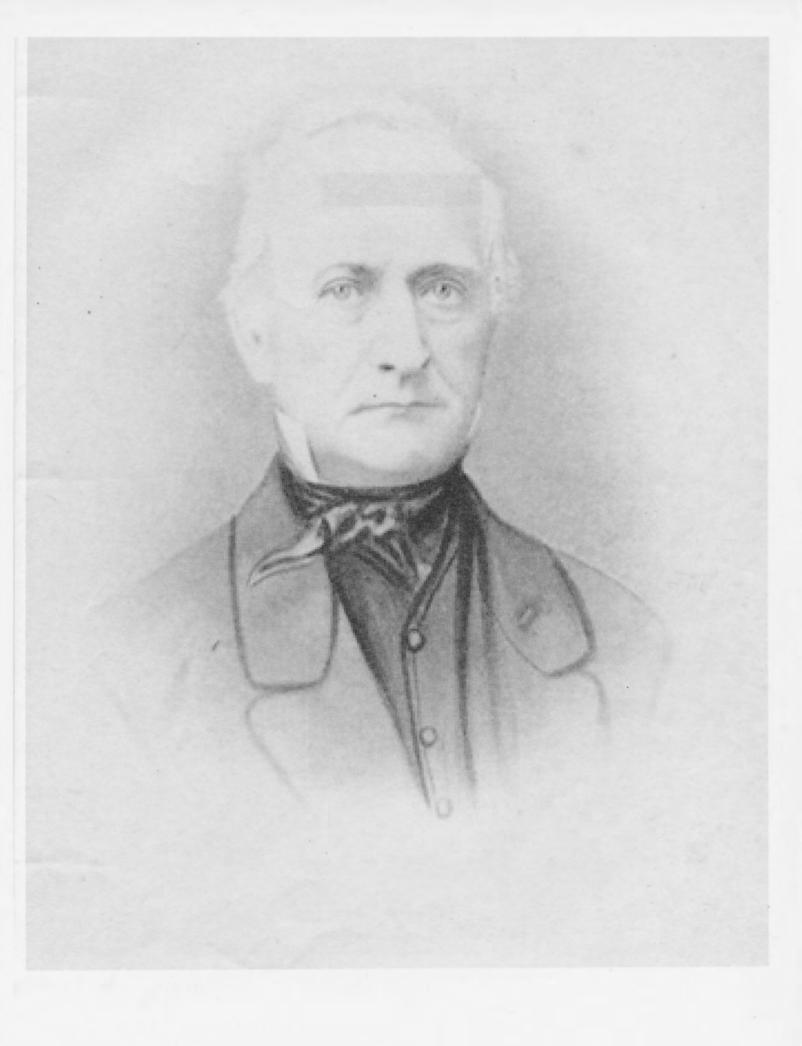




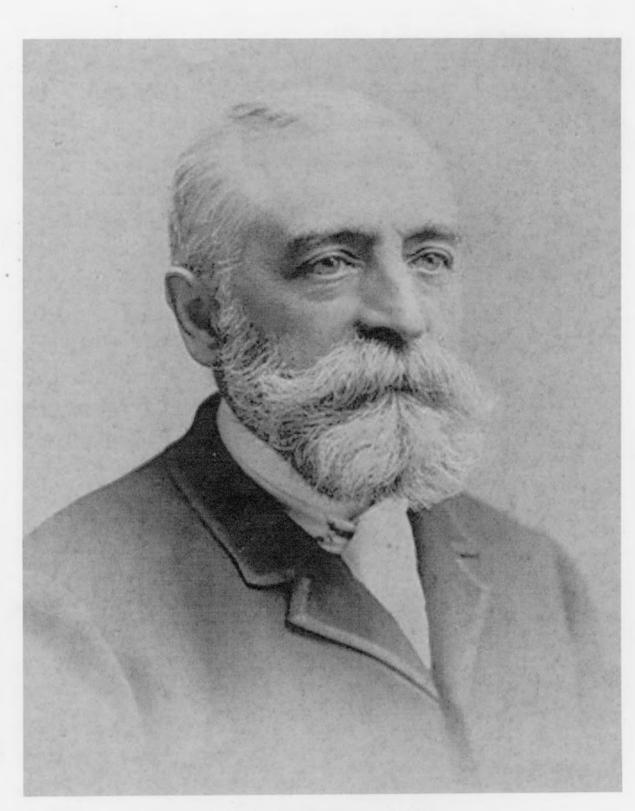






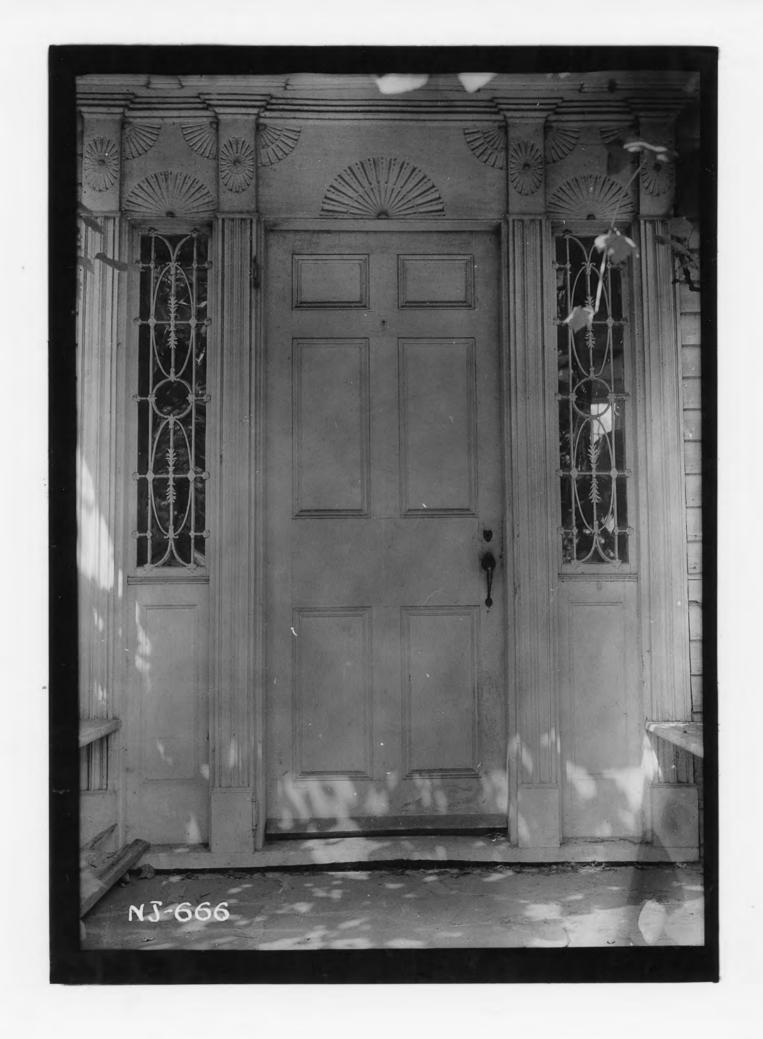




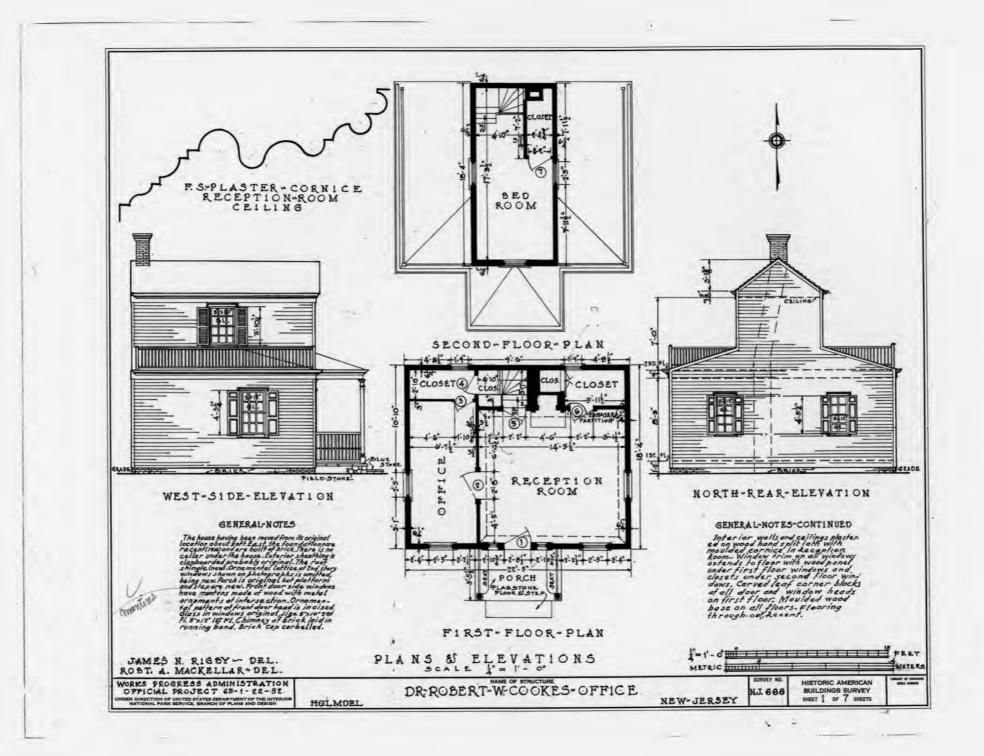


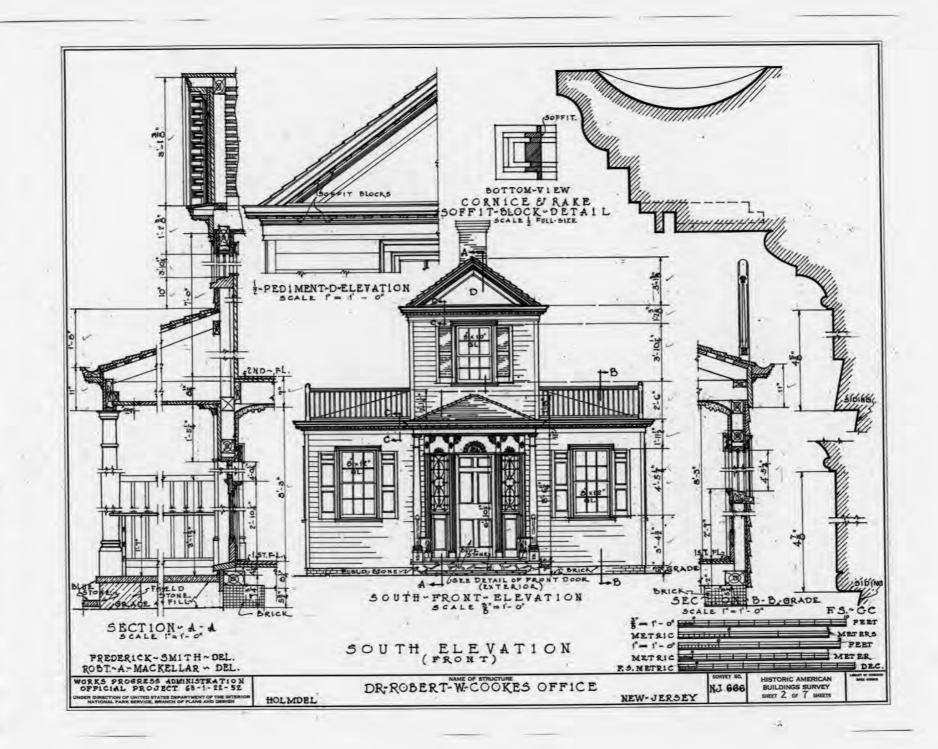
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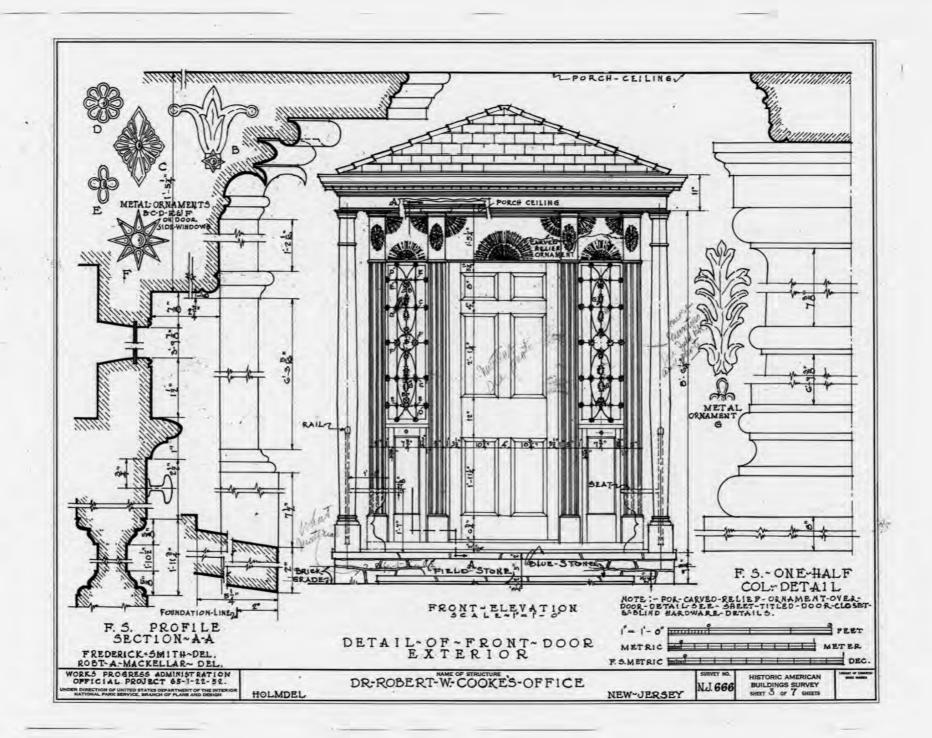


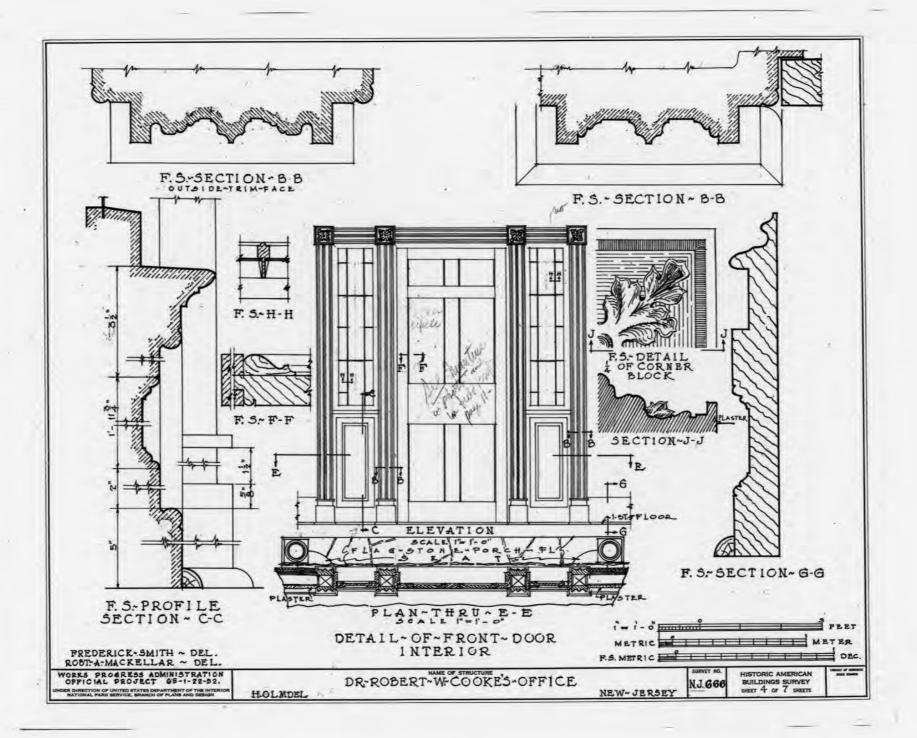




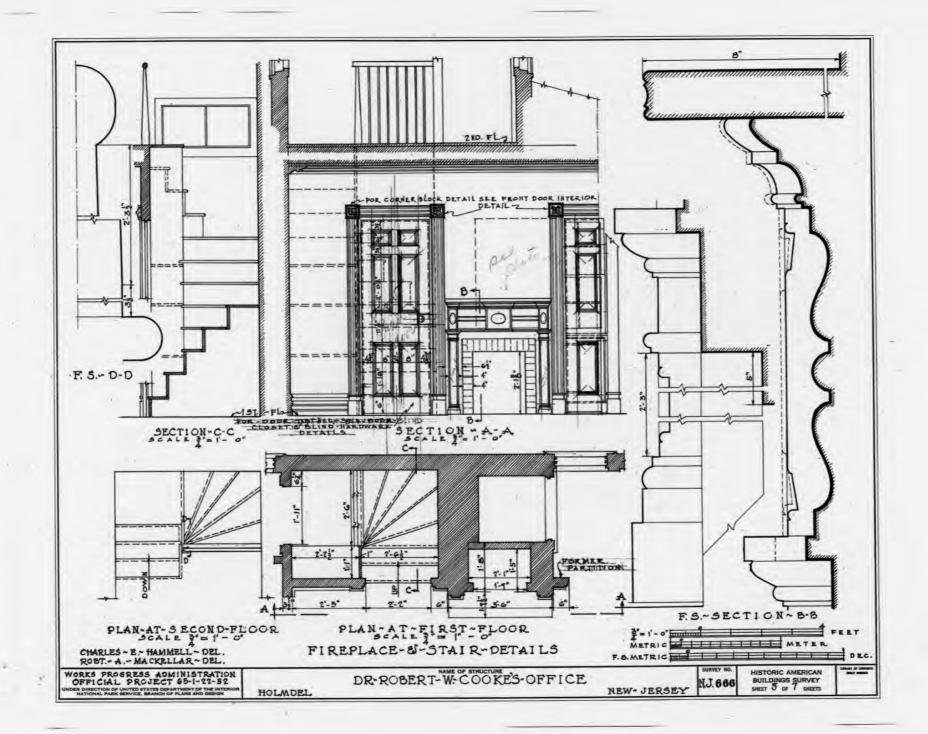


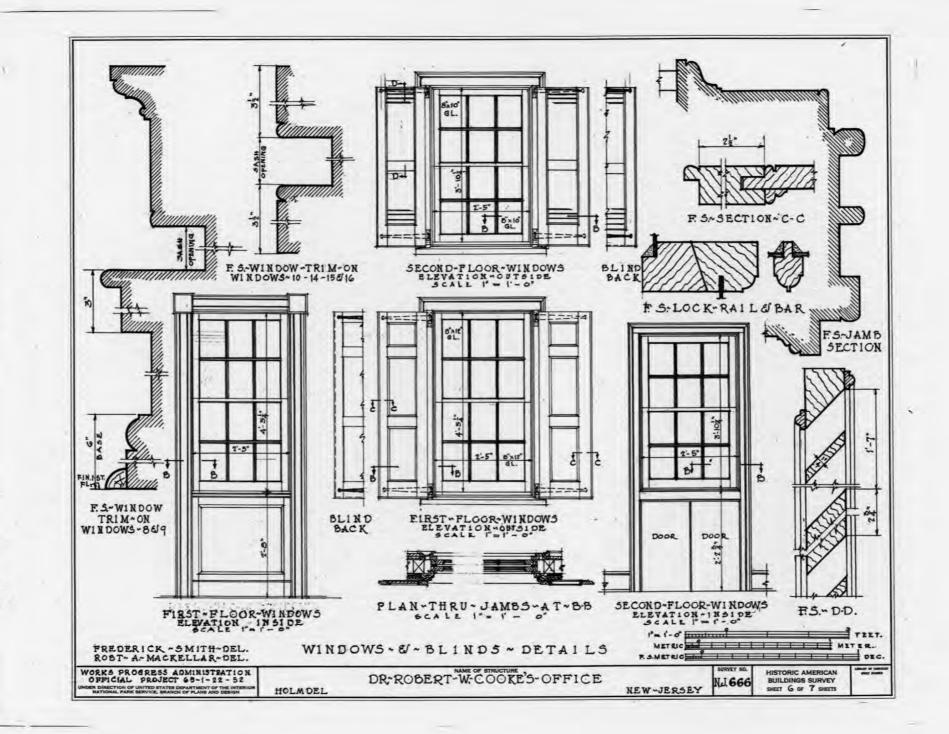


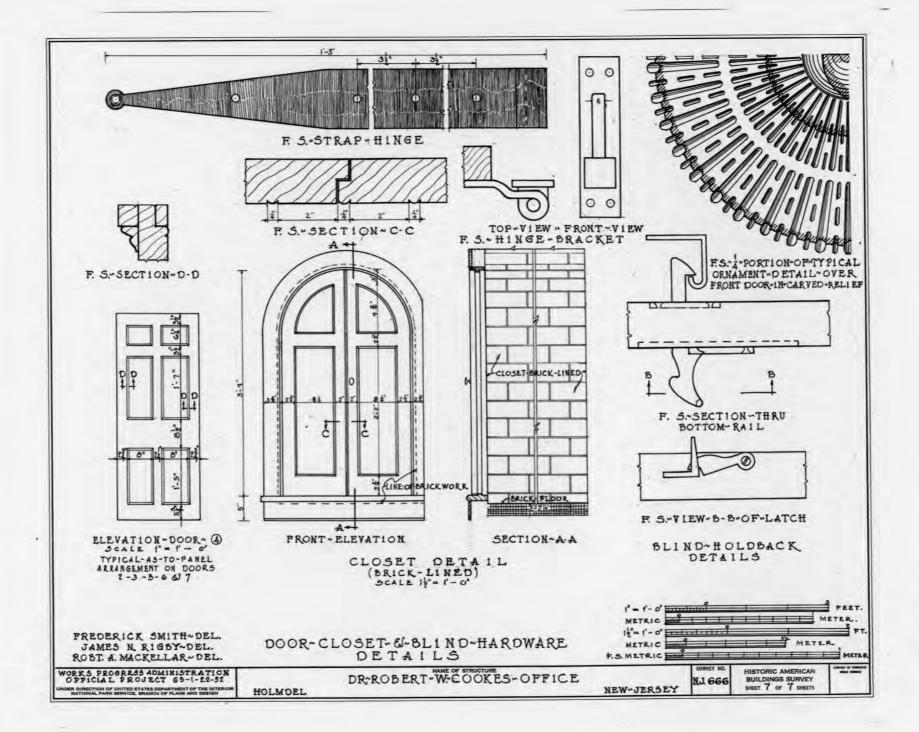




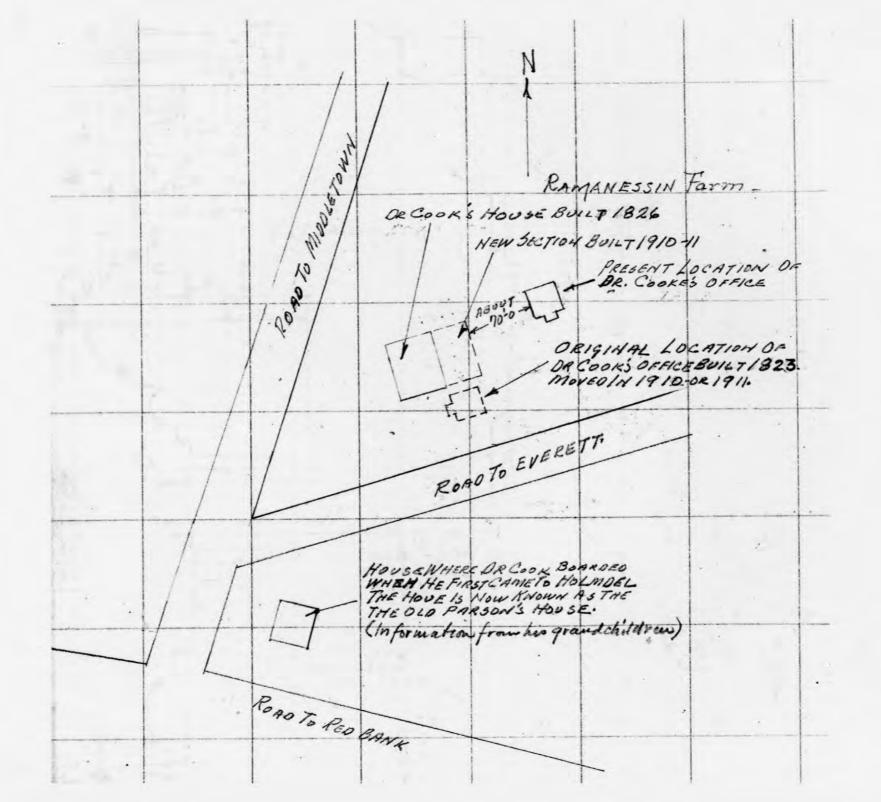
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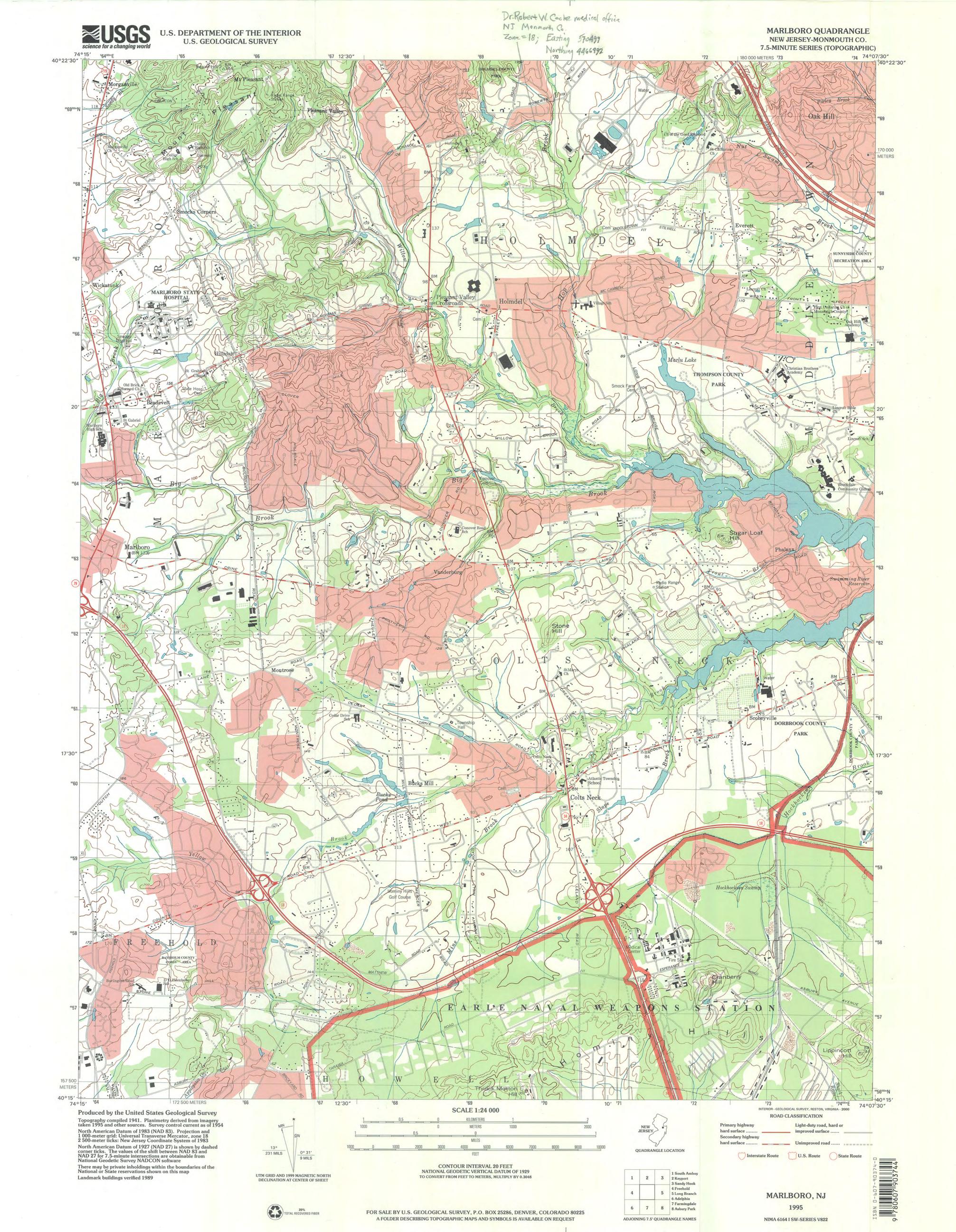












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Paul Loether, Chief National Register of Historic Places National Park Service Department of the Interior Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Loether:

I am pleased to submit the nomination for the Dr. Robert W. Cooke Medical Office, Monmouth County, New Jersey, for National Register consideration.

This nomination has received majority approval from the New Jersey State Review Board for Historic Sites. All procedures were followed in accordance with regulations published in the Federal Register.

Trenton, NJ 08625-0420

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Should you want any further information concerning this application, please feel free to contact Daniel D. Saunders, Acting Administrator, New Jersey Historic Preservation Office, Mail code 501-04B, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0420, or call him at (609) 633-2397.

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