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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

Home at
HISTORIC 364 Cedar Avenue

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 364 Cedar Avenue

__ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN ~~West End~~, Long Branch VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

10th 3rd

STATE New Jersey CODE 034

COUNTY Monmouth CODE 025

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input 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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Connolly (Aileen C.)

STREET & NUMBER 364 Cedar Avenue

CITY, TOWN West End, Long Branch VICINITY OF

STATE New Jersey

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Monmouth County Clerk's Office

STREET & NUMBER East Main Street

CITY, TOWN Freehold STATE New Jersey

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN STATE

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		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This 2 1/2 story frame clapboard dwelling, situated on the South side of Cedar Avenue (#364), was originally a farm house of 5 rooms - 3 on the first floor and 2 on the second. The foundation is brick. The ridge roof on the original section has four ornamental brackets.

The house was enlarged about 1926 when an extension was added on the west side to include a bedroom and bath on each floor. The original kitchen was made into a dining room and a small kitchen added to the back. This kitchen was removed in 1969 and a large modern kitchen added. The roof over this section is flat.

The house is simple in design. The front door opens adjacent to the staircase. To the right is the library with built-in book shelves. The original fire place is still in use. French doors on each side of the fire place open to the porch which was added during the modernization. The living rooms runs the depth of the center section of the house with windows across this wall. There are also built-in book shelves and cabinet beneath. The dining room has a large bay window to the east and built-in shelves and cabinet on the south wall. The wood trim throughout the first floor is unpainted Chestnut.

The house has 38 windows all six over six lights, some still have the early wavy glass. There are 5 outside doors.

The two chimneys are enclosed. Originally there was a double fire place opening in the living room and kitchen. This was closed during the modernization.

The house is U shaped and measures 37' across the front. West side measures 30' and the East side is 32'. The center section is 22'.

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
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<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

about 1862

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of this early Farm house is it's survival in an area that has changed from vast farm lands to the large estates of the McCall's, Parson's and Guggenheim's - now Monmouth College Campus. There are Victorian Houses to the east and a more recent development of fine modern homes to the north.

The land on which this home stands was originally the West Farm, purchased in 1800 by John West from Benjamin Bennett. It was over 100 acres extending north of Cedar Avenue and south to Whale Pond Brook. Frederick Behr purchased 2 63/100's acres on the south side of road running thru the farm described in the warranty deed as "a tract of land on south side of road leading from mechanicsville to the Sea and adjoining land of Peter Hulick". The purchase was made April 4, 1862.

It is not known if the house was there prior to the purchase or if it was built by Frederick Behr. It is known that Frederick Behr served in the War of the Rebellion from September 1862 and was mustered out June 1863. This dwelling continued to be the home of the Behr family until his death in 1902. During his life he was employed by his neighbor John Hoey as groundsman of the famous Hoey Gardens.

Upon his death the property was divided between his three daughters. Maggie Pleuzinski received the western end (85/100 of an acre). The middle section went to his daughter Minnie Truex (86/100's of an acre). This parcel later became the Guggenheim carriage house and stables and is now the Monmouth College Guggenheim Theatre. The eldest daughter, Elizabeth Fisele, received "all the tract of land where I now reside being 87/100's of an acre".

The Fisele's resided in this house, constructed green houses on the land (foundation of one still remains) and supplied the flowers daily to the Guggenheim Mansion and the McCall Mansion during the time President Wilson occupied it as a Summer White House.

The Eisele daughters, May Rhodes Eisle and her sister and brother-in-law, Dr. & Mrs. Clarence Todd, continued the florist business until the depression years took its toll and a receiver was appointed on 10/18/30.

The Long Branch Historical Museum designated it as a Century House during the Bi-centennial Year.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one

QUADRANGLE NAME Long Branch NJ

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A	1 1 8	5 8 1 4 8 1 6 1 0	4 1 4 5 9 2 1 4 1 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION S/S of Cedar Avenue 73'8" then south 529'8" and north 524'11" Being Block 70, Lot #5 tax records of City of Long Branch

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 Aileen C. Connolly from the research by Ms. Alyce Lathrop, Holmdel, N.J. completed 1975.

ORGANIZATION _____ DATE 2/24/79

STREET & NUMBER 364 Cedar Avenue TELEPHONE 222-0069

CITY OR TOWN West End, Long Branch 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.

Deputy Alyce Lathrop DATE 7-5-79
 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE Deputy Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection DATE

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

Carol Shuck DATE 11-1-79
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
 ATTEST: Lynn A. Duke DATE Nov. 1, 1979
 CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

FHR-8-300A
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Long Branch
Monmouth County, NJ

Addenda

The house at 364 Cedar Avenue in Long Branch, New Jersey is a simple vernacular late Greek Revival farmworkers dwelling. When this building was constructed around 1862, Long Branch was a broken collection of 18th and 19th century farmsteads. The railroads, however, made the area a prestigious seaside resort center for the affluent and changed Long Branch forever.

Number 364 Cedar Avenue today represents one of the last extant simple farm buildings in Long Branch and portrays the agrarian base predominant prior to the Civil War.

This house is not educationally significant.

T. Karschner
10/1979