

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

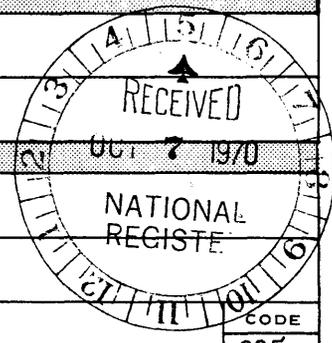
(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: New Jersey	
COUNTY: Somerset	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 70.12.34.0007	DATE 12/2/70

1. NAME

COMMON:
Wallace House

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Washington's Headquarters - Dec. 1778 - June, 1779



2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
38 Washington Place

CITY OR TOWN:
Somerville

STATE: New Jersey CODE: 34 COUNTY: Somerset CODE: 035

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
			Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 1390, John Fitch Plaza

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

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Somerset County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:
Administration Building

CITY OR TOWN: Somerville STATE: New Jersey CODE: 34

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey N.J. # 20

DATE OF SURVEY: 1937 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:
Washington

CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: District of Columbia CODE: 08

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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
	(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 house originally consisted of a 1½ story section, older than the main part of the house, and a two story section built in 1778. Its present design has not been changed except for a small porch on the north and south elevations.

The early section contains a large kitchen with a cooking fireplace and a bake oven, and two small rooms down stairs; there are three small rooms upstairs. The 1778 section contains four rooms and a central hall on each floor.

Each room has a fireplace with original paneling and plaster. There are random width wide board floors throughout the house.

The cellar has a dirt floor and four large fireplace foundations. The walls are of field stone. The main parts of the house are frame and clapboard construction with a recently restored hand-split cedar shingle roof. The chimneys are stucco covered.

The building has recently been repainted in historically accurate original colors and presently each interior room is being restored.



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8. Significance

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) (Dec. 11, 1778 - June 3, 1779) 1778-construction

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate) **Washington's Headquarters**

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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 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 | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house was General Washington's Headquarters from Dec. 11, 1778 to June 3, 1779 while the army was stationed at Camp Middlebrook, now known as Somerville. The General and Mrs. Washington were its first occupants.

While here, Washington planned several campaigns and entertained his officers, dignitaries and friends. Visitors included Lafayette and Monsieur Ferard, the first Ambassador to the United States after the alliance with France was proclaimed.

Visitors included Gen. & Mrs. Knox, Gen. & Mrs. Greene, Benedict Arnold, Alexander Hamilton, Baron Von Steuben, Lady Stirling and her daughter, Kitty; General Livingston and his daughters Katy, Betsy and Sarah, who later became Mrs. John Jay.

Here Washington also planned several campaigns against the Indians of the New York area.

The layout of the house is typical of many late 18th and early 19th century homes. The side kitchen, four rooms and hall repeated on both floors is common throughout the state. While this is a common type, it is significant in this case because it is one of the few examples left in the Somerville area.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Baker, William S., Itinerary of George Washington, 1892
 Mellick, Andrew D. Jr., The Story of an Old Farm 1889

Correspondence of Washington, Washington Bicentennial Commission, 1932

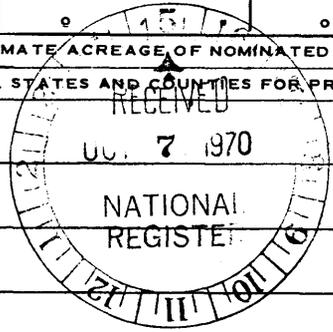
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 1/8 acres

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: Charlotte Tomaszewski, Research Assistant

ORGANIZATION: Environmental Historic Sites Section, Department of Protection DATE: July 1970

STREET AND NUMBER: Box 1420, John Fitch Plaza

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

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 Fulmer*

Title: Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection

Date: September 11, 1970

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ernest Allen Cunnally
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

DEC 2 1970

Date: _____

ATTEST:

W. Bradford
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: Nov 9, 1970

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
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6. New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory # 2849.1,1961 State
Historic Sites Section
Department of Environmental Protection
Box 1420, John Fitch Plaza
Trenton, New Jersey Code:
Mercer County 021

