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# DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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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** *nr*

HISTORIC Union School House/School House #9

AND/OR COMMON Little Red School House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER W of Red Bank on  
Middletown Lincroft Road & Dwight Road  NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN Middletown Red Bank VICINITY OF \_\_\_\_\_ CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

STATE New Jersey CODE 034 COUNTY Monmouth CODE 025

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: <u>Women's Garden Club</u>

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Middletown Township

STREET & NUMBER Kings Highway and Highway 35

CITY, TOWN Middletown VICINITY OF \_\_\_\_\_ STATE New Jersey

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Hall of Records

STREET & NUMBER Main Street

CITY, TOWN Freehold STATE New Jersey

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory 1985.34

DATE 1960  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS DEP, Bureau of Parks, P. O. Box 1420

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		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The original structure of the Union School House was built in 1842. The red brick foundation is covered with a layer of cement. It is a wood frame building the outer surface of which is made up of 6-inch slats painted red. The roof is a simple, peaked slope covered with black shingles. The vestibule was built at the same time as the main part of the schoolhouse. Entrance is gained into the structure through white double doors two feet three inches wide which are hung by two eight-inch hinges each. These doors were not the original doors.

Across the top of these doors stretches a narrow three-pane window. The vestibule has an arched ceiling made from boards six feet long and four inches wide. Three folding doors run across the right side of the vestibule. These five and a half feet folding doors separate a storage area from the entrance. On the left side, the wall is constructed of ten-inch wide boards. There is a rod on which clothing is hung that stretches the length of the left side of the entrance.

The original four-panel inner door, which is three and a half feet wide, provides access to the main room of the school house. A brown wall-to-wall rug extends from the vestibule and throughout the entire original structure.

The main room contains nine windows. Three are located on each side wall, two face the front of the building, and the other window at one time faced the back of the school house. Now this latter window opens into the addition that has since been made at the rear of the school. Each of the windows has twelve panes and opens and closes with the help of a sash. All the windows, except the one that opens into the kitchen, have white louver shutters. These shutters are kept closed for protection. The block ceiling in the main room is of contemporary vintage.

The walls are nine and a half feet tall, the base of which is made from ten-inch planks. These planks come up three feet from the floor to a one and a half-foot wide shelf. This shelf runs along both side walls, and five feet along the rear wall of the room beneath the window which opens into the kitchen. The side walls from the shelf to the ceiling are plastered in part and repaired with sheetrock in areas where repairs have been made.

A three-foot wide rear door with four panels originally opened out to the backyard. Now it opens into the kitchen which occupies most of the addition built in November 1965. The two windows on either side of the kitchen and the one window in the bathroom are made identical to the twelve-pane windows in the main structure. They also have the same fifteen-inch wide and three and a half-foot tall louver shutters as previously mentioned.

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A three-foot wide door is located on the left rear side of the kitchen, and provides a rear exit. A large storage closet with three sliding doors six and a half feet high runs eight feet across the rear of the kitchen. The original chimney which was once outside the building is located in the center of the forward wall of the kitchen. A bathroom is in the right corner of the kitchen.

Outside the schoolhouse beyond the white picket fence which surrounds the school stands an outhouse. This was originally part of the Field residence across the street. This structure is six feet square and seven feet high. The roof, matching that of the school house, is black shingle. The wood frame is made of matching six-inch red slats. One white window is located on the left side facing away from the school.

# 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 checked="" 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 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 1842

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In its function as a school it contributed to the growth of the town. It represents the beginnings of public school education in the community and also symbolizes one aspect of life in Middletown during the mid-19th century.

In every developing community it does not take very long to realize the need for a schoolhouse and an education for the towns young citizens. This need was felt in Middletown Township in the mid-19th century.

The first school was in a shop attached to the gable end of a dwelling on the eastern side of Sandy View (Lincroft) Road. This was about 1840. The first school teacher was Elizabeth Ogborne. The building was not suited for this purpose and the need for a schoolhouse was soon to require action.

On March 10, 1841, a meeting was held in John Micheau's store. A group of five men concerned over the school situation decided to take some action. On November 27, 1841, they found the Association for the Promotion of Learning to set up a formal schoolhouse.

On August 2, 1842 the trustees of the Union School House paid \$7.00 to Edward and John Micheau for the property on which the school was to be built. Union Schoolhouse was built the same year and its district contained 49 school aged children.

Through the years, many children who were to make important names for themselves passed through this school. Among those is Joseph S. Applegate, a famous lawyer, banker and the first Republican Senator to be elected from Monmouth County to the state legislature.

The schoolhouse continued to be used until 1909 when the town decided a larger building was required. The Board of Education sold the school and property for \$100.00 to Joseph T. Field. The school and property was sold in turn by Walter Field, to Harrie Carnegie Zanft on February 8, 1937. In 1955, the township of Middletown again acquired the land and it has been leased to the Garden Club for nominal amount since that time.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1/2 acre

UTM REFERENCES

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1	8	5	7	4	6	7	0	4	4	6	8	5	2	0
ZONE				EASTING				NORTHING						

B 

ZONE				EASTING				NORTHING						

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

Edgar I. VanHouten

ORGANIZATION

Middletown Township Historic Society

STREET & NUMBER

Box 675

CITY OR TOWN

Port Monmouth

Revisions: Nanci Kostrub,

Historic Sites Office, DEP

Trenton, New Jersey

DATE

TELEPHONE

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

TITLE Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection

DATE

DEC - 4 1975

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

Active

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

6/23/76

ATTEST:

DATE

6-23-76

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