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DATA SHEET

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# NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

## 1 NAME

HISTORIC

Chew/Turner/Carhart Farm

AND/OR COMMON

Jockey Hollow Farm ; Union Farm

## 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1/4 W of Clinton on  
Syckles Corner Road

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Union Township Clinton Vic.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

14th 13th

STATE

New Jersey

CODE

34

COUNTY

Hunterdon

CODE

019

## 3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

**ACCESSIBLE**

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER:

## 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Philippe & Barbara Baumann

STREET & NUMBER

Syckles Corner Road

CITY, TOWN

Union Township

STATE

New Jersey

## 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Hall of Records - County Court House

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Flemington

STATE

New Jersey

## 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1975

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Historic Sites Office, Dept. of Environmental Protection

CITY, TOWN

Trenton

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    |   |   |

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The farmhouse of the Joekey Hollow Farm is a 2 1/2 story gambrel roofed restrained Greek Revival structure encompassing a first half of the 18th century 1 1/2 story building.

Original 18th century house Part of the earlier 18th century house has been incorporated in the present larger house. This original structure measured approximately 20' x 33' as indicated by the existing cellar. Much of the original frame 1 1/2 story structure remains, though it is altered. The cellar of this original structure is constructed of rough fieldstone with solid laid stone foundations for a pair of corner fireplaces on one gable end and a foundation for a large kitchen fireplace on the other gable end. The cellar beams are 8" to 10" square hewn oak timbers, and widely spaced, typical of the first half of the 18th century. The first floor consisted of three rooms. There were two rooms on one gable end each with a corner fireplace and a kitchen on the other gable end. The rafters of the attic are widely spaced square hewn oak timbers. The kitchen chimney is constructed of stone to the roof line and is brick thereafter.

Early 19th century addition This house was extensively enlarged and altered in the early 19th century, probably around 1833 when Charles Carhart acquired the farm. A larger 2 1/2 story gambrel roof frame structure was built, leaving the original section as the kitchen service wing. The original wing was altered considerably. The partitions were altered and the back-to-back corner fireplaces and chimneys were removed as well as approximately 3 feet of the gable end. This new structure was built from this point and consisted of a through hall with open double parlors on the other side.

This enlargement has Greek Revival details. The front entrance door with sidelights and transom is recessed between pilasters under a broad entablature. The front facade of the gambrel roofed unit has 3 bays with a side hall entrance. The original two windows on the first floor are 9/6 sash currently separated by a large modern 20 pane window. The second floor windows are 6/6 sash. The building is frame with narrow width clapboard. There is a single

# 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY                     | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-                | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |   |  |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built originally as the superintendents' house of nearby Union Forge historic activity at Jockey Hollow Farm spans a period of some 150 years under the varied ownerships of Joseph Turner, iron plantation speculator; Benjamin Chew of Philadelphia, who appears to have summered in Hunterdon County and operated Jockey Hollow as a side interest; and Charles Carhart who, with his heir, rehabilitated the house into a good vernacular Greek Revival farm dwelling and made the surrounding land their livelihood for over fifty years.

Industry William Allen and Joseph Turner, both prominent citizens of Philadelphia, owned and managed enormous tracts of land in New Jersey in the 18th century. William Allen was at one time a mayor of Philadelphia and later the city of Allentown in Pennsylvania was named after him. Joseph Turner was a prominent judge in Philly. Allen and Turner were primarily interested in extracting minerals from the land and between 1743 and 1747 erected two iron forges within their approximately 10,000 acres in Hunterdon County. One of these, Union Forge in Bethlehem Township produced about 20 tons of iron per week. Union Farm, later called Jockey Hollow Farm, was built to house the superintendent of the ironworks. In 1771 Joseph Turner became sole possessor of the Union Farm tract. A tenant farmer, Daniel Okeson, lived on the farm at this time. Turner's nieces Margaret Oswald and Elizabeth Oswald Chew inherited the farm in 1784. Margaret then left her portion to her sister. Elizabeth Oswald Chew was the second wife of Benjamin Chew of Philadelphia.

Political Benjamin Chew was one of Pennsylvania's most prominent professional citizens. From 1755 to 1769 he was the Pennsylvania Attorney General. He was also Recorder, Master of Rolls, a Member of the Provincial Council, Registrar of Wills, and Penna. Chief Justice. Chew's connection with property in Union Township, then Bethlehem, may not have extended beyond an overseeing activity although he was said

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# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 57 acres

UTM REFERENCES

|    |      |           |              |               |      |           |             |               |
|----|------|-----------|--------------|---------------|------|-----------|-------------|---------------|
| DA | 18   | 50,33,4,0 | 45,0,0,4,4,0 | AB            | 18   | 50,35,9,0 | 45,00,4,7,0 |               |
|    | ZONE | EASTING   | NORTHING     |               | ZONE | EASTING   | NORTHING    |               |
| B  | C    | 18        | 50,38,3,0    | 4,4,9,9,6,4,0 | C    | 18        | 50,36,8,0   | 4,4,9,9,5,5,0 |
|    | ZONE | EASTING   | NORTHING     |               | ZONE | EASTING   | NORTHING    |               |

## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning at a point where Van Syckels Corner Road is intersected by Henderson Road; thence proceed 600 feet E; thence proceed 2800 feet SSE; thence proceed 600 feet SW; thence proceed 3200 feet NNW; thence proceed 300 feet E to the point of origin.

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

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
|-------|------|--------|------|
| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Terry Karschner, Historian-Curator

ORGANIZATION

Office of Historic Preservation

DATE

February, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

Dept. of Environmental Protection

TELEPHONE

609-292-2023

CITY OR TOWN

Trenton

STATE

New Jersey

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*David J. Burt*

TITLE

Commissioner, Dept. of Environmental Protection

DATE

APR 25 1977

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

*John Smith*

DATE

8/16/77

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

*Charles [Signature]*

DATE

8-18-77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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DESCRIPTION

dormer which breaks the gambrel roof. The gable end of this unit has two 6/6 windows on the 1st and 2nd floors located at the corners to provide for the chimneys. Above the eaves are 3 apertures -- a large 9/6 center window flanked by smaller ones. On the gable end and rear facades are rectangular flat-roofed one story modern appendages. The exterior of the kitchen wing is a 2 story frame and clapboard unit with an overhanging second story. The overhang comes flush with the gambrel unit leaving a small portico beneath. The kitchen wing has 3 bays and a central entrance. The windows are 4/4 and 6/6 sash. On the gable end is a modern projecting bay window.

Outbuildings There are five additional outbuildings/dependencies on the property of Jockey Hollow Farm. They include a wood frame farmhouse with mud and brick fill; a milk and smoke house built of stone and with a stone-lined well; a barn with hewn and mortise and tenon framing; a wood frame tennant house; and a wood frame tennant house barn.

Landscaping The property currently consists of some 57 acres, all of which is farmable. In addition, the Spruce Run Reservoir (1290 acres) and recreation area (1400 acres) complete the southern boundary of the farm and provides for an agrarian backdrop.

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Inventory of buildings on the Chew/Turner/Carhart Farm:

1. House (Van Syckles Corner Road) 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  stories, frame, stone foundation, late 19th century, porch 20th century.
2. Barn (Van Syckles Corner Road), frame, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  stories, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  story frame addition, mid 19th century.
3. Greek Revival House (Van Syckles Corner Road) frame, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  story, stone foundation, gable roof, 18th century, c.1833 addition, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  stories, frame, gambrel roof, good exterior details.
4. Milk and Smoke House (Van Syckles Corner Road), stone, 1 story, stucco.
5. Barn (Van Syckles Corner Road) 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  stories, frame.
6. Barns (Van Syckles Corner Road)
  - a. 2 stories, frame
  - b. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  stories frame.
7. Farmhouse (Van Syckles Corner Road), 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  stories, frame, mud and brick fill, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  story addition, stucco.

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to have been paroled to his estate at Union Forge during the Revolution and did spend some time on the farm in the 19th century. The tax ratables for Bethlehem Township indicates that Benjamin Chews' farm ownings were a little more than 300 acres in 1802. (Tax Ratables Bethlehem Township, Hunterdon County 1802).

Benjamin Chew's son, of the same name, received title to Jockey Hollow Farm upon the death of his father in 1810. Benjamin Chew owned Jockey Hollow for some 20 years, but in 1832 granted the property to son Samuel.

Agriculture Charles Carhart (1786-1863) purchased Jockey Hollow Farm from Samuel Chew in 1833 and according to Snell, "brought his farm from a condition of comparative property to a high state of cultivation, so that it is, in fact, the model farm of the township." (History of Hunterdon & Somerset Counties, New Jersey, p. 522) Carhart was also probably responsible for the enlarging of the house and other farm improvements.

One of the largest and most progressive farms in the township in 1850 Carhart cultivated 167 acres of land on which he grew wheat, rye, corn, and oats and raised horses milch cows, sheep, and swine. His farm was valued at \$15,000. (7th U.S. Census. Hunterdon County, New Jersey, Bethlehem Township. Schedule #4.) When Charles Carhart died in 1863 his personal estate, after having divided real estate property among his sons two years before, was still appraised at over \$10,000.

Charles W. Carhart acquired the Jockey Hollow Farmstead and farmed the land for some twenty years. In the 1880's, however, Carhart and his wife were obliged to mortgage the farm to a cousin, also named Charles Carhart. Charles' daughter, Mary, later took possession and sold the property

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out of Carhart hands in 1907. Primarily, Jockey Hollow Farm reflects the rural culture, traditions, and mores of a farm from the early 19th century to the late 19th century. And as the same family occupied the farm during this period it represents the hopes and aspirations of one family attempting to establish a satisfactory livelihood for themselves.

Architecture With its appealing traditional form of a main 2 1/2 story gambrel roofed wood frame unit from which on the gable end projects a smaller 2 story kitchen wing (inside of which is an early 18th century 1 1/2 story frame dwelling) Jockey Hollow Farm is characteristic of the better farmhouses built throughout the county. The structure is a good representative example of vernacular Greek Revival. Erected by carpenters and stone masons these craftsmen, while not academically trained, nonetheless, generally had an exceptional understanding of the aesthetics and practicalities of their profession.



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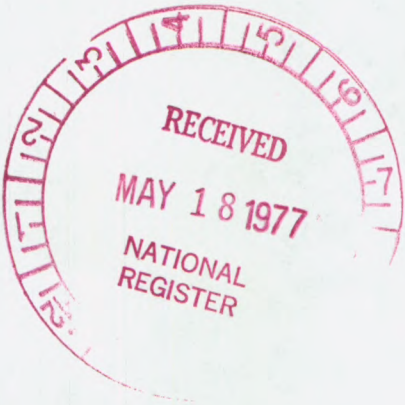
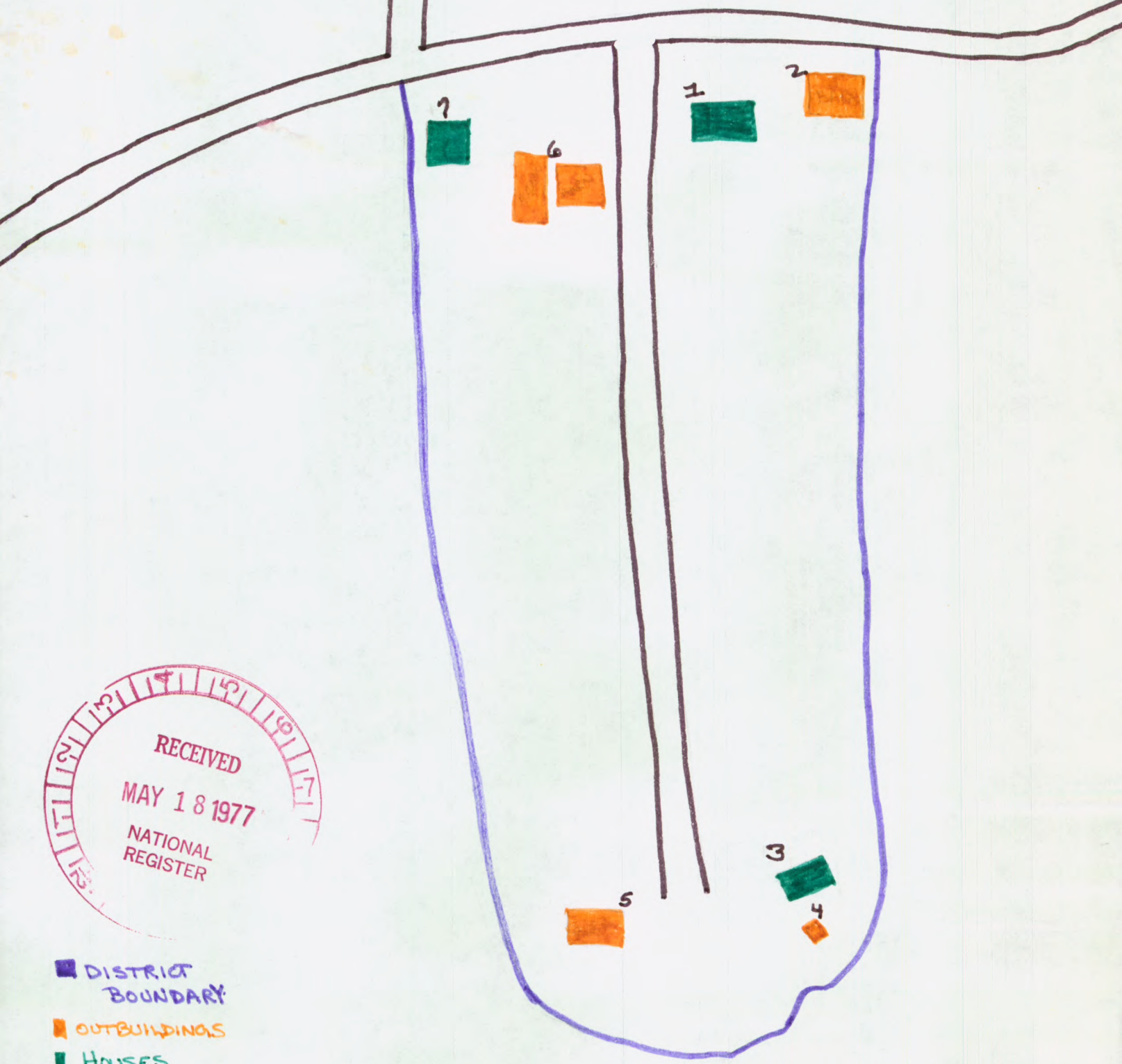
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