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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 David Tuttle Cooperage

AND/OR COMMON
The Cooperage

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 83 Gristmill Road

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN ~~Randolph Township~~ *Dover n.c.*
VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
13

STATE New Jersey CODE 034

COUNTY CODE
Morris 027

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME George and Pamela Collict

STREET & NUMBER 83 Gristmill Road

CITY, TOWN Randolph VICINITY OF

STATE
New Jersey

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET & NUMBER Washington Street

CITY, TOWN Morristown

STATE
New Jersey

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory

DATE 1976

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Office of Historic Preservation, 109 W. State Street

CITY, TOWN Trenton

STATE
New Jersey

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" 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 David Tuttle Cooperage, built early in the 19th century, is a 2 1/2 story bank house. It has a stone foundation. The exterior of the basement or bank floor has a stone front facade, while the rest of the house, originally clapboard, now has modern asbestos siding. The beams and rafters are hand hewn with mortise and tenon pegging in the frame. The interior walls are plaster with hand split lath. The floor boards are original, approximately 6 inches in width each. The overall dimensions of the Cooperage are 24' x 35' with a 12' x 15' kitchen extension on the front facade.

The front facade originally had a two level porch, however, the second porch has been enclosed and sided with clapboard. This enclosure has four windows, three of which are grouped as one with wide mullions. These windows are 3 over 3 sash. The gables are two bays with 6 over 6 windows and a 6 over 6 window in the attic. The rear facade has 2 randomly placed 6 over 6 windows and is 1 1/2 stories in height with a high knee wall to the eave.

The building has a steep gable roof with one chimney on the gable end. The front facade has a modern shed dormer with two windows in it.

Entry to the Cooperage is made via an overhanging porch to a large cellar kitchen with a walk-in fireplace which has a beehive oven. The cooper shop is a small ell to the front. The kitchen wing which projects to the side is a modern addition. Behind the fireplace is another room.

The main floor has a single bay, side hall form which is two rooms deep. The front is slightly larger than rear (15'6" x 12'6" and 15'6" x 21'6"). The difference is caused by the front acquiring additional area when the porch was enclosed. There is a corner fireplace in the end wall. The mantels are transitional Federal style, with center panels and broken shelves. The walls are plaster with beaded chairrails. The attic floor basically repeats the main floor in construction.

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The David Tuttle Cooperage is a representative example of an early 19th century house designed and built for a dual purpose. While serving in its function as a dwelling, the building also served as a shop for the owner to carry on his trade. It is the only known cooperage in Randolph Township and based on the extensiveness of his trading, one of the few in northern New Jersey.

Tuttle provided a necessary service to the area by plying his trade as a cooper (barrelmaker) and used the residence as his place of business. He served the needs of the local community of Millbrook, then known as Mott Hollow, a small industrial community made up mostly of Quakers. The community also contained a gristmill, a fulling mill, a linseed oil mill, a carding mill, a tan yard and a shoemaker. He provided his service to towns as far away as Newark.

It was emphatically a wooden age in the 18th and early 19th centuries. There were no hard metals used for any articles which today seem so necessarily made of metal. Ploughs were made of wood, cart-wheels were often wholly made of wood. The cooper was an artisan of importance in those days: buckets, churns, dye-tubs, barrels and kegs were made with little or no metal parts. Without his barrels to store their wares or his buckets to carry their water life would have been quite difficult, even more difficult than obtaining the necessities was already. His products helped to make living a little bit easier.

The David Tuttle Cooperage has had very few alterations except for adaptation for modern living and thus is a good example of a home and workshop of a person whose craft is a lost art. It is for this reason that it merits inclusion in the National Register.

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Platt, Charles Davis, Dover Dates.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.1 acres
UTM REFERENCES

A	<u>18</u>	<u>537440</u>	<u>4523070</u>	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The nominated property occupies township block 111, lot 18.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

(Nanci Kostrub Batchelor, OHP, Trenton,
609-292-2028)

NAME/TITLE Robert G. Geelan, Municipal Historian

ORGANIZATION Randolph Township Landmarks Committee

DATE April, 1977

STREET & NUMBER 35 Radtke Road

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN Randolph

STATE New Jersey

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL X

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 *[Signature]*

TITLE Deputy Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection

DATE 12-19-77

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

[Signature]
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

[Signature]
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: *[Signature]*
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 6-19-78
DATE June 14, 1979

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Additional Data

The Tuttle Cooperage is one of the few extant early 19th century cooper buildings in Morris County. Relatively undisturbed the site has excellent potential for a historical archeological investigation into the craft of coopering in New Jersey,

Information of David Tuttle (ca. 1790-ca. 1850). Probably born sometime in the 1790's, the earliest reference to Tuttle is located in the Randolph Township Tax Ratables in 1814. At this time David Tuttle is recorded as owning or operating a saw mill. The tax ratables continue listing David Tuttle until the records discontinuance in the 1820's, although he no longer was taxed for the saw mill.

Listed in both the 1830 and 1840 United States Census as a manufacturer or tradesman (there was no distinction) little else can be learned of Tuttle until 1850. In that year the federal census data was significantly expanded and David Tuttle of Randolph Township was recorded as being a cooper. He indicated to the recorder that he was 57 years old and had real estate worth \$1400. This record also tabulated that he had a wife and three children living at home at the time.

Other bits of information relative to Mott Hollow, or Millbrook, provides a better image of David Tuttle and his cooperage in the 19th century. This small industrial crossroads village was founded by the Mott family in the late 18th century. (Hence, the name Mott Hollow, which also became known as Millbrook). The industrial activity of Millbrook centered around Joshua Mott and his three sons. From 1790 to about 1820 they owned and operated a gristmill, a fulling mill, and a linseed oil mill. They also owned a tan yard for the curing and processing of leather products.

In the midst of this family-oriented village was David Tuttle, a cooper, whose craft was essential to the surrounding farms and the industries owned by his close friends and associates.

It is not certain how long Tuttle operated his cooperage. The Thomas Dell 1810 Survey Map shows a cooper shop where the present building is, but whether Tuttle was the owner at this time is questionable. More likely, he purchased the property around 1814 when he began being taxed for real estate (strangely, at first specifically for a saw mill) Tuttle appears to have been an active cooper to at least 1850. Shortly after this the records indicate that an A. Moore possessed the property in 1853. The

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building probably then became exclusively a residence, as there is no indication of a cooper shop being located here past mid-century.

The Tuttle House retains its original configuration on the north facade (opposite the road), but the front (south) view has been altered. The extent of those alterations, however, are superficial speculations and should be evaluated as such. A thorough analysis could not be conducted, but it would appear that the house always had a considerable roof overhang at the front. This probably provided for a two story portico open at the top level and also on the southeast corner of the ground level. The stonework at the southwest corner could be modern (the repointing is recent and the stonework does not match the foundation beneath the main building), but there are no interior support walls to confirm this. The enclosed second level of the porch is recent. Perhaps the entire portico had an open two story porch. The modern enclosure, however, has camouflaged the original configuration of the south exterior view but the north facade and many 19th century features of the interior are intact.

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