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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** *wh*  
HISTORIC  *\*\**  
AND/OR COMMON  
Lewis Carey Farmhouse  
"Stone House Farm"

**2 LOCATION** *NE of Flanders*  
STREET & NUMBER  
208 Emmans Road  
CITY, TOWN  
Ledgewood (mail: Flanders) *vic* VICINITY OF  
STATE New Jersey CODE 34 COUNTY Morris CODE 027  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
-5th-Peter Frelinghuysen, Jr.

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input checked="" 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**  
NAME Mr. and Mrs. Warren G. Wurm  
STREET & NUMBER  
208 Emmans Road  
CITY, TOWN  
Ledgewood (mail: Flanders) VICINITY OF  
STATE New Jersey

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**  
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
Morris County Courthouse - Hall of Records  
STREET & NUMBER  
Court Street  
CITY, TOWN  
Morristown  
STATE  
New Jersey

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**  
TITLE  
New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory (2695.4)  
DATE  
1961  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS  
Historic Sites Section, Department of Environmental Protection  
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 type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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

### Original Appearance

Exterior: The original stone house is a one and one-half story Pre-Revolutionary stone farm home built in 1771 for Lewis D. Carey (1742-1817). This date is on the chimney stone, and is confirmed as the approximate date by the records of the Presbyterian Church of Succasunna, New Jersey.

Construction was of local rough fieldstone with walls 20 inches thick. Original old red chimney brick extends above the roof peak for five feet, tapering at the top. The oak framed windows are set in two by four foot openings, or less, and of 6/6 sash. The front entrance, made with a touch of elegance for a simple country farm house, has four panes of glass set above the doorway. The roof was originally slate.

The house was set into the side of a slope so that its main floor is at ground level at the left side and rear. The front grade descends from left to right to the ground (basement) level at the right front corner. The land at the right side of the house slopes up gradually to the rear elevation from the door at the right front corner. This (kitchen) doorway is supported with an interesting stone arch. It is just twelve feet away from the small brook that was a convenient water source before plumbing.

The house is situated on a slope which rises gently to the rear for one thousand feet before the steep mountain elevation begins and reaches one of the highest points in Morris County. To the front and South of the now 15 acre estate are flat plains, once farmed, but now wooded.

Interior: The interior east wall of the house is the wall embodying the massive fireplace-chimney structure. The stone base for the fireplace construction takes up fifteen linear feet of the east wall at its foundation, and juts into the house on a triangle for nine feet. On the ground floor there is one fireplace with a ten foot opening. An oak beam with chantered lintel nine foot seven inches wide, and one foot high. The right rear of the fire place holds a Dutch oven. There is a ten foot wide stone hearth across the front with one stone of 53". The main beam, eleven inches square, runs across the house from the west side foundation to the corner point of the fireplace triangle. Five inch square hand-hewn oak beams run front and rear of this beam fastened by mortice and tenon.

On the main floor there are two fireplaces set at a 45° angle. The one in the living room is five foot wide with stone hearth carried by a stone corbelling over the ground floor fireplace.

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Original Appearance (cont'd.)

Interior: Originally entrance was made into a narrow front hallway. The closed-in stairway rose steeply to the left. At the end of the hall to the rear was the burning room. The living room was to the right of the hall, and a bedroom to the rear of the living room. The fireplace in the rear room backs up to the living room fireplace. It is also stone, with stone hearth. The opening width is four feet. Floors were random-width oak, and oak ceiling beams were exposed, although later plastered over. When renovating the plaster was removed.

The attic area was unfinished and probably used for storage only or for sleeping area weather permitting. Oak roof rafters were covered with lath to support the slate roof. Rafter joints were of mortice and tenon, and secured with wooden pegs.

Present Appearance

Exterior: The exterior of the stone house looks very much today as it did originally. However, there was much renovating all done by the then new owners (1939), Malcolm and Doris Curry.

The slate roof and old hand hewn rafters, too weakened to repair were replaced with new roofing beams, tongue and grooved roofers, insulation, and asphalt shingles. A slate "Rain Cap" was added to the chimney top after repair of the top portion of the chimney. Mud mortar was brushed and chipped from the stone walls and repointed with cement mortar. New window frames and sashes installed, 6/6. Some of the original panes were salvaged.

The Curry's added a one and one-half story clapboard addition to the left (west) side of the stone house. Its design is similar to the stone house, but slightly smaller. The roof pitch is the same as the old house. There is a rear open porch, eight foot wide and contained under the main roof. The porch joins into a twelve foot breezeway between the porch and two-car garage. The roof line of the garage is also of the same pitch and direction as both the stone house and addition.

Attached to the south side of the garage facing the road is a small green house, ten by twenty. The slope of the front garage roof ties into the top glass of the green house.

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Present Appearance (cont'd.)

Interior: The lower level of the old house consists of a kitchen, dining area and sitting or family room. A replaced stairway leads to the main floor where there are two rooms. One, a long narrow room to the rear used now as an antique display room, and the other the living room at the front. A replaced open-sided stairway leads to the second floor hallway. In the stone portion there is one large bedroom. There have been two small dormers added to the front roof, and one dormer four foot in width added to the rear roof. These dormers mark the only noticeable exterior alteration to the original building.

Rehabilitation to the lower ground level included pouring of a concrete floor, and plastering between the ceiling beams. On the main floor the random width oak planks were repaired, replaced, and repegged as needed. When replacement boards were needed they were taken from the barn once standing across the road. Both fireplaces on this floor had to be opened and repaired. The mantel and trim around the living room fireplace was repaired or replaced in the original colonial design. A small arched cupboard to the left and above the mantel is original, except for replacement of one of the two shelves.

A mantel and trim was made for the fireplace in the rear room of the main level. It duplicates the style of the trim in the living room. However dark wood stained panelling has been used rather than off-white paint. After the walls were replastered, wood trim was added for the deep window sills, baseboard, and chair rails. The old plaster ceiling, having been removed to expose the beams, was plastered between.

The second (attic) floor likewise was refurbished with random width oak floors. A fourth fireplace was added in the bedroom which became part of the main chimney. Interior walls were lathed and plastered to match the rough plaster surface of the original house and addition.

The addition is composed of basement, main level with bedroom, bath, and playroom. The second or attic level is one bedroom and bath.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
__1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1771

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

### Agriculture/Architecture

The original unit of the Carey House, a simple 1 1/2 story random fieldstone dwelling, is representative of the numerous isolated farm-houses which once dotted the northern New Jersey countryside. Today, too few of these farm buildings still exist; this being the only known extant 18th century stone house in Roxbury Township. The austere exterior lines of the Carey House is totally characteristic of functional domestic 18th century rural architecture in New Jersey. Surprisingly, while most of the interior is as simple as the exterior the main living room has, above its corner fireplace, comparatively elegant Georgian paneling with two recessed cupboard closets.

### Military

Oral tradition relates that the Carey House, isolated from the urban environs, functioned as a hospital "pest house" for diseased soldiers infected with the feared small-pox. Men sent to the "pest" house were transferred from the Succasunna Presbyterian Church, a functioning hospital for the Continental Army, just four miles away.

The Carey family in America traces back to John Carey, born in Bristol, England in the early 17th century settling in Bridgewater, Massachusetts as part of the Plymouth Colony in 1634.

Great-grandson Daniel Carey (1716-?) migrated to New Jersey in 1742 and acquired the current homestead. Daniel married Isabel Carson of Stanhope in 1742 and also had their first son, Lewis Carey, in the same year.

Lewis Carey (1742-1817), in 1771, erected this stone house and lived and farmed the farmstead for his entire life. (Lewis is thought to have fought in the American Revolution, but record of his service has not been verified.)

Because the land continued to be owned by the Carey's in the 19th century, the small village which farmed between Drakesville (Ledgewood) and Flanders eventually (although not currently) began to be referred to as CAREY; a name which the small railroad station once possessed.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Cary, Rev. Seth C. Pilgrim Cary (pg. 89, sec 33 forward)  
History of Morris County, New Jersey. W.W. Munsell & Co.: 1882  
 (section on Roxbury)  
Records of the First Presbyterian Church of Succasunna at Morris County  
Library (pgs. 42, 52, gravestone records)  
 (research done by Warren & Dorothy Wurm)

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY fifteen

UTM REFERENCES House 18 527 010 4522 960

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Warren G. Wurm, 208 Emmans Rd., Flanders, New Jersey 07836

ORGANIZATION associated with:

DATE

Roxbury Historic Society

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Main Street

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Succasunna

New Jersey

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

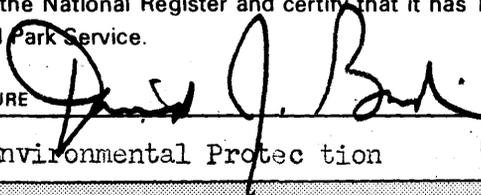
NATIONAL

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



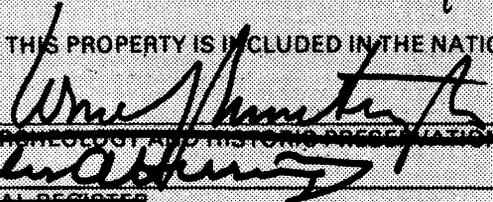
TITLE Commissioner, Dept. of Environmental Protection

DATE

March 15, 1976

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



DATE

3/24/77

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST



DATE

6.7.77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER