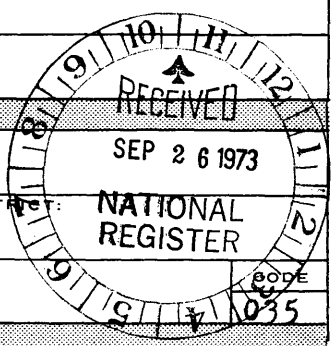


NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: **New Jersey**
 COUNTY: **Somerset**
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 ENTRY DATE: **DEC 4 1973**



1. NAME

COMMON: **The Meadows**
 AND/OR HISTORIC: **Symen Van Wickle House**

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: **1289 Easton Avenue**
 CITY OR TOWN: **Franklin Township** CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: **Fifth**
 STATE: **New Jersey** CODE: **34** COUNTY: **Somerset**

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"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	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"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: **Estate of Mr. R.T. Bogen, c/o Barrood Real Estate**
 STREET AND NUMBER: **50 Paterson Street**
 CITY OR TOWN: **New Brunswick** STATE: **New Jersey** CODE: **34**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: **Franklin Township Municipal Building, Registry of Deeds**
 STREET AND NUMBER: **De Mott Lane**
 CITY OR TOWN: **Franklin Township** STATE: **New Jersey** CODE: **34**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: **Historic American Buildings Survey-NJ-479 NJHSI-1180.13**
 DATE OF SURVEY: **1938** Federal State County Local
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: **Library of Congress**
 STREET AND NUMBER: _____
 CITY OR TOWN: **Washington** STATE: **D.C.** CODE: **11**

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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	<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

This Dutch house is composed of several different periods of construction. The early 18th century section is 40 feet by 30 feet. A 19th century kitchen wing extends to the north 38 feet and 26 feet deep.

The 18th century section appears to have been built in two sections. This one and a half story structure with a gable roof has a swept overhang projecting five feet across the east elevation (front) of both sections. This front facade has the original split shingles with round butts. The attic was probably originally unfinished. It has been more recently remodeled for bedroom space. This section fronts to the east, originally having two large rooms to the front with smaller rooms to the rear. As indicated by the differences in ceiling levels, this part of the house was probably built in two sections, each section having one front room and smaller rooms to the rear. These sections both measure 20 by 30 feet, together 40 by 30 feet.

The present living room is made from the two original front rooms. The exposed massive post and beam construction is typical of 18th century Dutch houses. The large beams, approximately 12 inches in depth, are squared and planed. There are five framing bents in both sections. The windows are 12/12. The doors have strap hinges on pintels.

The 19th century extension consists of the present dining room, kitchen, and rear rooms. This one story gable section is lower than the 18th century section. The sashes are 6/6 and 9/6.

This is a 1½ story frame house with a stone foundation.

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CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATION

Harrison Williams, Senator
 Clifford Case, Senator
 Peter Frelinghuysen, Jr., Representative
 5th District



3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <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) 1722, 1755

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <u>Settlement</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Architecture.

The Van Wickle House is an excellent example of early 18th century colonial architecture unique to the New Jersey-New York area. Commonly called the 'Dutch Style' this form of construction is actually a combination of Dutch, Flemish, and English influences.

The Van Wickle House, a frame construction with brick fill, still has the original split shingles with round butts on the east, or front, facade. The east facade the Delaware and Raritan Canal, formerly an early New Jersey highway.

This early Dutch house has 1½ stories and a stone foundation. It has a characteristic wide swept overhanging roof and a massive open beam ceiling.

The house is one of the oldest buildings in Somerset County, and probably the oldest in Franklin Township.

Settlement.

In 1703 Evert Van Wickle, Gerardus Beekman, and Leffert Pieterse, all of Long Island, bought a 450 acre tract of land from Thomas Cardale of Jamaica. Van Wickle possibly bought out the others and added 800 more acres to his holdings. There is no evidence, however, to suggest that Evert lived in the area.

Van Wickle, a carpenter, emigrated to Flatbush, Long Island around 1664, married in 1690, and fathered six children. One of these, Symen Van Wickle, probably settled on his father's tract of land near New Brunswick and built the house in question at the time of his marriage in about 1722. Symen died about 1755 and his will mentions his homestead along the Raritan River.

From 1755 to 1795 little is known of the owners. However, in 1795 the property was sold to Robert T. Kemble. In 1797 Hendrick Suydam purchased the lot on which the house stood from Kemble. Suydam died around 1838 leaving the house to his three daughters, one of whom had married Nicholas Van Wickle, probably the grandson of Symen Van Wickle.

Then, in 1862, Nicholas and his wife, having previously purchased the two other daughter's shares of the house, sold the homestead to John Brooks. From this date onward the property changed hands frequently and is presently to be sold

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bailey, Rosalie F. Pre-Revolutionary Dutch Houses and Families in Northern New Jersey and Southern New York. New York: William and Morrow & Company, 1936.

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Cook, Winifred. "America's Heritage is in 'The Meadows'". The Home News, April 20, 1973.

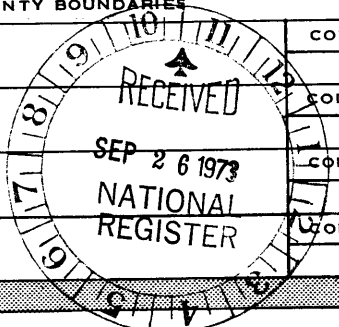
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		74°	29'	36"
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **5.8**

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

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Historic Sites Section Staff (Lois Richmen, & Terry Karschner)**

ORGANIZATION: **Historic Sites Office, Dept. of Environmental Prot.** DATE: **July, 1973**

STREET AND NUMBER: **P.O. Box 1420**

CITY OR TOWN: **Trenton** 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 (Acting)

Name: *Richard J. Sullivan*

Title: **Richard J. Sullivan
Commissioner, Department of
Environmental Protection**

Date: **September 18, 1973**

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

Robert W. Utley
Associate Director, Professional Services
Date: **9/4/73**

ATTEST:

Charles Offenberg
Keeper of The National Register
Date: **11-30-73**

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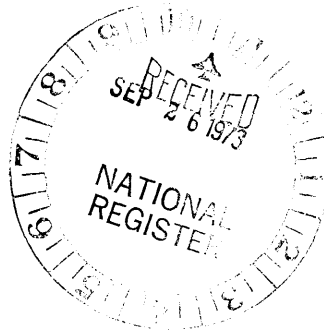
Symen Van Wickle House
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8. Significance (cont.)

again as part of the Estate of R.T. Bogan.

There is an 18th century family cemetery on the premises.

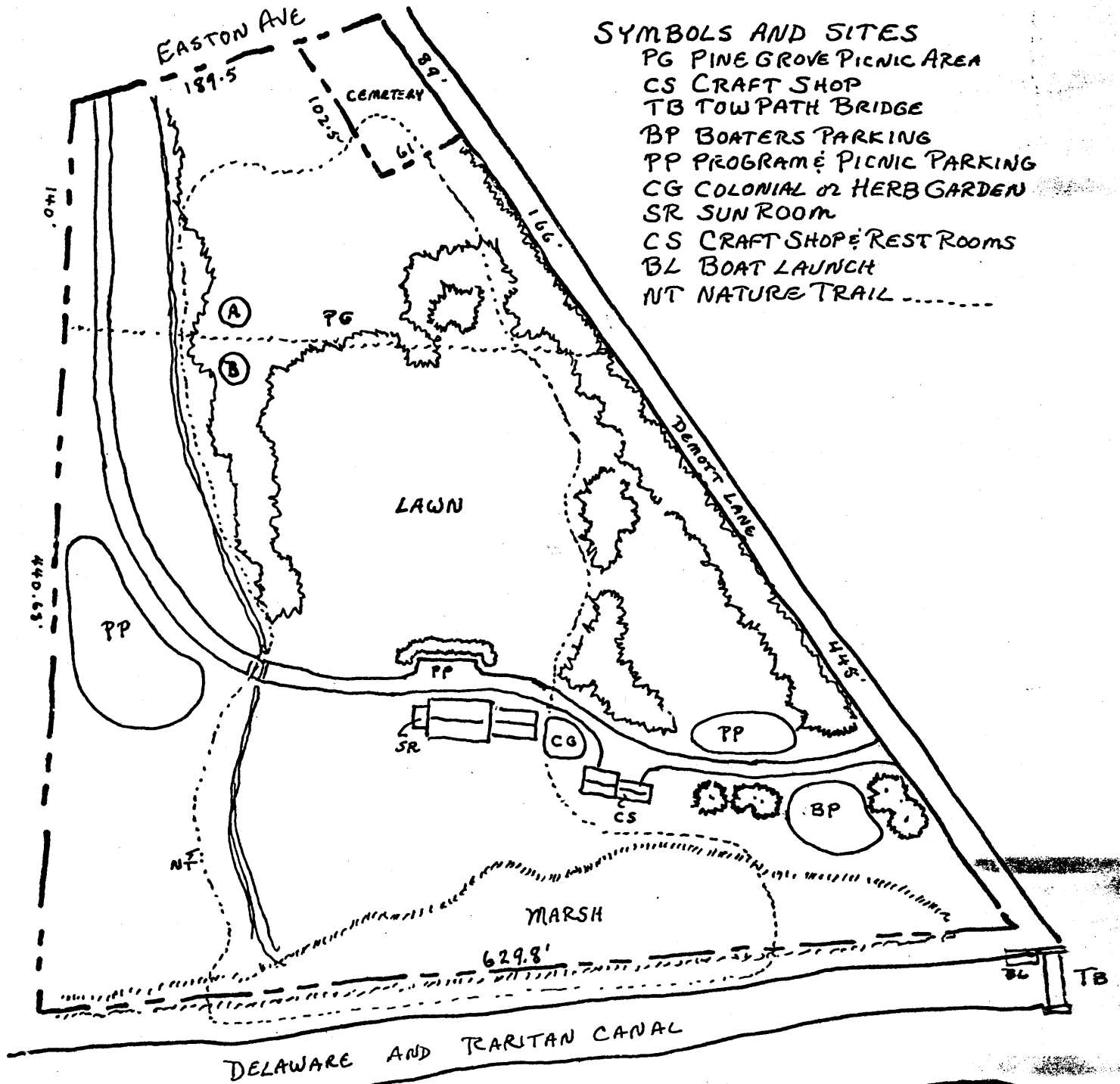
The Van Wickles were among the first settlers in the Somerset County area, especially around the township of Franklin.



BOGAN MEADOWS PLANNING CONCEPTS

SYMBOLS AND SITES

- PG PINE GROVE PICNIC AREA
- CS CRAFT SHOP
- TB TOWPATH BRIDGE
- BP BOATERS PARKING
- PP PROGRAM & PICNIC PARKING
- CG COLONIAL or HERB GARDEN
- SR SUN ROOM
- CS CRAFT SHOP & REST ROOMS
- BL BOAT LAUNCH
- NT NATURE TRAIL



RARITAN RIVER



PARCELS

A=0.6A

B=5.2A GREEN ACRES PURCHASE

SCALE

