**DATA SHEET**

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**  
**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**  
**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

**HISTORIC**  
John Rogers House

### 2 LOCATION

**STREET & NUMBER**  
South Post Road

**CITY, TOWN**  
West Windsor Township

**STATE**  
New Jersey

**CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**  
5th

**COUNTY**  
Mercer

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

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### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

**NAME**  
Mercer County Administration Bldg.

**ADDRESS**  
Mercer County Administration Bldg.

**CITY, TOWN**  
Trenton

**STATE**  
New Jersey

**COUNTY CODE**  
34

**CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**  
5th

**COUNTY**  
Mercer

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

**COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.**  
Mercer County Court House

**STREET & NUMBER**  
Broad Street

**CITY, TOWN**  
Trenton

**STATE**  
New Jersey

**COUNTY CODE**  
021

**CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**  
5th

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

**TITLE**  
New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory

**DATE**  
1976

**DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS**  
Labor & Industry Building

**CITY, TOWN**  
Trenton

**STATE**  
New Jersey
**DESCRIPTION**

**CONDITION**
- *EXCELLENT*
- *GOOD*
- **FAIR**
- *EXCELLENT*

**CHECK ONE**
- *DETERIORATED*
- *RUINS*
- *UNALTERED*
- *ORIGINAL SITE***

**CHECK ONE**
- *ALTERED*
- *MOVED*
- *DATE*

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The John Rogers House is a 3 bay, 2 1/2 story farm house, with a front and side porch. The house is entered on the south side. The ground floor is divided into 3 principal rooms. In front, there is a 2 bay livingroom (on the right) and a one bay library (on the left). The front door enters the house near right end in the 3rd bay. The rear half of the ground floor is entirely taken up by a large kitchen. The staircase has one straight flight between floors. It occurs against the right wall of the house, and rises from the living room to an upstairs hall. The porches encompass the entire south and east sides of the house. The rear portion of the east side porch has been walled in.

The second story is divided into a tiny side hall, 4 small bedrooms, and a bathroom. The 3rd floor garret, has one central front facing dormer. The pitched roof is surmounted by a small central chimney which services the basement.

The exterior detailing is worthy of note. The house is laid up in Flemish bond with burned headers, forming a checker board pattern. The porches, which are 4 bays on a side, have one smaller entrance bay on each side. The porch columns/thin post members with framing principals. The 2 floors are differentiated by a string course. The building is surmounted by a box cornice which encompasses all 4 sides of the house. It separates both end gables from the walls below. The east gable has the date "1761" inscribed in burned headers. The west gable has the letters "J.R" surmounted by an "R" inset with burned headers. The windows are uniformly 2 over 2 Victorian plate glass windows. The entire house, with the exception of the porch, rests upon a brick base with an ogee molded water table.

The interiors are largely the result of remodeling, and do not retain their historical integrity.

The house is set amid an orchard with an adjacent, turn of the century, barn.
The patterned brick work, the dated and initialed gables, and the simple pitch roof 3 bay articulation mark the Rogers House as a good example of 18th Century South Jersey pattern brick architecture, a regional type which was derived from 17th Century English sources. Inasmuch as the Rogers House is located immediately south of Assumpink Creek, it is probably the northern most example of this type in the state.

The Rogers house was built by John and Rachel Rogers in 1761. It was the focus of a farm of approximately 100 acres. The farm remained in the Rogers family until the 1870's.
MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Grave-stone of John Rogers, Adjacent to property
Tax Ratables, New Jersey State Library Archives

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 5

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See location

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

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

New Jersey Historic Sites Staff

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Sept. 1976

STREET & NUMBER

Labor & Industry Building (609) 292-2024

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Trenton

New Jersey

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

DATE

Dec. 27 1976

COMMISSIONER, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPS OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER