Form 10-300

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(TYPE ALL ENTRIES – COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS)

1. NAME

COMMON: Thomas Maskel House
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Bacon's Neck Road
CITY OR TOWN: Bridge ton
STATE: New Jersey

3. CLASSIFICATION

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PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

□ Agricultural | □ Government | □ Park | □ Transportation |
□ Commercial | □ Industrial | □ Private Residence | □ Other (Specify) |
□ Educational | □ Military | □ Religious | □ Comments |
□ Entertainment | □ Museum | □ Scientific |

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Jean F. Erbaugh
STREET AND NUMBER: R.D. 2
CITY OR TOWN: Bridge ton
STATE: New Jersey

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Cumberland County Court House
STREET AND NUMBER: Broad and Fayette Streets
CITY OR TOWN: Bridge ton
STATE: New Jersey

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Building Survey
DATE OF SURVEY: 1939
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress
STREET AND NUMBER: 
CITY OR TOWN: Washington
STATE: D.C.
There are two sections to the Thomas Maskell House. One was built in 1698 and the other was built in 1725. Both sections have two stories. The older section has weather boarding. It is three bayed with six over six sash on the first floor and casement on the second floor. The 1725 section has wood shingles on the second level and the basement level is English bond. The first floor level is glazed Flemish bond with gray headers. It also is three bayed with nine over nine sash on the first level and six over six sash on the second level. There are inside brick chimneys on both sections.

When the house stood vacant the beautiful wood panelling was removed and is now in Winterthur. There still are very heavy wood beams in the older section. There are winder staircases in both sections.

During recent years additions have been added to the back and the side, but the front facade has remained the same.

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CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATION

Hon. Harrison A. Williams
Hon. Clifford P. Case
Hon. Charles E. Sandman
(2nd District)
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The older frame section of the house consists of one room per floor. Downstairs, the large beams are exposed as are the gunstock beam in the corners. At one time, they were covered by plaster, but were discovered when the house underwent restoration during the 1950's. The large kitchen fireplace with bake oven is intact, although the hearth has been rebuilt with custom made bricks designed to duplicate the original large bricks.

The 1725 section is of Flemish bond brick with glazed headers and has two square dormers and a gambrel roof. The first floor of this section is four risers above the older wing. There are several original doors, including a double plank batten door to the exterior. The original paneling has been removed, but it has been replaced by early 18th century paneling taken from a neighboring house. The original newel post and railing are intact. Both sections still have much of the original hardware including strap hinges on all doors and wrought iron thumb latches.

Alterations to the house include converting the original stairway in the older section into a closet, raising the first floor level of the older section two feet (done because originally the house had dirt floors), rebuilding the kitchen fireplace, and adding a large addition to the rear. This addition contains the modern kitchen, a utility room, bathroom, and bedroom.

Although the date of construction and the builder of the original section cannot be verified, documentary evidence proves that this section existed when Maskel purchased the land in 1703. Edwin Brumbaugh, a restoration architect who worked on the house, feels that existing details and structural features all indicate a 17th century house. The 1725 date of the brick section is verified in records pertaining to Maskel.

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7. DESCRIPTION CONTINUED
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Most of the alterations, both to the two early wings and to the recent addition, have been undertaken during recent years. Under the supervision of Mr. Brumbaugh, the Erbaughs have undertaken part of the restoration of the house. The previous owners, the Gerald Church's, also undertook some restoration activities with the assistance of Mr. Gerald Watland, another restoration architect.
7. Description Cont.

Thomas Maskel House
Cumberland County oil
New Jersey 3h

The description given on the previous pages includes all the information available on the building.
SETTLEMENT

Thomas Maskell bought the land on which this house stood in 1703 from Edward Shaw. The will of Thomas Maskell of Cohansey, Salem County, dated October 22, 1732 left the house to his wife Mary and his personal property to his children and grandchildren. Thomas Maskell, his son, was appointed sheriff by Governor Franklin.

A grandson, Maskell, mentioned in his grandfather's will, inherited the house from his grandmother. He was the first child of Mary Maskell and Thomas Ewing who was originally from Londonderry, Ireland. Thomas and Mary were the parents of ten children, two of whom, James and Thomas Ewing, were among the tea burners of Greenwich. The tea burning in Cumberland County was New Jersey's protest of the high tax on tea.

Maskell Ewing, in a will dated 1790, left the property to his son. The son, in turn, sold the property out of the family to Jonathon Doan in 1800.

At one time during the 1800's this farm was called the Vauxhill Gardens, probably from the Vauxhill Public Gardens in Philadelphia.
Andrews, F. D. The Tea Burners of Cumberland County, Vineland, 1908.
"Some Old Farms and Farmhouses in New Jersey" New Jersey Department of Agriculture, 1938.
Historic American Building Survey

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than one acre

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Staff of Historic Sites Section
ORGANIZATION: Department of Environmental Protection
STREET AND NUMBER: Box 1420
CITY OR TOWN: Trenton

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 ☑

Richard J. Sullivan
Title Commissioner, Department of Environment; Protection
Date June 15, 1973

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
Date 6/10/75

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register
Date JUN 9 1975