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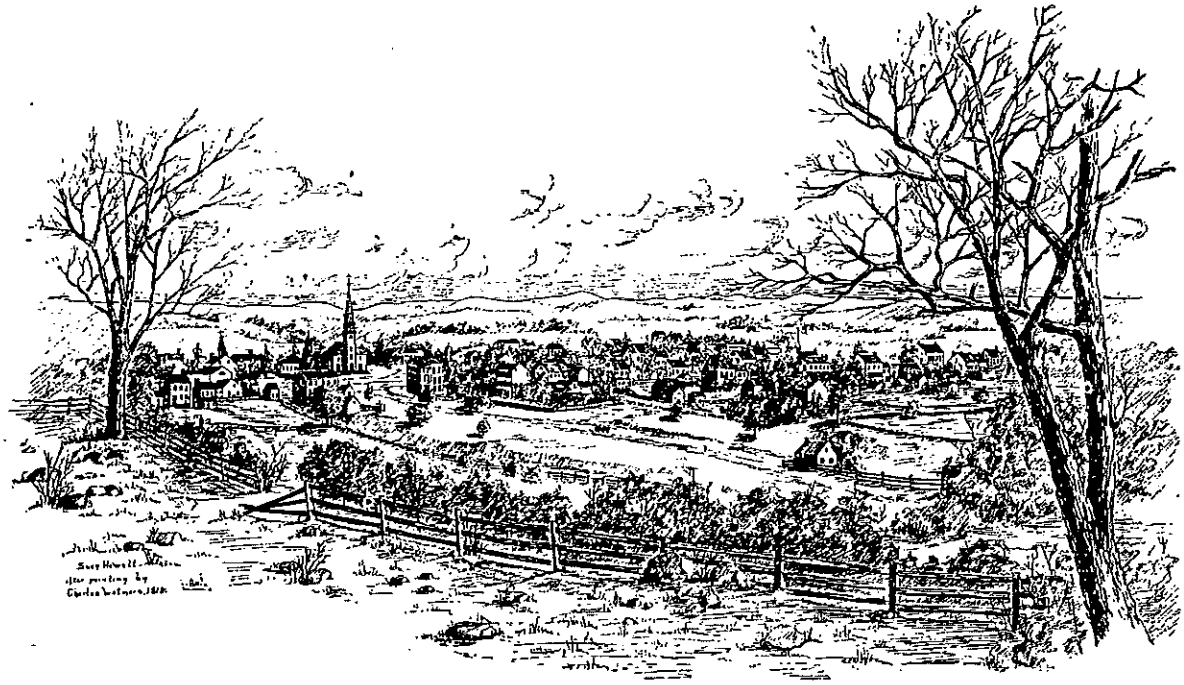

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This is one of four municipal surveys carried out prior to and independently of the comprehensive county-wide survey. It was edited in August, 1987 so that all 39 municipal volumes could be issued in a single set by the Morris County Heritage Commission. Because the four earlier surveys were voluminious, limitations of space and printing budget called for reduction in length.

It was the editor's intent to leave undisturbed all substantive portions of the original survey volumes. The research and conclusions of the original authors have not been tampered with in any way.

Photocopies of survey photographs constitute the largest single category of material removed. In some cases this results in skipped page numbers, but the text stands uninterrupted. Lengthy addenda and some maps that were not clearly reproducible were likewise omitted.

Some sections, like negative file sheets and glossaries, were also removed. These deletions are noted in the table of contents for each volume. In a few unusual instances survey forms were abridged by several sentences.

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INTRODUCTION

Encouraged by the Historic Sites Committee of the Morris County Historical Society to undertake a complete survey of the 519 examples of Chester Borough architecture, the Historic Sites Committee of the Chester Historical Society called upon the URWA Director, David Peifer, who had conducted a survey that covered parts of the Chester area. Based on his advice and suggestions, and using materials supplied by New Jersey Office of Cultural and Environmental Services, Historic Preservation Section, the Society embarked on the survey project in July of 1982.

After securing approval from the Borough Mayor and Council, a group of Chester Historical Society members recorded all areas of the Borough on film.

The Society's very successful fund raiser, a Barn Sale held in August, 1983, and the slow pace at which the survey was progressing, combined with the pressure of commercial development, led the Society to apply for a grant-in-aid to finance professional help.

In July of 1984 the grant from the U. S. Department of Interior, National Park Service, was awarded with notification by letter from Governor Thomas Kean. The grant was for $2,000, matching 50/50 with Society funds and volunteer-donated time.

Under the direction of the Office of New Jersey Heritage, Department of Environmental Protection, a professional team was hired: Robert P. Guter and Janet W. Foster, partners in ACROTERION, Historic Preservation Consultants.

METHODOLOGY

To provide documentation and background, historical maps and histories were consulted, including the publications of the Chester Historical Society. They are listed in the Bibliography.

Field work findings by the professional team were recorded on ONJH inventory and continuation sheets. They also prepared mapping information and the narrative portions dealing with History, Delineation of the Historic District, and Preservation Planning.

Volunteers from the Society prepared the Street Index, Negative Files and incorporated the earlier photographic materials into the survey. Black and white photos, in excess of 800, had been taken of almost every structure on the 1982 tax roles.

Color slides from the Chester Historical Society collection were chosen to further illustrate the architectural elements of the community.

Locations are noted by street address and block and lot numbers of the Street Index and are identified by inventory number on the tax map.

There are two sections in the inventory numbering. The peripheral area of the Borough uses numbers 001 through 135 (with 035 omitted); and the central, more densely developed area, used 201 through 309.

Construction dates are given where known from deed research. Appearance on Historic Maps and local histories

METHODOLOGY continued

provide additional clues. Where conjectured, they are based on examination of the exterior of the structure.

Physical condition does not refer to architectural integrity. Several fine architectural speciments are in deteriorating condition.

"Part of a District" refers to the recommended Historic District and the structure contributes in some way to that group. It is culturally important to the community without necessarily having great architectural value or historical association.

"Thematic nomination" refers to buildings with similar architectural styles, not necessarily contiguous.

Buildings given a statement of significance and full description were deemed locally important.

Maps

The U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey Map, USGS - (Chester Quad) (revised 1970), served as the original base map, but it became necessary to give Block and Lot numbers, so a change was made to the Tax Map of the Borough of Chester (1972, revised 1974). The only available copy was made up of twelve separate sheets. These were joined and the resulting map reduced to a more convenient size. The developed central portion of the Borough made for difficulty in reading the map, so a full-scale print of that area was made.

There is also a special map prepared by ACROTERION, based on the tax map, showing the location of 21 mining houses constructed during the Iron Mining Boom. A part of the narrative discusses this uniquely Chester building form, the "patch house."

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CHESTER BOROUGH, MORRIS COUNTY, N.J.

Historic Summary

Chester Borough is located in southwest Morris County, New Jersey, in an area of wooded rolling hills. The Borough is a 1.62 square mile community encircled by Chester Township (with 28.68 square miles).

From 1799, when it was set off from Roxbury, to 1930, when the Borough was incorporated, "Chester" meant all of the present-day township and its village center, now the heart of the Borough.

Chester was first surveyed and mapped in 1713 by proprietors for the provinces of East and West Jersey. The Lawrence line, dividing East and West Jersey in colonial times, went directly through Chester. The early name "Black River" is still carried by the tributary of the Raritan which flows through Chester Township. After 1730, settlers began arriving in the area, primarily farmers relocating from Long Island. Their numbers included Presbyterians and Congregationalists, and their simple community grew up around church, farm, and tavern.

The oldest roads in Chester were the Landing Road, which ran north and south from the Brunswick Landing on the Raritan River, to Sussex County and the road to Pennsylvania. Part of the Landing Road is followed by present-day Hillside Road and Pleasant Hill Road. The old road to Pennsylvania wound through Chester along present-day Fairmount Avenue and Budd Avenue. In 1806, the road was straightened to the right-of-way

of today's Main Street and Route 24 when the road was chartered as the Washington Turnpike.

The oldest houses remaining in Chester stand along these ancient roadways, including the mid-18th century Luse House (#113), the kitchen wing of the Hedges-Thompson House (#065), and the Ming House (#047). These were built as "East Jersey Cottages'" a traditional English-derived house form which is characterized by a roughly square plan, steep gable roof, three-bay facade with side door, and a high fascia area on the facade. Such houses are typical for the 18th and even early 19th century development of northern and eastern New Jersey.

The opening of the Washington Turnpike brought a steady stream of travelers through Chester, and spurred the development of taverns and inns. At least four taverns were operating in the area in 1800. In addition, two more were built within the next twelve years (#201, #282). The Federal period saw a flourishing of activity in Chester, reflected by such substantial buildings as the 1812 Brick Hotel (now the Publick House, #201), the Corwin House (now Larison's Turkey Farm Inn (#126), and the Hedges-Thompson House (#065).*

During this period, Chester itself was established as a separate political entity in 1799. In 1800, an Academy or private school was opened at the head of Academy Lane (building removed from the site after 1829, later demolished). The Chester

*Both the Corwin House and the Brick Hotel were recorded by HABS in the 1930's.

Post Office was established in 1807, with the principal of the Academy serving as postmaster. A physician settled in town, a cabinetmaker plied his trade in the village. Chester's primarily agricultural economy relied upon lumber, applejack whiskey, cattle and sheep.

The opening of the Morris Canal in 1831, north of Chester, and the Morris & Essex Railroad in 1837, east of Chester, left the community outside the sphere of development occuring elsewhere in the mid 19th century. In spite of this, the years 1820-1860 saw a measure of prosperity, as reflected in a number of Greek Revival-style houses. Although very much a vernacular interpretation of high-style Greek Revival, these comfortable dewllings were linked to this popular style through the use of pedimented gables, pilastered and columned entries, flush-boarded siding, and doors with single or paired vertical panels. Several outstanding examples survive in Chester, such as the Seward House (#089), the John Drake House (#219) the Osborne House (#084), the Presbyterian Church (#215) and the Congregational Church (#068).

At the same time, the "I" house, a vernacular type originating in the Delaware Valley region began to appear in Chester, supplanting the older, local East Jersey cottage as the preferred building form for simple houses and common buildings. It is unclear why the style was adopted, although the same roads that ran west from Chester to Pennsylvania certainly could have brought people and ideas east. The tall, narrow "I" houses are

concentrated on Main Street, the principal east-west road of the 19th century. (See #291, 293, 296, 301, 303.)

One of the attractions of "Black River" to early settlers was the presence of easily mined and worked iron ore. A forge at Hacklebarney (now in Chester Township) was established as early as the Revolutionary War, and other simple mines were opened and operated on a small scale in the early 19th century. It was not until after the Civil War, however, that Chester's largest iron ore deposits were discovered. Coupled with the growing demand for iron nationwide, Chester's legendary iron boom exploded in 1867.

Iron ore, lying close to the surface, was discovered in a ridge running immediately north of Main Street. Another ridge ran parallel to this farther north in the Borough. Iron mines were opened on nearly every farm, behind every store, and right beside schools and homes, with varying degrees of success. Larger mines opened in the Township, and the noise, dirt, and slag heaps of this mining booms were apparently welcomed as a sign of progress.

The Chester Railroad was opened on January 2, 1869, to haul the ore to market. A second branch railroad began service in 1873. In 1882, a railroad was laid directly through the center of town, the tracks running immediately behind the commercial center of Main Street. Ore was mined by many small short-lived companies, as well as by longer-lived and successful firms such as the Chester Iron Company, which had backing from

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and connections to the larger New York-based Cooper-Hewitt Company.

Miners, many from England, Wales and Hungary, came pouring into Chester to work the mines. They boarded with farmers, or lived in boarding houses and simple frame tenements erected by the mining companies (see "Patch Houses).

Fortunes were made and lost in iron. Mining was particularly sensitive to the condition of the American economy as a whole. The mining business suffered and virtually closed down with the Panic of 1873. It revived and flourished in the early 1880's, but by 1887, the outlook for mining in Chester was dim. The following year the furnace was shut down, and miners moved away, seeking work in other places. The opening of the great Mesabi Range in Minnesota made the small, scattered mining operations in Chester and much of New Jersey obsolete and unprofitable.

Chester's brief mining heyday is now hard to imagine. Few photographs of the town survive from the period. The railroads have been torn up, the mines filled in, and many mining-related structures are long gone. The 1887 Atlas of Morris County only begins to show the density of development of the period. The quiet, rural village atmosphere of today's Chester is a far cry from its actual appearance a century ago. Mud streets, wooden sidewalks, saloons and a large single, male population made it much like our popular images of the "Wild West." One historian wrote:

> "In the early 1880's six mines were in operation within twenty feet of the (Main) street. Pumps ran day and night, and the water poured in a flood across the street and into the little brook near Maple Avenue. The population of Chester doubled."*

In fact, the population of the combined Chesters peaked in 1880 at over 6,500. It fell off dramatically after that and did not reach the same number again until 1960.

Although many of Main Street's commercial buildings are simple, vernacular structures, they housed such diverse, urban activities as a roller rink, mining company offices, and a brewery in the 1880's. The town was the scene of torchlight parades accenting Republican Morris County's only wholly Democratic municipality.

A legacy of the mining era survives in some of the architecture of Chester, especially in the densely built-up Main Street commercial area, and the miner's houses of the residential area south of Main Street. Numerous Second-Empire Style buildings such as the Collis House (#209), the Hardin Store (#202), and the Hedges Pharmacy (#308) attest to the money that made the latest architectural fashions possible in the latter 1800's. The Italianate Style is also represented in Chester in the Congregational Church of 1856 (#068), and in several modest homes built in an "L" plan and featuring the characteristic round-headed windows and ornamental front porches. (See #042,

*Edwin Collis, Chester's Sesqui-Centennial Celebration, p. 7.

#105, #213 as examples.) The grandest Italianate house of them all, the cubical-form mansion of Daniel Dudd, was demolished in the 1970's for a shopping center.

After the mining boom had certifiably gone bust in the 1890's, the village entered the 20th century as a virtual ghost town. Estimates of the number of unoccupied buildings varied from 35 to 200. Lack of money and incentive led to a total absence of buildings in the Shingle Style and few Queen Anne Style, popular architectural expressions of the turn-of-the-century. The depression continued into the early 1900's, so there are no American Foursquares, and only a handful of Bungalows to mark the national development and popularization of those styles. However, the Connover Cottage is an archetypical and well-preserved example of a Bungalow.

Efforts to revive Chester's economy centered around new manufacturing ventures. An embroidery factory opened in Chester Township; a handkerchief factory took over the threshing machine factory on Main Street in the village (#287), it was later taken over by an arch-support factory. Farmers also supplemented their incomes by taking in summer visitors.

Chester's rural countryside continued to be farmed, with fields backed right up to the rear lots of houses on the Main Street. Few outbuildings survive in the Borough, although an outstanding group remains behind the house at 17 Church Street (#213) and a large barn stands just off Main Street (#209).

After World War II, the open, rolling fields began to

be transformed into housing developments as suburban growth in the metropolitan New York area pushed farther out into exurbia. New residents were attracted by Chester's quiet country atmosphere. The downtown, dormant for so long, was transformed in the 1970's to a cluster of boutiques and specialty stores which capitalize on the image of a quaint old town, and draw shoppers and tourists from a wide area.

Just outside the old village center lie new shopping centers and contemporary highway commercial development with businesses to serve residents of both Chester Borough and Township. More subdivisions and commercial developments are proposed each month, although at present a working farm remains within the Borough (#019), and a large parcel of open space is retained as the Bell Labs outdoor telephone testing facility (see #091). Historic buildings in the village center are threatened by intensified use, spiraling rents, and misguided renovations, which transform the image of the town into something it never was. Simultaneously, business interests try to merchandise the Borough as "Historic." The delicate balance between preservation and development, control and stagnation of business, and the need for residential and commercial development, presents serious issues which at present are hotly debated by town governing bodies. This survey is one step in recognizing and recording the historic and architectural riches of Chester to help guide future decision-making regarding the built environment in the Borough.

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APPENDIX

Street Development in Chester

18th Century

Landing Road: Present Hillside/Pleasant Hill Roads, old Gladstone Road.

Road to Pennsylvania: Portions of present Fairmount Avenue, Budd Avenue, Main Street.

19th Century

1800 - Academy Lane
1806 - Washington Turnpike: present Main Street/Route 24.

Before 1853:
- Oakdale Road
- North Road
- Williamson Lane

Between 1853 and 1868:
1860 - Church Street
- Cherry Street
- One block of Grove Street, from intersection with Main and Budd south to Cherry Street.
- Maple Avenue
- Perry Street
- New Street, one block between Main Street and Maple Avenue, now part of Seminary Avenue.

Between 1868 and 1887:
- Grove Street extended to present length, to Fairmount Avenue.
- Fairmount Avenue extended from Budd Avenue to New Street.
- New Street (now Seminary Avenue) extended to present length.
- Orange Street.

20th Century

1929 - Route 31, now Route 206.
1940's - Wedges Lane, Ridge Road, Wheeler Road, Melville Road.
1960's - Melrose Drive, Cathy Court, Old Forge Road, Ferrous Court, Valley View Drive, Orchard Lane, Collis Lane.
1970's - Seward Place, Larch Drive, Village Road, Aspen Drive.
1980's - Elm Street, Oak Street.

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Proposed Chester Historic District

Boundaries

Beginning in the centerline of Main Street (N.J. Route 24) at the point where it intersects the centerline of Seminary Avenue, and running in a southerly direction along the centerline of Seminary Avenue to the SW corner of Lot 19, Block 13;

thence, in an easterly direction, running along the rear lot lines of the following lots in Block 13: 19, 5-1, 20, 4 and 3, to the centerline of Grove Street;

thence, in a southerly direction, along the centerline of Grove Street to the point at which it intersects the centerline of Orange Street;

thence, in an easterly direction, along the centerline of Orange Street to the point at which it intersects with an extension of the easterly lot line of Lot 1-1, Block 9;

thence, in a southerly direction, along said easterly lot line to the SE corner of Lot 1-1, Block 9;

thence, in an easterly direction, along the southerly lot lines of Lots 1 and 1-6, Block 9, to the centerline of Budd Avenue;

thence, in a southeasterly direction, along the centerline of Budd Avenue to the point of its intersection with the centerline of Fairmount Avenue;

thence, in an easterly direction, along the centerline of Fairmount Avenue to the point of its intersection with the centerline of Aspen Drive;

thence, in northerly and westerly directions, along the easterly lot lines of Lot 5, Block 8, to the SW corner of Lot 6, Block 8;

thence, in an easterly direction, along the southerly lot line of Lot 6, Block 8, to the SE corner of said lot;

then, in a northerly direction, along the easterly lot line of Lot 6, Block 8 to the centerline of Main Street (N.J. Route 24);

thence, in an easterly direction, along said centerline to the point of its intersection with a line extended from the easterly lot line of Lot 33, Block 4;

thence, in a northerly direction, to the NW corner of Lot 32, Block 4;

thence, in a westerly direction, along a line extended through the northerly lot lines of Lots 34, 35 and 36, Block 4, to the NW corner of Lot 40, Block 4;

thence, in a southerly direction, along the westerly lot line of Lot 40, Block 4, to the NW corner of Lot 41, Block 4;

thence, in a westerly direction, along a line extended through the northerly lot lines of Lots 45 and 46, Block 4, to the centerline of Collis Lane;

thence, in a northerly direction, along the centerline of Collis Avenue to the point at which it intersects with a line extended from the northerly lot line of Lot 16, Block 4;

thence, in a westerly and southwesterly direction, along the northerly lot lines of Lots 16, 15 and 12, Block 4, to

the SE corner of Lot 9, Block 4;

thence, in a northerly direction, along the easterly lot lines of Lots 9 and 8, Block 4, to the NE corner of Lot 8, Block 4;

thence, in a westerly direction, along the northerly lot line of Lot 8, Block 4, to the SE corner of Lot 6, Block 4;

thence, in a northerly direction, along the easterly lot lines of Lots 6, 5 and 3-5, Block 4, (and including that part of Lot 3 lying between Lots 5 and 3-5), tothe NE corner of Lot 3-5, Block 4;

thence, in a westerly direction, along the northerly lot line of Lot 3-5, Block 4, to the enterline of Hillside Road;

thence, in a southerly direction, along the centerline of Hillside Road to the point of its intersection with the centerline of Hedges Road;

thence, in a westerly direction, along the centerline of Hedges Road to the point of its intersection with a line extended from the westerly lot line of Lot 21, Block 21;

thence, in a southerly direction, along the westerly lot line of Lot 21, Block 21, to its SW corner;

thence, in an easterly direction, along the southerly lot line of Lot 21, Block 20, to the NW corner of Lot 23, Block 20;

thence, in a southerly direction, along the westerly lot line of Lot 23, Block 20, to the NE corner of Lot 28, Block 20;

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thence, in a westerly direction, along the northerly lot line of said Lot 28 to its NW corner;

thence, in a southerly direction, to the northerly lot line of Lot 29, Block 20;

thence, in a westerly direction, along a line extended from the northerly lot line of Lot 29,Block 20, tothe NW corner of Lot 36, Block 20;

thence, in a southerly direction, to the NE corner of Lot 37, Block 20;

thence, in a westerly direction, along a line extended from the northerly lot line of Lot 37, Block 20, to the westerly lot line of Lot 45, Block 20;

thence, in a southerly direction, to the NE corner of Lot 46, Block 20;

thence, in a westerly direction, to the NW corner of Lot 46, Block 20;

thence, in a southerly direction, along the westerly lot line of Lot 46, Block 20, to the centerline of Main Street (N.J. Route 24);

and finally, in a westerly direction along said centrline to the point of Beginning.

EXPLANATION OF ELIGIBILITY CODE

NR: National Register of Historic Places is the official list of America"s cultural resources. The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Stat.915, as amended)established a State/Federal partnership in historic preservation. The State and National Registers provide a degree of protection from public encroachment. Listing on the National Register also provides eligibility for Federal tax benefits.

All buildings with NR eligibility (coded R-NR, E-NR,P-NR, D-NR, T-NR) and those coded "L" for "local significance" and those coded "*" for "Chester Historical Society recommended as locally important" should be considered for protection by enactment of local preservation guidelines.

STREET INDEX CODE:

MAP CODE:

R = NR registered
E = NR eligible for nomination
P = NR possibly eligible for nomination
D = NR, as part of a district
T = NR, as themeatic nomination
L = Not NR, but locally significant
* = recommended as locally important, Chester Historical Society

Map and list based on Inventory Sheets(#1406 Survey). Map and list prepared by Chester Historical Society members:

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USGS Chester Quad, (revised 1970) There is a boundary error on this map. C.H.S.
Roads and boundary lines enhanced.

* TAX MAP Street #	- Block/ Lot	- Common or Historical Name	-Inventory #	- Neg., File	She
Aspen Drive -- grid map section 7					
1	7B/1	Fox Chase East development	092	16	
2	7A/1	"	092	16	
3	7B/2	"	092	16	
4	7A/2	"	092	16	
5	7B/3	"	092	16	
6	7A/3	"	092	16	
7	7B/4	"	092	16	
8	7A/4	"	092	16	
Budd Avenue - grid map section 6, 7					
10	12/1	"Old Bank Building"	256 D	28	
24	12/2		221 D	31	
32	12/3		222 D		
38	12/4		223 D	31	
42	12/5		224 D	31	
46	12/6		225 D	31	
50	12/7	"Capt. Sam Leek House", Mrs. Toppon"	226 D	28	S
51	11/9	(two fámily)	227 D	28, 31	
54	10/1		247 D	24, 31	
59	11/8		228 D	31	
60	10/3	(patch house)	237 D	24, 31	S
62	9/1-5		236 D	24	
63	11/7	uses 57 Budd Ave,	229 D	28	
67	8/18	"International House"	214 D,	18	S
83	8/17		108 D,	28	

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Cathy Lane (or Court)-grid map section - 3					
2	5/1-26	Melrose I development	029		
4	5/1-25	"	029	13	
5	5/1-28	"	029	13	
6	5/1-24	"	029	13	
7	5/1-27	"	029	13	
8	5/1-23	"	029	13	
Cherry Street - grid map section 6					
8	12/8		248	25	
10	1/29		249	25	
11	10/4-1	(eye-brow windows)	246 D	25	
12	12/10		250	25	
14	12/11		251 D	25	
15	10/14	uses 13 Cherry St.	245 D	25	
17	10/13		244 D	25	
19	10/12		243 D	25	
CheeryTree Lane - grid section 1					
11	1/3-7		135	21	
17	1/3-6		135	21	
19	1/3-5		135	21	
22	1A/3		135	21	
25	1/3-2	(split-level)	135	21	
29	1/3-3		135	21	
Church Street - grid map section 7					
11	8/21	uses 13 Church St.	211 D	28	
15	8/20		212 D	28	
17	8/19	"Frances Tredway House"	213 E	28	S

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Collis Lane - grid map section 6				
32	4/46-1	(under Construction 11/84)		
44	4/46-2		207	3
	4/16	Municipal Field		3
55	4/19		206	3
80	4/21		208	
Elm Street - grid map section 11				
1	7H/4	Greytop development	117	10, 15
2	7G/1	"	117	
3	7H/5	"	117	16
4	7G/2	"	117	16
5	7H/6	"	117	16
6	7G/3	"	117	16
8	7G/4	"	117	16
10	7G/5	"	117	16
		Two houses under construction, 11/84		
Fairmount Avenue - grid map section 10				
31	7C/2	Professional Bldg.,uses 23-31	094	10
41	7C/3		095	10
47	7C/4	residence	096	10
		barn	096	10
49	7C/5			10
52	8/16	uses 48 Fairmount Ave.	111	10
53	7C/6			10
56	8/13-5	(fieldstone)	110	10

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Fairmount Ave. - grid map section 10 (continued)

60	8/13-4		109	10
71	7A/8	part of Fox Chase East	112	10
73	7A/9	"	112	
75	7A/10	"	112	
77	7A/11	"	112	
79	7A/12	Luse-Budd-Somody house	113 P	10 S
83	7A/13	part of Greytop development	117	10
87	7H/3		114	10
90	9/2	Langdon-Besecker house	230	10
91	7H/2	Langdon-Hoffman-Hopping house	115 E	10
92	9/2-2			10
93	7H/1	Langdon-Hayter-Moke house	116	10 S
94	9/2-1			10, 24
96	9/2-4			10
	9/2-3A	(under construction, 1984)		
	9/2-3	uses Grove Street address		
103		part of Greytop development		
105	7/8-4	Dunn estate site-Guerin		
106	13/6		119	10
107		part of Greytop development		
109	7/8-11	"	117	
110	13/7		118	10
112	13/8		118	10
114	13/9		118	10
116	13/10		118	10
118	13/12			

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Fairmount Ave, - grid map section 10 (continued)					
120	13/13				
121	7/12-1	part of Greytop development	117		
122	13/14				
123	7/12	(flag lot)			
125	7/12-2				
Ferrous Court - grid map section 3					
1	5/1-16	Melrose I development	029	13	
2	5/1-18	"	029		
3	5/1-15	"	029		
4	5/1-17	"	029		
5	5/1-14	"	029		
6	5/1-13	"	029		
Furnace Road - grid map section 1					
	1/4		134		
	1/5		134		
	1/6		134		
Greytop Drive		vacant			
Grove Street - grid map section 6, 10					
26	14/7	parking for Fire Co.			
32	14/8		257 D	25	
38	14/9	Boarding house for miners, c.1870	258 D	25	
51	12/5	apartments, former school	255 D	25	
54	13/1	"Black River Playhouse"	259 ~~D~~, D	25	S
55	12/14	former Historical Society museum	254 ~~D~~, D	28	
57	12/13		253 D	31	S
58	13/2				
60	13/3		261 D	25, 28	

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Grove St. - grid map section 6, 10 (continued)

61	12/12		252 D	28
67	10/11		242 D	25
70	13/5	Grove Street Park		30
73	9/1-4		231	25
79	9/2-3			10/24

Hedges Road - grid map section 6

6	21/7		064	
7	20/20		064	
8	21/8		064	9
9	20/19		064	8
11	20/18		064	
12	21/19	Mabel Rochefeller Hoffman	064	8, 9
13	20/17		064	8
15	20/52	(off Hedges Road)	064A T	9
		Academy Lane right-of-way		9
17	20/16	vacant		
18	21/10	facility of Spring Water Co.		
19	20/15	vacant		
21	20/14		064	
23	20/13		064	
25	20/11	also known as Sylvester Drive	064	9
27	20/10	"	064	9
29	20/9	"	064	9

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Hillside Road (or Avenue) - grid map section 6

18	20/24	behind 25 Hillside	066	8, 29
25	20/25		067	8
30	4/9	First Congregational Church	068 R	3, 8, 30 s,
		Chapel, Pilgrim Hall, parsonage	068	3
		Carriage shed	068	3
31	20/21	Hedges-Thompson House	065 E	8,9,28,29, s,s
37	21/6		064	8
39	21/5		064	8
40	4/8	Chester Cemetary Assoc.		8, 9
41	21/4		064	8
44	4/7		044 D	8
45	2/34		063 L	8, 30
46	4/6		043	8
47	2/35	Jenkins-Tredway house	062 L	8,28,29,30
50	4/5	Deacon Cramer-Hanington house	042 P	7, 29 s
51	2/31	Langdon-Tredway office	061 *	8,29
55	2/36	vacant		
56	4/3-5	Woodhull-Cramer-Grady house	041 P	7,28 s
	4/3	Hills of Chester dev., vacant	045	7
59	2/15		060 L	7,28
62	4/3-4		039	
63	2/15-1		059	
65	2/15-2		058	
66	4/3-3		040	
67	2/15-3		057	7
68	4/4		038	7, 29

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69	2/9	behind 67	064	7, 29
71	2/8	one of the two Bungalows	056 L	19
74	4/3-2		037	
77	2/7	one of the two bungalows	055 L	7,28, 29
78	4/3-1		036	29
84	3/7	Ming-Morton Cottage and studio	047 L	7, 28 S
85	2/7-1			7
88	3/6		048	7
89	2/7-2			7,29
90	3/5		049	7
91	2/7-3			7
93	2/6		051	7
94	3/2		050	
100	3/1	JCP&L facility		
101	2/4			

Larch Drive - grid map section 11, 8

1	7F/1	Fox Chase East development	092	
2	7D/7	"	092	16
3	7F/2	" (Owens)	092	
4	7D/14	"	092	
5	7F/3	"	092	
7	7F/4	"	092	
9	7F/5	"	092	18
10	7D/13	"	092	
11	7F/6	"	092	18
12	7D/12	"	092	16

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Larch Drive - grid map section 8, 11 (continued)

13	7F/7	Fox Chase East development	092	18	
14	7D/11	" (Durand)	092	16	
15	7E/1	"	092		
16	7D/10	"	092	16	
17	7E/2	"	092	18	
18	7D/9	"	092	16	
19	7E/3	"	092	18	
20	7D/8	"	092	16	

Main Street - grid map section 6, 7, 8, 9

2	17/1	Shell Oil Co. service station		23	
4	17/1A	Dairy Queen		17, 23	
5	20/47	Gulf Oil Co. service station	297	17	
10	16/1		296 D	15	
13	20/46		298 D	17	
25	20/42		299	17	
		Academy Lane right-Of-way		17	
20-28	16/2	"Centennial Building"	295 D	15	S
30	15/1	"Chamberlin's Garage"	294 D	15	
35	20/38	"Gardiner Cottage", "le Papier"	300 D	17	S,S
38	15/2	"Tippett Bottling", "Sub Pub"	293 D	15	S
41	20/37	"Skellinger's Saloon", offices	301 D	17	
43	20/36	Rhodda's miner's house	302 D	17	
44	15/3	"Mrs. Skellinger's Store"	292 D	15	
47	20-35	"Book Swapper"	303 D	4, 17	

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50	15/4	"Craftique"	291	D	15	
56	15/5	Topping-DeCamp, tea room	290	D	15	
57	20/26	Hull-Berry-American Store	304	D	4	
58	15/6	Topping-Yawger-Duryea-Markowitz	289	D	15,29	
60	15/7	"Woodcock's Gourmet"	288	D	15	
	20/32	Chester's municipal parking				
		Chester Hill Branch R.R. right-of-way			29	
71	20/31	James Topping-"The Emporium"	305	D	4	S,S
75	20/30	Skellinger's Boarding house and Restaurant	306	D	4	S
76	15/9	"Old Factory Building"	287	D	4, 15	S
85	20/29	Store - Mining Company office	307	D	4	
80-86	14/2,3	Chester Volunteer Fire Company	285		4, 23	
87	20/28	"Dr. Hedges' Building"	308	D	4	S
92	14/5	"Conover's Bungalow"	283	D	4	S,S
		"Painted Pony"	284	D	4	
		Municipal park	286	D	23,28	
98	14/6	Drovers' tavern-Budd,home and school	282	D	4	
105	20/27	Luse tavern site-store	309	D	4	
115	4/12	uses 111 Main st., Publick House	201	R	3	S,S,S
125	4/13	Hardin's-Masonic - "Chester Carosel"	202	D	3	S
127	4/14	School-Drake-Library-offices	203	D	3	S
128	11/1	Dunham & Case-"Pleasant Pools"	220	D	28	
	11/2	Pool display area				

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137	4/15	"Day's Hall"	204 D	3	
158	11/3	John Drake House-Weikert	219 D, [redacted], T	28	S
170	11/4-1	N.J. Telephone Co.	218	28	
	4/17	Municipal field		3	
177	4/18	Boy Scout Cabin	205	3	
184	11/4	Dr. Case-Apgar-Schlott	217 D	191	
191	4/6	under construction, 11/84			
205	4/45	uses 177 Main St.,Collis House	209 D	3	S
220	11/6	Community Prebyteriom Church	215 } E	28	S
		" Chapel	215 }	28	
		" Parsonage	216 D	28	
221	4/44	uses 207	069	3	
225	4/41	uses 217, Vanderveer-Cook	070 D	3	S
236	8/1	Rev. Williamson-Soldivieri	210 [redacted], D	18	
248-252	8/2,3	MacWrught	107 D	18	
245	4/40	Williamson School-CASH	071 D	3	
259	4/39		072 D	3	
260	8/4-1	Flower shop		18	
263	4/38	"TwinAcres",two rental units	073 D	3	
266	8/4	Mansard cottage	106 D	18	
275	4/37	uses 267 Main St.	074 D	3	
285	4/36		075	3	
293	4/35	uses 287, former Cong, Ch. Parsonage	076 D	2	S
294	8/6	J. Thomas-Sauracker	105 D	18,28	
300	8/7	Chester Boro Municipal Bldg.	104	18	
305	4/34	"Lawyer Smith House"	077 D	2	

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333	4/33	Jacob O. Drake-Serbe	078 D	14,2
338	8/9	vacant		
347	4/32	house/bottling works	079	2
350	8/10	vacant		
370	8/11	Prospect Masonic Lodge	102	31
375	4/31	St. Lawrence Church Ed. Center	080	2
		" complex	081	2
384	8/13-2		101	
396	8/13-6	vacant		
407	4/30	W. Osborn-Dean-commercial/residential	082 D	2
408	8/13-3	vacant		
420	8/13	"Robinhurst" site-Post Office	100	28
423	4/29	W. Osborn-Smalley-Schlott	083 *	2
437	4/28	Osborn House-AGA development	084 D,T	2, 14 S
444	8/13-1	Carteret S & L Office	099	28
460	8/14	three small buildings	098	14
461-483	4/26-2	Oliver's Restaurant/shops behind	085	2
		Cross Roads: Main, Oakdale, North		14
484	8/15	Seward-Dr. Spiegel office	097 *	14
495	4/26-1	gas station/garage/repairs	086	13
510	7C/1-1	"Crossroads Service", repairs	093 *	14
		former Seward store; apartment		
515	6/1	Jacob Drake, Jr. Tavern site		
		"Crossroads", office condo	087	2,13

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530	7C/1-2	vacant			
535	6/2	Seward carriage house-Radtke office	088	✳	2,31
545	6/4-1	Seward milkhouse-residence	088	✳	28
555	6/3	"Seward House" offices	089	E	2,31 S
581	6/4	Fox Chase Tennis Club	090		2
630	7F/8	residence			
640	7F/9	school ground, buildings in Chester Township			

Maple Avenue (formerly Mud Street) - grid map section 10

25	17/5-2	Horizon Bank			23
45	17/5-5	Carwash			
65	17/5	Christy-Halsey Fuel Oil Co.			23
90	13/19				
110	13/22	uses 120 Maple Ave.,(patch house)	267	D	23 S
125	15/20	Brook-Chester Co.,apartment	268		23, 28
130	13/24	(contemp. ranch)	266		23
135	15/19	(patch house)	269	D	23 S
138	13/4	(contemp. ranch)	265		24, 25
143	15/18	(patch house)	270	D	23 S
150	13/25	"	264	D	24,25
151	15/17	"	271	D	24,25
156	13/26	"	263	D	24,25
161	14/11	uses 147 Maple Av.,(patch house)	274	D	25
162	13/27	(patch house)	262	D	24,25

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Melrose Drive - grid map section 3				
2	5/1-7	Melrose One development	029	
3	5/1-4	"	029	13
4	5/1-6	"	029	
6	5/1-31	"	029	13
Melville Place - grid map section 6				
		Melville Place streetscape		9
1	2/22	(cormer Rt 206)	064	6,22,29
3	2/23		064	
5	2/24		064	
20	20/3		064	
North Road, Dover-Chester Road, Rt 513 - grid map section 4, 8				
7	5/16	"Stone School House"	020 P	13, 28 S.S
9	5/17	Lowensteiner Farm , residence	019 *	13,14
15	5/2	" , farm and barns	019	13,14
20	6/1		018	14
26	6/6		017	14
28	6/7		015	14
29	5/8-1		010	14
30	6/6-2		016	14
31	5/8		009	14
32	6/8		014	14
34	6/9		013	14
35	5/9=1	"1813 House"	003 *	14
36	6/10-1		012	14
38	6/10		011	14

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North Rd, Dover-Chester Rd., Rt 513 - grid map section 4, 8 (continued)

39	5/9-2		002	14
43	5/10	(remodeled,1984)	001	14,31
50	6/5	Bell Labs, AT&T	091	14

Oak Street - grid map section 10

1	7/8-10	Greytop development	118	
2	7/8-5	"	118	10,15
3	7/8-9	"	118	16
4	7/8-6	"	118	16
5	7/8-8	"	118	16
6	7/8-7		118	16

Oakdale Road (formerly Railroad Ave.) -grid map section 3

2	5/15	Brown-McCourry-Swaezy-Jacobson	021 P	13
28	5/15-1	uses 4 Oakdale Rd..	022	13
41-63	4/6,7,8,9	Suburban Hills School	024	13,28
42	5/13	uses 6 Oakdale Rd.	023	13
67	4/26-3	uses 15 Oakdale Rd.	025	13
69	4/26-4	uses 15 Oakdale rd.	026	13
71	4/26-5	uses 17 Oakdale	027	13
73	4/26-6		028	13
82	5/1-12	Melrose One development	029	13
83	4/25-3	"	029	13
84	5/1-11	"	029	
85	4/25-2	"	029	
86	5/1-10	"	029	
87	4/25-1	"	029	13

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Oakdale Road - grid map section 3 (continued)

88	5/1-9	uses 32 Oakdale,"Edith's"	029	13
89	4/25-4	uses 33 Oakdale Rd.	029	
90	5/1-8	uses 34 Oakdale Rd.	029	S
91	4/23,24,25	vacant,		13
	4/20	vacant, RR right-of-way		13
95	4/24-4	Melrose I continues	029	13
97	4/24-3	"	029	13
99	4/24-2	"	029	13
100	5/1-3	Melrose Farm-Grace Bible complex	030	13
101	4/24-1	Melrose I development	029	
	4/3	vacant, Hills of Chester development		
108	5/1-3	Melrose I development	029	13
110	5/1-2	"	029	
112	5/1-1	"	029	13

Old Gladstone Road - grid map section 10

	19/4-1	farm	132	
120	19/5	house	132	22, 28
150	19/6-1		133	22
170	19/7		133	22
	18/1	Flea Market Field, Rt. 206		23

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Old Forge Road - grid map section 3

3	5/1-22	Melrose One development	029	
4	5/1-19	"	029	
5	5/1-21	"	029	
7	5/1-20	"	029	13

Old Road, see Fairmount Ave., #31 thru #79 - grid map section 6, 7

Orange Street - grid map section 8, 10

6	10/5		238 D	25
9	9/1		235	25
10	10/6	Rarick House	239 D, I	25,24
11	9/1-1		234	24
17	9/1-2		233	24
20	10/9		240 D	24
21	9/1-3		231	24
26	10/10	uses 22 Orange St., patch house	241 D	24

Orchard Lane - grid map section 2

1	4/1-13	Melrose Two development	031	
2	4/1-16	"	031	7
3	4/1-14	"	031	
4	4/1-15	"	031	

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Perry Street - grid map section 6				
15	15/26	commercial block	behind 292,293,294	15,23
24	16/3	two-family	277)	23
25	15/25	patch house	279)	23 S
34	16/4		278)	23
35	15/24		280)	23
	15/23	shop demolished,'84,new construction,'85		
45	15/22		281)	
Pleasant Hill Road - grid map section 2				
2	4/2	"Wally Ward House"	034	7, 29
4	4/2-1		034	7, 29
6	4/2-2		032	7, 29
7	3/3		046	7
8	4/1-19	Melrose Two development	032	7
11	3/4		046	7
12	4/1-18	Melrose Two development	032	7
Ridge Road - grid map section 6				
5	21/3		064	8
6	2/33		064	8
7	21/2		064	8
9	21/1		064	8

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Seminary Avenue - grid map section 10				
24	17/3	vacant (Roy Rogers Restaurant)		
30	17/4	house trailer		23
35	16/5	patch house-barn-commercial	276)	23
	16/6	shed		23
49	16/7	patchhouse	275)	23
107	13/15	Agway Petro. Corp.		23
Sentry Lane (uses Main Street number) -grid map section 7				
Seward Place - grid map section 7				
1	7C/7	Fox Chase East development	092	16
2	7B/7	"	092	16
3	7C/8	"	092	16
4	7B/8	"	092	16
5	7C/9	"	092	16
6	7B/9	"	092	16
8	7B/10	" , stone wing	092	16, 18 S
9	7D/1	"	092	16
10	7B/11	"	092	16
12	7B/12	"	092	16
State Highway 24, East (Main Street) -grid map section 6,7,8,9				

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Street # - Blk/Lt - Common or Historic Name - Inventory # - Neg. File Shee

State Highway 24, West - grid map section 9

1	19/2	Sunoco Gas station	120	21
2	1/8	Larispn's Turkey Farm Inn	126 L	5, 21, 2
24	1/10-1	"Sunnyside"	125 L	5, 22,28
74	1/12	Chester Animal Hospital	124	22
		Home, farm	123 *	5, 22
85	19/4	Chester Shopping Center	120	5, 21
95	19/4-2	store, lumber yard	120	5, 21
	1/16	RR right-of-way		
145	19/9	Propane distrib.	120	5, 21, 2
190	1/14	Jos. Hedges-Smith-"Lamplighter"	122	5, 22
195	19/10	trailer court	120	5, 21, 2
	1/15	Chester Library	121	5,21,22
255	19/11	Hideaway Farm entrance		21,22

Sylvester Drive (see Hedges Road 325,,27, 29) - grid map section 6

US Highway 206,South - grid map section 10

35	17/2	vacant (roy Rogers Restaurant)		
65	17/5-1	Chester Diner	120	23
90	18/1-1	Tires, Exxon service	120	23
112	18/1	Somerset Farms,Shoprite Liquors	120	23
115	7/14-1	Mangel's candy shop	120	23
125	7/14	Somerset Tire	120	23

US HIGHWAY continued

S=slide

Street #	Blk/Lt	Common or Historic Name	Inventory #	Neg. File Sheet
US Highway 206, South -grid map section 10 (continued)				
160	18/2	Flea Market field		23
161-205	7/13	Chester Springs Shopping Mall	120	23
		Southern limit of Borough		
US Highway 206, North - grid map section 1, 5, 6				
12	20/48	joins 13 Main St. driveway	298	17
24	20/48-1	does not face Rt 206		17. 21
44	20/50	vacant		
54	20/51		064	9, 21
64	20/54-1		064	21
84	20/54	Furrer, plumber	064	22
104	20/55	Pioneer Real Estate	064	5, 22
114	20/56	Black River Veterinary Hospital	064	5, 22
154		vacant		
164		vacant		
194	2/20		064	22, 29
216	2/19		064	29
224	2/18		064	22
235	1/5	"Little Italian Kitchen"	127	5,22
244	2/11	(entered from Wheeler Rd.)	064	9,22, 29
		US Highway 206 continued		

Street #	Blk/Lt	Common or Historic Name	Inventory #	Neg. File Shee
US Highway 206,North - grid map section 1, 5, 6			(continued)	
263	1/4		128	21
	2/9	(entered from Hillside Rd.)	064	7
268	2/5		131	
313	1/2	vacant		
354	2/3		131	22
368	2/2		131	
373	1/2-1	commercial	129	5, 28
383	1/1-1	Silver Ghost, car rental	130	28
Valley View Road - grid map section 2				
1	4/1-1	Melrose Two development	031	7
2	4/1-17	"	031	7
3	4/1-2	"	031	
4	4/1-12	"	031	
5	4/1-3	"	031	7
6	4/1-11	"	031	
7	4/1-4	"	031	7
8	4/1-10	"	031	
9	4/1-5	"	031	7, 29

Valley View Road continued

Street #	Blk/Lt	Common or Historic Name	Inventory #	Neg. File Sheet
Valley View Road - grid map section 2 (continued)				
10	4/1-9	Melrose Two development	031	
11	4/1-6	"	031	
13	4/1-7	"	031	
15	4/1-8	"	031	
Village Road - grid map section 8				
2	7C/17	Fox Chase East development	092	18
Warren Street - grid map section 6				
	14/2,18	Chester Vol. Fire Co., parking		
20	15/10	Dr. Andrews development	272	25
22	15/12	"	272	25
26	15/13	"	272	25
32	15/14	"	272	25
36	15/15	"	272	25
45	14/14		273	25
Wheeler Road - grid map section 6				
1	20/8		064	29
3	20/7		064	
4	2/32		064	9
5	20/6	vacant		

Wheeler Road continued

Street #	Blk/Lt	Common or Historic Name	Inventory #	Neg. File Sh
Wheeler Road - grid map section 6 (continued)				
7	20/5		064	9, 29
10	2/30		064	9
11	2/26		064	
12	2/29		064	9
14	2/28		064	9
15	2/25		064	
16	2/27		064	
17	2/17-1	Eible	064	9
19	2/17		064	
20	2/16		064	9
21	2/13		064	
24	2/12	Lindley Cook	064	9
Williamson Lane - grid map section 4				
3	5/8-2	uses 25 Williamson Lane	008	
6	5/9-3		004	14
7	5/7	Williamson-Rodeman	007 L	14
8	5/9		005	14
	5/3	abanoned	006 T	14
	5,4,5,11,12	vacant		

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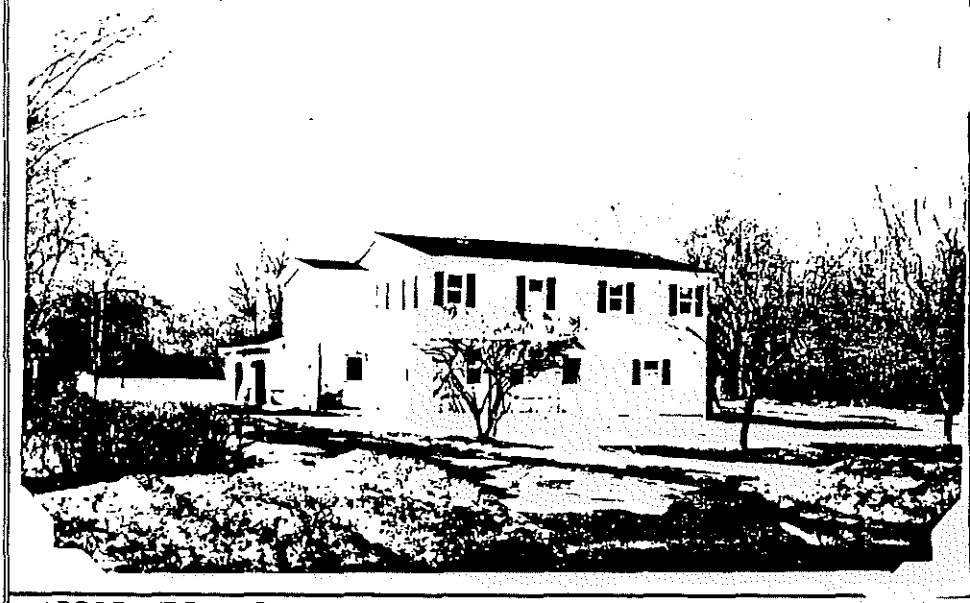

INVENTORY # 1406- 001

NEG. FILE # 14 - 17, 31-33

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 43 North Road c. 1950

This is the concrete block shell of a building currently being renovated.

CONDITION: ? INTEGRITY: ? USE: Under renovation

SIGNIFICANCE:

None

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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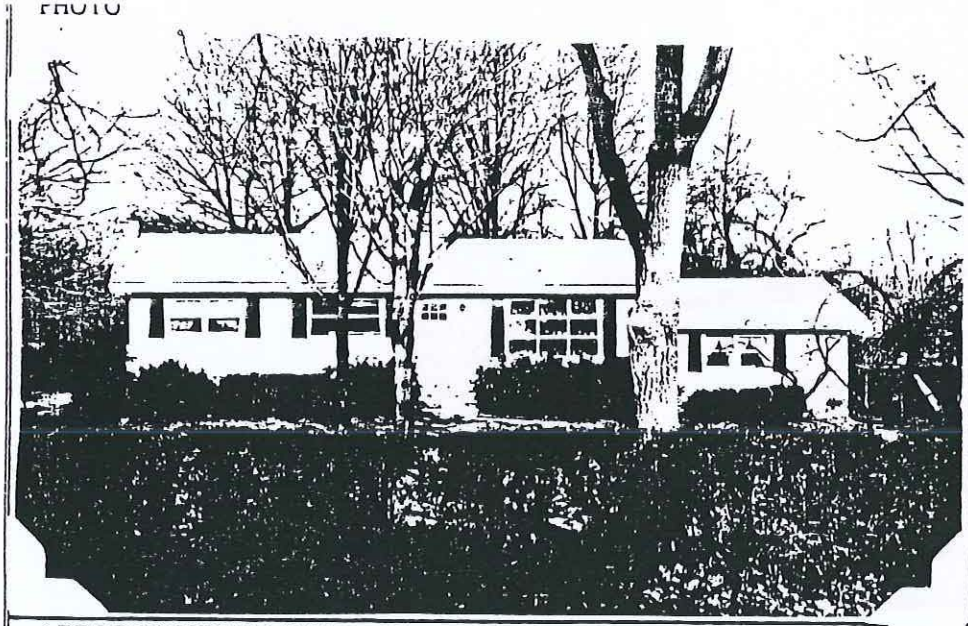

INVENTORY # 1406-002

NEG. FILE # 14 - 16

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 43 North Road c. 1950

Frame ranch house

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Good USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

None

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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INVENTORY # 1406-003

NEG. FILE # 14 - 13, 15

MAP

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ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 35 North Road at Williamson Lane c. 1810(?)

Much altered house possibly dating from late 18th/early 19th century. Appears to have been a 1 1/2-story 3-bay single-pile cottage. It now has a saltbox profile due to consecutive rear additions, including a garage. Large dormer added at rear and fenestration mostly altered (casements in attic, 4/1 on ground floor); new end chimney. Original part retains clapboards, new wings have vertical siding. To the east in a field with a few apple trees stands a new frame gambrel-roofed barn.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Poor USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

Associative history would have to be searched thoroughly before much more could be said about this house, and an interior examination is needed to determine the extent of integrity and the nature of its physical evolution.

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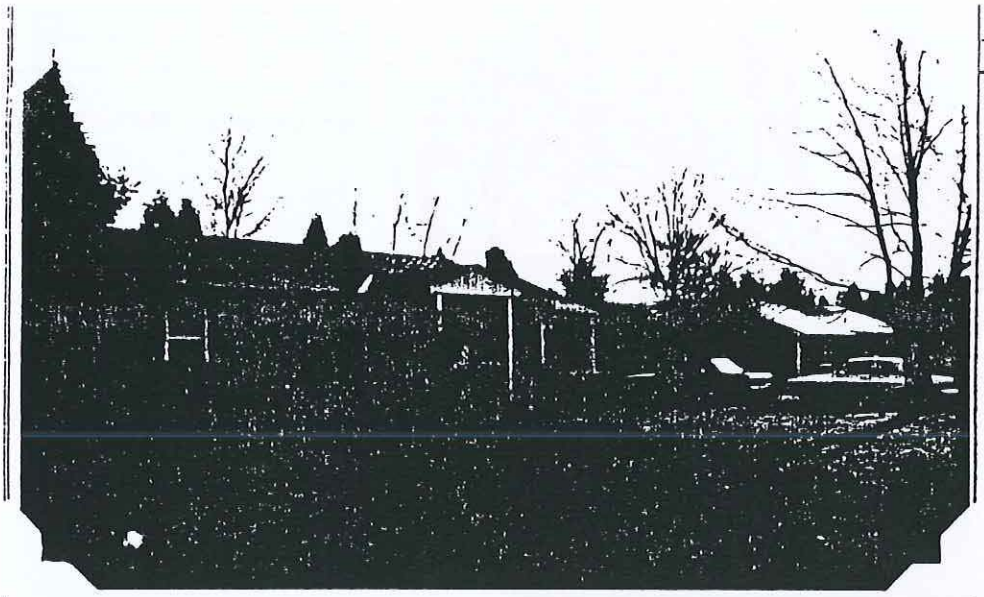

INVENTORY # 1406-004

NEG. FILE # 14 - 12

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 6 Williamson Lane c. 1950

Shingled ranch house with old apple trees in front yard, possibly the remains of an orchard once belonging to #003.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Good USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

None

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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NEG. FILE #

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 8 Williamson Lane c. 1960

Wood shingle and brick veneer ranch house

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Good USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

None

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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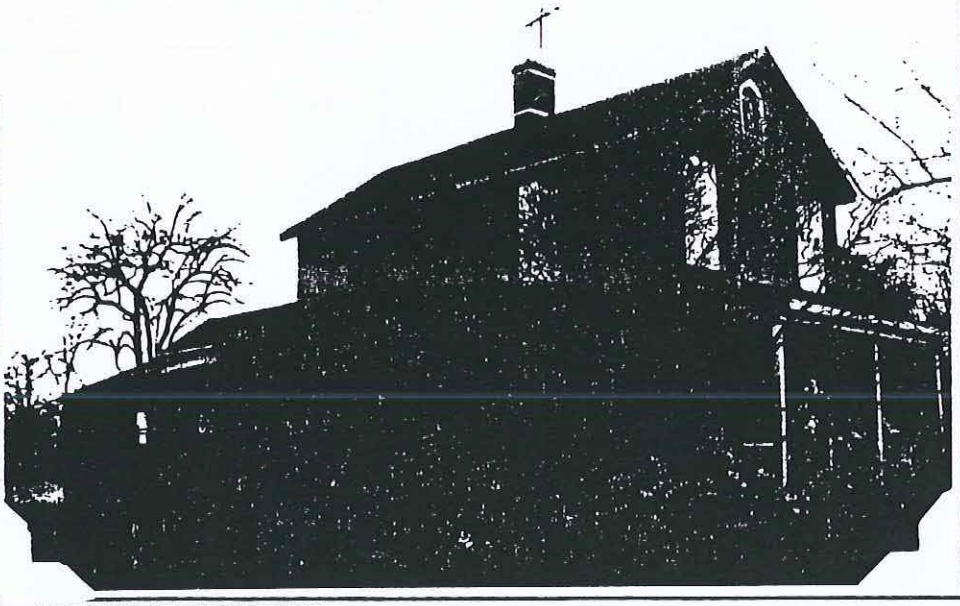

INVENTORY # 1406- 006

NEG. FILE # 14 - 10

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION:

off Williamson Lane c. 1870's

Abandoned "patch house" or planbook house sited at the end of the lane on an overgrown lot. 2 1/2-story, 2 x 2 bays with entry in road-facing gable end. First floor has 3 bays with centered door. Facade porch on single wood posts; crude "Gothic" frame around attic window. Entire hous including rear shed wing, covered with brick-pattern asphalt siding.

CONDITION: Poor INTEGRITY: Good USE: Abandoned Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

Representative of the Borough's working-class housing, this dwelling and others like it disprove the cliche of bucolic 19th-century rural life.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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INVENTORY # 1406- 007

NEG. FILE # 14 8

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 7 Williamson Lane

Age uncertain

This vernacular house faces south rather than the road. It is a low-to-the-ground 2 stories, 3-over-4 bay facade with wide clapboards and gable roof with 2 end chimneys. The 2-bay gable end has a porch with turned columns. At the north is a 2-story shed-roof wing. Windows are 6/6 and 2/2 sash in rear. Facade has 6-light half-windows on 2nd floor. A 1 1/2-story flush-boarded outbuilding with sliding doors stands in the rear yard , a stone and wood well curb at the front.

CONDITION: Fair INTEGRITY: Fair USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

This house may possibly the the property of "N. A. Cooper" as noted on the 1853 map. Its south-facing situation could support a relatively early construction date, but only an interior examination coupled with documentary research could reveal more about it.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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INVENTORY # 1406- 008

NEG. FILE #

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: #3 Williamson Lane c. 1950

2-story frame tract house with lengthy 1-story addition including garage

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Good USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

None

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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INVENTORY # 1406- 009

NEG. FILE # 14 - 7

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 31 North Road at Williamson Lane c. 1850 or earlie

2-story shingled house with broad gable ends and 2-bay facade without entrance. Entire house is so altered and modernized that age and style are impossible to determine.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Poor USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

A number of houses without owners' names are depicted in this vicinity on the 1853 map. Nothing more is known about this house. Its architectural significance has been destroyed.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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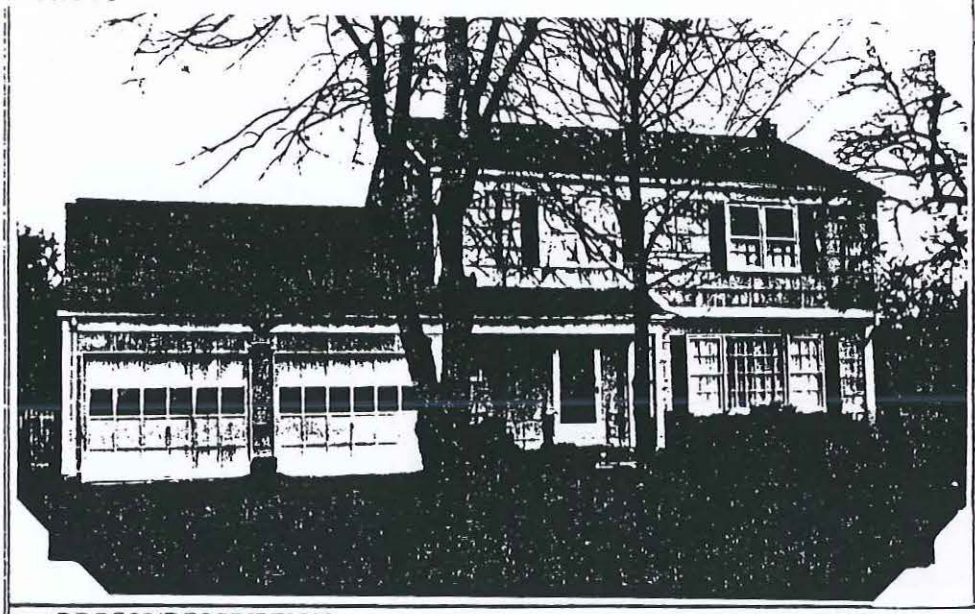

INVENTORY # 1406- 010

NEG. FILE # 14. - 5

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 29 North Road c. 1960

2-story frame Builder's house with attached garage.

CONDITION: INTEGRITY: USE:

SIGNIFICANCE:

None

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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INVENTORY # 1406- 011

NEG. FILE # 14 - 19

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 42 (38) North Road

2 1/2-story, 3-bay planbook farmhouse with gable-end to road. Appearance totally denatured with enclosed porch and aluminum siding.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Poor USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

Representative of scattered late-19th-century development on the roads leading into the village center, this may be the house appearing first on the 1868 map as belonging to "Mrs. King."

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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DISTRICT/STREETSCAPE CONTINUATION SHEET

N.J. HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY

Date August-October 19

District/Streetscape Continuation Page # _____ Inventory # 1406

MAP #	ADDRESS/LOCATION : PROPERTY NAME	DATE	Significance to D/S	Condition	USE	DESCRIPTION: Style, Ext. Wall Fabric, Fenestration, Form, Roof, Major Features, Alterations, Stories, etc.	NEGATIV FILE #
	CHESTER BOROUGH						
012	36 North Road	c.1950	None	G*	R*	Shingled ranch house, sited end-to-road	
013	34 North Road	c.1950	None	G	R	T-plan ranch house, clad in asbestos siding	
014	32 North Road	c.1950	None	G	R	Frame ranch house with breezeway and garage	
015	28 North Road	c.1950	None	G	R	Brick ranch house	
016	30 North Road	c.1980	None	G	R	3-bay center-hall tract house set back from road on a flag lot.	
017	(See individual listing form)						
018	20 North Road	c.1950	None	G	R	Ranch house hidden behind stand of pines.	

*G - Good
*R - Residential

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INVENTORY # 1406- 017

NEG. FILE # [illegible]

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 26 North Road c. 1868

2 1/2-story, 3 bays, slate gable with center gable, aluminum siding. All windows are paired sash (full-length on ground floor), double-leaf door with molded round-arched fanlight (one large pane without tracery). Facade porch is carried on chamfered posts and has over-scaled semi-circular "spandrels" with pendant drops.

CONDITION: Excellent INTEGRITY: Good USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

Despite siding, it remains a good example of a planbook type farmhouse, with particularly bold porch detailing. It is probably the "S. Leek" house on the 1868 map.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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INVENTORY # 1406- 019

NEG. FILE # 124 A

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 9-15 North Road c. 1850

Separated from the road by a barbed wire fence is a field/house/and outbuilding complex dominated on the east by a group of mid-20th century cement and galvanized metal dairy buildings of no architectural merit. The farmouse is a mid- to late-19th-century 3-bay frame structure with side-hall, slate gable and 1/1 windows. Attached is a 2-bay flat-roofed wing. Both are clad in vinyl siding. A rickety porch on posts runs across the facade. Behind and to the west of the house stands a group of late 19th- or early 20th-century outuildings - small barn, wagon shed, corn crib.

CONDITION: Poor INTEGRITY: Poor USE: Farm/ Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

An unnamed house occupies approximately this location on the 1853 map.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1406-020

HISTORIC NAME: School No. 2
COMMON NAME: Stone Schoolhouse
LOCATION: 7 North Road
BLOCK/LOT

MUNICIPALITY: Chester Borough
COUNTY: Morris
USGS QUAD: Chester
UTM REFERENCES:
OWNER/ADDRESS:
Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: 1830
Source of Date: Datestone

Architect:
Builder:

Style: Vernacular
Form/Plan Type: 4 bays long with 2-over-3 bay facade (gable-end-to-roa

Number of Stories: 2

Foundation: Coursed fieldstone

Exterior Wall Fabric: Coursed fieldstone

Fenestration: 6/6 and 9/9 sash with blinds. East and west windows have keyed stone lintels

Roof/Chimneys: Gable with 2 interior chimneys

Additional Architectural Description: A new door and a pedimented portico (out of scale) have been added to the facade. Above the entrance is a blind oval window set in fieldstone voussoirs. Above that is a roundheaded datestone inscribed: "Sept 15 /1830." A stone kitchen wing has been added to the west side, and a new vertical board garage stands at the rear.

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Map (Indicate North)
See general survey map

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SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban ☐ Suburban ☐ Scattered Buildings ☐
Open Space ☐ Woodland ☐ Residential ☐ Agricultural ☐ Village ☐
Industrial ☐ Downtown Commerical ☐ Highway Commercial ☐ Other ☐

SIGNIFICANCE: One of the Borough's rare stone buildings, this schoolhouse is notable for its good proportions and careful detailing. It is said to have been built by Benjamin McCourry and Nathan Cooper. The upper room was used as a Congregational meeting house or "chapel." On Beers Atlas of 1868 it is noted as "School No. 2." In 1876 it was "School No. 96." Old photographs reveal that the building once had a cupola.

On April 18, 1914, at a special meeting to decide the fate of the building, the Congregational Church membership voted 2 to 14; the building was sold to Billy Dee for $200.

ORIGINAL USE: School PRESENT USE: Residence
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes ☐ Possible ☒ No ☐ Part of District ☐
THREATS TO SITE: Roads ☐ Development ☐ Zoning ☐ Deterioration ☐
No Threat ☒ Other ☐

COMMENTS:

Apart from the new entrance, the adaptive use of this building has been handled with great sensitivity.

REFERENCES: for full citations, see survey bibliography

Greenidge, p. 56. Some question exists about the dates the school was in use. There is an error here concerning the wording of the date stone. Verified 10/17/84 by Carmen Smith.

Deed Book BB page 380 Benj. McCourry to Congregational Church.
Congregational Church records

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1406- 021

HISTORIC NAME: David Brown, Jr.-McCourry House
COMMON NAME:
LOCATION: Corner Oakdale & North Roads
#2 Oakdale Road
BLOCK/LOT 5/15
MUNICIPALITY: Chester Borough
COUNTY: Morris
USGS QUAD: Chester
UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Northing/Easting
OWNER/ADDRESS: Hilda Jacobson
2 Oakdale Road

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: 1810

Source of Date: Greenidge, p. 52

Architect:

Builder:

Style: Vernacular Federal

Form/Plan Type: 3-bay side-hall, double-pil

Number of Stories: 2 1/2

Foundation: Rubblestone

Exterior Wall Fabric: Painted brick

Fenestration: 6/6 with splayed brick lintels and blinds

Roof/Chimneys: Slate gable with bracketed cornice and 2 interior chimneys

Additional Architectural Description: Two-bay broad gable-end faces North Road. Entry faces west. Windows are relatively small and occupy a small percentage of the wall area. Entrance (obscured by modern enclosed portico) has sidelights and a 2-panel Greek Revival door. North elevation has several additions.

PHOTO Negative File No. 13-26A

Map (Indicate North)
See general survey map

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SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban ☐ Suburban ☐ Scattered Buildings ☒
Open Space ☐ Woodland ☐ Residential ☐ Agricultural ☐ Village ☐
Industrial ☐ Downtown Commerical ☐ Highway Commercial ☐ Other ☐

SIGNIFICANCE: According to Frances Greenidge (p. 52) this house was lived in by Benjamin McCourry, prominent Borough landowner and holder of numerous public positions at both local and state levels. Greenidge claims that the house was built by David Brown, Jr., the father of McCourry's wife, Catherine. Its exterior is of the simplest Federal vernacular type, with no explicit ornament. Benjamin McCourry was one of the builders of the stone schoolhouse near this property.

ORIGINAL USE: Residential PRESENT USE: Residential
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Poor ☐
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes ☐ Possible ☒ No ☐ Part of District ☐
THREATS TO SITE: Roads ☒ Development ☐ Zoning ☐ Deterioration ☐
No Threat ☐ Other ☐
COMMENTS:

Is significant on the local level and merits preservation.

REFERENCES: for full citations, see survey bibliography

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NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY # 1406-029
HISTORIC DISTRICT SURVEY FORM

DISTRICT NAME: "Melrose One"
MUNICIPALITY: Chester Borough
COUNTY: Morris
TYPE OF DISTRICT: Subdivision
USGS QUAD: Chester

UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Northing/Easting
A
B
C
D

DESCRIPTION: (General description of district as a whole and boundaries)

South and northeast of Oakdale Road is a subdivision c. 1960 including 45 houses occupying lots on Oadkale, Old Forge Road, Ferrous Court, Cathy Lane and Melrose Road. Most are ranch houses, plus a few "raised ranches" and builder's Colonial Revival houses. Painted shingle and gable roofs characterize the neighborhood.

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURES: Excellent 10 % Good 90 % Fair % Poor %
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: [ ] Yes [ ] Possible [XX] No
THREATS TO DISTRICT/LOCAL ATTITUDES:
COMMENTS:

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N.J. HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY

Date August-October 198

District/Streetscape Continuation Page # _____ Inventory # 1406

MAP #	ADDRESS/LOCATION : PROPERTY NAME	DATE	Significance to D/S	Condition	USE	DESCRIPTION: Style, Ext. Wall Fabric, Fenestration, Form, Roof, Major Features, Alterations, Stories, etc.	NEGATIV FILE #
	CHESTER BOROUGH						
022	#4 (25) Oakdale Road	c. 1960		G*	R*	Ranch House, synthetic siding	
023	#6 (42) Oakdale Road	c.1930's + '60's & '70's		G	R	Vernacular Shingled House	
024	41-63 Oakdale Road Suburban Hills School	c. 1980		G		Vertical-sided Vernacular	28-29
025	#67 Oakdale Road	c. 1960		G	R	Shingled Ranch House	
026	#69 Oakdale Road	c. 1960		G	R	2-Story Builder's House	13-3 1A
027	#17 (71) Oakdale Road	c. 1960		G	R	Shingled Split Level	
028	#73 Oakdale Road	c. 1970		G	R	Mock Tudor Raised Ranch	

*G - Good
*R - Residential

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INVENTORY # 1406-030
NEG. FILE # 13-6 A
MAP
See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: Grace Bible Church, 100 Oakdale Road

The oldest buildings on the property are a frame house (c. 1910) with gable roof, 6/1 sash, enclosed porch and no architectural integrity, and a dairy farn dating from the first third of the 20th century. It has cement walls and an asphalted gambrel roof, new windows and doors, and is being renovated for classroom use. It occupies a slight elevation in a field, behind a drywall retaining wall of oversized boulders. Between house and church stands a c. 1970 concrete and brick veneer church with prefab steeple on a gable roof. Attached is an 8-bay Sunday School wing. A gravel parking lot is the front yard of the church. Various small outbuildings lie between church and house. A winding drive, lined with pine trees, gives access from Oakdale Road.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Good and Poor USE: Religious/ Educational/ Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

This property was formerly Melrose farm, which gave its name to the adjacent subdivision.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY

☐ Meets NR Criteria as: ☐ Object ☐ Site ☐ Structure ☐ Part of a District
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☒ Does Not Meet NR Criteria

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NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY # 1406-031
HISTORIC DISTRICT SURVEY FORM

DISTRICT NAME: "Melrose Two"
MUNICIPALITY: Chester Borough
COUNTY: Morris
TYPE OF DISTRICT: Subdivision
USGS QUAD: Chester

UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Northing/Easting
A
B
C
D

DESCRIPTION: (General description of district as a whole and boundaries)

This development of 18 houses occupies Valley View Road and Orchard Lane a cul-de-sac. Frame, wood-sided ranch houses predominate, with a few Cape Cod and split levels. This former agricultural land has mature trees and landscaping. The builder was Carl Youngman, who completed this subdivision in the mid-1960's.

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURES: Excellent 90% Good 10% Fair % Poor %
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: [ ] Yes [ ] Possible [X] No
THREATS TO DISTRICT/LOCAL ATTITUDES:
COMMENTS:

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N.J. HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY

Date Aug -October 198

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MAP #	ADDRESS/LOCATION : PROPERTY NAME	DATE	Significance to D/S	Condition	USE	DESCRIPTION: Style, Ext. Wall Fabric, Fenestration, Form, Roof, Major Features, Alterations, Stories, etc.	NEGATIVE FILE #
	CHESTER BOROUGH						
032	6 Pleasant Hill Road	c.1970	none	G*	R*	2-story, first story brickfaced, cedar shakes second floor, attached garage.	7-19
033	4 Pleasant Hill Road	c.1970	none	G	R	Center 2-story, first floor brickfaced, garage, wings and second floor vinyl siding, family room in 1-story wing.	7-19
034	2 Pleasant Hill Road	c.1950	none	G	R	2-story, wooden siding, "eyebrow" windows, set at an angle to the road.	7-19
035	omit						

*G - Good
*R - Residential

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	CHESTER BOROUGH						
036	#78 Hillside Road	c.1970		G*	R*	Frame builder's colonial revival	
037	#74 Hillside Road	c.1970		G	R	Frame builder's colonial revival	
038	#68 Hillside Road	c.1970		G	R	Hipped roof frame ranch house	

*G - Good
*R - Residential

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	CHESTER BOROUGH						
039	#66 Hillside Road	c.1970		G*	R*	Builder's Colonial Revival, 5-bay, clapboard, center hall, 2 stories.	
040	#62 Hillside	c.1970		G	R	Builder's Colonial Revival, 5-bay, clapboard, center hall, 2 stories.	

*G - Good
*R - Residential

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1406-041

HISTORIC NAME: W. J. Topping House
LOCATION: 56 Hillside Road

COMMON NAME: Grady Estate
BLOCK/LOT 4/3-5

MUNICIPALITY: Chester Borough
USGS QUAD: Chester
OWNER/ADDRESS:

COUNTY: Morris
UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: Late 18th & early 19th century ?

Source of Date: Physical evidence and deed search

Architect:

Builder:

Style: Vernacular with minimal Italianate detailing

Form/Plan Type: Block-and-wing

Number of Stories: 2 and 2 1/2

Foundation:

Exterior Wall Fabric: Clapboard

Fenestration: 9/6 on main block, ground-floor facade windows replaced with "picture" window.

Roof/Chimneys: interior end brick chimneys (1 replaced)

Additional Architectural Description: 3-bay side-hall wing has door with transom and sliding sash sidelights. Door itself is multi-light replacement. Smaller wing is 2-over-3 bays. Its centered door has flanking windows butted directly against it. Both wings have bracketed cornices. A flat-roofed porch to the south and east connects the house to a new vertical-board garage, sensitively detailed in the manner of a gabled outbuilding.

PHOTO Negative File No. 28-4

Map (Indicate North)
See general survey map

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SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES: The house is set back from the road on an open grassy lot with trees at front and back. On the front lawn, a few yards from the house, is a blocky fieldstone building about 5' square with wooden gable ends, projecting eaves and 3 fixed windows. The door is batten and the floor has a trapdoor.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban ☐ Suburban ☐ Scattered Buildings ☒
Open Space ☐ Woodland ☐ Residential ☐ Agricultural ☐ Village ☐
Industrial ☐ Downtown Commerical ☐ Highway Commercial ☐ Other ☐

SIGNIFICANCE: Small wing may be 18th century, large wing mid-19th, typical of additive New Jersey block-and-wing vernacular houses. Several prominent Toppings are known to Chester Borough. "W. J. Topping" is the name given to this house on the 1853 map. Additional research is merited.

ORIGINAL USE: Residential PRESENT USE: Residential
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes ☐ Possible ☒ No ☐ Part of District ☐
THREATS TO SITE: Roads ☐ Development ☐ Zoning ☐ Deterioration ☐
No Threat ☒ Other ☐
COMMENTS:

REFERENCES: for full citations, see survey bibliography

Greenidge, p. 38 and ff.

Deed research by Carmen Smith traces the property to 1827, at which time the existence of a house is unknown.

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1406-042

HISTORIC NAME: Jacob Cramer House
LOCATION: 50 Hillside Road

COMMON NAME:
BLOCK/LOT 4/5

MUNICIPALITY: Chester Borough
USGS QUAD: Chester
OWNER/ADDRESS: Edward/Elaine Hanington
50 Hillside Road

COUNTY: Morris
UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: 1874

Source of Date: W. Edwin Colles, Chester histor and physical evidence

Architect:

Builder:

Style: vernacular Italianate

Form/Plan Type: L-plan side-hall

Number of Stories: 2 1/2

Foundation:

Exterior Wall Fabric: clapboard

Fenestration: 2/2 (originally with elliptical heads) sash with blinds.

Roof/Chimneys: Patterned slate gable, center chimney, bracketed and paneled cornice, gable-end returns

Additional Architectural Description: Drip molds over doors and windows; bay window on north side beneath Palliadianesque window. Facade porch with square posts on piers, jigsawn balustrade, modillioned cornice. Paneled double doors with large lights.

PHOTO Negative File No. 29-12A

Map (Indicate North)
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HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION, 109 WEST STATE STREET, TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08625 (609) 292-2023

SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES: 3-car garage in old frame outbuilding

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban ☐ Suburban ☐ Scattered Buildings ☐
Open Space ☐ Woodland ☐ Residential ☐ Agricultural ☐ Village ☐
Industrial ☐ Downtown Commerical ☐ Highway Commercial ☐ Other ☐

SIGNIFICANCE: Typical of well-detailed late-19th-century vernacular houses. This dwelling appears first on the 1887 map as the property of "Camer." This is a misprint. Cramer is J. H. Cramer, a Deacon of the Congregational Church, a farmer and one of many Chesterites who made money from the sale of mining rights.

ORIGINAL USE: Residential PRESENT USE: Residential
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes ☐ Possible ☒ No ☐ Part of District ☐
THREATS TO SITE: Roads ☐ Development ☐ Zoning ☐ Deterioration ☐
No Threat ☒ Other ☐
COMMENTS:

REFERENCES: for full citations, see survey bibliography

Greenidge, pp. 95, 102.

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PHOTO

INVENTORY # 1406- 043

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MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 46 Hillside Road

Builder's shingled and brick modified Cape Cod.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Good USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography - for full citations

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☒ Does Not Meet NR Criteria

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INVENTORY # 1406-044

NEG. FILE # 0-7

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION:

44 Hillside Road next to cemetery c. 1870

2 1/2 stories, 3-bays with gable-end to road, side-hall plan. Clapboard siding, asphalt shingle roof. Full-length ground-floor windows, 2/2 sash, double-leaf door with transom. Bracketed porch with chamfered posts and missing balustrade. Two-story wing at rear projects slightly.

CONDITION: Excellent INTEGRITY: Good USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

Representative example of planbook-type house, in unusually good state of preservation for Chester. It appears on the 1887 map without a name. It was built on property formerly belonging to Deacon J. H. Cramer.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

Greenidge, p. 96

NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY

☒ Meets NR Criteria as: ☐ Object ☐ Site ☐ Structure ☒ Part of a District

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☐ SHPO Opinion – Date _____ ☐ D.O.E. – Date _____

☐ Does Not Meet NR Criteria

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NJ. HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY

Date August October 1984

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MAP #	ADDRESS/LOCATION : PROPERTY NAME	DATE	Significance to D/S	Condition	USE	DESCRIPTION: Style, Ext. Wall Fabric, Fenestration, Form, Roof, Major Features, Alterations, Stories, etc.	NEGATIVE FILE #
	CHESTER BOROUGH						
046	7 Pleasant Hill Road	c.1960	none	G*	R*	Ranch, wooden siding, attached garage.	
	9 Pleasant Hill Road	c.1960	none	G	R	Raised ranch.	
	*G - Good *R - Residential						

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INVENTORY # 1406-045

NEG. FILE # 7-29

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: Early 20th Century

Abandoned and ruined 1-story fieldstone 2-room building with collapsed gable roof, concrete floor and modern nails.

CONDITION: Ruinous INTEGRITY: Poor USE: Abandoned

SIGNIFICANCE:

This was a milkhouse for the Cramer farm. Other auxiliary buildings have been destroyed.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

Information from Mrs. Jane Smalley, a descendant of Sylvester Grady, who once owned the farm.

NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY

☐ Meets NR Criteria as: ☐ Object ☐ Site ☐ Structure ☐ Part of a District

☐ Already Listed – Date _____ ☐ Nomination Filed – Date _____

☐ SHPO Opinion – Date _____ ☐ D.O.E. – Date _____

☒ Does Not Meet NR Criteria

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INVENTORY # 1406- 047

NEG. FILE # 28-1, 28-36

MAP

See general survey map

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ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION:

84 Hillside Road

1 1/2-story "cottage" with 2-bay facade and 2-bay gable ends. Asbestos siding, 6/6 windows (wide window frames on 1st floor, smaller 2nd floor windows with molded frames). Entry in shed appendage. Adjacent 1-story garage-like "studio" once housed lace-making equipment, a "cottage industry" resulting from the larger lace factory. Buildings sited a few feet from road at the corner of Hillside Road and Pleasant Hill Road.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Poor USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

One of several houses owned by the Ming family, this dwelling may have been part of an 18th century farmstead. (It first appears on the 1853 map.) Additional research and an interior examination are called for.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY

☐ Meets NR Criteria as: ☐ Object ☐ Site ☐ Structure ☐ Part of a District

☐ Already Listed – Date _____ ☐ Nomination Filed – Date _____

☐ SHPO Opinion – Date _____ ☐ D.O.E. – Date _____

☒ Does Not Meet NR Criteria but is significant on the local level and merits preservation.

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Date August-October 1984

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MAP #	ADDRESS/LOCATION : PROPERTY NAME	DATE	Significance to D/S	Condition	USE	DESCRIPTION: Style, Ext. Wall Fabric, Fenestration, Form, Roof, Major Features, Alterations, Stories, etc.	NEGATIVE FILE #
	CHESTER BOROUGH						
048	#88 Hillside Road	c.1970		G*	R*	Shingled Ranch	
049	90 Hillside Road	c.1970		G	R	Clapboard Builder's "Colonial Farmhouse"	
050	94 Hillside Road	c.1970		G	R	Split-level	
051	93 Hillside Road	c.1970		G	R	Frame Ranch House	
052	91 Hillside Road	c.1970		G	R	Frame Ranch House	
053	89 Hillside Road	c.1970		G	R	Frame Ranch House	
054	85 Hillside Road	c.1970		G	R	Frame Ranch House	

*G - Good
*R - Residential

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INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1406-056

HISTORIC NAME:
COMMON NAME: The Bungalow
LOCATION: 71 Hillside Road
BLOCK/LOT 2/8

MUNICIPALITY: Chester Borough
COUNTY: Morris
USGS QUAD: Chester
UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Northing/Easting
OWNER/ADDRESS: William Tredway
47 Hillside Road

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: c. 1890-1900
Source of Date: Physical evidence and postcard depiction

Architect:
Builder:

Style: Bungalow/cottage, shingle style influence
Form/Plan Type: 3-bay rectangle

Number of Stories: 2 1/2

Foundation: rubblestone

Exterior Wall Fabric: Wood shingles

Fenestration: 8/1 sash

Roof/Chimneys: Steep gable with shed dormers north and south; interior brick chimneys

Additional Architectural Description: Entry facade faces north, away from road. Integral front porch supported on grouped Doric columns. Compare house #97.

PHOTO Negative File No. 29-7A

Map (Indicate North)
See general survey map

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SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES: Pyramidal-roof, 2-car garage at rear.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban ☐ Suburban ☐ Scattered Buildings ☒
Open Space ☐ Woodland ☒ Residential ☐ Agricultural ☐ Village ☐
Industrial ☐ Downtown Commerical ☐ Highway Commercial ☐ Other ☐

SIGNIFICANCE:

This and house #55 were known as "The Bungalows." The style is otherwise unrepresented in the Borough.

ORIGINAL USE: Residential PRESENT USE: Residential
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Poor ☐
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes ☐ Possible ☐ No ☒ Part of District ☐
THREATS TO SITE: Roads ☐ Development ☐ Zoning ☐ Deterioration ☐
No Threat ☒ Other ☐

COMMENTS:

Is significant on the local level and merits preservation.

REFERENCES: for full citations, see survey bibliography

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1406-055

HISTORIC NAME:
LOCATION: 77 Hillside Road

COMMON NAME: The Bungalow
BLOCK/LOT 2/7

MUNICIPALITY: Chester Borough
USGS QUAD: Chester
OWNER/ADDRESS:

COUNTY: Morris
UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: c. 1890-1900

Source of Date: Physical evidence and postcard depiction

Architect:

Builder:

Style: Bungalow/cottage, shingle style influence

Form/Plan Type: 3-bay rectangle, centered entrance

Number of Stories: 1 1/2

Foundation:

Exterior Wall Fabric: Shingled gable ends, clapboard ground floor

Fenestration: Paired 6/1 windows

Roof/Chimneys: Steep gable sweeps down to cover front porch supported on Doric columns on fieldstone corner piers.

Additional Architectural Description:

Front of roof has large gabled dormer, a 4-window bay. Exterior chimney is rustic fieldstone, semi-"cobbled" in appearance.

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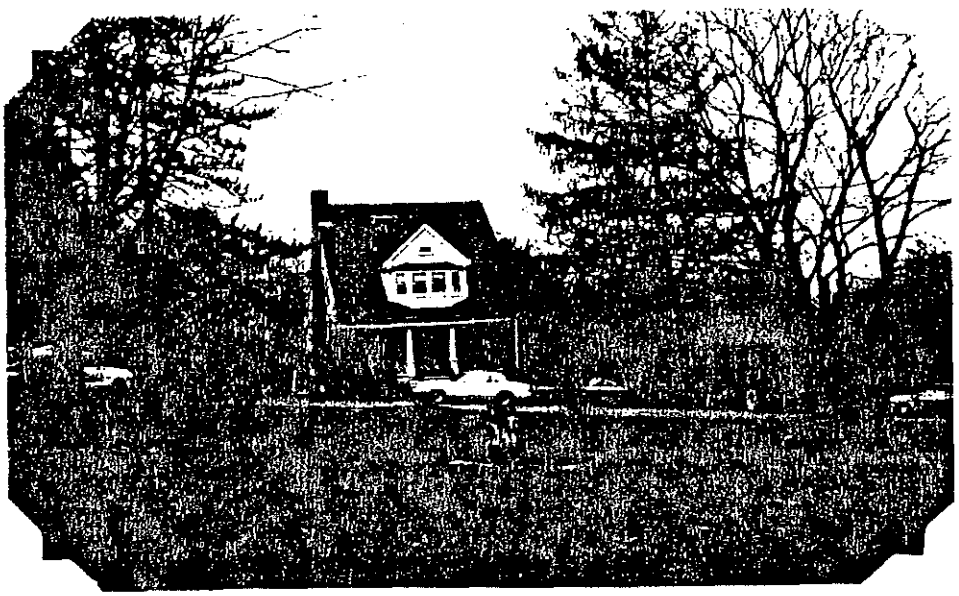

Map (Indicate North)
See general survey map

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SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES: Set well back on corner lot on top of hill.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban ☐ Suburban ☐ Scattered Buildings ☒
Open Space ☐ Woodland ☒ Residential ☐ Agricultural ☐ Village ☐
Industrial ☐ Downtown Commerical ☐ Highway Commercial ☐ Other ☐

SIGNIFICANCE: This and house #56 were known as "The Bungalows." The style is otherwise unrepresented in the Borough.

ORIGINAL USE: Residential PRESENT USE: Residential
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Poor ☐
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes ☐ Possible ☐ No ☒ Part of District ☐
THREATS TO SITE: Roads ☐ Development ☐ Zoning ☐ Deterioration ☐
No Threat ☒ Other ☐

COMMENTS:

Is significant on the local level and merits preservation.

REFERENCES: for full citations, see survey bibliography

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NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
DISTRICT/STREETSCAPE CONTINUATION SHEET

N.J. HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY

Date August-October 1984

District/Streetscape Continuation Page # _____ Inventory # 1406

MAP #	ADDRESS/LOCATION : PROPERTY NAME	DATE	Significance to D/S	Condition	USE	DESCRIPTION: Style, Ext. Wall Fabric, Fenestration, Form, Roof, Major Features, Alterations, Stories, etc.	NEGATIVE FILE #
	CHESTER BOROUGH						
57	Hillside Road	c.1960	None	G*	R*	Ranch house	
58	Hillside Road	c.1960	None	G	R	Ranch house	
59	Hillside Road	c.1960	None	G	R	Ranch house	

*G - Good
*R - Residential

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INVENTORY # 1406-060

NEG. FILE # 28-3

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 59 Hillside Road

late 19th century

2 1/2-story clapboard farmhouse; 3-bay center-hall with gable roof and 2 end chimneys, rubblestone foundattion; some 2/2 sash with new batten shutters; tripled front window. Flat-roofed entry portico on Doric columns.

CONDITION: Good

INTEGRITY: Fair/Good

USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

Little architectural merit apart from its contribution to the general picture of the Borough's physical evolution.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY

☐ Meets NR Criteria as: ☐ Object ☐ Site ☐ Structure ☐ Part of a District

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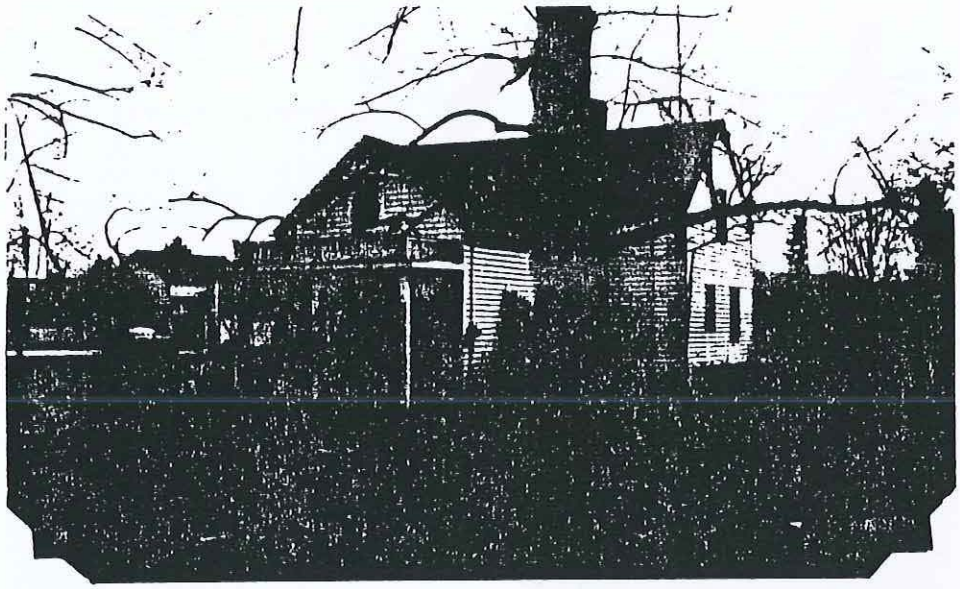

INVENTORY # 1406-001

NEG. FILE # 29 - 9A,

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION:

51 Hillside Road

1 1/2 story T-plan "cottage" with clapboard walls and gable roof with flush eaves. Front projecting gable end has entry porch with square posts and balustrade on flat roof. Windows are multipaned sash.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Good USE: Office

SIGNIFICANCE:

This was originally an outbuilding, moved to this location. It was remodeled c. 1950.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY

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☒ Does Not Meet NR Criteria

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SURVEY Chester Borough

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NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1406- 062

HISTORIC NAME: F. Jenkins House
COMMON NAME: Tredway residence
LOCATION: 47 Hillside Road
BLOCK/LOT 2/35

MUNICIPALITY: Chester Borough
COUNTY: Morris
USGS QUAD: Chester
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Northing/Easting
OWNER/ADDRESS: William Tredway
47 Hillside

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: c. 1890
Source of Date: Appearance and map sequence

Architect:
Builder:

Style: Vernacular Queen Anne
Form/Plan Type: Long narrow gable-end rectangle

Number of Stories: 2 1/2

Foundation: Rubblestone

Exterior Wall Fabric: Clapboard and shingle

Fenestration: Multipaned sash

Roof/Chimneys: Gable (with tall interior chimney) extends to cover side porch.

Additional Architectural Description: Typical Queen Anne ornament (partially Japanese-derived) includes bull's eye frieze, 1/4 sunburst, "Chippendale" porch balustrade, jigsawn ornament under porch, shingled gable. Some alterations made c. 1900 - 1910.

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Map (Indicate North)
See general survey map

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SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

Barn building at rear (now converted to 3-car garage) has shiplap siding and gable-apex gingerbread. Cast-iron lawn planters were removed from the General Cooper House.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban ☐ Suburban ☐ Scattered Buildings ☒
Open Space ☐ Woodland ☐ Residential ☐ Agricultural ☐ Village ☐
Industrial ☐ Downtown Commerical ☐ Highway Commercial ☐ Other ☐

SIGNIFICANCE: This is an uncommonly high-style house for Chester in the 1890's, although still essentially vernacular.

ORIGINAL USE: Residential PRESENT USE: Residential
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Poor ☐
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes ☐ Possible ☐ No ☒ Part of District ☐
THREATS TO SITE: Roads ☐ Development ☐ Zoning ☐ Deterioration ☐
No Threat ☒ Other ☐

COMMENTS:

Is significant on the local level and merits preservation.

REFERENCES: for full citations, see survey bibliography

1887 map

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INVENTORY # 1400-009

NEG. FILE # 3-5

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 43 (45) Hillside Road First 3rd 20th century

1 1/2-story stucco bungalow with shallow gable, projecting eaves, 2 gabled dormers with fixed 6-pane sash and an interior brick chimney. The 3-bay, centered-entry facade has pared 6/1 sash, a pedimented portico on square posts and a 12-light door with sidelights. The foundation is rockfaced cement block. Stucco may have been added.

CONDITION: Fair INTEGRITY: Good USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

This bungalow is similar to frame houses sold prefabricated or "ready-cut" by Sears Roebuck and other distributors. Its type is very uncommon in the Borough.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY

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SURVEY Chester Borough

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NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY # 1406- 064
HISTORIC DISTRICT SURVEY FORM

DISTRICT NAME: Wheeler Road
MUNICIPALITY: Chester Borough
COUNTY: Morris
TYPE OF DISTRICT: Subdivision
USGS QUAD: Chester

UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Northing/Easting
A Cross Streets: Melvi(
B Ridge, Hedges
C Between 206N and Hillsi
D

DESCRIPTION: (General description of district as a whole and boundaries)

The houses in this neighborhood were built during a period of about 30 years, probably from the 1930's through the 1960's. They are all non-descript single-family small builder's houses that fall into the following categories: ranch, raised ranch, split level, Cape Cod and Dutch Colonial They are sited on small lots on narrow tree-shaded streets without curbing a condition that imparts a less suburban and more rural feeling than found in the Borough's recent suburbs. Stucco and clapboard are the predominant surface materials. The houses are without architectural distinction.

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURES: Excellent % Good 75 % Fair 25 % Poor %
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: [ ] Yes [ ] Possible [X] No
THREATS TO DISTRICT/LOCAL ATTITUDES: None
COMMENTS:

There are approximately 45 houses in this neighborhood.

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INVENTORY # 1406-

NEG. FILE # 7-11

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 15 Hedges Lane c. 1870's

2 1/2-story 3-bay gabled-roof house clad in asbestos shingle; interior chimney, shed porch on replacement posts, 2/2 sash and rubblestone foundation. Facade (with side-hall entry) is very narrow, and kitchen wing projects at the rear.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Fair USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

This appears to be a "patch house," although physically detached from the extant concentration of such buildings.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY

☒ Meets NR Criteria as: ☐ Object ☐ Site ☐ Structure ☐ Part of a District ☒ Part of thematic nomination

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☐ Does Not Meet NR Criteria

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NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1406- 065

HISTORIC NAME: Dr. Hedges House
LOCATION: 31 Hillside Road

COMMON NAME: Hedges-Thompson
BLOCK/LOT 20/21

MUNICIPALITY: Chester Borough
USGS QUAD: Chester
OWNER/ADDRESS: - Pastorino
31 Hillside Road

COUNTY: Morris
UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: c. 1810 and earlier

Source of Date: physical evidence

Architect:

Builder:

Style: Vernacular and vernacular Federal

Form/Plan Type: Block-and-wing

Number of Stories: 2 and 2 1/2 stories

Foundation: coursed fieldstone

Exterior Wall Fabric: clapboard

Fenestration: 6/6 and 9/6 sash with blinds and shutters. Cellar windows have horizontal wooden bars.

Roof/Chimneys: Gable roofs with brick end-chimney in each wing.

Additional Architectural Description: Large block is 2 1/2 stories with 3-bay side-hall plan. Below its molded cornice is an interlaced-pattern frieze with centered diamond motif, similar to designs in 18th-century pattern books, like those of William Paine. The main entry, flanked by 4-light sidelights, has a 6-panel door beneath a tracery fanlight with keyed architrave and a dentil molding. The small wing is 2 stories with a 2-over-3-bay facade. The centered door has flanking windows and is sheltered by a flat-roofed porch on square posts with jigsawn spandrels.

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Map (Indicate North)
See general survey map

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SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES: The house faces south, looking down into the village. Behind it stand 2 19th/20th century clapboard barns in deteriorating condition.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban ☐ Suburban ☐ Scattered Buildings ☒
Open Space ☐ Woodland ☐ Residential ☐ Agricultural ☐ Village ☐
Industrial ☐ Downtown Commerical ☐ Highway Commercial ☐ Other ☐

SIGNIFICANCE:

Dr. William Woodhull Hedges, son of Dr. Joseph Hedges, bought this property sometime around 1820. The small wing certainly existed by the time of Dr. Hedges' purchase. The larger block may have been added by him, although the exterior detailing suggests a construction date several decades earlier. The recent removal of a Victorian-era porch returned the house to its early 19th-century appearance. The traditional block-and-wing appearance is made more high-style by the application of Federal ornament rare in the Borough.

ORIGINAL USE: Residential PRESENT USE: Residential
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☒ Poor ☐
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes ☒ Possible ☐ No ☐ Part of District ☐
THREATS TO SITE: Roads ☐ Development ☐ Zoning ☐ Deterioration ☒
No Threat ☐ Other ☐
COMMENTS:

REFERENCES: for full citations, see survey bibliography

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1406-068

HISTORIC NAME: Chester Congregational Church
LOCATION: 30 Hillside Road

COMMON NAME:
BLOCK/LOT 4/9

MUNICIPALITY: Chester Borough
USGS QUAD: Chester
OWNER/ADDRESS:

COUNTY: Morris
UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date:

Source of Date:

Architect:

Builder:

Style:

Form/Plan Type:

Number of Stories:

Foundation:

Exterior Wall Fabric:

Fenestration:

Roof/Chimneys:

Additional Architectural Description:

For a complete description of this building, see the individual National Register nomination.

File No. 3-32,34,35

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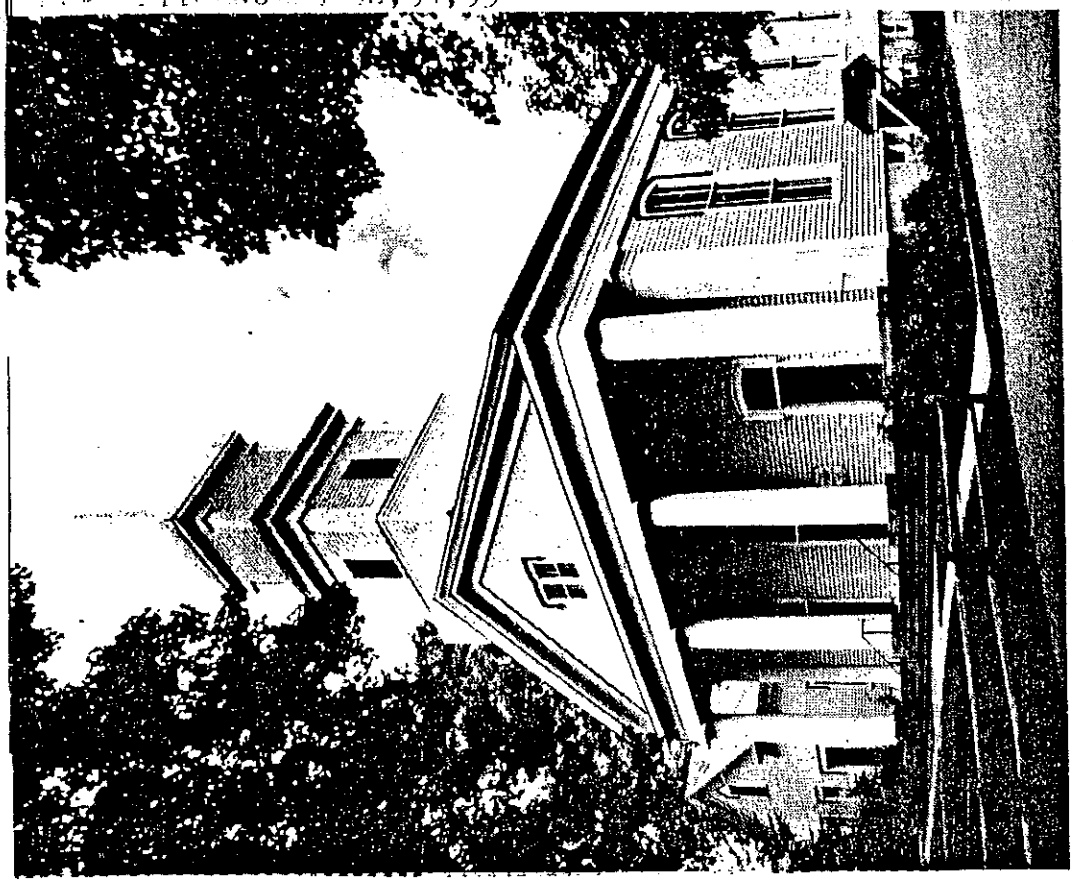

The First Congregational Church, built in 1856, has been honored for its "historical, architectural, religious and artistic significance."

Chester Church Listed In Historical Registry

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
DISTRICT/STREETSCAPE CONTINUATION SHEET

District/Streetscape Continuation Page # _____ Inventory # 1406

MAP #	ADDRESS/LOCATION : PROPERTY NAME	DATE	Significance to D/S	Condition	USE	DESCRIPTION: Style, Ext. Wall Fabric, Fenestration, Form, Roof, Major Features, Alterations, Stories, etc.	NEGATIVE FILE #
	CHESTER BOROUGH						
066	18 Hillside Road	ca.1960	none	G*	R*	Brick veneer ranch house	
067	25 Hillside Road	ca.1960	None	G	R	Shingle and stone veneer hip roofed ranch house	

*G - Good
*R - Residential

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For: Chester Historical Society

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NAME

HISTORIC
First Congregational Church

AND/OR COMMON

1 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Hillside Road — NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN
Chester Borough — VICINITY OF — CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE: New Jersey — CODE: 034 — COUNTY: Morris County — CODE: 027

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	__PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	__ENTERTAINMENT	X RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	__YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	X YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		__NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
First Congregational Church of Chester

STREET & NUMBER
Hillside Road

CITY, TOWN
Chester — VICINITY OF — STATE: New Jersey

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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Hall of Records

STREET & NUMBER
Court Street

CITY, TOWN
Morristown — STATE: New Jersey

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
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DATE
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DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
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X GOOD	__RUINS	X ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The First Congregational Church of Chester, New Jersey is a Greek Revival Temple form church built in 1856. This rectangular church has a full portico with pediment supported by four fluted Doric columns on the front facade.

There are two small windows, side by side, in the center of the pediment.

The entablature beneath the pediment is undecorated.

The church has a front three tier tower with a short modern spire. The tower projects from the main form of the church.

The front facade of the church, beneath the portico, has three bays -- a double entrance door topped by double shuttered windows flanked by a single door on each side. Above the center doorway entrance is a stone inscription dating the structure.

The church has pilasters at its corners and the long linear facade has four bays -- the five feet wide windows of this facade are triple-hung sash form with three panes in each section. The appertures all have segmental arched label moldings.

Originally a frame and clapboard structure, most of the church is currently covered with aluminum siding, but because of the bold character of the Greek Revival style as interpreted in this edifice, the siding does not seriously jeopardize the buildings' exterior integrity.

The overall dimensions of the Congregational Church are approximately 61 feet by 50 feet with an 8'5" projecting full portico.

The rear facade has four evenly spaced pilasters and a pedimented roof. The rear is disrupted by an exterior modern brick chimney to the heating system.

The cellar was dug out in 1949 to provide additional meeting space for the church. The foundation of the church which is concrete scored to resemble stone blocks probably dates from this period.

The interior has had only minor alterations to the original. The interior floor plan is a modified basilica with three aisles and four rows of pews, all of different width. The apse has been incorporated into the nave. The atrium is short and serves as an entry vestibule, flanked on one side by a storage closet and the other by a stairway to the balcony.

The interior walls and ceiling of the church are plastered and painted with classical interior columns, pilasters, architraves, and ceiling decor. All painting is in the tromp l'oeil manner and dates most likely from the period of 1857-70.

Each corner of the church is accentuated by a painting of a corinthian pilaster which extends from the floor to the ceiling. The ceiling also has a painted border decor and the center of the ceiling is highlighted with a painted medallion from which is hung a 19th century chandelier, original to the church.

The most imposing aspect of the church interior, however, is the tromp l'oeil behind the altar. This illusionary painting, with 12 columns representing the 12 apostles, not only appears to extend the length of the church, but also provides a classical background from which the minister beckons his congregation. According to Mrs. Leon J. Beiser, Congregational Church Historian, in the fall of 1935, an artisan from New York removed seven layers of paint and wallpaper restoring the church to its original decor.

On a platform to the right of the pulpit is a magnificant pipe organ, built in 1873 and installed at that time. This organ has a chestnut base with black walnut trimmings and decorated front pipes which are in three simple flats, arranged 7-7-7, of which 17 are open Diapason Bass pipes. The upper part of the sides of the case show the Bourdon pipes. The front console is covered by two large sliding doors; the flat, round-shanked knobs are lettered in Italics and script. The mechanical and pedal knobs are of a light colored wood; the foot rest folds down; the wooden swell pedal operates a very effective set of vertical shades; the diamond-shaped red-stained ivory nameplate is above the elaborate, fretworked music desk. The organ is in good condition, having been renovated by the Odell firm a few years ago.

Over the entrance chamber is a small gallery with a slanted floor. Aiding the support of this balcony are two cast-iron columns with corinthian capitals. Original to the church, these two columns are the only iron elements in evidence in the structure. While generally the balcony was provided for the least affluent persons in the congregation the view from the gallery is most imposing.

The Chapel, situated alongside the church, was built in 1878 and is a 1½ story clapboard structure which is the same length as the church, but substantially narrower. The front facade has three bays and a side double door entrance. The first floor windows are all 2/2 sash with label modlings. The shuttered window in the attic on the gable end has a Tudor label molding. The roof of the Chapel is gable and has a return. The foundation is stone.

The Chapel has a side entrance hall at its front while a storage room is situated alongside. The hall opens into a large multi-purpose room which covers nearly two-thirds of the building. There is a small service room in the rear.

The rooms all have narrow batten board wainscoating.

Behind the Chapel is a long narrow carriage barn, circa 1910, probably provided for parishioners to use during inclement weather.

The Chester Cemetery Association is adjacent to the church property.

A map is attached.

Religion

The first Christian Endeavor Society in New Jersey was formed in the First Congregational Church Chapel in Chester, New Jersey in 1882 by Reverend F. A. Johnson.

Begun by Francis E. Clark in Portland, Maine in 1881, the Society, a youth organization which strives to unite its members for greater Christian growth and service, spread rapidly to other parts of the nation and soon to the rest of the world.

Narrative Statement

The First Congregational Church of Chester, New Jersey was organized in 1740 and its first house of worship was erected in 1747.

The second religious edifice was built in 1803, but some fifty years later lay in a state of disrepair.

In 1856 the Congregation resolved to raise $5,000 for the erection of a new House of Worship.

Trustees of the Church: Jacob H. Crammer, Charles Ming, Charles J. Skellenger, Stephen Budd, Elias Wortman, James Vandervier, William C. Leek, Daniel Budd, Samuel C. Leek, and Levic Hervey -- were appointed to the building committee which was responsible for erecting the present church.

In less than a month plans and drawings for the edifice were prepared and presented to the Congregation Trustees. So that the cost for the church would remain below the approved $5,000 the building was scaled down to its present size.

A little over a year later the Church was completed to the "general satisfaction of the Parish". (Trustees Records)

Two gifts of note were presented to the congregation at the time of completion -- a chandelier from the 1st Congregational Church of Newark and the communion table from the Ladies of Morristown. Both gifts still adorn the church.

In 1878 the Chapel was erected at a cost of $218.

SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	COMMUNITY PLANNING	LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	X RELIGION
1400-1499	ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	CONSERVATION	LAW	SCIENCE
1500-1599	AGRICULTURE	ECONOMICS	LITERATURE	SCULPTURE
1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	EDUCATION	MILITARY	SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1700-1799	X ART	ENGINEERING	MUSIC	THEATER
X 1800-1899	COMMERCE	EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	PHILOSOPHY	TRANSPORTATION
1900-	COMMUNICATIONS	INDUSTRY	POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	OTHER (SPECIFY)
		INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1856-7, 1873, 1878 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Architecture

A simple Greek Revival temple form church having a full portico with pediment and four Greek Doric columns, the Congregational Church is one of two Greek Revival churches in Chester; the other having a recessed double Ionic columned porch. The First Congregational Church is characteristic of the type of religious structures built in many of the villages and towns throughout the state and the nation during the mid-19th century. Apparently not built by an architect, the church still evidences highly polished building techniques as practiced by local artisans.

Art

The painted interior decoration, completed between 1857-70 in the tromp l'oeil manner, is unequalled in the county and one of the few churches in New Jersey decorated in this manner with its original interior intact.

Done by an itinerant painter in the custom of mid-19th century interior church decor, the Chester Congregational Church is an exceptional example of American wall painting and reflects the contemporary status of this religious edifice.

The Chandelier, which was presented to the church in 1857 by its sister church in Newark, still hangs in the center of the ceiling and clearly enhances the painted ceiling decor.

Music

Built in 1873 for the Congregational Church in Chester by the J. H. & C. S. Odell firm, this Opius 128 organ, to the right of the pulpit, has a chestnut base with black walnut trimmings and decorated front pipes. This third quarter 19th century organ is one with excellent voicing and chorus and is unsurpassed in the county and, perhaps, in the state.

PHOTO

INVENTORY # 1406-069

NEG. FILE # 3-16

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION:
207 (221)Main Street

c. 1940

Dutch Colonial Style Builder's House

2-1/2 story 3-bay central hall plan.

Gambrel roof, slate shingles. Clapboarded shed dormers. End chimneys.

Brick first floor.

6/1 sash windows, paired on first floor facade.

1-story wings to each side of house.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Good USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

Does not contribute to the ambience of Main Street.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1406-070

HISTORIC NAME: Vanderveer House
COMMON NAME:
LOCATION: 217 (225) Main Street
BLOCK/LOT 4/41

MUNICIPALITY: Chester Borough
COUNTY: Morris
USGS QUAD: Chester
UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Northing/Easting
OWNER/ADDRESS: Terry Cook
225 Main Street

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: c. 1860

Source of Date: Appearance and map sequence

Architect:

Builder:

Style: Vernacular with Carpenter Gothic trim

Form/Plan Type: 5-bay center hall plan. Center bay set off by wider spacing between it and end bays.

Number of Stories: 2 1/2

Foundation: Stone

Exterior Wall Fabric: Clapboard

Fenestration: 4/4 sash windows with pedimented dentate window heads, original blinds

Roof/Chimneys: Gable roof, slate shingles, 2 end chimneys. Dentil cornice, paired brackets, gable end returns.

Additional Architectural Description:

Traditional double-pile house form with Carpenter Gothic ornament applied to windows and front porch.

Center front door flanked by sidelights.

Flat-roof portico with jigsawn brackets, bracketed cornice.

PHOTO Negative File No. 3-15

Map (Indicate North)
See general survey map

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NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1406-071

HISTORIC NAME: Chester Public School
COMMON NAME: Williamson School
LOCATION: 245 Main Street
BLOCK/LOT 4/40

MUNICIPALITY: Chester Borough
COUNTY: Morris
USGS QUAD: Chester
UTM REFERENCES:
OWNER/ADDRESS: Chester Area Senior Housing
Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: 1924
Source of Date: Cornerstone

Architect:
Builder:

Style: Institutional Classical Revival
Form/Plan Type: Rectangular, with facade arranged into three major divisions

Number of Stories: 2

Foundation: Not visible

Exterior Wall Fabric: Yellow brick laid in Flemish bond with limestone sills, stringcourses, and water table.

Fenestration: Bank of multi-paned sash windows

Roof/Chimneys: Flat or low-pitch roof hidden behind brick parapet

Additional Architectural Description: Central pedimented entry flanked by round-arched windows. Wooden cornice below parapet, with "CPS" centered over main entry. Rear 1-story red brick, flat-roofed classroom wing, ca. 1960.

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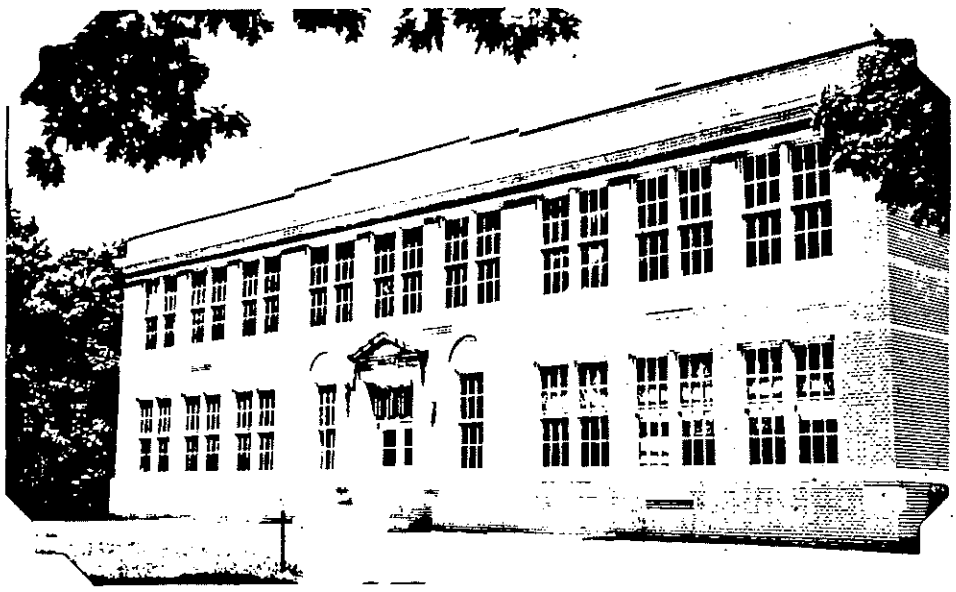

Map (Indicate North)
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SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

Facing Main Street, Route 24, the school has a semi-circular front drive and well landscaped front yard. The school property is quite deep, with extensive playing fields behind.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban ☐ Suburban ☐ Scattered Buildings ☐
Open Space ☐ Woodland ☐ Residential ☐ Agricultural ☐ Village ☒
Industrial ☐ Downtown Commerical ☐ Highway Commercial ☐ Other ☐

SIGNIFICANCE:

Representative of public chools of the early 20th century, this modern interpretation of neoclassicism is architecturally unremarkable. Although later in date than most buildings in the proposed district, it should not be considered an intrusion.

ORIGINAL USE: School PRESENT USE: See below
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Poor ☐
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes ☐ Possible ☐ No ☐ Part of District ☒
THREATS TO SITE: Roads ☐ Development ☐ Zoning ☐ Deterioration ☐
No Threat ☐ Other ☐

COMMENTS:

The school is about to be converted to offices and a senior citizen center.

REFERENCES: for full citations, see survey bibliography

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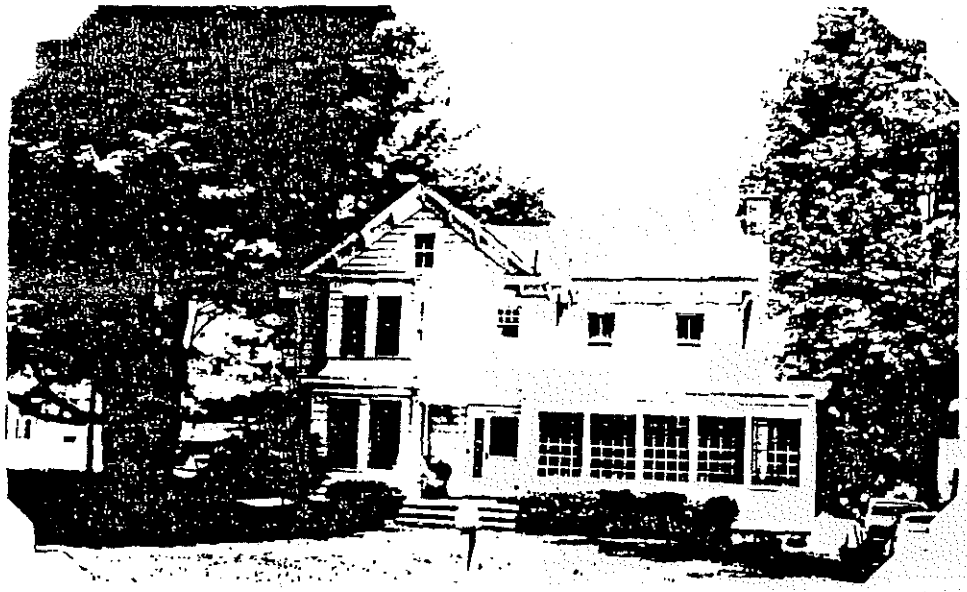

INVENTORY # 1406- 072

NEG. FILE # 3-6

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 259 Main Street

Mid-19th century

Much-altered Vernacular Italianate house.
2 1/2 story, "L" plan.
Gable roof, patterned slate shingles, end chimney, bracketed cornice, gable end returns
Aluminum siding, much loss of historic detailing.
3-bay facade, 2/2 sash windows.
Front porch enclosed, main doorway altered, new brick steps added.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Fair USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE: This house is categorized as District Eligible only on the basis of potential restoration, which would make it a contributing part of a possible Main Street district.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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INVENTORY # 1406-073

NEG. FILE # 3-5

MAP

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ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 263 (?) Main Street

Mid-19th century

Vernacular house.
Extremely simple - no stylistic detailing.
"L" plan, 2 story.
Gable roof, asphalt shingles, interior chimney
2-bay facade and 2-bay sides
4/4 and 1/1 sash windows.
Front door in corner of "L", sidelights.

CONDITION: Good

INTEGRITY: Good

USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

An unremarkable but contributing part of a potential Main Street district.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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INVENTORY # 1406- 074

NEG. FILE # 3-2

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 267 (275) Main Street c. 1860

Vernacular Italianate style house.
2 1/2 story, "L" plan, 3-bay gable end facade, side hall plan.
Gable roof, patterned slate shingles, end chimney.
Bracketed cornice and gable end returns.
Rubblestone foundation, clapboard siding.
2/2 sash windows with original blinds. Pedimented window heads with jigsawn decoration.
Facade porch on chamfered posts. Trefoil cut-outs in spandrels. Double front doors.
Well set back from road in yard with mature trees and "Victorian" shrubbery.

CONDITION: Fair INTEGRITY: Excellent USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

The best stylistically and best preserved of three similar houses in a row along Main Street. It makes an important contribution to the streetscape.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

1868 map

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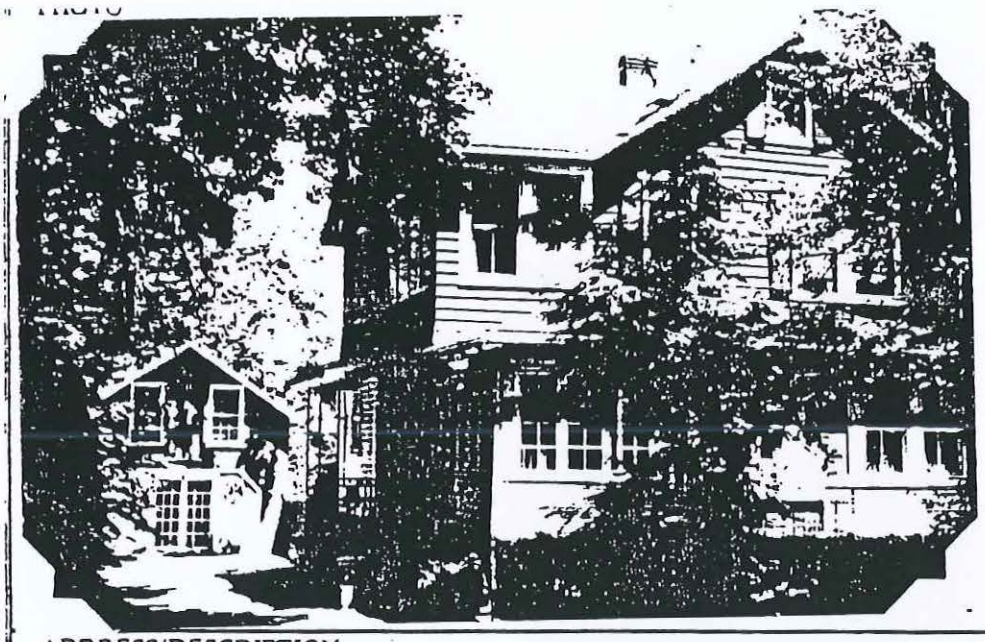

INVENTORY # 1406- 075

NEG. FILE #. 3-1

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 285 Main Street

2 1/2-story much-altered vernacular house with asphalt shingled gable, wood shingled walls and 2/2 sash. Originally an L-plan, it is now filled-in to form a 3-bay house with side gables. An enclosed porch covers the entire ground-floor facade.

CONDITION: Excellent INTEGRITY: Fair USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

Loss of architectural integrity makes this house "non-contributing" in its present form. It appears not to exist by the time of the 1868 map. It can still be restored and would then be "contributing."

Built by Cecil Hoffman, 1920's.*

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

*Oral history interview with Mabel Rockefeller Hoffman (Mrs. Cecil Hoffman), 1983.

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INVENTORY # 1406- 076

NEG. FILE # 2-34

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION:

287 (293) Main Street — Mid-19th century

This is a traditional 5-bay, center-hall, 2 1/2 story house dressed in vernacular Italianate ornament. The slate gable has 2 interior end-chimneys and deep eaves over a bracketed cornice. Walls are clapboard and windows are 2/2 sash with molded and bracketed heads and blinds. A double-leaf paneled front door is shielded by a porch with a restrained jigsawn frieze, trefoil brackets and chamfered posts. Mature trees and extensive shrubbery protect the house from the road.

CONDITION: Excellent INTEGRITY: Excellent USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

A traditional house type made fashionable with up-to-date ornament, this house is a significant part of the streetscape. It appears on the 1868 map. This was the Congregational Church parsonage through the mid-1940's.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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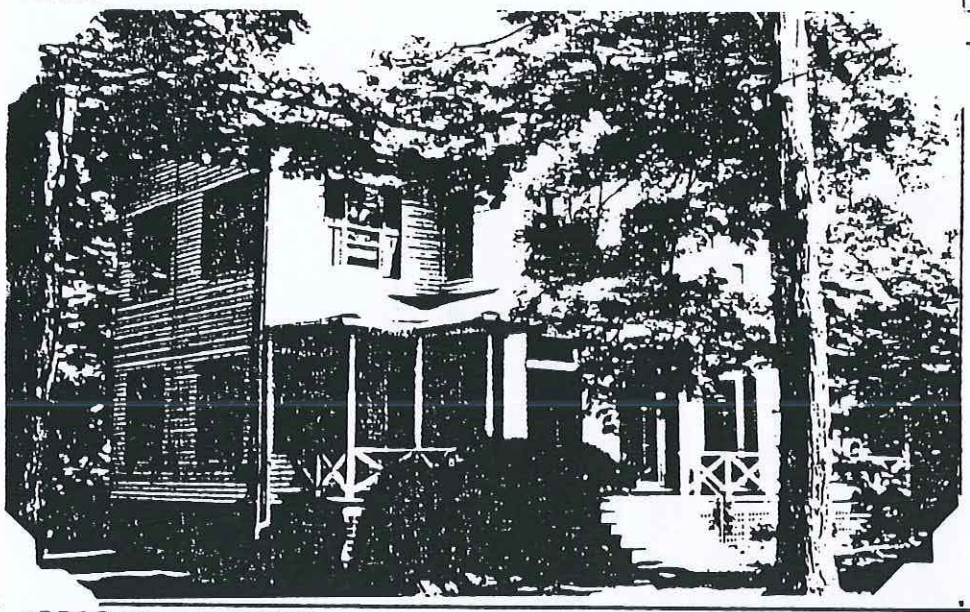

INVENTORY = 1406-077

NEG. FILE = 2-32

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION:

305 Main Street — Mid-19th century

T-plan 2 1/2-story vernacular house with some generalized eclectic "Revival" detailing. The steep slated gable imparts a vaguely Gothic impression. Clapboard over fieldstone foundation, double doors, 2/2 sash, full-length ground-floor windows, facade and side porch with replacement balustrade.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Fair/Good USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

Together with its immediate neighbors, this house forms an unusually cohesive part of West Main Street. It was built by "Lawyer" Smith, son-in-law of Gen. Nathan A. Cooper.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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INVENTORY = 1406-078

NEG. FILE = 14 - 2

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 333 Main Street

2-story block-and-wing house with gabled roofs and modern shingle siding probably obscuring some original detailing. Large section has a 3-bay side-hall facade with transom-and-sidelight entry and flat-roofed portico on piers. The small wing is 2 bays. Both sections have 6/6 sash. A frame outbuilding at the rear and a garage/store to the east are of no architectural significance.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Fair USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

The form of this house suggests that it could have predated the construction of the turnpike in 1810 (possibly reached by a farm lane from "Old Road"). Interior examination might reveal more clues t its age. On the 1887 map, this is noted as "Jacob O. Drake."

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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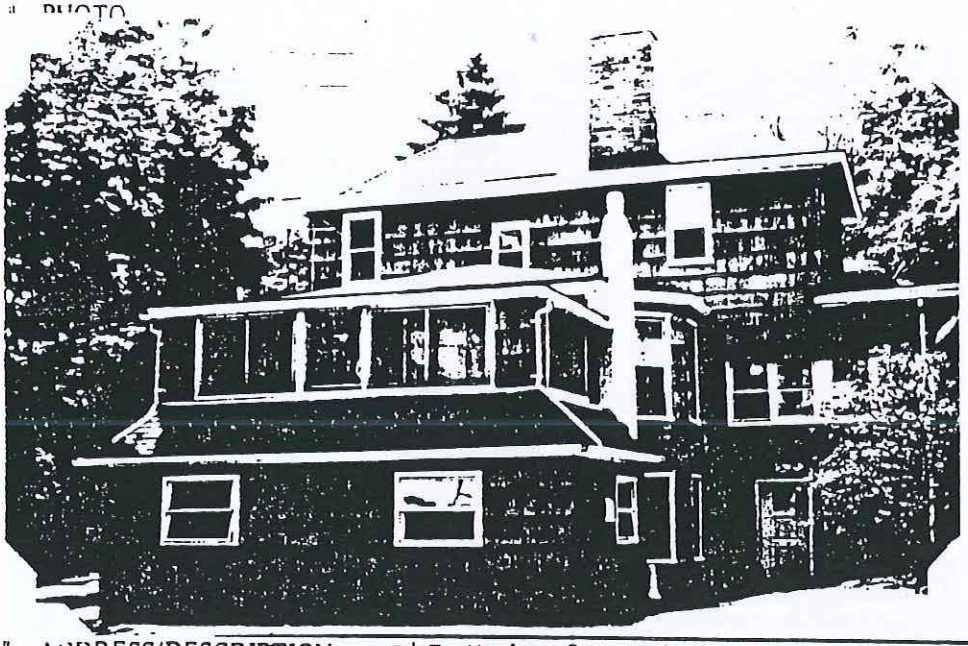

INVENTORY = 1406-079

NEG. FILE = 2 - 28

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 347 Main Street

d. 1910-1930

2-story, 3-bay hip-roofed house covered with "rustick" shingle. Porch enclosed across facade. Alterations make original style difficult to assess. Eyebrow dormer and general lines suggest some sort of Period Revival/Craftsman influence.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Poor USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

Loss of architectural integrity and incompatible style make this a non-contributing part of the potential Main Street district.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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INVENTORY = 1406-080
NEG. FILE = 2 - 22
MAP
See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 375 (?) Main Street c. 1860

2 1/2-story aluminum-sided house with gable-end to road. Flat-roofed wing fills in original L-plan. Deep gable-end returns and scroll-bracketed entry with sidelights are virtually the only surviving detailing, since even the bracketed cornice is aluminum sided. The style appears to have been vernacular Italianate. Used as Religious Education Center by St. Lawrence Church.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Poor USE: Office

SIGNIFICANCE:

Although badly treated, enough of this house remains to suggest that restoration is feasible.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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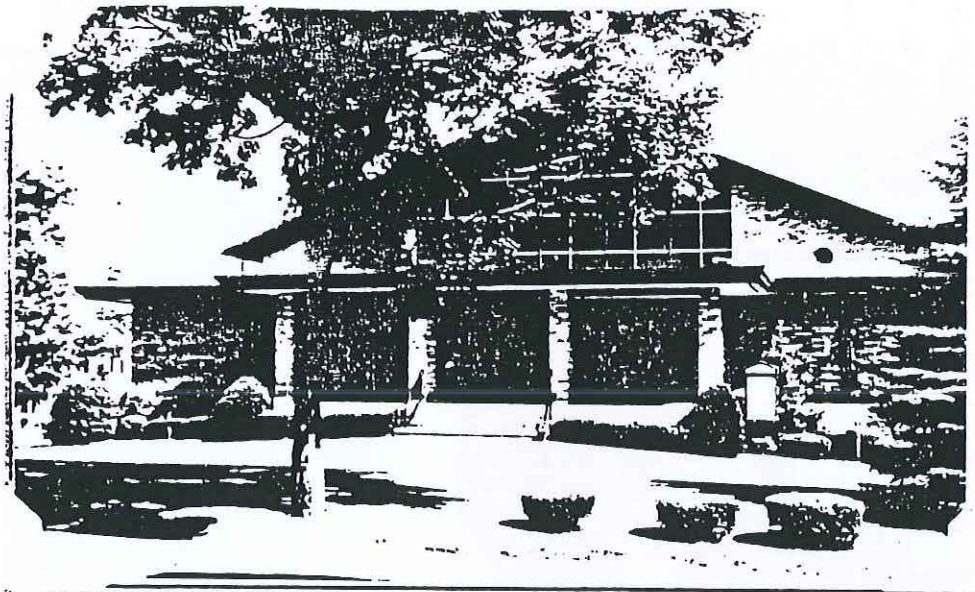

INVENTORY # 1406-081

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ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION:

Main Street 1964

St. Lawrence Roman Catholic Church

Cruciform, buff brick, 1 story, with gable roof and narrow stained glass windows. Surrounded by parking lot. Rectory is brick "Builder's Georgian Revival," c. 1970's. At the rear of the property is a ca. 1960 storage "barn" built of telephone poles and corrugated iron.

CONDITION: Excellent INTEGRITY: Excellent USE: Religious

SIGNIFICANCE:

The church bears no relationship to the architectural traditions of Main Street.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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PHOTO

INVENTORY # 1406-082

NEG. FILE # 2-17

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 407 Main Street

Vernacular single-pile house. Originally treated with Greek Revival details, later Italianate-style alterations.

2-1/2 story, gable roof, replacement end-chimney; bracketed cornice. Flush boarded facade aluminum siding over original clapboard on sides and rear. 5-bay center hall. 6/6 sash windows, blinds. Transom and sidelights flank octagonal-paneled front door. Hipped porch over center 3 bays, pier supports.

Rear wing at right angles to main house may be 18th century cottage. Deep gable, 2 story altered siding and windows and surrounding additions make an accurate attribution difficu

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Good USE: Commercial

SIGNIFICANCE:

House appears on the 1868 map as the property of "C. Cole." According to the 1887 map, it was then one of several properties in the area owned by W. Osborn. Like similar single-pile houses on Main Street, this example dates from the first half of the 19th century, but a more precise date cannot be ascertained. This is a representative part of the Borough's stock of vernacular Greek Revival buildings.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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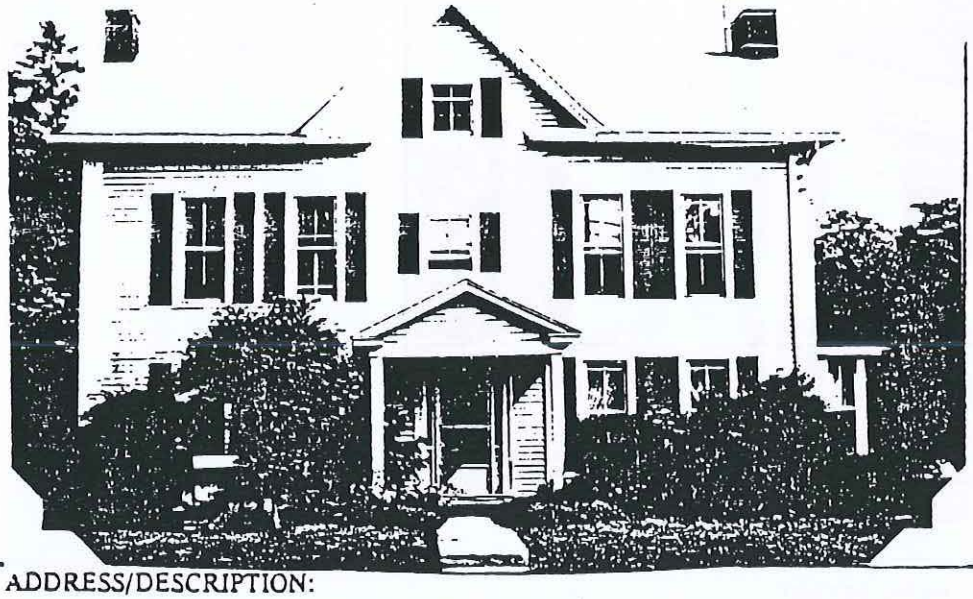

INVENTORY # 1406- 083

NEG. FILE # 2-16

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION:

423 Main Street

Victorian farmhouse.

2-1/2 story, 5-bay center hall plan. Gable roof, replacement end chimneys, centered cross-gable. Deep gable-end returns and wide eaves. Stone foundation. Vinyl siding, fake blinds. 2/2 sash windows. Center pedimented portico over entry on chamfered posts. Enclosed porch on rear. Stone well-house in front of main house.

CONDITION: Fair-Good INTEGRITY: Fair USE: Commercial

SIGNIFICANCE:

Remodelling has obliterated detailing which would have been a clue to the building's age and style. Restoration is still feasible, and the building could make a contribution to the streetscape.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1406-084

HISTORIC NAME:
LOCATION: 427 (437) Main Street

COMMON NAME: Osborne House
BLOCK/LOT 4/28

MUNICIPALITY: Chester Borough
USGS QUAD: Chester
OWNER/ADDRESS:

COUNTY: Morris
UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: ca. 1800-1830

Source of Date: physical evidence and deed reference

Architect:

Builder:

Style: Vernacular Greek Revival

Form/Plan Type: single-pile, 5-bay center-hall and wing

Number of Stories: 2 1/2

Foundation: rubblestone

Exterior Wall Fabric: Clapboard with flush-boarded gable ends

Fenestration: 6/6 sash with blinds or paneled shutters

Roof/Chimneys: Asphalt gable with pedimented gable ends and interior end chimneys

Additional Architectural Description: Attached longitudinally at the west is a 2-story, 2-bay wing with separate entrance and without decorative elaboration. The main wing has quasi-friezes and a doorway enframement with 2 sizes of paneled pilasters, multi-light transom and sidelights and the original vertical-panel door (a rare survivor among Chester's Greek Revival houses). The pedimented portico over the entry appears to be altered. A shed addition runs along the rear of this wing and a porch fronts the small wing.

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Map (Indicate North)
See general survey map

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION, 109 WEST STATE STREET, TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08625 (609) 292 - 2023

SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES: Moderate setback with appropriate but overgrown landscaping. Gravel parking lot to the east includes 2 small shed-like buildings of no architectural significance, used as antiques shops.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban ☐ Suburban ☐ Scattered Buildings ☐
Open Space ☐ Woodland ☐ Residential ☐ Agricultural ☐ Village ☒
Industrial ☐ Downtown Commerical ☐ Highway Commercial ☐ Other ☐

SIGNIFICANCE: Like all of Chester's vernacular Greek Revival residential architecture, this house retains a very traditional form, with roof ridge parallel to the road instead of a road-facing gable end. Since the incidence and chronology of Greek Revival architecture in New Jersey continues to be a subject of scholarly interest and dispute, this and the other Chester examples constitute a valuable cultural resource, both from a visual and scholarly standpoint. This particular house also makes an important contribution to understanding the evolution of Chester's farming/turnpike/village evolution. It is a good example of the interaction of architecture and siting in a historic environment. The first deed reference that mentions a house on this lot is dated 1837, conveying the property to Daniel Horton.

ORIGINAL USE: Residential PRESENT USE: Vacant
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☒ Poor ☐
* REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes ☐ Possible ☐ No ☐ Part of District ☒
THREATS TO SITE: Roads ☒ Development ☒ Zoning ☐ Deterioration ☒
No Threat ☐ Other ☐

COMMENTS:

* Also eligible as part of a thematic nomination.

According to the former owners, this was once a 3-bay side-hall house that stood on the lot to the east of the present location.

REFERENCES: for full citations, see survey bibliography

Interview, Carmen Smith, Mrs. Morton, 8/24/84.

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ORGANIZATION: CHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PHOTO

INVENTORY # 1406- 085

NEG. FILE # 2-11

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 461-483 Main Street c. 1960's

Olivers

Long low gable roof, brick restaurant and shops and offices. Multi-pane windows, panel shutters, "colonial" detailing on a contemporary commercial building.

Large asphalt parking lot in front of building sets it apart from other, older buildings on Main Street closer to the road.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: N/A USE: Commercial

SIGNIFICANCE:

An inconspicuous enough commercial structure, combining suburban scale detailing. No architectural or historic significance.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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PHOTO

INVENTORY # 1406-086

NEG. FILE # 11-25A

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 495 Main Street

Chester Car Care/Getty Gas

1-1/2 story brick gas station with wood shingle roof, cupola - "colonial" in its stylistic references.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: N/A USE: Commercial

SIGNIFICANCE:

Modern building located at "The Crossroads" - the intersection of two old roads, and the eastern "gateway" to Chester village. The 1887 Atlas of Morris County shows this corner occupied by T. C. Freebour's Blacksmith Shop.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

Morris County Atlas 1887.

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INVENTORY # 1406- 07
NEG. FILE # 13-22A
MAP
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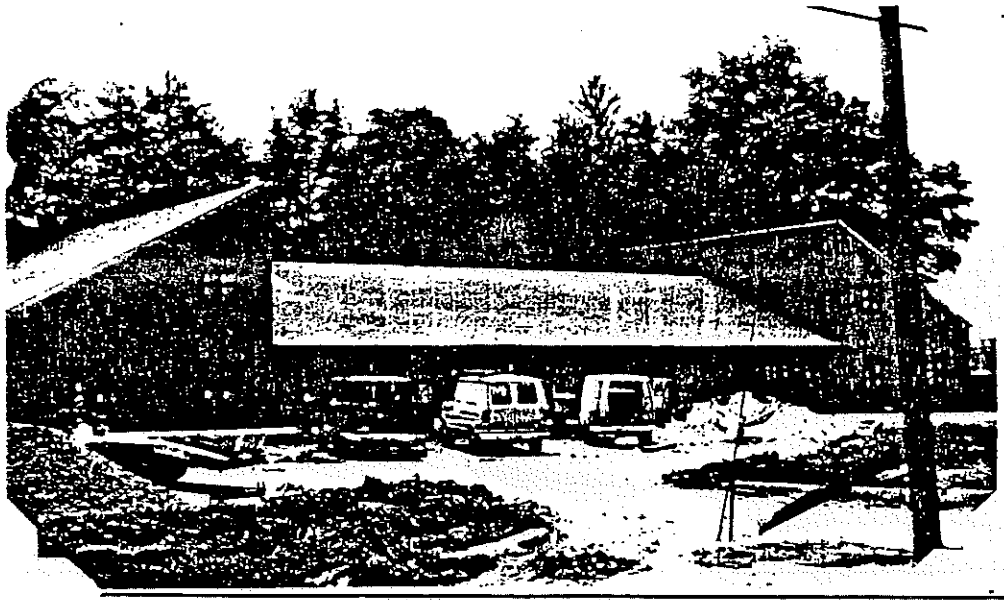

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION:
515 Main Street (Route 24 and North Road) c. 1980

Commercial block in 3 sections - low bridge-wing between 2 flanking wings with exaggerated shed roofs. Vertical siding and stone veneer. Occupies prominent corner at east entry to the Borough. Displays a remarkable insensitivity to the local vernacular building tradition and to architectural values in general.

CONDITION: Excellent INTEGRITY: Good USE: Commercial

SIGNIFICANCE:

The building is on the site of the Union Hotel (later known as The Crossroads Inn). It was built before 1800.

It appears on the 1853 Map of Morris County, with the note that Thomas B. Stout owned it, and R. W. Nunn was the innkeeper. The hotel continued to operate through the 19th and 20th centuries till it burned down in 1962.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations
Greenidge, p. 44 and facing p. 44, p. 68-69, p. 155.

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PHOTO

INVENTORY # 1406-088

NEG. FILE # 31-23, 28-26

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 535 Main Street, 545 Main Street c. 1930-1940

2 1/2-story frame Builder's Dutch Colonial with gambrel roof, clapboard siding, pent roof and center entry. Remodeled to serve as Real Estate office c. 1970. Set back from road in open lawn.

1 1/2-story fieldstone barn at rear with shiplap facade, new roof and fenestration, was the calf barn. Carriage house, rebuilt as a large open garage with 5-room apartment above. Additional stone foundations to north were the dairy barn.

Long, low 1-story frame milkhouse converted to residence. Little integrity - added skylights; gable roof, wooden siding. Behind the residence are two corn cribs remodeled into barns.

CONDITION: Excellent INTEGRITY: Good USE: Commercial

SIGNIFICANCE:

This the remains of Seward "Welcome Home Farm." See #089.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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MAP #	ADDRESS/LOCATION : PROPERTY NAME	DATE	Significance to D/S	Condition	USE	DESCRIPTION: Style, Ext. Wall Fabric, Fenestration, Form, Roof, Major Features, Alterations, Stories, etc.	NEGATIVE FILE #
	CHESTER BOROUGH						
90	Fox Chase Raquet Club Rt. 24 - 581 Main Street Bk. 6/4		none	G*	C*	1-story, concrete building, long and low, with corrugated metal gable roof. New exterior brick chimney on side. Shed-roofed addition. Trees screen this building from the Seward House (see #89) in front of it.	
91	Bell Labs "Field Laboratory"	1930+	none	G	C	The 210-acre farm covers the eastern corner of Chester Borough and extends into Chester Township. The "farm" was acquired in pieces beginning in 1928. Bell Labs set up an outdoor laboratory and test facility to monitor the weathering and stability of telephone poles and other equipment. The open space provided by the research facility has been an invaluable buffer against development and important to preserving Chester's rural setting. The only structure in the Borough portion of the facility is known as the "C.S. Fantastic," a practice cable-laying "ship."	

*G - Good
*C - Commercial

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
DISTRICT/STREETSCAPE CONTINUATION SHEET

N.J. HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY

Date August October 1984

District/Streetscape Continuation Page # _____ Inventory # 1406

MAP #	ADDRESS/LOCATION : PROPERTY NAME	DATE	Significance to D/S	Condition	USE	DESCRIPTION: Style, Ext. Wall Fabric, Fenestration, Form, Roof, Major Features, Alterations, Stories, etc.	NEGATIVE FILE #
	CHESTER BOROUGH						
101	384 Main Street	c.1960s	none	G*	R*	Brick and clapboard ranch house with integral garage. House barely visible from street due to heavy landscaping on lot.	
102	370 Main Street Prospect Lodge #24 Free and Accepted Masons	1953	none	G		1-1/2 stories, stucco, gable-end facade building. Projecting gabled entry with 2 Doric columns in antis and pilastered doorway. Flush eaves, concrete steps, prominent exterior brick chimney. 1 bay facade, 5 bay (blind windows) length. Until this lodge hall was built, the Chester Masons met above the store at 123 Main Street (see #202). The lodge was founded in 1874.	
103	Main Street	c.1950	none	G	R	"L" plan clapboard ranch house.	

*G - Good
*R - Residential

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1406-089

HISTORIC NAME: Seward-Overton-Seward House
COMMON NAME: "Welcome Home Farm"
LOCATION: #539 (555) East Main Street (Route 24)
BLOCK/LOT 6/3
MUNICIPALITY: Chester Borough
COUNTY: Morris
USGS QUAD: Chester
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Northing/Easting
OWNER/ADDRESS:

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: 1740's, later alterations about 1836.
Source of Date: Documentation
Architect:
Builder:
Style: Vernacular Greek Revival
Form/Plan Type: 5-bay center hall, double pile; rear leanto wing
Number of Stories: 2 1/2
Foundation: Rubblestone
Exterior Wall Fabric: Clapboard, with facade and gable ends covered with flush boards
Fenestration: 2/2, 6/6 and 9/6 sash with blinds
Roof/Chimneys: Gable with pedimented gable ends and 2 interior chimneys
Additional Architectural Description: Prominent dentate cornice. Flat-roofed portico on wooden posts. Entry has sidelights and transom with 2 large and 2 small pilasters (in arrangement typical of Greek Revival houses in the Borough) and original single-panel door. The two ground-floor windows to the left of the door have been replaced with a modern bay "picture" window.

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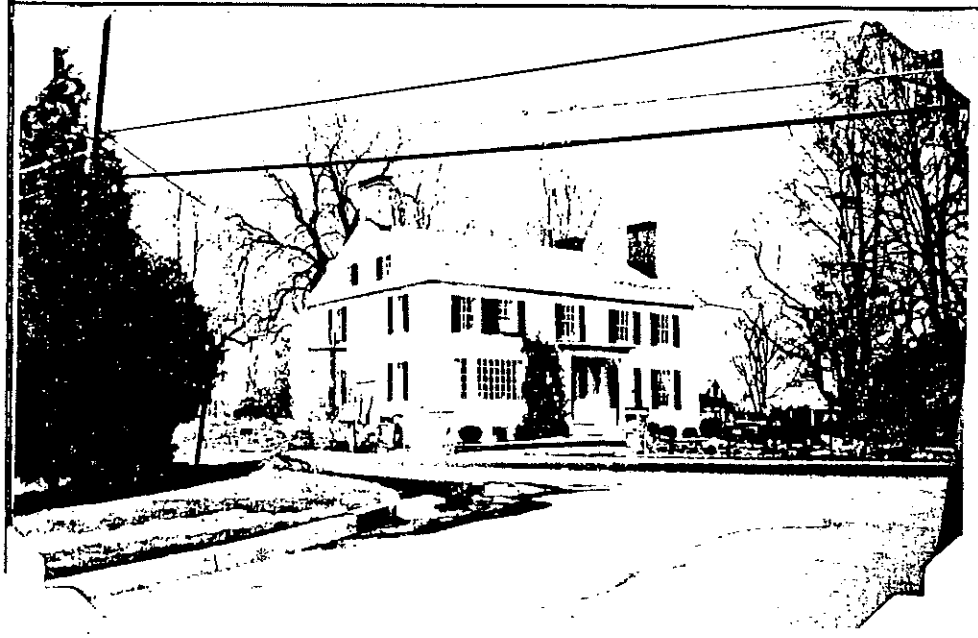

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION, 109 WEST STATE STREET, TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08625 (609) 292 - 2023

SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES: This house is sited with its gable end at a slight angle to the road. A mid-19th-century shingled barn stands behind. At the front and along Route 24 is a parking lot. Stone gateposts mark the property line.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban ☐ Suburban ☒ Scattered Buildings ☒
Open Space ☐ Woodland ☐ Residential ☒ Agricultural ☐ Village ☐
Industrial ☐ Downtown Commerical ☐ Highway Commercial ☐ Other ☐

SIGNIFICANCE: Obadiah Seward, one of the early settlers of Chester, had a farm "at The Crossroads," and built a house on this site in the 1740's. It was sold out of the Seward family at the end of the 18th century, but re-acquired by Obadiah's great grandson Henry in 1836. At this time, the house was enlarged and remodelled in the Greek Revival style. (Henry's cousin William Seward became Secretary of State under Presidents Lincoln and Johnson and supervised the purchase of Alaska.)

The Sewards in Chester owned a great deal of land. They farmed and were involved in the mining business in Chester.

The house is an excellent example of the regional vernacular Greek Revival style, with many typical details surviving.

ORIGINAL USE: Residence PRESENT USE: Commercial
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Poor ☐
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes ☒ Possible ☐ No ☐ Part of District ☐
THREATS TO SITE: Roads ☒ Development ☐ Zoning ☐ Deterioration ☐
No Threat ☐ Other ☐

COMMENTS:

Apart from the bay-window alteration, the house is in a first-rate state of preservation with virtually all important detailing intact.

REFERENCES: for full citations, see survey bibliography

Greenidge, p. 12.

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NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY # 1406- 092
HISTORIC DISTRICT SURVEY FORM

DISTRICT NAME: Fox Chase (East)
MUNICIPALITY: Chester Borough
COUNTY: Morris
TYPE OF DISTRICT: Subdivision
USGS QUAD: Chester

UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Northing/Easting
A
B
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D

DESCRIPTION: (General description of district as a whole and boundaries)

This residential development, begun in 1971, lies west of Route 24, south of Fairmount Avenue and north of the Borough/Township boundary. It consists of 39 houses sited on Larch Drive, Seward Place, Aspen Drive and Fairmount Road. They are predominately of the builder's Colonial Revival type, 1 or 2 stories, with gable roofs, center halls and shingle siding. A few are brick (or brick veneer) pseudo French Provincial. The site is a former field with few mature trees. Larch Drive is curvilinear, the other streets are straight.

The new house at #8 Seward Place, Block 7B-10, incorporates as one wing a small squarish semi-embanked house with gable roof, constructed of random fieldstrone with dressed stone lintels. Windows, blinds and roof are new. The old house burned and the stone was re-used to rebuild this wing.

The old house was a "strong house" during the Revolution, a place of refuge in case of attack, according to local sources.

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURES: Excellent 100% Good % Fair % Poor %
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: [ ] Yes [ ] Possible [X] No
THREATS TO DISTRICT/LOCAL ATTITUDES:
COMMENTS:

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OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION, 109 WEST STATE STREET, TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08625 (609)292-2023

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INVENTORY # 1406- 093
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MAP
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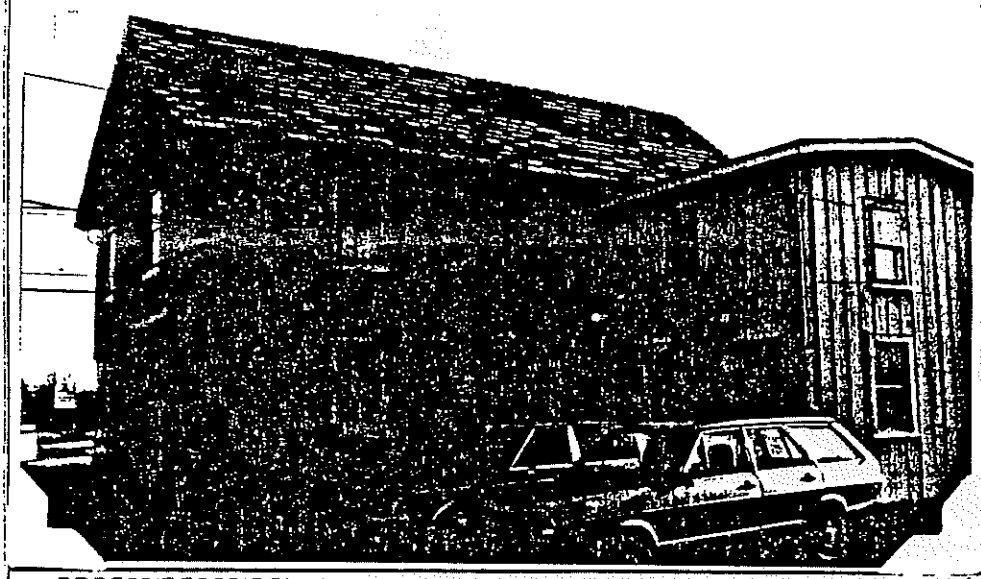

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 510 Main Street Mid-19th century

The brick walls of this 2-1/2 story gable-roofed building have been sandblasted, but the roof is still slate-clad. The tongue-in-groove gable end (facing the road) has a round-arched window. The first floor is altered with a garage door and a plate glass window. A one-story flat roofed garage wing has been added.

CONDITION: INTEGRITY: USE:

SIGNIFICANCE: Appears on the 1853 map as "Machine Shop." The 1868 and 1887 maps of Chester identify the building as a store. In 1905, a small factory to make handkerchiefs was operated on the second floor.

Although the brick "core" of the building is visible, alterations in the structure, and the "urbanization" of its setting has robbed the building of its architectural integrity. Old photos make a restoration feasible.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations
Maps of Morris County - 1853, 1868, 1887
Greenidge, p.125

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PHOTO

INVENTORY # 1406-094

NEG. FILE # 10-0

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION:

Chester 23 (31) Fairmount Avenue ca. 1980
Chester Professional Building

2-1/2 story, brick "colonial" office building. Raised ranch plan, center entry under projecting portico. Gable roof. 7 bay facade, multi-light windows. Parking lot behind the building.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: N/A USE: Commercial

SIGNIFICANCE:

A large office building for Chester, in stock "colonial" suburban decor, yet it maintains the residential scale and setback of other buildings on the street.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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INVENTORY # 1406- 96

NEG. FILE # 10-2, 10-4

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 47 Fairmount Avenue Late 18th/early 19th century

Vernacular house - no sytlistic associations. 2 1/2 story, 5-bay center hall plan. 2-bay gable end. Stone foundation, asphalt shingle siding.

Gable roof, end chimney.

Enclosed projecting portico over front door.

6/1 sash windows in plain frames.

House is located very close to the road, with a 19th-century frame barn adjacent.

CONDITION: Fair INTEGRITY: Good USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

The house may date to the late 18th or early 19th century because of its sitting close to Fairmount Avenue. This was the "old road," the principal road into Chester from the east, before the Washington Turnpike was built in 1806.

On the 1868 and 1887 maps of Chester, it is identified as the residence of C. Howell.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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MAP

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ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 41 Fairmount Avenue mid-19th century

Vernacular house, much modified. Probably it originated as a single pile farmouse, large rear additions have deepened the structure, facade porch is enclosed and treated as an extension of the structure.

2 1/2 story, 4-bay facade, synthetic siding. Gable roof. Central front door flanked by picture windows.

House well set back from the street, large front lawn. Moved back from road; evidence of old location exists.*

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Poor USE: Commercial

SIGNIFICANCE:

This house appears in both the 1868 and 1887 Atlases of Morris County as the residence of J. DeCamp.

Adjacent building on property under construction to serve as a garage.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

*George Apgar, owner, 1985.

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MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION:

484 Main Street c. 1810

This traditional vernacular house has a 5-bay center-hall plan with an asphalt-shingled gable roof, an original west end-chimney and a modern replacement on the east end. The sash windows (now 6/1) have single frames, and the walls are now stucco[illegible]. Rudimentary brackets are found at the eaves. The main door has 3/4-length sidelights, and its fanlight has been filled in.

The house is sited close to the road with virtually no front yard. The west side yard is graveled and includes a c.1920's garage.

CONDITION: Fair/Good INTEGRITY: USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

Based on its scale, symmetry and fanlight door, this appears to be a vernacular Federal dwelling. The date is suppositional, based on style and turnpike construction. This house belonged to William Henry Seward, a prominent Chester landowner, according to the 1887 map of Chester. In 1868, it was the residence of G. Corey.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

1868 and 1887 atlases of Morris County

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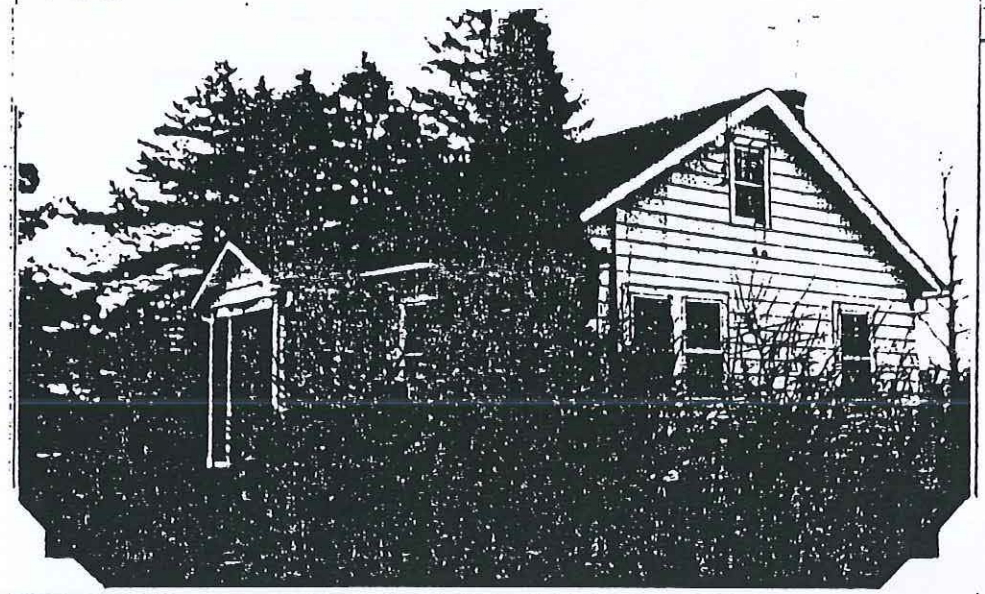

INVENTORY # 1406- 098

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MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 460 Main Street c. 1910-1930

This 1-story gabled and clapboarded cottage is 3-bays with an enclosed projecting portico. Windows are 6/6 sash, single and paired. It stands within about 6 feet of the road on an overgrown lot. Immediately to its west stands an abandoned shedlike fruit stand constructed largely of assorted salvaged windows.

CONDITION: Fair/Good INTEGRITY: USE: Residential (presently vacant)

SIGNIFICANCE:

No historic or architectural significance.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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INVENTORY = 1406- 099

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MAP

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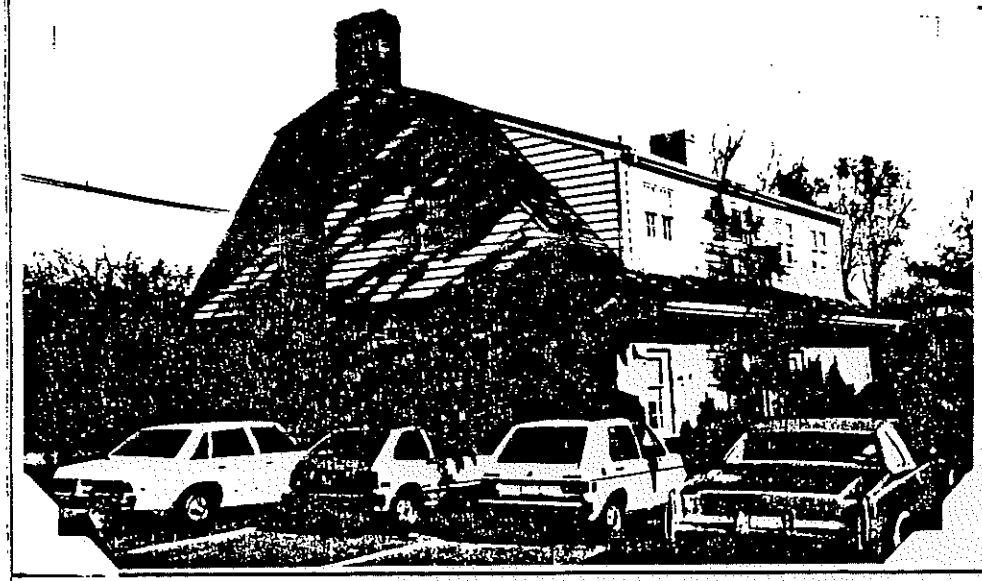

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 444 Main Street at Sentry Lane

The Carteret Savings building is a 1 1/2-story Dutch Colonial Revival structure with sandstone walk, kicked gambrel roof and 5-bay facade.

CONDITION: Excellent INTEGRITY: USE: Commercial

SIGNIFICANCE:

This anomaly represents well-intentioned corporate efforts to treat an historic environment sensitively. The resultant building in this case exhibits materials and detailing of above-average quality, but bears no relationship to Chester's architectural history.

The bank is on the site of a vernacular Italianate style dwelling, known as the Welsh-Evans-Searles House, or "Robinhurst," home of a mine superintendent

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations
Greenidge, p. 60 (photograph)
1887 Atlas of Morris County

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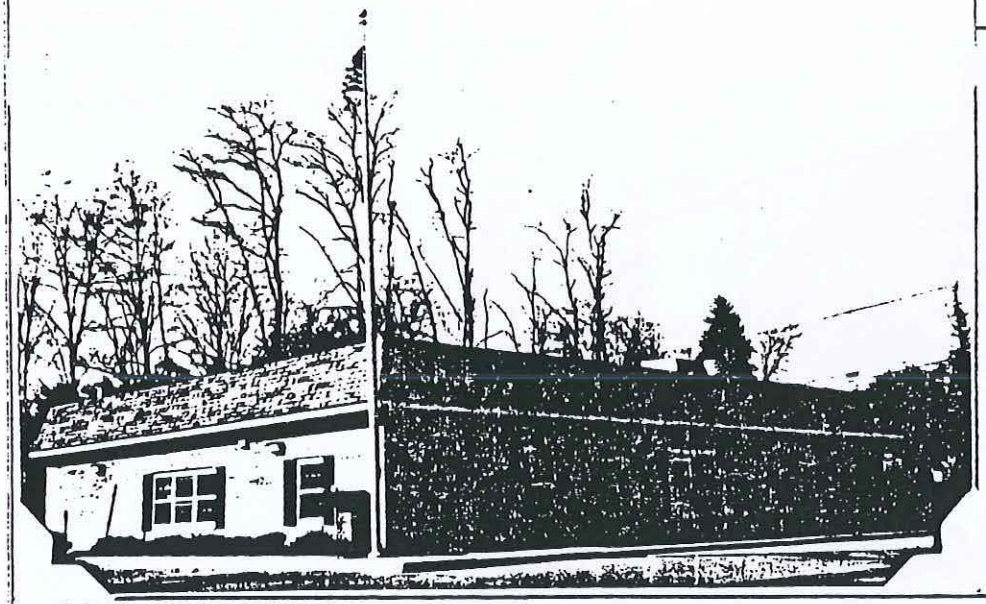

INVENTORY # 1406- 100

NEG. FILE # 28-24

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 420 Main Street

Date: 1976

The U. S. Post Office is a 1-story brick building of no architectural consequence, thoroughly out-of-keeping with the scale of Main Street.

CONDITION: Excellent

INTEGRITY:

USE: Post Office

SIGNIFICANCE:

This building is a telling example of how post-office design has plummeted since the 1930's.

The movement of the post office from its traditional location in the village center marks the continuing suburbanization of Chester Borough.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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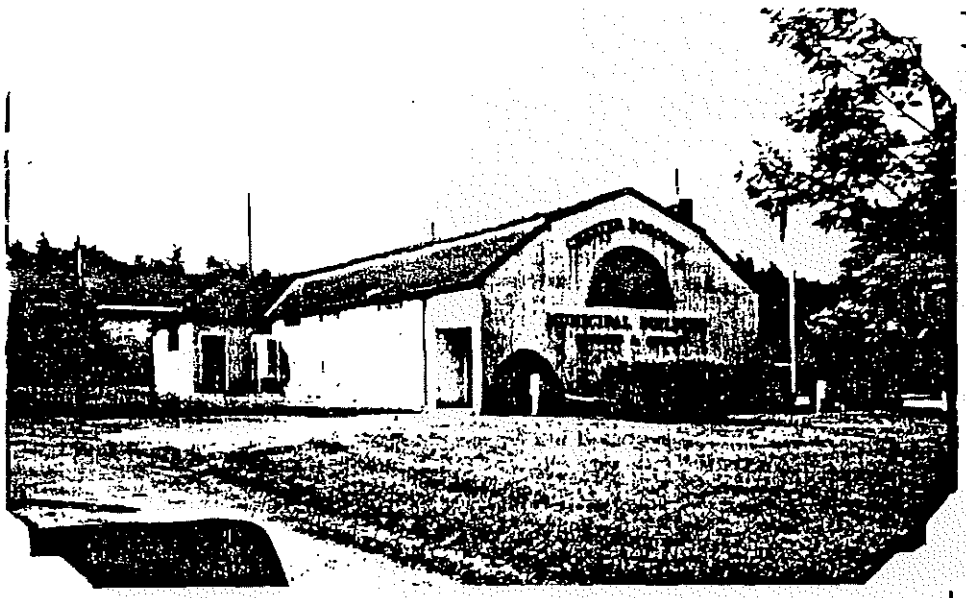

INVENTORY # 1406- 104

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MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION:

300 Main Street
Borough Hall

1950

One-story cruciform-plan stucco building with gambrel and hip roofs. Two sets of paneled double doors. On the same lot are a gabled-roofed stucco structure, a 3-bay stucco garage and a metal trailer (storage locker).

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: USE: Public

SIGNIFICANCE:

This remodeled Quonset hut was Chester's first Catholic Church, begun as a mission of St. Joseph's Church, Mendham. St. Lawrence's Church was founded in Chester in 1947, with members meeting in homes. This building was completed for their use. In 1964 the congregation erected a much larger church on Main Street (see #081), and this building was occupied by the town government.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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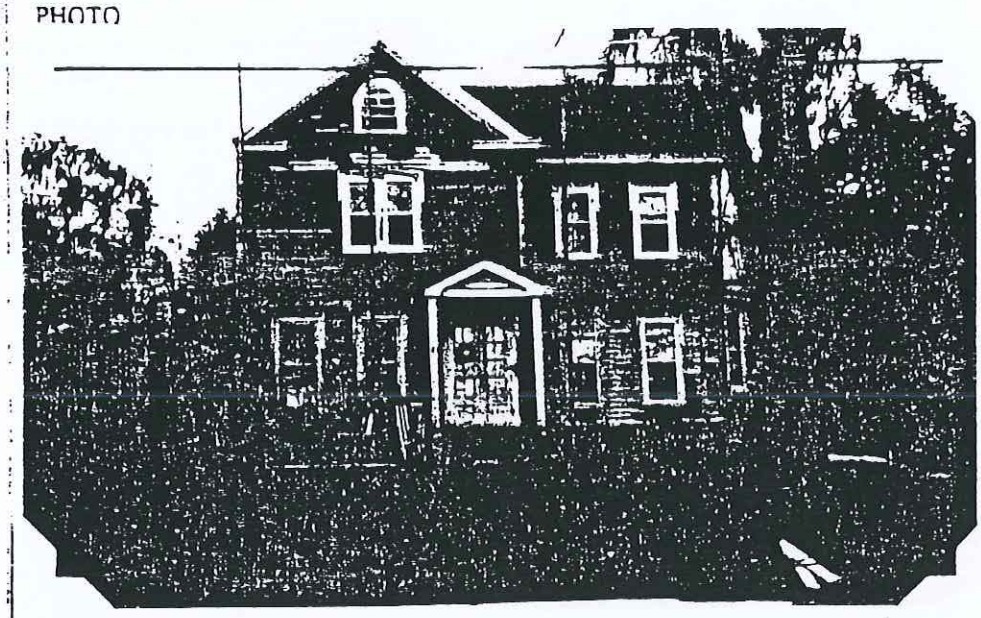

INVENTORY = 1406- 105

NEG. FILE = 28-23

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION:

294 Main Street

Between 1868 and 1887

L-plan vernacular Italianate, 2 1/2 stories with gable roof and gable-end returns, clapboard siding under restoration, 2/2 sash windows have prominent label molds. Entry, found in gable end, has double doors beneath Colonial Revival pedimented portico. House is set back about 30' behind fieldstone retaining wall with mock crenellation and 2 sets of stone posts. A 6±' modern palisade fence runs along the east end of the front boundary. The lot also includes a 1-story modern frame house of no architectural merit and a garage attached to the principal dwelling.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

A representative example of Chester's mid-19th-century domestic revival architecture, the kind of simple vernacular houses that are important to the Borough's sense of historical continuity.

Appears on the 1887 Map as the residence of James Thomas. House is undergoing what appears to be a sensitive restoration.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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INVENTORY # 1406- 107

NEG. FILE # 18-3

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION:

248 Main Street

Vernacular single-pile house. 2 1/2-story gable roof, slate shingles, end chimney. Small brackets under eaves.

5-bay center-hall plan, 6/6 sash windows. "Rustick" shingle siding. Facade porch added early 1960's.

House is hidden behind a large hedge.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

This kind of single pile-house, also found at #47, 41, 50 and 44 Main Street, appears to be a transitional 18th-19th-century type locally. This particular house appears on the 1868 and 1887 Maps of Chester as the residence of E. Pitney.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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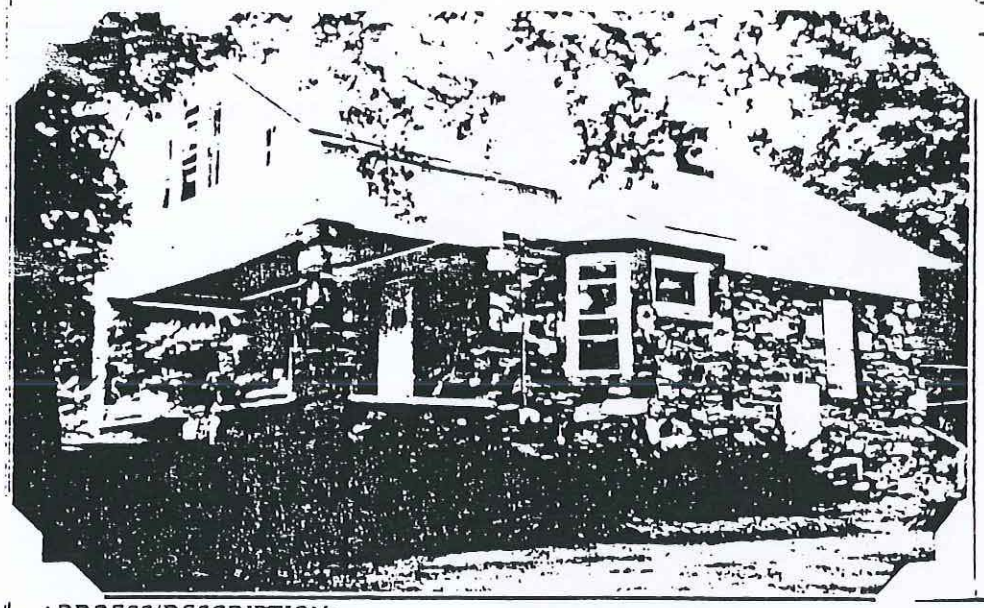

INVENTORY = 1406- 110

NEG. FILE = 10-8

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION:

56 Fairmount Avenue

Bungalow. Fieldstone first floor, with date "1918" carved into one stone beside front door. Vertically laid stones mark window and door lintels.

2 story. Gable roof, with gable end extended to cover integral front porch, with rubblestone supports at corners. Clapboard in gable. Shed roof dormers on side.

2-bay facade. 1/1 sash windows.

Frame garage at rear of property.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Good USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

Unusual, vernacular interpretation of the Bungalow style using traditional building materials and forms of the area. Well preserved, with the datestone adding a touch not usually found in 20th century residential buildings.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1406-108

HISTORIC NAME:
LOCATION: 83 Budd Avenue

COMMON NAME:
BLOCK/LOT

MUNICIPALITY: Chester Borough
USGS QUAD: Chester
OWNER/ADDRESS:

COUNTY: Morris
UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: Between 1868 and 1887

Source of Date: Maps

Architect:

Builder:

Style: Planbook-type

Form/Plan Type: 3-bay side-hall plan. Gable end facade.

Number of Stories: 2 1/2

Foundation: Not visible

Exterior Wall Fabric: Clapboard

Fenestration: 2/2 sash windows, original blinds, moulded architraves as lintels over each window.

Roof/Chimneys: Gable roof, patterned slate shingles, center chimney.

Additional Architectural Description: Gable end returns, round-arched attic window. No front porch. 1-story wing to side of house (ca. 1950) features a large picture window, modern door, and exposed end chimney.

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Map (Indicate North)
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INVENTORY # 1406-106

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MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION:

266 Main Street

Built between 1868 & 1887

1 1/2-story frame T-plan mansarded cottage with 2/2 dormers and full-length ground floor windows. Porch brackets, balustrade and window heads are cut in fanciful jigsawn patterns. Stone foundation, heavily molded roof curbing and cornice. Adjacent is a 1-story vertical-sided mock-mansard building, c. 1960-1970. At rear of the lot is a mid-19th-century vertical sided barn. The front yard is a gravel parking lot.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: USE: Commercial

SIGNIFICANCE:

Mansarded cottages are found in a number of architectural pattern books, but are rare in Morris County. This well-preserved example adds variety to Main Street.

Appears on 1887 Map as the residence of Mrs. Skinner.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1406-113

HISTORIC NAME: Luce-Emmons-Budd-Guerin Farm
LOCATION: 79 Fairmount Avenue

COMMON NAME:
BLOCK/LOT 7A/12

MUNICIPALITY: Chester Borough
USGS QUAD: Chester
OWNER/ADDRESS: George Somody
same

COUNTY: Morris
UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: ca. 1740

Source of Date: See references.

Architect:

Builder:

Style: Jersey cottage

Form/Plan Type: 3-bay side hall plan with 2-bay wing to side.

Number of Stories: 1 1/2

Foundation: Rubblestone

Exterior Wall Fabric: Clapboard, in process of being covered with synthetic siding.

Fenestration: 1/1 sash windows.

Roof/Chimneys: Broad gable roof, with 3 pedimented dormers on facade. Replacement end chimney of block and stucco.

Additional Architectural Description: Flat-roofed porch across facade, wooden supports, no balustrade. Shed-roofed addition to west side of house extends to a series of frame utility structures which connect the house and outbuildings.

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Map (Indicate North)
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SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES: House is close to the road, overlooking the corner of Budd and Fairmount Avenues. This was the route of the oldest road through Chester, extant in the 18th century. Remains of a stone barn on the property altered with a new roof and garage door served as the earliest blacksmith shop in Black River.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban ☐ Suburban ☒ Scattered Buildings ☐
Open Space ☐ Woodland ☐ Residential ☐ Agricultural ☒ Village ☒
Industrial ☐ Downtown Commerical ☐ Highway Commercial ☐ Other ☐

Agricultural lands around this farm are only now being subdivided and developed for single family residences.

SIGNIFICANCE: This is one of the oldest surviving homes in Chester. It was built about 1740 by David Luse or Luce, who came to what was then called "Black River" from Long Island. David Luse was a Freeholder - a property owner with the right to vote - in 1741. He was appointed Justice of the Peace in 1743. He bought or built an iron works on the Black River, and the stone barn on this property was said to be Chester's first blacksmith shop.

The 1853 Map of Morris County shows the farm as the property of N(athaniel) Luse, a descendant of David. The 1887 Atlas identifies the farm as the property of R. George.

ORIGINAL USE: Farm PRESENT USE: Residential
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Poor ☐
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes ☐ Possible ☒ No ☐ Part of District ☐
THREATS TO SITE: Roads ☐ Development ☒ Zoning ☐ Deterioration ☐
No Threat ☐ Other ☐

COMMENTS:

The house and its site are well preserved. Before the inevitable development completely encroaches on the site, archeological investigation may be particularly worthwhile.

REFERENCES: for full citations, see survey bibliography

Greenidge, p. 11.
1887 Atlas of Morris County
1853 Map of Morris County

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1406- 115

HISTORIC NAME: Langdon House
LOCATION: 91 Fairmount Avenue

COMMON NAME:
BLOCK/LOT 9/2

MUNICIPALITY: Chester Borough
USGS QUAD: Chester
OWNER/ADDRESS:

COUNTY: Morris
UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: Between 1868 and 1887

Source of Date: Maps

Architect:

Builder:

Style: Vernacular Italianate

Form/Plan Type: "L" plan house with entry in "elbow"

Number of Stories: 2 1/2

Foundation: Stone

Exterior Wall Fabric: Wooden shingles

Fenestration: Paired and single 1/1 and 2/2 sash windows

Roof/Chimneys: Gable roof, interior and end chimneys.

Additional Architectural Description: Moulded and bracketed architraves over windows. Flat-roof front-porch with Carpenter Gothic trim.

Negative File No. 10-20

Map (Indicate North)
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SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

Well set back from road, front yard filled with mature evergreens.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban ☐ Suburban ☐ Scattered Buildings ☐
Open Space ☐ Woodland ☐ Residential ☐ Agricultural ☐ Village ☒
Industrial ☐ Downtown Commerical ☐ Highway Commercial ☐ Other ☐

Except for the neighboring house, 116, which is a twin to this one in plan and siting, the neighborhood is composed of post World War II development-type houses.

SIGNIFICANCE:

This house is identified on the 1887 Atlas of Morris County as owned by the Langdon family. The Langdons were well known in Chester as mine superintendents. Warren Langdon, mine superintendent, sawmill owner, and storekeeper built a house across the street for himself (see #260).

ORIGINAL USE: Residential PRESENT USE: Residential
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Poor ☐
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes ☒* Possible ☐ No ☐ Part of District ☐
THREATS TO SITE: Roads ☐ Development ☐ Zoning ☐ Deterioration ☐
No Threat ☐ Other ☐

COMMENTS:

Carefully preserved, good integrity.

*Together with its neighbor, House #116.

REFERENCES: for full citations, see survey bibliography

1887 Atlas of Morris County
Greenidge, p. 114.

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INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1406- 116

HISTORIC NAME: Hayter House
COMMON NAME:
LOCATION: 95 (93) Fairmount Avenue
BLOCK/LOT 7H-2

MUNICIPALITY: Chester Borough
COUNTY: Morris
USGS QUAD: Chester
UTM REFERENCES:
OWNER/ADDRESS:
Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: Between 1868 and 1887
Source of Date: Maps

Architect:
Builder:

Style: Vernacular Italianate
Form/Plan Type: "L" plan house with entry in "elbow"

Number of Stories: 2 1/2

Foundation: Stone

Exterior Wall Fabric: Clapboard

Fenestration: Paired and single 1/1 and 2/2 sash windows. Paired round arched first floor window with original blinds.

Roof/Chimneys: Gable roof, interior and end chimneys

Additional Architectural Description: Moulded and bracketed architraves over windows. Flat roof front porch with Carpenter Gothic trim.

Negative File No. 10-22

Map (Indicate North)
See general survey map

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SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

Well set back from road.

Contemporary frame garage building at rear of property.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban ☐ Suburban ☐ Scattered Buildings ☐
Open Space ☐ Woodland ☐ Residential ☐ Agricultural ☐ Village ☒
Industrial ☐ Downtown Commerical ☐ Highway Commercial ☐ Other ☐

Except for the neighboring house (115), which is a twin to this one in plan and siting, the neighborhood is composed of post World War II development-type houses.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The 1887 Atlas of Morris County identifies this house as the residence of Rev. Hayter.

ORIGINAL USE: Residential PRESENT USE: Residential
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Poor ☐
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes ☒ Possible ☐ No ☐ Part of District ☐
THREATS TO SITE: Roads ☐ Development ☐ Zoning ☐ Deterioration ☐
No Threat ☐ Other ☐

COMMENTS:

Obviously carefully restored and well-loved

*Together with its neighbor, House #115.

REFERENCES: for full citations, see survey bibliography

1887 Atlas of Morris County

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DISTRICT/STREETSCAPE CONTINUATION SHEET

N.J. HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY

Date August-October 1984

District/Streetscape Continuation Page # _____ Inventory # 1406

MAP #	ADDRESS/LOCATION : PROPERTY NAME	DATE	Significance to D/S	Condition	USE	DESCRIPTION: Style, Ext. Wall Fabric, Fenestration, Form, Roof, Major Features, Alterations, Stories, etc.	NEGATIVE FILE #
	CHESTER BOROUGH						
109	60 Fairmount Avenue	c.1950	None	G*	R*	Ranch house. 1 story. Asbestos shingle siding, gable roof.	
110	56 Fairmount (See individual form)						10-8
111	48 (52) Fairmount Avenue	c.1918	None	G	R	Winterized summer bungalow. 1 story. Asbestos shingle siding, brick veneer. Basement garage.	10-7
112	71, 73, 75, 77 Fairmount Avenue	c.1976	None	G	R	Four builder's tract houses. 2 1/2 story, "Colonial" detailing Similar to and by the same developer as houses along Oak and Elm Streets. (See #117.)	10-11
113	79 Fairmount Avenue (See individual form)						
114	87 Fairmount Avenue	c.1930	None	F*	R	Frame house converted from outbuilding. 1 1/2 story, gable roof. 3-bay facade, asbestos siding. Attached garage. Set well back from road.	10-18

G - Good
R - Residential
F - Fair

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NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY # 1406-117
HISTORIC DISTRICT SURVEY FORM

DISTRICT NAME: Greytop
MUNICIPALITY: Chester Borough
COUNTY: Morris
TYPE OF DISTRICT: Subdivision
USGS QUAD: Chester

UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Northing/Easting
A
B
C
D

DESCRIPTION: (General description of district as a whole and boundaries)

Contemporary builder's residential suburban development along Elm Street, south of Fairmount Avenue, begun in 1976. There are at present 12 houses in the development, with more being built.

The development is characterized by 2 1/2-story center-and side-hall builder's colonials, with synthetic sidings and brick veneer.

This development was placed in previously open fields. There are no mature trees and all landscaping is new.

94 Fairmount Avenue Negative File No. 10-24

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURES: Excellent 100% Good % Fair % Poor %
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: [ ] Yes [ ] Possible [XX] No
THREATS TO DISTRICT/LOCAL ATTITUDES:
COMMENTS:

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NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY # 1406-118
HISTORIC DISTRICT SURVEY FORM

DISTRICT NAME: Fairmount Avenue & Oak Street
MUNICIPALITY: Chester Borough
COUNTY: Morris
TYPE OF DISTRICT: Subdivision
USGS QUAD: Chester

UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Northing/Easting
A
B
C
D

DESCRIPTION: (General description of district as a whole and boundaries)

Along both sides of Fairmount Avenue, and the new cul-de-sac road Oak Street which extends off Fairmount, there is fairly homogenous single-family residential development from the 1950's to the 1980's. (Approximately 14 buildings)

All are standard "builder's houses," generally increasing in size with later construction date. The house types include: Cape Cods, Ranches, Two-story center-hall "colonials."

The houses are all frame with a variety of modern siding materials. The houses are generally set in the middle of 1/4 to 1/2 acre lots, with those along Fairmount Avenue having more mature landscaping.

Fairmount Avenue is an old road in Chester, but this western part of the road ran through open farmland until the mid-20th century. There is no historic or architectural significance to the development in this area.

116 Fairmount Avenue Negative File No. 10-34

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURES: Excellent % Good 100 % Fair % Poor %
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: [ ] Yes [ ] Possible [X] No
THREATS TO DISTRICT/LOCAL ATTITUDES: None
COMMENTS:

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NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY # 1406- 120
HISTORIC DISTRICT SURVEY FORM

DISTRICT NAME: Chester Shopping Centers
MUNICIPALITY: Chester Borough
COUNTY: Morris
TYPE OF DISTRICT: Subdivision/Intrusion
USGS QUAD: Chester

UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Northing/Easting
A
B
C
D

DESCRIPTION: (General description of district as a whole and boundaries)

The crossroads area of Route 24 and Route 206 has been developed as the later 20th century local shopping district of Chester. This area is characterized by highway "strip" development - individual businesses set back from the highway, fronted by parking lots. The buildings are typically one story, with brick veneering on the facade.

Businesses in this zone include a diner, Burger King, drive-up banks, two shopping malls anchored by grocery stores and 5 & 10 type stores, car wash, gas stations, and a liquor store. At the western edge of the Borough is the "Windy Acres" Trailer Park.

None of the structures has any historic or architectural interest.

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURES: Excellent % Good 100% Fair % Poor %
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: [ ] Yes [ ] Possible [X] No
THREATS TO DISTRICT/LOCAL ATTITUDES:
COMMENTS:

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PHOTO

INVENTORY # 1406- 119

NEG. FILE # 10-29

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION:

106 Fairmount Avenue (corner Grove Street) c. 1920.

Bungalow.

1 1/2 story. 3-bay gable-end facade.

Low pitch gable roof; 2-bay shed dormer; end chimney; wood shingle siding.

Shed roof facade porch with replacement supports on stone piers, wooden railing.

1/1 sash windows. Center front door = replacement.

2-story frame garage/barn in rear of property.

Large treed lot.

CONDITION: Fair/Good INTEGRITY: Fair/Good USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

A representative example of a Bungalow-style dwelling.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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INVENTORY = 1406- 121
NEG. FILE = 22-26A
MAP
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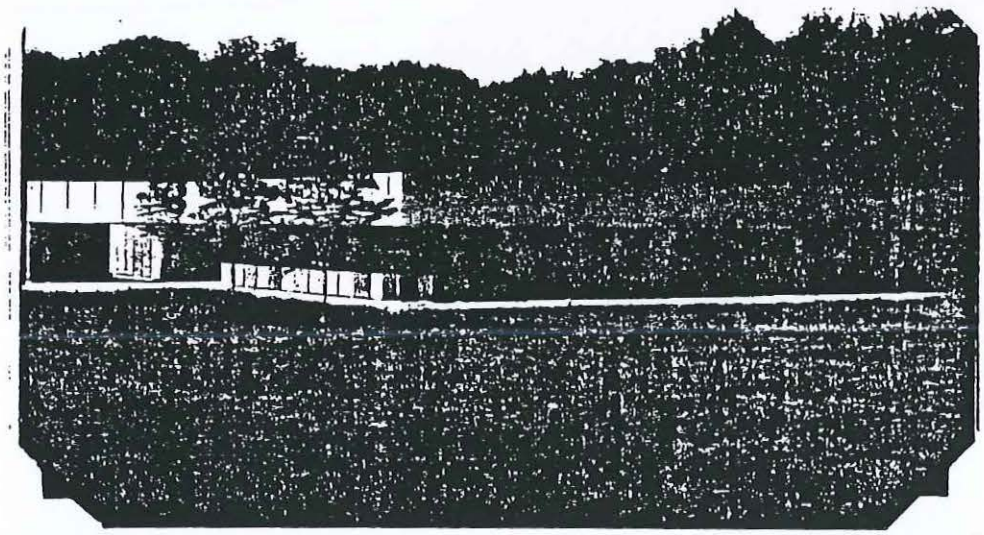

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: Chester Public Library 1982
Route 24

Contemporary building.

1 story, flat-roofed structure.

Rectangular form enlivened by projecting triangle containing entrance.

Walls of modular panels in metal. Limited window area of reflective glass also follows modules.

Nicely detailed exterior fittings - custom bike racks, paving, etc.

CONDITION: Excellent INTEGRITY: Excellent USE: Library

SIGNIFICANCE:

The building stands by itself in the western corner of the Borough, in open fields. The frankly contemporary design affronted many people in the community who would have preferred a "traditional" style.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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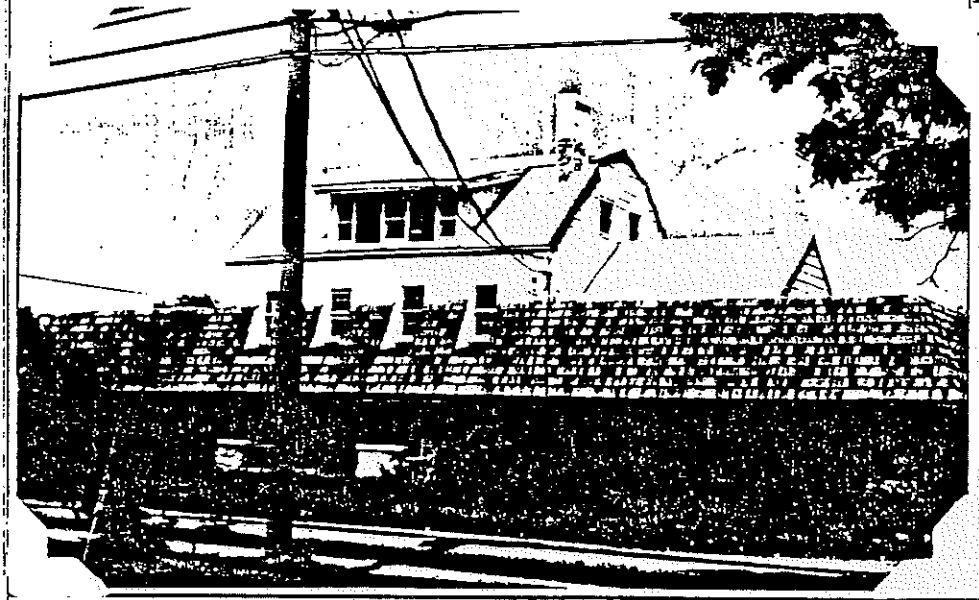

INVENTORY # 1406-122

NEG. FILE # 22-16A

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION:

Lamplighter's Restaurant — ca. 1790/Alterations 1970's

128 West Main Street - (190 Route 24)

Much altered Federal style "block and wing" house. "Block" was 2 1/2 story, gambrel roof, 4-bay with 6/6 sash windows. End chimneys.

"Wing" entirely obscured by restaurant additions.

Facade re-done with brick veneer, and a fake mansard roof with wood shingles.

Due to enlargement of the restaurant in the past few years, the integrity of the house has been destroyed.

CONDITION: Fair/Good INTEGRITY: Poor USE: Commercial

SIGNIFICANCE:

The property can be traced to Thomas Topping, who died in 1777. He lived in an earlier house on the site, possibly incorporated in the wing of the house built about 1790 by Dr. Joseph Hedges. Hedges was from East Hampton, Long Island. He was the first of five generations of Hedges doctors, three of whom practiced in Chester for over a century. The Hedges family continued to reside in the house through the 19th century.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

Greenidge, p. 31

Maps of Morris County - 1853, 1868, 1887

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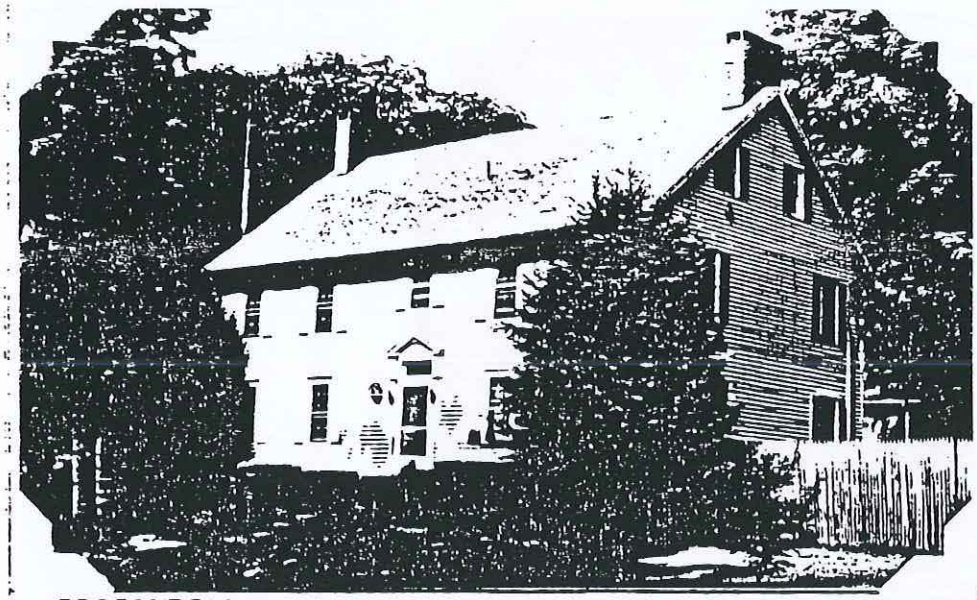

INVENTORY = 1406- 123

NEG. FILE = 22-13A

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 74 Route 24

Vernacular Georgian house.
Double pile, 5-bay center-hall plan.
Gable roof, end chimneys.
2 1/2 stories tall.
Synthetic siding.
6/6 sash windows, fake blinds.
Pedimented doorway, with transom light inside pediment.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Fair USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

The house is identified on all the 19th century maps of Chester as the property of the Dickerson family.

This house has been altered over the years, so that its basic form survives, but no original exterior details remain.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations
1853, 1868, and 1887 maps of Chester, Morris Coounty, New Jersey

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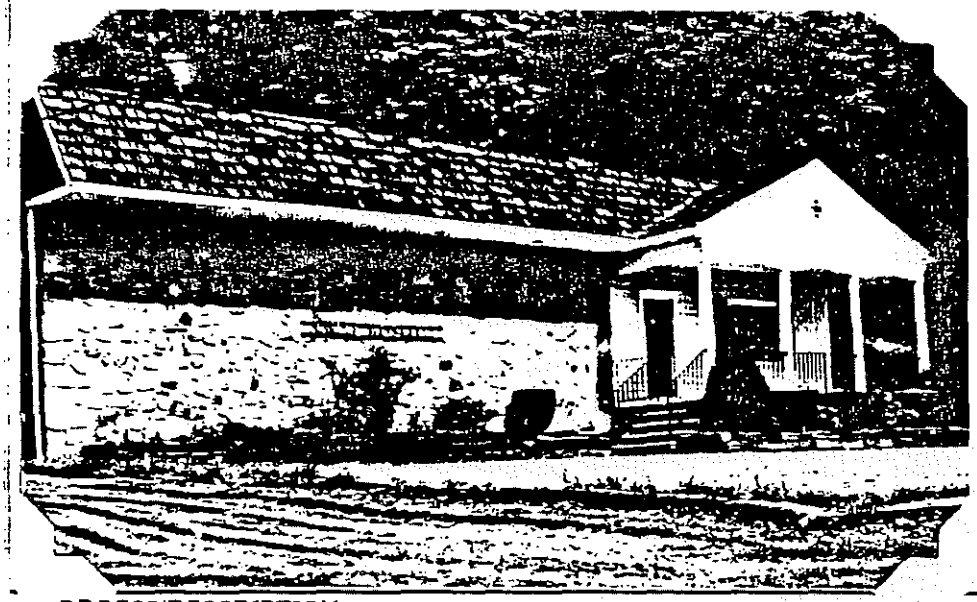

INVENTORY = 1406- 124

NEG. FILE = 22-12A

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: Chester Animal Hospital
74 Route 24

c. 1970

Suburban architecture and scale applied to a utilitarian building. Paved parking area in front.

1 story; fake mansard roof.

Pedimented entry. Stone veneer facade.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Good USE: Commercial

SIGNIFICANCE:

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1406- 126

HISTORIC NAME: Isaac Corwin House
COMMON NAME: Larison's Turkey Farm
LOCATION: 2 State Highway No. 24
BLOCK/LOT 1/8

MUNICIPALITY: Chester Borough
COUNTY: Morris
USGS QUAD: Chester
UTM REFERENCES:
OWNER/ADDRESS:
Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: c. 1800 and later additions
Source of Date: H.A.B.S.

Architect: None
Builder: Unknown

Style: Federal
Form/Plan Type: 5-bay center-hall, "L" plan with rear kitchen wing

Number of Stories: 2 1/2

Foundation: Rubblestone

Exterior Wall Fabric: Aluminum siding and asbestos shingle siding

Fenestration: Large 6/6 sash windows with delicate muntins. Fake blinds. Quarter rounds and center arched windows in attic gable.

Roof/Chimneys: Gambrel roof. Four chimneys (not all original) at gable end and in cente of building.

Additional Architectural Description: Front door enframed in round arched moulding with keystone at top, fanlight above door. Original front door replaced.

Victorian-era front porch added to house, now altered, most brackets and balustrade removed.

Side and rear additions for restaurant - one and two story, concrete block and asbestos shingles with "colonial" multi-pane sash.

House recorded by H.A.B.S. (NJ - 628) - 1939.

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Map (Indicate North)
See general survey map

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PHOTO

INVENTORY = 1406- 125

NEG. FILE = 28-33

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 24 Route 24 1873

Vernacular "Victorian" house - much altered. "T" plan with projecting front gable.
Gable roof, interior brick chimney, gable end returns.
Paired 2/2 sash windows under moulded architraves with brackets.
Aluminum siding. Brick and concrete block foundation. Front porch enclosed.
Stone gate posts flank driveway at road.
Outstanding siting, on top of a hill with a view overlooking the old Chester-Peapack Road. Now overlooks a shopping mall and the Chester intersection of Route 206.

CONDITION: Fair INTEGRITY: Poor USE: Commercial

SIGNIFICANCE:

The house was built about 1873 for Nellie Topping, a young widow, and her daughter Leila. A mine was opened behind the house and operated sporadically from 1873 to 1883. Mrs. To g married Lyman Pierson about 1880. They called the house "Sunnyside," and it was admired as one of the handsomest houses in Chester at the-turn-of-the-century.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

Greenidge, p. 90

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☒ Does Not Meet NR Criteria, but is significant on the local level and merits preservation.

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	CHESTER BOROUGH						
127	235 Route 206	ca.1920		F*	C*	"Italian Kitchen" Restaurant, a converted 1 1/2-story clapboard and shingle bungalow.	22-0A
128	263 Route 206	Early 20th century		G*	R*	1 1/2-story gable-roofed log cabin, stone exterior chimney, multipaned sash.	21-1A
129	373 Route 206	ca.1900		F	C	2 1/2 story, frame, gable-end entry with altered shopfronts	28-35
130	383 Route 206	ca.1980		G	O*	2 story, gambrel roof, synthetic siding	28-34
131	268 Route 206 354 " " 368 " "	ca.1950's		G	R	3 small ranch houses	

Route 206 was built in 1929, originally named Route 31. The north-south highway took over traffic formerly on Pleasant Hill Road and the Old Gladstone Road.

F - Fair
C - Commercial
G - Good
R - Residential
O - Office

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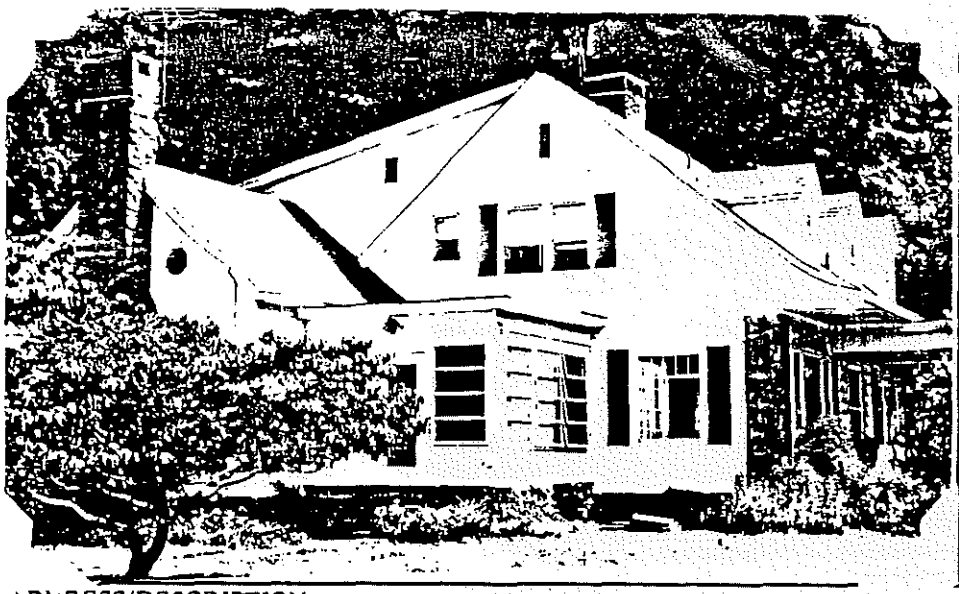

INVENTORY = 1406- 132

NEC FILE = 28-32

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION:

Windy Top Farm - 120 Old Gladstone Road

Colonial Revival Farmhouse - Good mixture of Dutch Colonial and Federal style detailing.

1 1/2 story; gable roof with kicked eaves; center chimney.
3 dormers with round arched "fanlight" topped windows.
Chimney and corner piers of house in fieldstone.
Aluminum siding, fake blinds, 3-bay, center door.
Large single light first-floor windows with multi-light transom.
Enclosed porch and 1-story wing to north side, 2-story wing at rear.
Modern, long low barn buildings on property of prefab. metal.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Fair USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

Rather carefully done period revival style house of the 1920's or '30's. The vernacular architecture which it imitates is not local; however, the siting and setting of the house offered a convincing illusion. It has been insensitively altered over the years, considerably reducing its charm and its historic architectural interest. The present house was built on the foundation of an older house, shown on the 1868 and 1887 atlases as the property of William Budd.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

1868 and 1887 Atlases of Morris County

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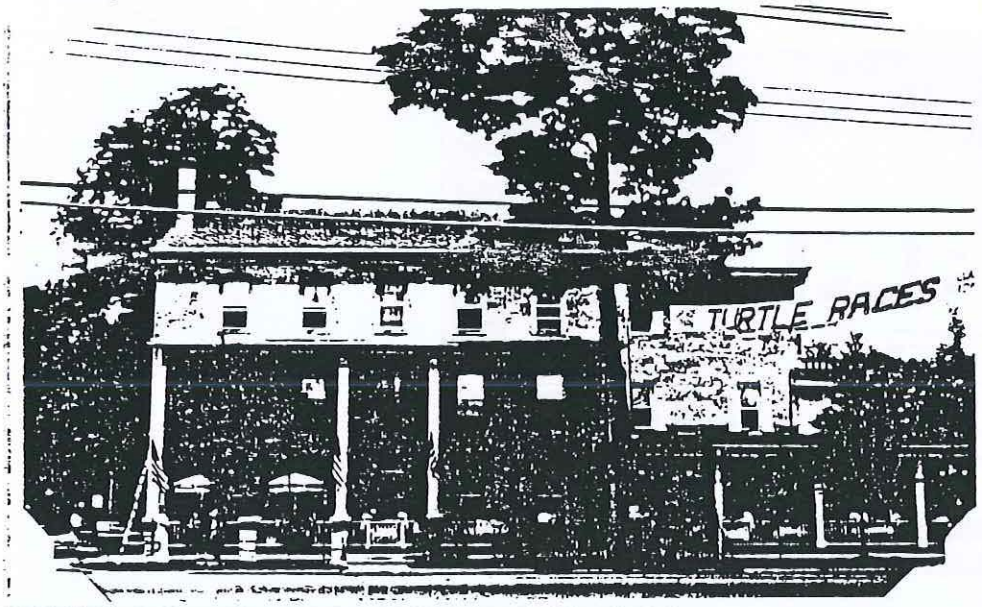

INVENTORY = 1406- 201

NEG. FILE = 3-28

MAP

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ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 111 (115) Main Street - Publick House 1810

Brick hotel of the Federal period with many later additions.

3 stories tall, 5-bay center hall plan, gable roof, paired end chimneys.
2 story pillared verandah on facade a later addition.
Fanlight over center front door. 9/6 sash windows.
Interior gouge-carved mantles of high quality.
Rear frame additions.

See National Register nomination form for details.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Fair/Good USE: Commercial

SIGNIFICANCE:

See National Register nomination form.

Tavern erected 1810 by Jacob Drake, Jr., and his son, Zephaniah Drake, on the new "Washington Turnpike." The hotel/tavern was a stop for stagecoaches on the turnpike During the mid-19th century (1854-1870) the building was used as a school, the "Chester Institute." The Institute later moved to new quarters, and the old "brick hotel" returned to its original use.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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	CHESTER BOROUGH						
133	Old Gladstone Road			G*	R*	Pair of 1 story gable-roof stucco houses. Long, low lines indicate Bungalow style derivation. Simple cottage built for tenants of the adjacent farm property ca. 1930's.	
	The Old Gladstone Road is today a narrow, rural one, through fields and woodland. Until 1929 and the construction of Route 206, however, it was the main road south from the village of Chester.						
134	Cherry Tree Lane			G	R	Six contemporary ranch style houses in a variety of materials.	21-9A
						One clapboard split level 1950-1970.	21-16A
135	Furnace Road			G	R	Three ranch style houses, 1960's.	
	*G - Good *R - Residential						
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PHOTO

INVENTORY = 1406- 202

NEG. FILE = 3-27

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 123-125 (125) Main Street Built 1873

Original "Masonic Building." Now an antiques shop.

Vernacular Second Empire commercial building. 3 story, straight-sided mansard roof, asphalt shingles. Dormers with pediments supported on brackets, round-arched window heads. Heavy bracketed and paneled frieze supporting moulded cornice (continues all around building). Clapboard siding. 2-bay facade. Paired narrow 1/1 windows under eared moulding. Store front under tall flat-roof porch, pier supports. Extra-large plate glass display windows now divided by muntins. Center double doors replaced with aluminum doors.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Good USE: Commercial

SIGNIFICANCE:

This structure was erected to house Charles Hardin's clothing store. James Tredway operated a carriage shop in the rear. From 1874 to 1951, Prospect Lodge #24 of the Free and Accepted Masons occupied the top floor.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

Chester Historical Society Walking Tour

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INVENTORY # 1406- 203

NEG. FILE # 3-26

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION:

127 Main Street

Vernacular 19th century structure, very plain.
3-story; 3-bay gable-end to street, gable-end returns
2/2 sash windows, simply moulded heads.
2 story, 1-bay wing to west side of building with shallow gable roof. Paired 1/1 sash windows, moulded window heads.
Radically altered ground floor fenestration under modern shed roof porch; inappropriate iron railing replaces original porch railing.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Good USE: Commercial

SIGNIFICANCE:

This building was formerly located between Budd Avenue and Grove Street where it served as the public school from 1856 to 1885. It was then moved to this site, and served as the post office, according to the 1887 map of Chester. The building was also an office for Elias C. Drake, member of the New Jersey General Assembly and later State senator in the late 19th century. The Chester Library was located in this building from 1921-1957.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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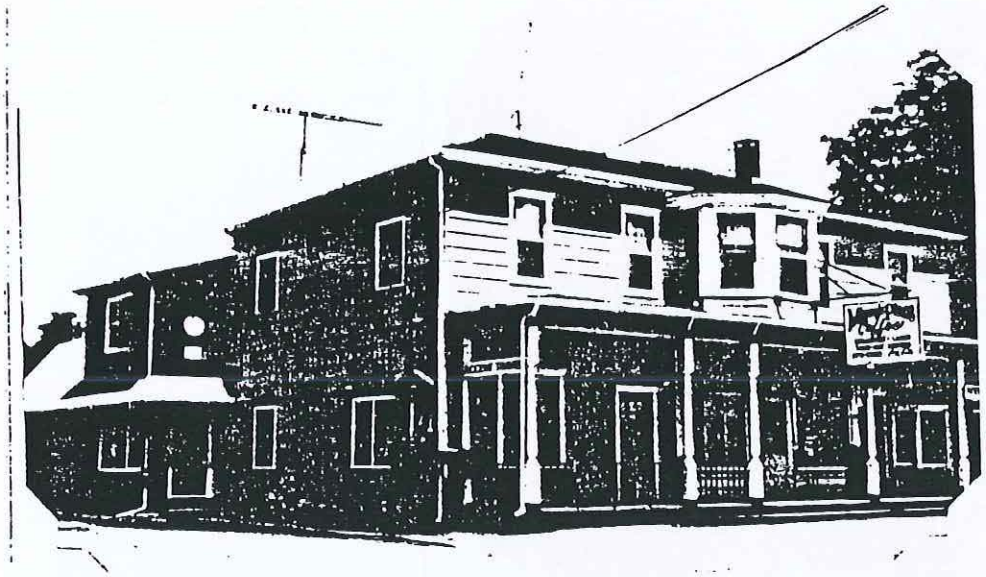

INVENTORY # 1406-204

NEG. FILE # 3-25

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 137 Main Street

Between 1868 and 1887

2-story, 5-bay asbestos-shingled vernacular building with low pitched hip(?) roof, and various additions at rear. At the center of the second floor is a bay window resting on the porch roof, which is supported on turned columns (balustrade replaced with modern wrought iron). Windows are 2/2 sash with simple molded heads similar to those on the wi at #21. Except for one set of paired windows, the ground-floor fenestration has been radically altered and now includes 2 modern storefronts. West of the building is an asphalt and gravel parking lot, and at the back of the property a metal trailer.

CONDITION: Fair INTEGRITY: USE: Commercial/ Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

This simple commercial building was erected during Chester's mining boom In 1880 Charles Hopkins built a roller skating rink behind the building for recreation and entertainment. After 1899 the addition of a stage transformed the building to a meeting hall. "Moving pictures" were shown here in the 1910's. In the '30's the hall was converted to a garage; it was later taken down.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations
Chester Historical Society Walking Tour
1887 Atlas of Morris County

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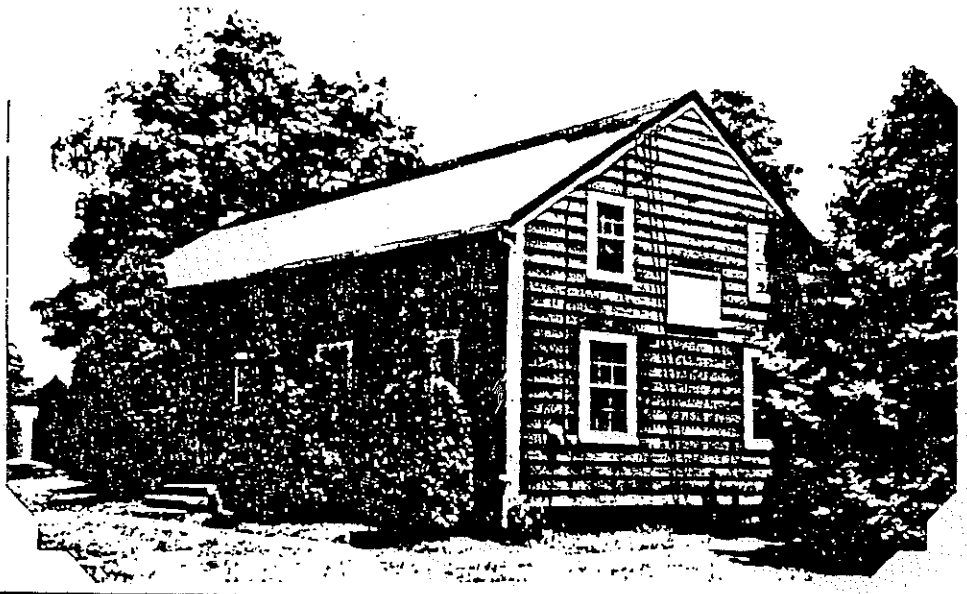

INVENTORY # 1406-205

NEG. FILE # 3-24

MAP

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ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION:

177 Main Street, corner Collis Lane 1942

"Scout Cabin"

1 1/2 stories, 1 x 5 bays, gable roof, clapboards, 6/6 sash, large exterior brick chimney.

This building stands at the east edge of the Chester Municipal Field, which stretches to the north and west. It is an open grassy field of about 3 1/2 acres with trees along the road and a cinder block dugout.

CONDITION: Fair/Good INTEGRITY: USE: Public

SIGNIFICANCE:

This was the site of the Methodist Church which burned in 1921. The present building was built for the local Boy Scouts in 1942.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

Greenidge, p. 145
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	CHESTER BOROUGH						
206	55 Collis Lane	c.1970	None	G*	R*	Ranch house with vertical siding, concrete foundation, gable roof.	3-23
207	44 Collis Lane	c.1970	None	G	R	2-story builder's-type house. Shingle siding, gable roof. Matching garage.	3-21
208	80 Collis Lane	c.1970	None	G	R	"Raised Ranch," shingle siding, gable roof.	3-23

G - Good
R - Residential

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NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
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INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1406-210

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HISTORIC NAME: Williamson-Burd House
LOCATION: 118 (236) Main Street

COMMON NAME:
BLOCK/LOT 8/1

MUNICIPALITY: Chester Borough
USGS QUAD: Chester
OWNER/ADDRESS: Lawrence Soldiveri
same

COUNTY: Morris
UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: Before 1868, alterations ca. 1890

Source of Date: Maps, visual evidence.

Architect:

Builder:

Style: Vernacular Queen Anne

Form/Plan Type: Rectangular 5-bay center hall

Number of Stories: 2 1/2

Foundation: Brick

Exterior Wall Fabric: Clapboard, with wooden shingles on part of facade.

Fenestration: 5 bay; 6/6 sash windows; tripled 2/2 sash in gables.

Roof/Chimneys: Gable roof, wood shingles; end chimney

Additional Architectural Description: Front wall dormer covered with scallop shingles. Plain bargeboard on dormers and gable ends, scroll brackets at corners; "battered" infill on dormer and gable. Greek Revival front entry - simple transom; sidelights, applied piers. Later door. No front porch - brick steps. Corner bay window. 1 story lean-to across rear.

PHOTO Negative File No. 18-10

Map (Indicate North)
See general survey map

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SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES: Nicely landscaped property, house screened from road by mature trees. 2-story frame carriage house (?) now a 3-bay garage. Gable roof with wooden shingles; wooden siding.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban ☐ Suburban ☐ Scattered Buildings ☐
Open Space ☐ Woodland ☐ Residential ☐ Agricultural ☐ Village ☒
Industrial ☐ Downtown Commerical ☐ Highway Commercial ☐ Other ☐

SIGNIFICANCE: Originally a single pile house with Greek Revival associations in its entry, the house was altered to the Queen Anne style in the late 19th century.

The house appears on the 1868 map as the residence of Rev. A. Williamson. Rev. Williamson came to Chester as a minister for the Presbyterian Church in 1823, and stayed 30 years. Williamson was a Princeton graduate and served briefly as a frontier missionary before being called to the Chester church. During Williamson's tenure the church stood on Pleasant Hill, (now within Chester Township) and there was no official parsonage. This house appears on the 1887 map as the residence of W. T. Burd.

ORIGINAL USE: Residential PRESENT USE: Residential
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Poor ☐
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes ☒ Possible ☐ No ☐ Part of District ☒
THREATS TO SITE: Roads ☐ Development ☐ Zoning ☐ Deterioration ☐
No Threat ☐ Other ☐

COMMENTS:

A carefully restored house, retaining the additions and stylistic accumulations of the years.

REFERENCES: for full citations, see survey bibliography

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ORGANIZATION: CHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PHOTO

INVENTORY = 1406-211

NEG. FILE = 28-17

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 13 (11) Church Street

Between 1860 and 1868.

"L" plan, Planbook Style house. 2 1/2 story.
3-bay gable-end facade, side-hall plan.
Gable roof, center chimney.
Stone foundation, aluminum siding.
Narrow casement windows on second floor; 4/4 sash windows on first floor. Fake blinds.
Louvered attic vent on facade may cover gable window.
Replacement flat porch roof and cornice. Turned columns, no balustrade. Narrow transom over front door, closed-in sidelights.

CONDITION: Fair/Good INTEGRITY: Fair/Good USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

Church Street was created in 1860. The street was named for the Presbyterian Church, built in 1853 on the corner. Building lots were created on the east side of the street by T. P. Skellinger, one of which was for this house. The 1868 Atlas of Morris County identifies this house as the property of W. O. Woodruff. In 1887 it was occupied by V. Brown. This house and its neighbors (Inventory Nos. 212 and 213) form a well integrated small streetscape.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

1868 and 1887 Atlases of Morris County

NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY

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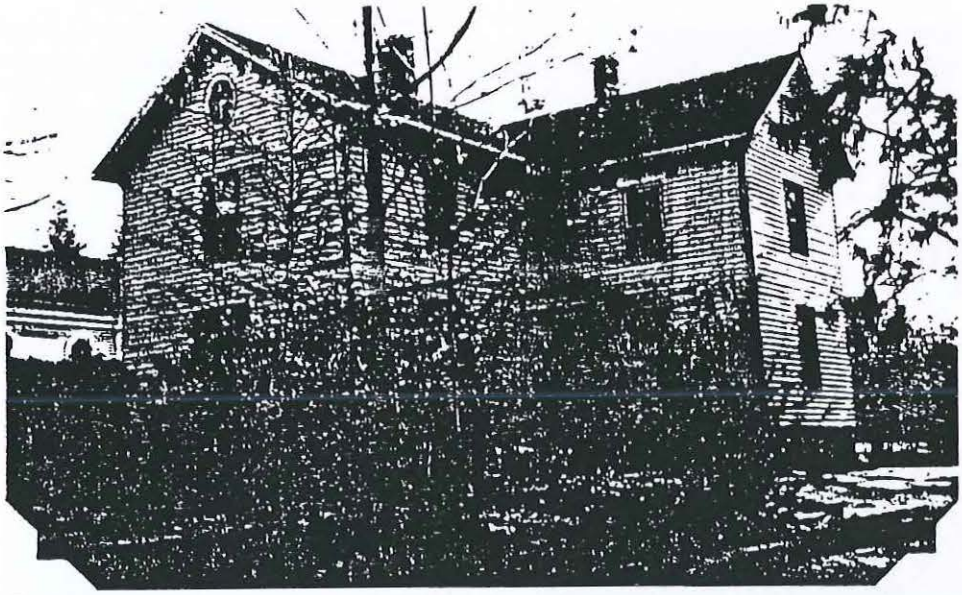

INVENTORY # 1406- 216

NEG. FILE # 28-22

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: Presbyterian Parsonage - 206 (220) Main Street
Built 1861

2 1/2 story, "L" plan vernacular style house. Much applied decoration removed when vinyl siding applied. Gable roof, asphalt shingles, interior chimney. Entry in corner of "L," original porch replaced with terrace with iron railing; oval attic vent; 4/4 sash windows; floor length first floor windows. Stone foundation.

2 car gable end garage, 1 1/2 story, stucco walls at rear of property.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Fair USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE: The parsonage was built for a cost of $2,000.00 some ten years after the adjacent church was begun. Rev. James F. Brewster was the fist occup ant of the parsonage, and he lived there for nearly 30 years.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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SURVEY Chester Borough

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PHOTO

INVENTORY # 1406-212

NEG. FILE # 28-16

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 15 Church Street

Built between 1868 and 1887

Planbook style house. 2 1/2 story.
3-bay gable-end facade, side-hall plan.
Gable roof, gable end returns, 2 interior end chimneys.
Stone foundation, clapboard siding.
4/4 sash windows, original blinds at windows, 2-bay attic windows. Bay windows on each side of house.
Wide frieze below eaves reflects lingering Greek Revival influence.
Facade porch with chamfered posts, caps, and jigsawn spandrels.
Front door surrounded with transom and sidelights.
1-bay rear wing, 1 1/2-story frame garage at rear of property.

CONDITION: Excellent INTEGRITY: Excellent USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

The house is shown on the 1887 map, but no owner/occupant's name is assigned to it.

This house and its neighbors (Inventory Nos. 211 and 213) form a well integrated small streetscape.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY

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INVENTORY = 1406- 209

NEG. FILE = 3-18, 3-19

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 177 (205) Main Street

Small wing pre-1862 and large wing c. 1865

3-story vernacular Second Empire house with 3-bay side-hall main block and 2-bay recessed east wing. Patterned slate mansard has sharp "kick" to eaves; aluminum siding covers original clapboards. 2/2 sash have projecting molded and bracketed window heads; ground-floor windows are full length. Entry has traditional sidelight and transom arrangement with deep paneled reveals and replacement door. A picket fence defines the front boundary

Set well back from Main Street west of the house is a 2-story clapboard and slate gabled English barn with an offset slightly smaller west wing and a stone wellhouse. The barn is probably mid-19th century.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: USE: Commercial

SIGNIFICANCE: The house is one of several vernacular Second Empire residential and commercial buildings in Chester. It is reputed to be the first of that style in the Borough. When William E. Collis purchased this property in 1862, only the smaller eastern part of the house stood here. He remodelled and enlarged the house in the fashionable style. The barn is the only remaining agricultural building of note surviving on Main Street.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

Chester Historical Society Walking Tour, p. 2.

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1406- 213

HISTORIC NAME: Tredway House
LOCATION: 17 Church Street

COMMON NAME:
BLOCK/LOT

MUNICIPALITY: Chester Borough
USGS QUAD: Chester
OWNER/ADDRESS:

COUNTY: Morris
UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: Between 1873 and 1874

Source of Date: See references.

Architect:

Builder:

Style: Gothic - Italianate vernacular

Form/Plan Type: "E" plan, gable-end facade, 3-bay side-hall plan.

Number of Stories: 2 1/2

Foundation: Stone

Exterior Wall Fabric: Clapboard

Fenestration: Paired 1/1 sash, floor-length 2/2 sash on first floor; blinds. Attic window is truncated Gothic arch.

Roof/Chimneys: Steep gable roof, interior chimneys

Additional Architectural Description:

Facade porch with chamfered supports and brackets.
Shouldered and pedimented architraves at doors and windows.
Paired windows in center of 2nd floor with Italianate tent roof of metal above it.
Cut-out ornament at gable apex and at eaves.

PHOTO Negative File No. 28-15

Map (Indicate North)
See general survey map

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SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES: Barn and wagon shed in rear of property have vertical siding, slate gable roofs. Fair-poor condition but excellent integrity. Privy and corn crib also with vertical siding, scallop trim under the eaves.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban ☐ Suburban ☐ Scattered Buildings ☒
Open Space ☐ Woodland ☐ Residential ☒ Agricultural ☐ Village ☒
Industrial ☐ Downtown Commerical ☐ Highway Commercial ☐ Other ☐

House and large lot retain the integrity of a 19th century village.

SIGNIFICANCE:

Church Street was opened in 1860, and the lots to the east side were laid out by T. P. Skellinger. Three adjacent lots were created and occupied by 2-story fram dwellings by the 1880's. This house was the finest of the thre stylistically when built, and it has been the best preserved. It was built 1873-74 by James Tredway.

This house and its neighbors (Inventory Nos. 211 and 212) form a well integrated small streetscape.

ORIGINAL USE: PRESENT USE:
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Poor ☐
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes ☒ Possible ☐ No ☐ Part of District ☐
THREATS TO SITE: Roads ☐ Development ☐ Zoning ☐ Deterioration ☐
No Threat ☐ Other ☐

COMMENTS:

Excellent integrity, with the most intact collection of outbuildings in Chester Borough.

REFERENCES: for full citations, see survey bibliography

Chester Historical Society Walking Tour, p. 3-4.
1868 Atlas of Morris County
1887 Atlas of Morris County
Interview, Frances Tredway, 1984, Chester Historical Society.

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NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1406- 214

HISTORIC NAME: "Howell Estate"
COMMON NAME: "International House"
LOCATION: 63 (67) Budd Avenue
BLOCK/LOT 8/18

MUNICIPALITY: Chester Borough
COUNTY: Morris
USGS QUAD: Chester
UTM REFERENCES:
OWNER/ADDRESS: Janet Abeles
Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: 18th century and later
Source of Date: visual

Architect:
Builder:

Style: Block-and-wing farmhouse
Form/Plan Type: Main block = 3-bay, side-hall plan.

Number of Stories: 2 1/2 story block
1 1/2 story wing

Foundation: Fieldstone and brick

Exterior Wall Fabric: Clapboard

Fenestration: 6/6 sash windows, original blinds. "Gothic" attic window. Windows do not align vertically in the main block.

Roof/Chimneys: Gable roof, end chimneys

Additional Architectural Description: Side and front of house have a porch with pier supports, square railing. Front and side doors with sidelights.

House is built into a low hill, creating a ground-level entry into the basement on the west side of the house.

Originally, house may have been a banked East Jersey cottage type. In the mid-19th century, the full second floor was added to this part of the house. In the early-mid-20th century the 1 1/2 story "wing" was added to the house, its careful Colonial Revival detail blending it with the older house.

PHOTO Negative File No. 18-18

Map (Indicate North)
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SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES: House sits well back from both streets on its present corner location. The large lot with many mature trees is a handsome setting.

A 2-story frame barn is located to the east of the house lot, now converted to a 2-car garage.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban ☐ Suburban ☐ Scattered Buildings ☒
Open Space ☐ Woodland ☐ Residential ☒ Agricultural ☐ Village ☒
Industrial ☐ Downtown Commerical ☐ Highway Commercial ☐ Other ☐

SIGNIFICANCE:

The earliest verifiable owner of this property was William J. Hunt in the 1840's. The main banked portion of the house is much earlier than this. However, the addition of the second floor may date to Hunt's ownership.

The 1868 Atlas identifies this house as the home of Rev. Stoughtenburgh, Congregational pastor, and Superintendent of public schools. The Howell family occupied the house from 1887 to the 1930's. The present owner, Janet Abeles, was mayor of Chester for several years. She named her home "International House."

ORIGINAL USE: Residential PRESENT USE: Residential
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Poor ☐
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes ☒ Possible ☐ No ☐ Part of District ☒
THREATS TO SITE: Roads ☐ Development ☐ Zoning ☐ Deterioration ☐
No Threat ☐ Other ☐

COMMENTS:

REFERENCES: for full citations, see survey bibliography

Chester Historical Society Walking Tour
1853, 1868 and 1887 Atlases of Morris County

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1406- 215

HISTORIC NAME: Presbyterian Church of Chester
COMMON NAME: Community Presbyterian Churc
LOCATION: 220 Main Street
BLOCK/LOT 11/6

MUNICIPALITY: Chester Borough
COUNTY: Morris
USGS QUAD: Chester
UTM REFERENCES:
OWNER/ADDRESS:
Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: 1851
Source of Date: Cornerstone

Architect:
Builder:

Style: Vernacular Greek Revival
Form/Plan Type: Rectangular. Gable end ent 5-bay side.

Number of Stories: 1 1/2

Foundation: Rubble stone

Exterior Wall Fabric: Clapboard; flush boards on facade with corner pilasters; flushboarded frieze below dentil cornice moulding.

Fenestration: Multi-pane triple sash windows.

Roof/Chimneys: Gable roof, asphalt shingles, enclosed facade pediment.

Additional Architectural Description: Battered belfry on clapboarded base centered over north end. Shouldered architrave around louvered panels on all for sides; dentil cornice above. Recessed central entry behind monumental columns, distyle Ionic in antis. Battered shouldered-architrave door surrounds, double-height paired central doors, smaller side doors, all multiple-paneled. Entry altered with modern slate and white brick steps and planters; concreted walkway.

PHOTO Negative File No. 28-21

Map (Indicate North)
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SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES: Chapel to west of main building: 1 1/2 story, basic Greek Revival building with naive medieval ornament to give a vernacular Gothic Revival touch. Cruciform plan, gable roof, gable-end facade 7 bays long. Rubble foundation, clapboard and flush-boarded facade, corner pilasters with round-arched panels. Round-arched windows on side. Small rose windows over paired Italianate-style doors under a round-arched frame.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban ☐ Suburban ☐ Scattered Buildings ☒
Open Space ☐ Woodland ☐ Residential ☐ Agricultural ☐ Village ☒
Industrial ☐ Downtown Commerical ☐ Highway Commercial ☐ Other ☐

The Church property is just east of the village center. Its cluster of buildings - church, chapel, parsonage, and modern "hall" are close to each other, but well back from the road. A large parking lot is behind and beside the church, and the grounds themselves are over-paved with asphalt walks.

SIGNIFICANCE:

Some 70 members of the original Chester Presbyterian church located on Pleasant Hill (now in Chester Township) left to form a new congregation in Mt. Olive and Flanders in the mid-19th century. The remaining Chester members voted to build a new church in the center of the Village. In 1851 the congregation purchased 2 1/2 acres on Main Street, and this Greek Revival structure was built a short time later.

The chapel was built in 1870, a gift of James E. Hedges.

The church contributes to an understanding of Chester's Greek Revival building phase.

ORIGINAL USE: Church, chapel PRESENT USE: Church, chapel
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes ☒ Possible ☐ No ☐ Part of District ☐
THREATS TO SITE: Roads ☐ Development ☐ Zoning ☐ Deterioration ☐
No Threat ☐ Other ☐

COMMENTS:

Well preserved and especially handsome group of mid-19th century buildings.

REFERENCES: for full citations, see survey bibliography

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INVENTORY # 1406- 217

NEG. FILE # 31-31

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 170 (184) Main Street Built 1882-3

Vernacular Gothic Revival

Steep gable roof, slate shingles, end chimney. Brick foundation, aluminum siding. 2 1/2-story, 3-bay gable-end facade, side-hall plan house with 2-story wing to east side Replacement windows, fake blinds; bay window on side of house. Facade porch with stickwork frieze in kingpost motif; carved drop pendant. East end of porch now screened in. 2-story garage/apartment in rear - 19th century frame outbuilding with simple stickwork at eaves.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Fair USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

In 1882, this one-acre lot was sold to Dr. Levi Case by the owners of the property to the west (see #219). Dr. Case had his office in the east wing of the house. Dr. Case practiced medicine in Chester in the 1880's and '90's.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY

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MAP

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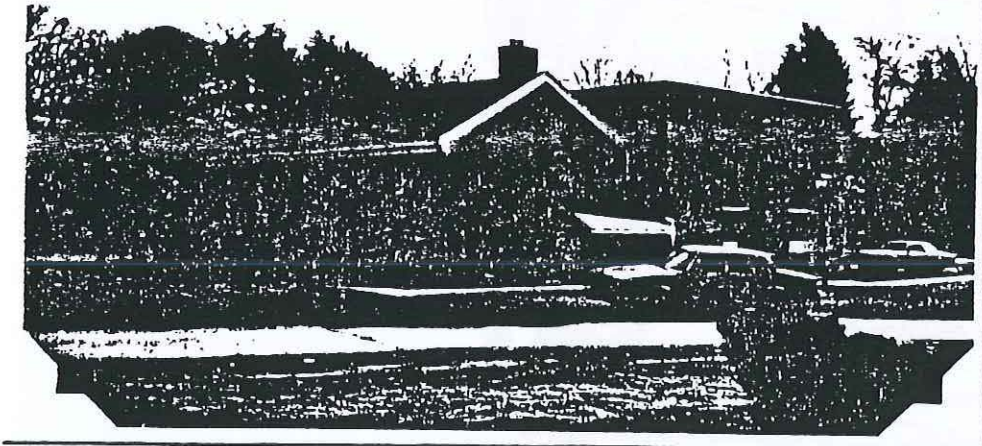

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 170 Main Street N.J. Telephone Co. Ca. 1960

1-story brick building. Gable roof, asphalt shingles. 3-bay facade, recessed center door. Glass block windows flanked by fake blinds.

Building is set back farther, and in a larger lawn than any other building on Main Street.

CONDITION: INTEGRITY: USE:

SIGNIFICANCE:

None

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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SURVEY: Chester Borough

SITING SURVEY FORM

DATE: August-October 1984

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HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1406- 219

HISTORIC NAME: John Drake-Van Arsdale House
COMMON NAME: Weichert Realtors
LOCATION: 142 (158) Main Street
BLOCK/LOT 11/3

MUNICIPALITY: Chester Borough
COUNTY: Morris
USGS QUAD: Chester
UTM REFERENCES:
OWNER/ADDRESS:
Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: after 1827, ca. 1830
Source of Date: Chester Historical Society

Architect:
Builder:

Style: Vernacular Greek Revival
Form/Plan Type: 5-bay center hall

Number of Stories: 2 1/2

Foundation: Not visible

Exterior Wall Fabric: Clapboard with flush boarded facade and pedimented gables.

Fenestration: 6/6 sash windows

Roof/Chimneys: Low pitch gable roof, standing seam metal; 2 interior brick end-chimneys with thin profiles.

Additional Architectural Description:

Two-story end pilasters on facade.

Exceptionally broad pedimented gable ends, dentate cornice, boxed gutters. Weichert name affixed to ends with outsize letters.

West end of house has exposed firebrick and protruding bake oven.

Flat-roofed portico over front door, carried on paneled piers with pilasters at wall. Greek Revival entry with transom and sidelights, but modern door. Rear shed roof porch on square posts.

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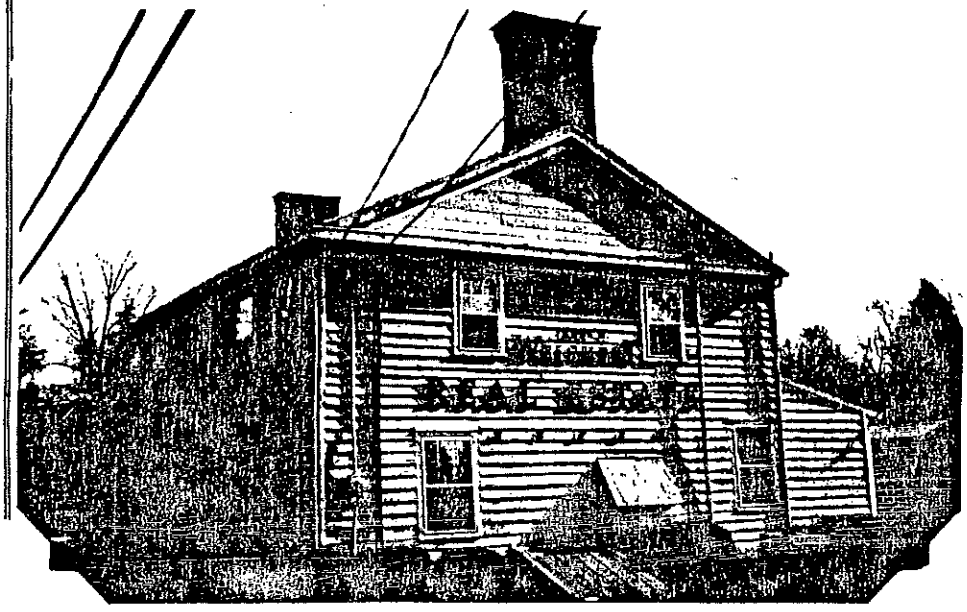

Map (Indicate North)
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SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

Set close to Main Street, with a small front yard. Large gravel parking lot in rear. Wide grassy sideyards and great distance of neighboring buildings set off the house.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban ☐ Suburban ☐ Scattered Buildings ☒
Open Space ☐ Woodland ☐ Residential ☒ Agricultural ☐ Village ☒
Industrial ☐ Downtown Commerical ☒ Highway Commercial ☐ Other ☐

SIGNIFICANCE:

An exceptionally good vernacular version of the Greek Revival style. In 1827, John Drake acquired 8 acres of land between the Washington Turnpike (Route 24) and the Old Road (Budd Avenue) for $800.00. He had this house built between 1830 and 1840. In 1841 he sold it, and four acres "off the east end" to Daniel S. Skellenger of Springfield, NJ. Skellenger sold it only two years later to Benjamin Van Duzer "excepting the store house standing on the premises." (See #220.) In 1871 Van Duzer's property passed to John W. Van Arsdale. He operated a livery stable next door to the house (building gone). Recorded by H.A.B.S., (N.J. 647) 1940.

ORIGINAL USE: Residential PRESENT USE: Office
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY:* Yes ☒ Possible ☐ No ☐ Part of District ☒
THREATS TO SITE: Roads ☐ Development ☒ Zoning ☐ Deterioration ☐
No Threat ☐ Other ☐

COMMENTS:

*Register eligible as part of a district or a thematic nomination.

Building merits restoration. The large-lot setting is vulnerable because of pressure for intensified development.

REFERENCES: for full citations, see survey bibliography

H.A.B.S.
Greenidge, p. 144

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MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION:

110 (128) Main Street

A complex of buildings on "The Point" where Budd Avenue, Grove Street, Main Street, and Hillside Road intersect.

Front building: 2 1/2 story, gable roof, 4-bay facade, 6/6 sash windows, twin 19th century storefronts, gables centered over each half of the facade. Facade porch, pier supports. Siding suggests corner pilasters and frieze, pedimented end gables.

Rear buildings: series of 1 1/2-2 1/2 story barns/outbuildings. All buildings on the property are covered in matching aqua color aluminum siding, and the originally separate buildings have been linked together. Rear yard filled with demo. pools, fencing and paved parking areas.

CONDITION: Fair INTEGRITY: Fair USE: Commerical

SIGNIFICANCE:

Through the many later alterations, one can just barely make out the outlines of a Greek Revival-inspired structure. It may have been built contemporaneously with the neighboring Drake-Van Arsdale house, for it was part of Drake's property from 1827 to 1851. A "storehouse, blacksmith shop, and stables" were described as part of Drake's property in the mortgage application.

In 1868, the Map of Chester shows it as the store of Dunham & Son.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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MAP
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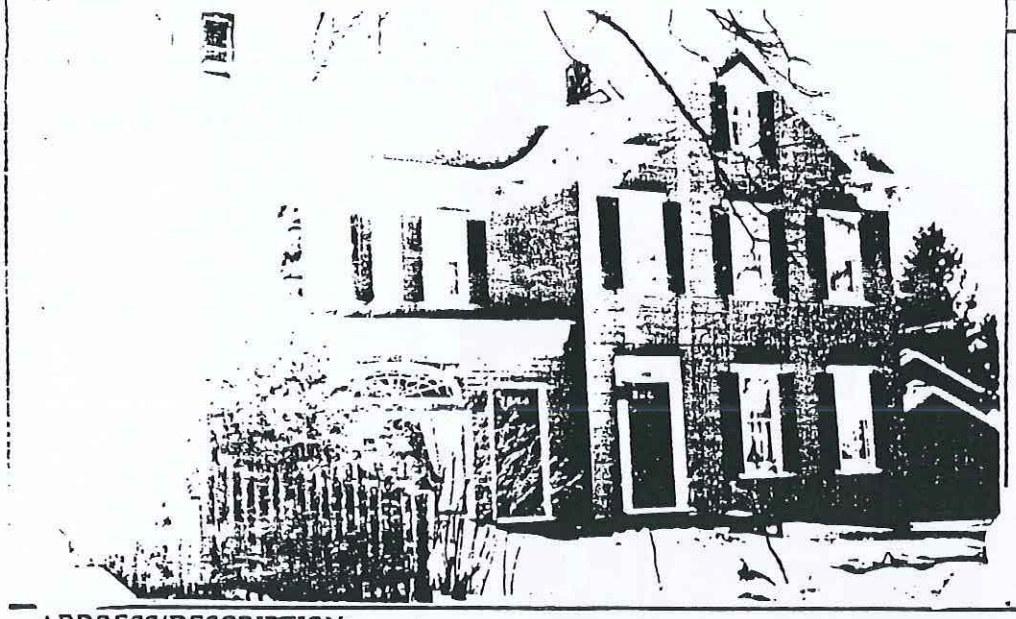

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 24 Budd Avenue

Built between 1868 and 1887

Italianate vernacular house. "L" plan. 2 1/2 stories. Gable roof, wide bracketed eaves, gable-end-returns, end chimney.

3-bay side-hall plan. Asbestos shingle siding. Windows altered, old blinds remain. Attic window is 2/2 sash with jigsawn pediment.

Filled in porch with new picture window and fanlight "transom." Porch across projecting gable end missing. Rubble stone foundation.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Fair USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Italianate-styled "L" plan house was a favorite middle class house design in 19th century Chester. This house was occupied by a Mrs. Horton in 1887.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

1868 and 1887 Atlases of Morris County

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MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 36 (32) Budd Avenue

Early 20th century "cottage."

Semi-"H" plan. 1 1/2 stories.

Gable roof with projecting rafters, asphalt shingles.

Asphalt shingle siding.

Paired 1/1 and 6/1 sash windows.

Flat-roofed front porch, simple railing and supports.

Stone foundation.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Fair USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

Unremarkable architecturally, but an unobtrusive enough "infill" building. Its lower scale harmonizes with the adjacent bungalows.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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INVENTORY # 1406-224

NEG. FILE # 31-16

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 44 (42) Budd Avenue ca. 1920

Bungalow. Gable end facade.

1 1/2 stories. Gable roof, knee braces at eaves.

Combination of shingles and clapboard siding.

2-bay facade, 1/1 sash windows.

Projecting square bay window on side.

Facade porch on paneled posts, square balustrade.

CONDITION: Fair INTEGRITY: Good USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

When originally constructed, this house was one of two identical, neighboring homes (see #223). This hou se has had fewer exterior alterations, and retains it historic integrity to a greater degree.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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MAP

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A. ___/DESCRIPTION: 42 (38) Budd Avenue ca. 1920

Bunagalow. Gable-end facade.

Originally 1 story, now expanded by the addition of shed-roofed dormers on each side of the roof, which alter the appearance of the house.

Knee-brace brackets below eaves.

Combination of shingles and clapboard siding.

2-bay facade, 1/1 sash windows.

Facade porch on paneled posts, square balustrade.

Concrete foundation.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Fair USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

When originally constructed, this house was a twin to its neighbor (see #224).

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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INVENTORY # [illegible]

NEG. FILE # 31-15

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION:

48 (46) Budd Avenue

Gothic Vernacular farmhouse - Much altered.

Steep gable roof, slate shingles; cross gable centered on facade; interior brick chimney in off-center location.

New concrete block end chimney.

Synthetic siding. Rubble stone foundation.

3-bay facade. Fenestration and porch altered.

All historic detailing gone. Located on a large lot, unremarkable landscaping.

CONDITION: Fair INTEGRITY: Fair USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

This house appears in the Beers Atlas as the residence of J. Norman. James Norman manufactured "spokes, rims, plows, and castings." He also served as postmaster in Chester in 1898.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

1868 Atlas of Morris County.

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NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1406- 226

HISTORIC NAME: Captain Leek House
COMMON NAME:
LOCATION: 50 Budd Avenue
BLOCK/LOT 12/7

MUNICIPALITY: Chester Borough
COUNTY: Morris
USGS QUAD: Chester
UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Northing/Easting
OWNER/ADDRESS: Joseph Hilber
50 Budd Avenue, Chester, NJ

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: 1780 and later
Source of Date:

Architect:
Builder:

Style: Vernacular
Form/Plan Type: "Block and wing"
3-bay, side-hall plan block and 3-bay wing with no facad doors.

Number of Stories: 2 1/2

Foundation: Stone

Exterior Wall Fabric: Clapboard

Fenestration: 9/6 and 6/6 sash windows.

Roof/Chimneys: Gable roof. End brick chimney

Additional Architectural Description: Front door is a vernacular Italianate design, but transom and sidelights are Federal/Greek Revival transitional design.

The house has an exceptionally deep gable end.

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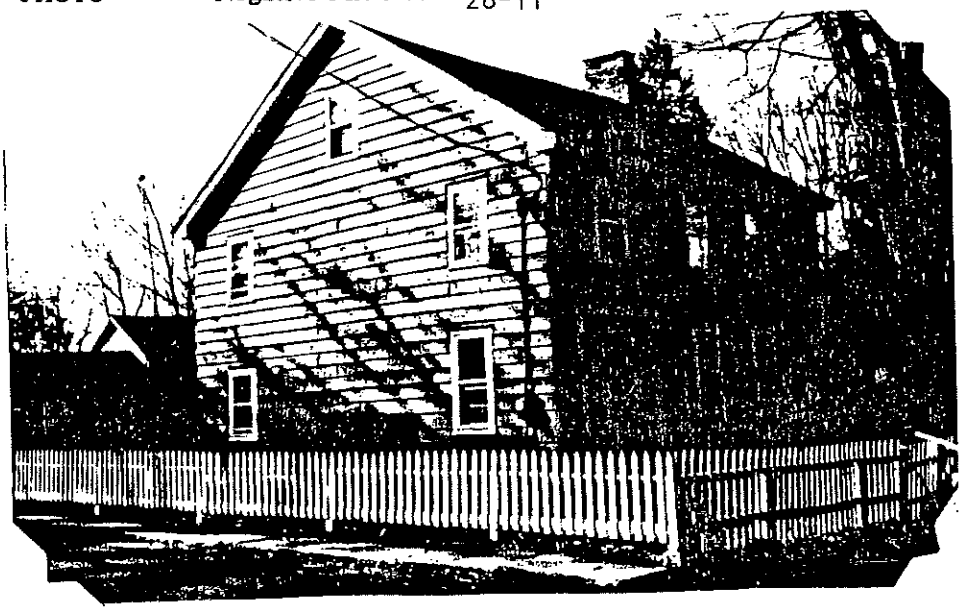

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SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

House is sited close to the road, successfully separated from the road by a picket fence.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban ☐ Suburban ☐ Scattered Buildings ☒
Open Space ☐ Woodland ☐ Residential ☒ Agricultural ☐ Village ☒
Industrial ☐ Downtown Commerical ☐ Highway Commercial ☐ Other ☐

SIGNIFICANCE:

The original house on this site (the part with the main entrance) was built about 1780.

In the early 19th century, this was the home of Capt. Samuel C. Leek, master of the whaling ship "Tuscarora." Captain Leek's diaries of an artic whaling expedition were found in the house during recent renovations. The diaries were turned over to the Mystic Seaport Museum. "M. Leek" still lived there in 1853.

The 1868 Beers' Atlas identified the house as the property of a Mrs. Topon (possibly a misspelling of the common local name, Topping). The 1887 Atlas shows the house the property of T. Horton.

ORIGINAL USE: Residential PRESENT USE: Residential
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Poor ☐
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes ☒ Possible ☐ No ☐ Part of District ☒
THREATS TO SITE: Roads ☐ Development ☐ Zoning ☐ Deterioration ☐
No Threat ☐ Other ☐

COMMENTS:

This house has been recently and carefully restored.

REFERENCES: for full citations, see survey bibliography
"Walking Tour Through Chester Village," C.H.S., p. 5.
1853 Map of Morris County
1868 Atlas of Morris County
1887 Atlas of Morris County.

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INVENTORY # 1408-227

NEG. FILE # 28-12

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 51 Budd Avenue Between 1853 and 1868

Vernacular house type - double house.

2 story, clapboard siding, gable roof, central brick chimney.

Irregular fenestration, 1/1 sash windows.

Hip-roofed porch across facade, simple posts and balustrade.

Entries in end bays.

A very plain, unornamented house.

CONDITION: Fair INTEGRITY: Good USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

The house was built in the mid-19th century, possibly as housing for miners, although its appearance on the 1868 map makes this seem a bit early. On both the 1868 and 1887 Atlases, this is identified as the property of P. Vanarsdale, possibly a tenant house associated with livery stables.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

1868 and 1887 Atlases of Morris County

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NEG. FILE # 10/17

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION:

90 Fairmount Avenue — Mid 19th century

Much modified farmhouse.

2 1/2 story, gable-end facade. Gable roof, patterned slate shingles, end brick chimney. Irregular bays new and old multi-paned sash, bay window on facade. Clapboard siding. Additions on both sides of main block of varied heights and ages, but generally 20th Century ColonialRevival interpretations, stock "Colonial" mouldings frame front door.

Rear 1 1/2-story frame barn converted to studio/guest house.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Fair USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

The house was owned and remodelled by Warren Langdon, superintendent of a number of iron mines in the late 19th century in and around Chester. Continuous remodelling and "improvement" of the house and grounds since then have removed all historic architectural character.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

Greenidge, p. 114

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INVENTORY # 1406-228
NEG. FILE # 31-20

MAP
See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 55 (59) Budd Avenue

Between 1853 and 1868

Planbook-derived house with later additions to form "L" plan. 3-bay, gable-end facade section is on the expected side-hall plan. Gable roof. Shingle siding. 6/6 sash window. Chimney replaced with metal stovepipe. Front door has moulded architrave, but no supports (a remnant of an original Greek-Revival style doorway?). 2-story wing has pent roof, irregular fenestration, same shingle siding as main portion of house.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Fair USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

The older portion of the house is derived from mid-to-late 19th century "Planbooks" or pattern books, and it is a common form, particularly for urban middle-class homes.

The house is shown on the 1868 map, although not on the map of 1853. In 1868 it was owned by the Wharton family.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations
1853, 1868 and 1887 Atlases of Morris County
Chester Historical Society Walking Tour, p. 4.

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NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1406-229

HISTORIC NAME: Skellenger House
COMMON NAME:
LOCATION: 57 (63) Budd Avenue
BLOCK/LOT 11/9

MUNICIPALITY: Chester Borough
COUNTY: Morris
USGS QUAD: Chester
UTM REFERENCES:
OWNER/ADDRESS:
Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: Before 1853
Source of Date: Maps

Architect:
Builder:

Style: Vernacular single-pile house
Form/Plan Type: 5-bay center-hall plan

Number of Stories: 2 1/2

Foundation: Rough-cut stone

Exterior Wall Fabric: Synthetic siding; original wooden corner-boards and moulded cornice.

Fenestration: 6/6 sash in plain frames. Wooden bars on basement windows.

Roof/Chimneys: Gable roof, gable-end-returns, end chimneys.

Additional Architectural Description: Center front door surround is Greek Revival derived in its architrave, multi-light transom, sidelights and appled pilasters. The door itself is a mid-Victorian-era replacement.

Flat-roof single-bay rear addition to house.

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Map (Indicate North)
See general survey map

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SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES: 2-car, 1-story frame garage in rear.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban ☐ Suburban ☐ Scattered Buildings ☒
Open Space ☐ Woodland ☐ Residential ☒ Agricultural ☐ Village ☒
Industrial ☐ Downtown Commerical ☐ Highway Commercial ☐ Other ☐

Good use of fencing on the property - dry stone wall and picket fence define the yard, add character to the house.

SIGNIFICANCE: This was the residence of Theodore Perry Skellenger, local entrepreneur in the mid-19th century. Skellenger developed Church Street in 1860, and he opened Perry Street. He owned a livery stable, a saloon, and other houses. Skellenger was best remembered in Chester, however, for planting trees along Main Street.

The iron mining boom of the 1870's and '80's came as a result of discovering iron ore behind Skellenger's Main Street properties.

ORIGINAL USE: Residential PRESENT USE: Residential
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Poor ☐
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes ☒ Possible ☐ No ☐ Part of District ☒
THREATS TO SITE: Roads ☐ Development ☐ Zoning ☐ Deterioration ☐
No Threat ☐ Other ☐

COMMENTS:

Good integrity.

REFERENCES: for full citations, see survey bibliography

Greenidge, p. 68
Chester Historical Society Walking Tour, p. 4.

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MAP #	ADDRESS/LOCATION : PROPERTY NAME	DATE	Significance to D/S	Condition	USE	DESCRIPTION: Style, Ext. Wall Fabric, Fenestration, Form, Roof, Major Features, Alterations, Stories, etc.	NEGATIVE FILE #
	CHESTER BOROUGH						
231	73 Grove Street	c.1960	None	G*	R*	2-story builder's tract house. 2 bay, shingled siding, attached garage.	
232	21 Orange Street	c.1960	None	G	R	" " " " " "	
233	17 Orange Street	c.1960	None	G	R	" " " " " "	
234	11 Orange Street	c.1960	None	G	R	" " " " " "	
235	9 Orange Street		H*	G	R	Carriage house converted to tract-house type single-family house. Gable roof. Vertical wood siding. Set well back from street.	25-35

*G - Good
*R - Residential
*H - Harmonizing Structure

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CHESTER BOROUGH (1406) SURVEY

Patch House Concentration (Inventory Numbers 237-280)

The so-called "Patch Houses" of Chester were built during the iron mining boom of the 1870's. The simple, vernacular "tenements" were two-story, frame structures, originally constructed as two-family dwellings. Housing for miners was scarce during the boom years in Chester. Single miners lived in boarding houses, such as the ones surviving at 38 Grove Street (see #258) or 75 Main Street (see #306). They also rented rooms at local farms. Miners with families occasionally established themselves in the community and managed to build homes of their own, such as the dwelling at 43 Main Street built by miner George S. Rodda in 1880 (see #302). More commonly, however, the miners rented houses from the mining company, and moved frequently to find work.

The typical miner's house, provided by the local mining companies, is best described in the words of long-time local residents:

> A 'patch' house was a two-story double house thirty feet long and twelve feet wide, with a partition through the center. Each side had a small parlor with a staircase against the central wall, a lean-to kitchen at the back, and two or three bedrooms upstairs. There was a six-foot deep cellar, and the walls of the house were of rough board. A carpenter 'put down sills, then stood the boards up; and when one floor height was obtained, 2 x 4's were nailed to the boards making a sill for the second floor. All boards were 1 1/4 inches x 10 inches, tongue and groove. Wainscoting was put on walls and ceiling. Outside was barracks stripping.' There was

a shingled roof, a stove apiece, fireplace heat, and a chimney at either end of the house.*

The more common patch house of Chester has a gable-end facade entered under a simple shed-roof porch. A variant is more closely related to traditional house forms, the entry on the long side of the house. Frequently in these houses, the number and location of bays does not correspond between the first and second floors.

Patch houses were built in (present day) Chester Township near the great Hacklebarney mines, along Route 24 west of the Borough, and in Chester Borough south of Main Street. The most notable concentration of patch houses in the Borough is along Maple Avenue, originally called "Mud Street."

Maple Avenue is now paved, but the wide, uncurbed road shaded with a few mature trees still presents a rural appearance. The neighborhood continues to be occupied by working-class families. All the double-house patch houses have been renovated to single-family homes. Even so, the buildings are too small for 20th century use, and additions are the order of the day.

The physical integrity of the patch house varies widely. Characteristic alterations include the application of synthetic siding, and altered fenestration. The house at 143 Maple Avenue (#270) is perhaps most representative of the original condition of the houses, despite the addition of

*The reminiscences of John V. Croot and Andrew Wyckoff, recorded in Greenidge, p. 79.

Patch Houses: company houses built for miners with families

237-280, grouped after 236

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shutters and a new door. The house at 162 Maple Avenue (#262) is also well-preserved. The front porch with jigsawn ornament is a later addition, for no such luxury would have been part of a patch house originally.

The patch house streetscape is broken by the insertion of two ranch houses on the south side of Maple Avenue. The clustering of patch houses continues up Warren and Perry Streets, and along Grove Street. There are a few other patch houses scattered at the residential area south of Main Street. All are listed on the attached three pages, with brief notes on their present appearance.

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N.J. HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY

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MAP #	ADDRESS/LOCATION : PROPERTY NAME	DATE	Significance to D/S	Condition	USE	DESCRIPTION: Style, Ext. Wall Fabric, Fenestration, Form, Roof, Major Features, Alterations, Stories, etc.	NEGATIVE FILE #
	CHESTER BOROUGH						
237	60 Budd Avenue		NR eligible, as part of a district	F*		Gable end type. 2-bay first floor with 1/1 paired sash. Narrow clapboard siding, cornerboards. No porch. Rear lean-to additions. Good integrity.	24-10 24-11
240	20 Orange Street			G*		Gable end type. 3-bay facade. Centered front door. 1/1 sash windows. Asbestos shingle siding. Facade porch. 2-car garage connected to house. Fair integrity.	24-4
241	26 Orange Street			G		Gable end type. All windows replaced with jalousie-type windows. Synthetic siding. Added porches on two sides now enclosed. Poor integrity.	24-7
242	67 Grove Street			F		Gable end type. 1 bay over 2 bay. 6/6 sash windows, paired on first floor. Asbestos shingle siding. No porch, no door trim, replacement front door. Fair integrity.	25-30
243	19 Cherry Street			F		Gable end type. Ground floor fenestration totally altered. Eyebrow windows on second floor. Asbestos shingle siding. 2-car garage with 1-story connecting link to house. Fair integrity.	25-20
253	57 Grove Street			P*		Gable end type. 3-bay first floor, side hall plan; 2-bay second floor. 1/1 and 6/6 sash windows. Facade porch with arched spandrels and scalloped bargeboard trim at eaves added later. Synthetic siding. Good integrity.	slide
256	Corner 10 Budd Avenue & Grove Street			G	C*	Gable end type. Orientation changed from gable end (Grove Street) to side (Budd Avenue). Entry faces parking lot. New shingle siding, rear wings and New porch added. Poor integrity.	28-10

*F - Fair
G - Good
P - Poor

C-Commercial

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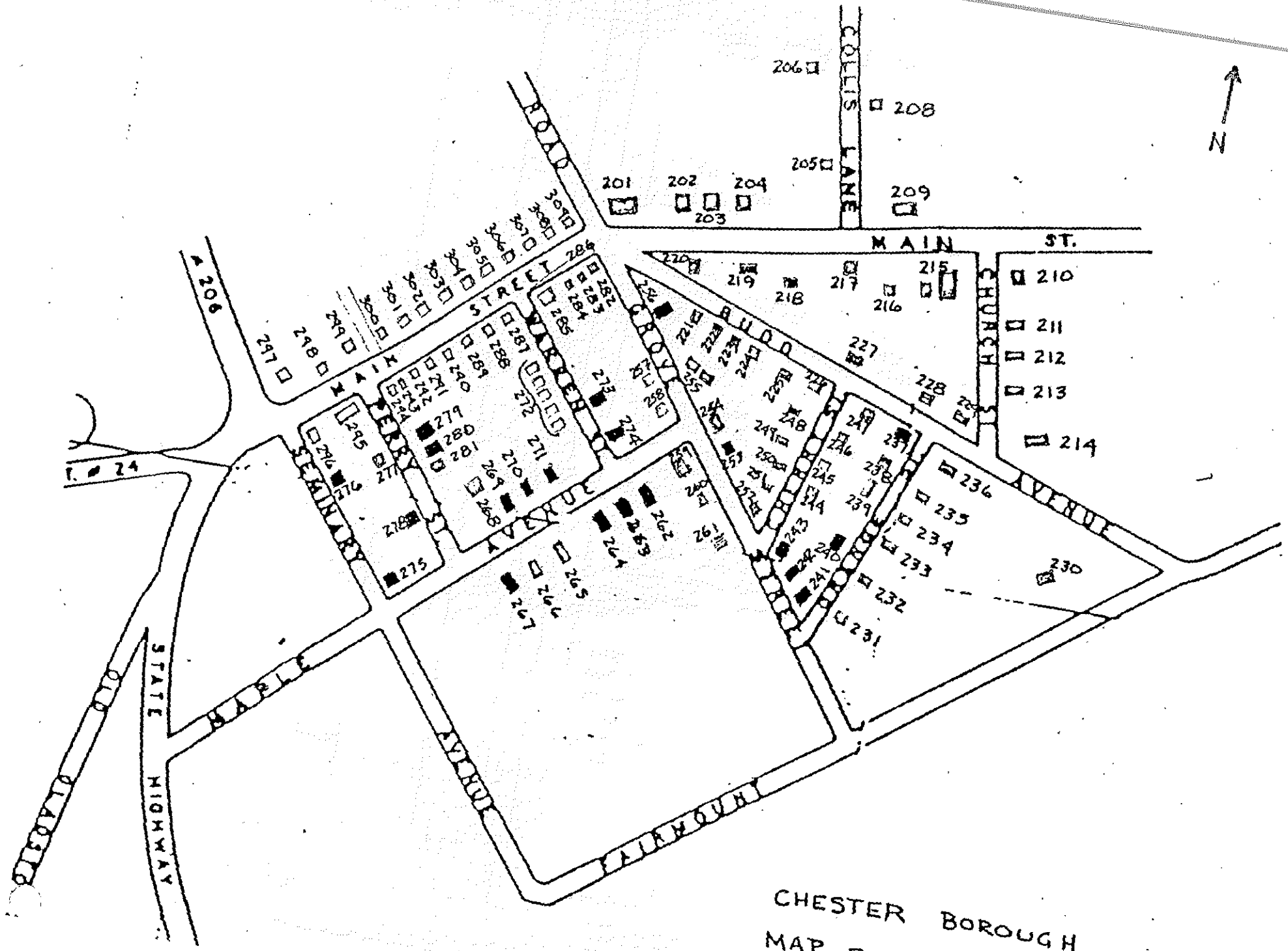

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MAP #	ADDRESS/LOCATION : PROPERTY NAME	DATE	Significance to D/S	Condition	USE	DESCRIPTION: Style, Ext. Wall Fabric, Fenestration, Form, Roof, Major Features, Alterations, Stories, etc.	NEGATIVE FILE #
	CHESTER BOROUGH						
275	49 Seminary Avenue and Maple Avenue		NR eligible as part of a district	F*	R*	A "patch house" type, but with the entrance on the long side, not the gable end. High stone foundation, asbestos shingles, replacement 1/1 sash windows in a 2-bay second floor, 3-bay first floor configuration. Enclosed front porch. Center entry. Gable roof, 2 story. No stylistic detailing.	23-7
276	35 Seminary Avenue (Excaliber Video Rental Club)			F	C*	Much altered "patch house." 2-story, 2-bay gable end facade. Applied batten siding; built-out bay window under pent roof. Fenestration, siding, chimney, and site completely altered. Parking area to north side of house.	23-5
278	34 Perry Street			G*	R	Much renovated gable end type. New shingle siding, new windows, doors, brick porch with iron railing, shed dormer added on south side. A pleasant house, but now completely lacking historic architectural significance.	23-19
279	25 Perry Street			G	R	Gable end type. 3 bay. Centered front door. 6/6 sash windows. Shingle siding except first floor front which is brick siding. Facade porch with arched spandrels. 2-story, flat-roofed addition on rear.	23-23
280	35 Perry Street			G	R	5 bay, 3 entrances on long side first floor. 2-bay second story. Clapboard siding.(vinyl ?) 2 full story with gable addition in rear. Front porch with spandrels, shed roofed.	23-22

*P - Poor
F - Fair
G - Good

R - Residential
C - Commercial

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For: Chester Historical Society

INVENTORY # 140b- 236
NEG. FILE # 24-12
MAP
See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 62 Budd Avenue

Between 1868 and 1887

Vernacular "Victorian" house.

2 1/2 story. Awkward "L" plan from narrow "arms."
Gable roof; gable end returns; new cobblestone chimney at rear of house.
Clapboard siding.
2/2 sash windows, original blinds. Irregular fenestration.
Flat-roofed porch with Doric-column-supports surrounds first floor - now screened, obscuring architecture.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Good USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

The house first appears on the 1887 Atlas of Morris County as the property of "Wharton." Wells Wharton was a builder, and he may have just constructed this home when information for the map was taken, and not yet sold it; or it may have been his own home.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations
1868 and 1887 Maps of Morris County
Greenidge, p. 165

NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY

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	CHESTER BOROUGH						
262	162 Maple Avenue		NR eligible, as part of a district			Well-preserved gable end type. Wooden shingle siding. Facade porch with jigsawn ornament later addition. Slate roof. Good integrity.	25-37
263	156 Maple Avenue					Gable end type. Aluminum siding and fake blinds added. 1-story addition on facade and rear. Fair integrity.	24-35
264	150 Maple Avenue					Gable end type. Vinyl siding. 1-story additions front and rear. Replacement windows. Fair integrity.	24-34
267	120 Maple Avenue (110)					Gable end type with 2-story wing added to give "L" plan. Wooden shingle siding; simple front porch. Fair integrity.	23-29
269	135 Maple Avenue					Gable end type. Wooden shingle siding, slate shingle roof. Enclosed porches facade and side. Good integrity.	23-31
270	143 Maple Avenue					Gable end type. Wooden shingle siding. Replacement sash - 6/1. No porch. Good integrity.	23-32
271	151 Maple Avenue (corner Warren Street)					Gable end type with 1-story addition to side. Asbestos shingle siding. Replacement windows and doors.	24-36
273	45 Warren Street					Gable end type. Enclosed front porch and 1-story addition to side connecting 2-car garage. Clapboard. Original 6/6 sash. Miscellaneous rear additions.	25-19
274	147 Maple Avenue (161)					Gable end type. Wooden shingle siding. 2-story rear addition, enclosed front porch with picture window added. Fair integrity.	25-5,

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MAP

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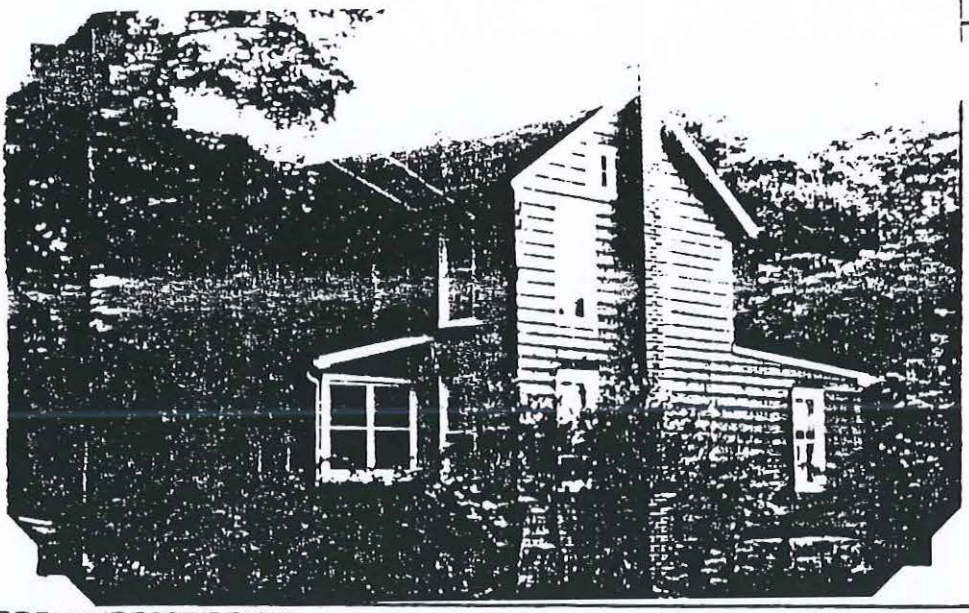

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION:

6 Orange Street

Built between 1868 and 1887

Vernacular "I" House.
2 1/2 story, 5-bay center-hall plan house, gable roof.
New brick end chimney.
Wooden shingle siding. Stone foundation.
Enclosed shed porch over center bays.
Rear shed-roof addition.
House is decorated and dominated by extra-large 4/4 sash windows.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Good USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

The house is shown on the 1887 Atlas of Morris County, but no owner is identified. The "I" house form is found in a number of mid-19th century dwellings in Chester, but here the house is secondary to the large windows. The house (and windows) are at present well preserved.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations
1887 Atlas of Morris County

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Continuation Sheet

1406-237

60 Budd Avenue

Chester Borough, 1982

Patch house, front

Neg. File #

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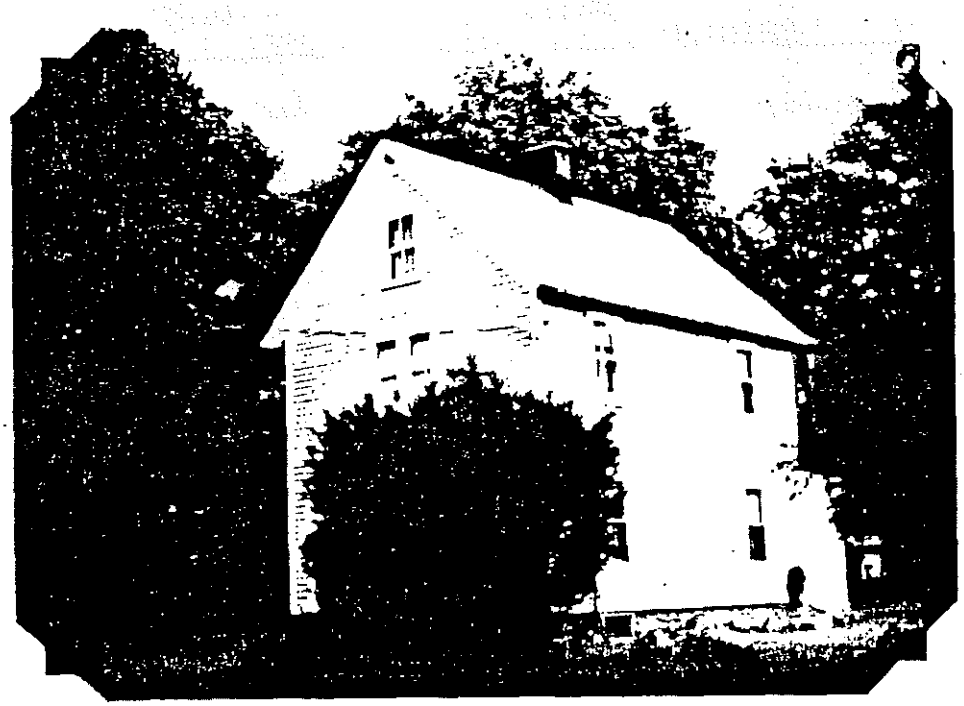

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60 Budd Avenue

Chester Borough, 1982

Patch house, side

Neg. File #

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INVENTORY # 1400-244

NEG. FILE # 25-21

MAP

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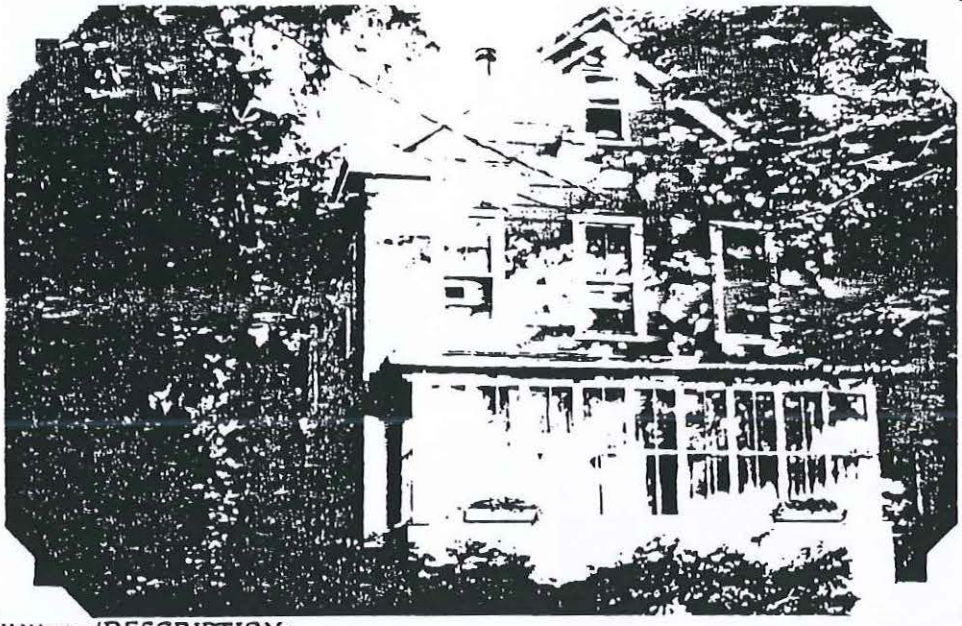

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 17 Cherry Street

Built between 1868 and 1887

Modified plan-book type house.

2 1/2-story, gable end, shed dormer added.

Asbestos siding, synthetic eaves and returns.

Enclosed porch with brackets.

3-bay side-hall plan, 2/2 sash windows.

CONDITION: Fair INTEGRITY: Fair USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

A simple house, unfortunately greatly altered so that many historic architectural details are gone. See #274.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1406- 239

HISTORIC NAME: Rarick House
LOCATION: 10 Orange Street

COMMON NAME:
BLOCK/LOT 10/6

MUNICIPALITY: Chester Borough
USGS QUAD: Chester
OWNER/ADDRESS:

COUNTY: Morris
UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: See Significance.

Source of Date:

Architect:

Builder:

Style: Vernacular Greek-Revival elements

Form/Plan Type: Square-shaped house.

Number of Stories: 2 1/2 story

Foundation: Stone

Exterior Wall Fabric: Clapboard

Fenestration: 4-bay facade, large 2/2 sash windows occupy a large area of the wall area. Blinds.

Roof/Chimneys: Pyramidal roof, small central chimney.

Additional Architectural Description: Shed roof front porch with turned supports, new front door. Very plain door and window frames.

Wide eaves and wide fascia - lend a Greek or Italianate feeling to an otherwise plain, vernacular building.

PHOTO Negative File No. 25-36 (24-3, barn)

Map (Indicate North)
See general survey map

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION, 109 WEST STATE STREET, TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08625 (609) 292 - 2023

SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES: Small vertical sided outbuilding converted to garage. Gable roof. Exterior staircase to attic level.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban ☐ Suburban ☐ Scattered Buildings ☐
Open Space ☐ Woodland ☐ Residential ☒ Agricultural ☐ Village ☒
Industrial ☐ Downtown Commerical ☐ Highway Commercial ☐ Other ☐

SIGNIFICANCE: Orange Street was not opened until the 1880's. One of the first houses to be built on the street was this one, for M. Rarick. He ran a jewelry store on Main Street in the 1890's.

The house is a handsome and unusual adaptation of classically-inspired revival styles to the local builder's vernacular. While not clearly of any particular "style," the elements of the house have been treated with extra care.

ORIGINAL USE: Residential PRESENT USE: Residential
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Poor ☐
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes ☒ Possible ☐ No ☐ Part of District ☒
THREATS TO SITE: Roads ☐ Development ☐ Zoning ☐ Deterioration ☐
No Threat ☐ Other ☐
COMMENTS:

Well preserved house and lot.

REFERENCES: for full citations, see survey bibliography

Greenidge, p. 118
1887 Atlas of Morris County

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MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 13 (15) Cherry Street

Built between 1868 and 1887

Modified plan-book type house.
2-story, 3-bay gable end facade.
Clapboard siding.
4/4 sash windows.
Shed roof facade porch on square posts, no balustrade.
Door butted far up against side of house.
Narrow transom and sidelights.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Good USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

This simple, well preserved house is further proof that the eclectic revival styles which flourished in the 1870's and '80's in the United States often left no mark on the rural mining town of Chester.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

1868 and 1887 Atlases of Morris County

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NEG. FILE # 23-24

MAP

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ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 11 Cherry Street

Mid 19th century

Vernacular house type.

1 1/2 story, gable roof, end chimney.
Clapboard siding. 3-bay facade, center door.
6/6 sash windows 1st floor, eyebrow windows 2nd floor.
1 bay shed wing to side.
Flat roof porch on piers with necking moulding in center of height.
Large shed addition at rear.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Good USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

Located on Cherry Street, which was opened between 1853 and 1868, the house is first identified on the 1868 map of Chester as the property of "Mrs. Horton."

The persistence of traditional building forms in a fairly rural area like Chester is demonstrated in this house, which could have been built up to a century before its actual construction.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

1868 Atlas of Morris County

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INVENTORY # 1406- 247
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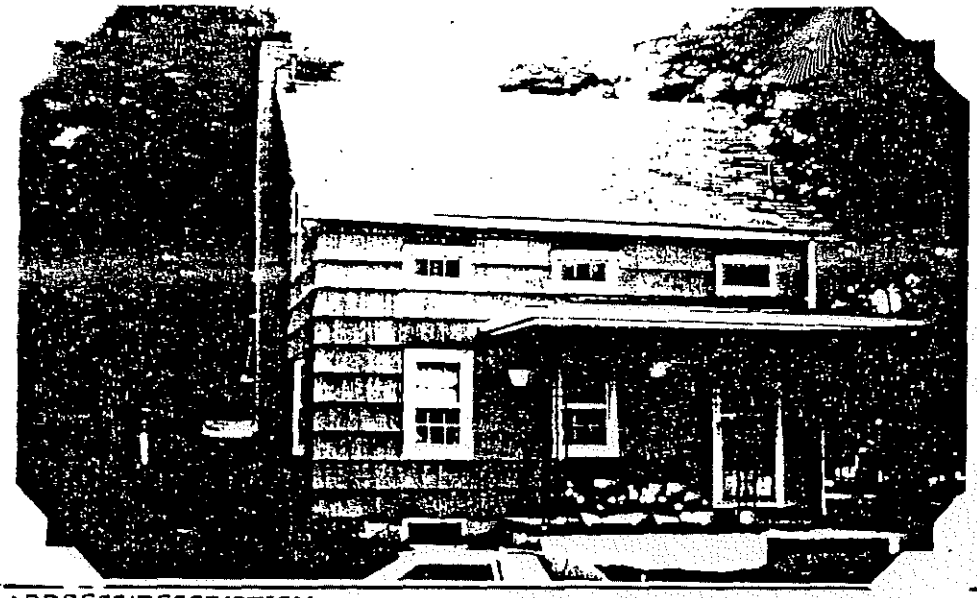

MAP
See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 56 (54) Budd Avenue

Late 18th/Early 19th Century

East Jersey Cottage - much altered.

2 story, 3-bay side-hall plan.
Gable roof. Replacement end chimney.
Eyebrow windows on facade - sash replaced.
6/6 sash windows first floor.
Modern flat-roofed porch across facade, with concrete base and steps, and wrought iron support. New front door.
Synthetic shingle siding. Stone foundation.
All historic detailing and integrity removed by alterations.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Poor USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

This early house type was common in New Jersey in the 18th and early 19th centuries. This house faces Budd Avenue, part of the "Old Road" which was superceded in importance by the 1806 construction of the Washington Turnpike (Main Street). Thus, the house may well be 18th century - unfortunately, so much of its original fabric has been removed that it may be impossible to tell.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations
Chester Historical Society Walking Tour, p. 5

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DISTRICT/STREETSCAPE CONTINUATION SHEET

N.J. HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY

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	CHESTER BOROUGH						
248	8 Cherry Street	c.1930	I*	G*	R*	Bungalow-derived house. 2-story; aluminum siding. Enclosed porch and side wing. No historic detailing.	
249	10 Cherry Street	c.1890	I	F*	R	Vernacular house type. 2-story. Shallow gable roof, interior chimney. Aluminum siding. Concrete foundation. 3-bay facade. Jalousie windows. Enclosed facade porch. No architectural details survive.	
250	Cherry Street	c.1930	I			Bungalow-derived house. 1 1/2 story. Aluminum siding, concrete foundation. Gable end facade; enclosed porch.	25-8
260	58 Grove Street	c.1920	I		R	Bungalow-derived house. Aluminum siding. Enclosed porch. No detailing or significance.	

(see continuation sheet following 261 for photo)

*G - Good R - Residential
F - Fair I - Intrusion

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INVENTORY # 1406- 251
NEG. FILE # 25-23

MAP
See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 14 Cherry Street

Built between 1853 and 1868

Vernacular house.

2 1/2 story, gable roof. New exterior end chimney.
Wooden shingle siding.
3-bay first floor, 2-bay second floor.
Small 6/6 sash windows.
Central front door, portico over front door.
Narrow facade and deep gable ends.
2 story lean-to on rear, added screened porch to side of house.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Good USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

The house appears on the 1868 Beers Atlas as the residence of "Mrs. Howell." This simple, vernacular house type is found throughout Chester, although this house has the most narrow, compressed facade.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

1868 Atlas of Morris County

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MAP

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ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION:

61 Grove Street

Built between 1868 and 1887

Vernacular farmhouse - type.

2 1/2 story, gable roof, interior end chimneys.

3-bay facade; 4/4 sash windows, center door.

Vinyl siding.

Facade porch - now enclosed.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Fair USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

This farmhouse type is more typical of the upper Delaware Valley area than northern New Jersey. However, its simple, unornamented lines are in keeping with the characteristic architecture of Chester in the 19th century.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1406-254

HISTORIC NAME: Fairclo-Budd House
LOCATION: 55 Grove Street

COMMON NAME: Former Historical Society Museum
BLOCK/LOT 12/14

MUNICIPALITY: Chester Borough
USGS QUAD: Chester
OWNER/ADDRESS:

COUNTY: Morris
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: c. 1840

Source of Date: Deed research

Architect:

Builder:

Style: Vernacular Greek Revival

Form/Plan Type: 5-bay center hall

Number of Stories: 2 1/2

Foundation: Stone

Exterior Wall Fabric: Asbestos shingle siding.

Fenestration: 6/6 and 9/6 sash in simple enframements.

Roof/Chimneys: Gable roof, gable end returns, end chimneys.

Additional Architectural Description: Front door with narrow transom and sidelights. Wide, plain door enframement, not articulated as pilasters and architrave. Simple stone stoop at front entry.

PHOTO Negative File No. 28-7

Map (Indicate North)
See general survey map

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INVENTORY # 1406-257
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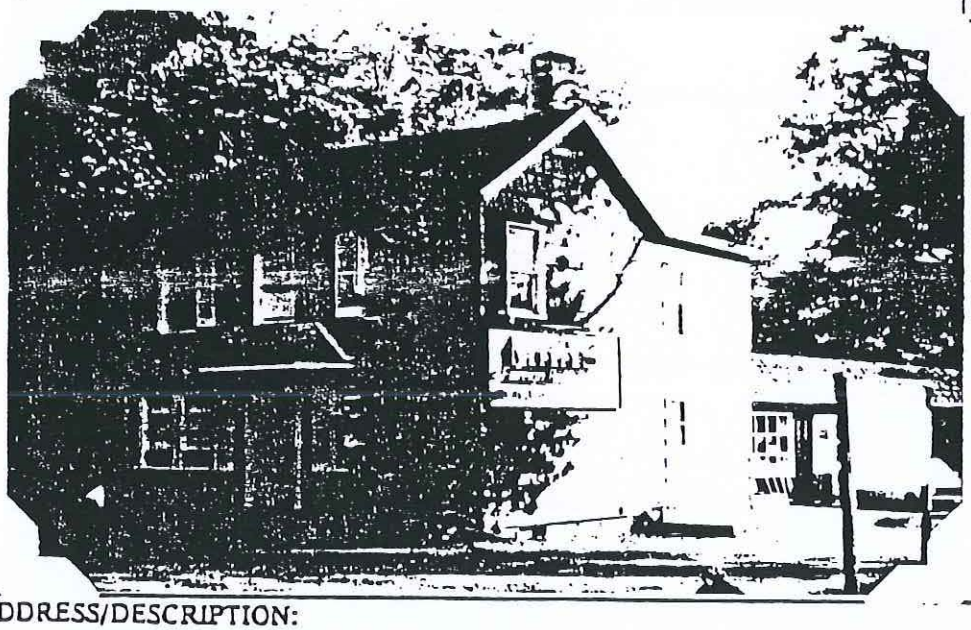

MAP
See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION:

32 Grove Street

Between 1853 and 1868

Vernacular single-pile house type.

2 story, 3-bay center entry plan.

Gable roof, end chimney. Flat roofed rear wing.

6/1 and 1/1 sash windows, fake blinds.

Modern "Colonial" doorway of stock materials.

Long, low 1-story frame building (former garage?) at rear of property now used as shops.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Fair USE: Commercial

SIGNIFICANCE:

Individually, a non-descript building, but if carefully restored, it could be an appropriate contributor to the historic architectural identity of Chester's residential areas. The house is shown on both 19th Century Atlases of Morris County as the property of S. Treadway.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

1868 Atlas of Morris County
1887 Atlas of Morris County

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INVENTORY # 1406-[illegible]

NEG. FILE # 25-11

MAP

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ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION:

51-53 Grove Street 1885/1924

Identical pair of double houses, built mid-late 19th century

2 1/2 story, steep gable roof, gable end returns, center chimney, centered front dormer.

Sided in a combination of asbestos and permastone.

Each unit is 2 bays wide. Largely 1/1 sash windows, some earlier multi-pane sash surviving on gable end.

Stone foundation.

Simple flat roof porticoes over each entry.

CONDITION: Poor INTEGRITY: Poor USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

School Number 1, Chester's first public school, was located on this site from 1829 to 1856. It was replaced with a larger structure in that year. This school was quickly outgrown, and the building was moved to Main Street (see #203) in 1883 to make way for the construction of a larger 10-grade school. After completion of the Williamson School (see #071), this old school building was renovated for residential use.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

Chester Historical Society Walking Tour, p. 6.

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INVENTORY # 1400-261

NEG. FILE # 25-9

MAP

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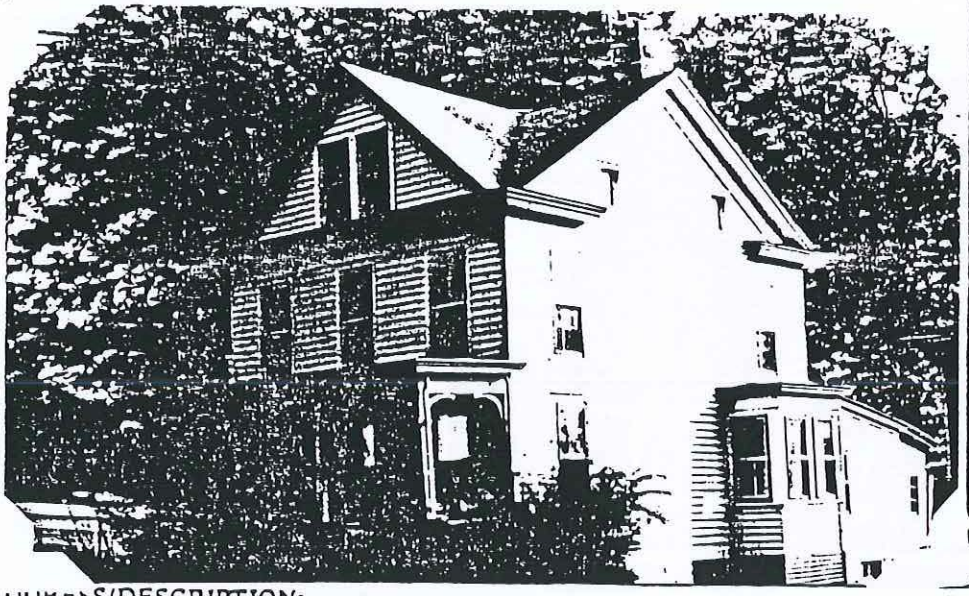

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 60 Grove Street c. 1865

Vernacular Gothic.

2 1/2 story. Gable roof with large centered cross gable.
Deteriorated end chimney.
Clapboard siding. Wide plain frieze.
3-bay side-hall plan. 4/4 sash windows.
Paneled door with narrow transom and sidelights.
Flat roofed porch with chamfered piers and spandrel decoration.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Good USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

This was a new street in the 1860's, and this handsome house was one of the first homes to be build along it. Although quite restrained in form and detail, this is one of Chester's few examples of "Victorian" architecture.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

Chester Historical Society Walking Tour, p.5.

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MAP #	ADDRESS/LOCATION : PROPERTY NAME	DATE	Significance to D/S	Condition	USE	DESCRIPTION: Style, Ext. Wall Fabric, Fenestration, Form, Roof, Major Features, Alterations, Stories, etc.	NEGATIVE FILE #
	CHESTER BOROUGH						
265	138 Maple Avenue		I*	G*	R*	Contemporary ranch, masonry.	24-33
266	130 Maple Avenue		I	G	R	Contemporary ranch, asbestos shingle siding.	23-30

*I - Intrusion in District
G - Good
R - Residential

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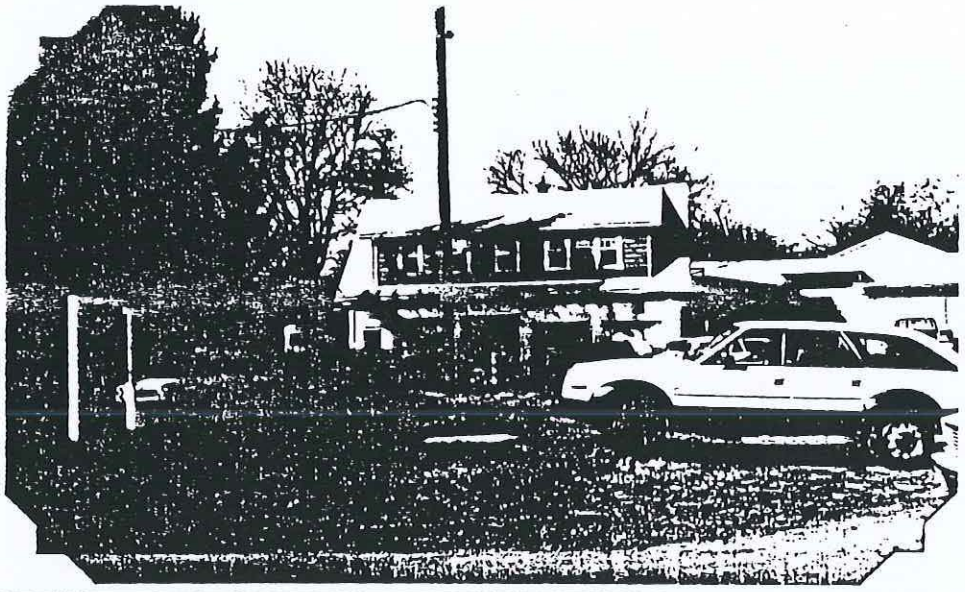

NEG. FILE # 28-31

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 125 Maple Avenue 20th century

Construction Co.

1-story frame wagon shed. Low pitch gable roof, exposed framing on facade with no doors. Clapboard siding on sides and rear.

Other 20th century outbuildings on the lot of no architectural significance - cement block walls and corrugated metal roofs, 3-bay garage building with shed dormer in gable roof.

CONDITION: Fair INTEGRITY: Fair USE: Commercial

SIGNIFICANCE: Wagon shed of the 19th century is one of a dwindling number of outbuildings in Chester which once made up as significant a part of the built environment.

The wagon shed is a contributing part of the surrounding proposed historic district, although the property has been identified as an intrusion on the district map due to the age of the principal buildings.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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NEG. FILE # 25-12

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 38 Grove Street ca. 1870

3 story, flat-roofed building. Awkward proportions.
3-bay facade and sides, center entrance.
"Rustick" wooden shingle siding.
Replacement windows with 6/6 sash.
Lean-to addition at rear.
Front porch removed.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Poor USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

This was a boarding house for miners in the 1870's. It is shown in the 1887 Atlas of Morris County as the property of "Budd." This was no doubt Daniel Budd, one of the principal developers of iron mining in Chester. He built and owned a number of houses in Chester for the use of miners.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

1887 Atlas of Morris County
Munsell, History of Morris County, 1882

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1406-259

HISTORIC NAME: Methodist Church
COMMON NAME: Black River Playhouse
LOCATION: 54 Grove Street
BLOCK/LOT 13/1

MUNICIPALITY: Chester Borough
COUNTY: Morris
USGS QUAD: Chester
UTM REFERENCES:
OWNER/ADDRESS:
Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date:
Source of Date:

Architect:
Builder:

Style: Vernacular Greek Revival
Form/Plan Type: Rectangular plan; 2-bay gable end facade; 4-bay side

Number of Stories: 2

Foundation:

Exterior Wall Fabric: Clapboard with flushboarding in gables and frieze. Corner pilasters.

Fenestration: Large 12/8 sash windows.

Roof/Chimneys: Gable roof; naive flat brackets under eaves along sides.

Additional Architectural Description: Twin front doors framed by pilasters, and topped by a heavy dentate architrave.

PHOTO Negative File No. 25-7

Map (Indicate North)
See general survey map

SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES: Small, one-story frame and clapboard gable roofed building is located behind the church. This was a 19th century shoemaker's shop, originally on the northeast corner of Main Street and Route 206 (present site of a Gulf gas station).

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban ☐ Suburban ☐ Scattered Buildings ☒
Open Space ☐ Woodland ☐ Residential ☒ Agricultural ☐ Village ☒
Industrial ☐ Downtown Commerical ☐ Highway Commercial ☐ Other ☐

SIGNIFICANCE:

This Greek Revival church was built as a Baptist Church in Bedminster, New Jersey. In 1854, the building was purchased by the Newark conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Used in Bedminster for a generation, it was moved to Chester by mule team during the winter of 1880-1881 to serve as the first church of the Methodist congregation in Chester. For many years prior to that, the congregation had met in the village academy. Vigorous leadership enlarged the church so that a new one was built in 1909 in the center of the village. For many years, this church served as Town Hall for Chester. In 1965 it was converted to a theater.

ORIGINAL USE: Church PRESENT USE: Theater
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☒ Poor ☐
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes ☒ Possible ☐ No ☐ Part of District ☒
THREATS TO SITE: Roads ☐ Development ☐ Zoning ☐ Deterioration ☐
No Threat ☐ Other ☐

COMMENTS:

Good integrity, except for loss of a steeple.

REFERENCES: for full citations, see survey bibliography

Chester Historical Society Walking Tour, p. 5 and 6.
Photo, Greenidge, p. 103

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NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY # 1406-272
HISTORIC DISTRICT SURVEY FORM

DISTRICT NAME: Warren Street
MUNICIPALITY: Chester Borough
COUNTY: Morris
TYPE OF DISTRICT: Subdivision
USGS QUAD: Chester

UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Northing/Easting
A
B
C
D

DESCRIPTION: (General description of district as a whole and boundaries)

20, 22, 26, 32, 36 Warren Street
(Cross Streets - Main Street & Maple Avenue)

On the west side of Warren Street, this row of five small houses, closely set together, appears as a distinct architectural type in Chester.

1 1/2 story, with gable end facade, gable or gambrel roof, tiny center chimney, low shed-roofed dormers on sides of house.

2-bay facade, paired 1/1 sash windows, plain mouldings around doors and windows.

Clapboard and shingle siding used in different combinations on each house. Simple front porches on the facades of each house - some now enclosed.

The houses were built around 1920 by a Dr. Andrews.

Neg. File: 25-14, 25-15, 25-16, 25-17, 25-18

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURES: Excellent % Good 50% Fair 50% Poor %
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: [x] Yes [ ] Possible [ ] No
THREATS TO DISTRICT/LOCAL ATTITUDES: Zoning; deterioration
COMMENTS:
Encroachment of the village center's commercial district may transform this well-preserved collection of early 20th century working-class houses to "cute" and "colonial" boutiques and offices, if they are not demolished first.

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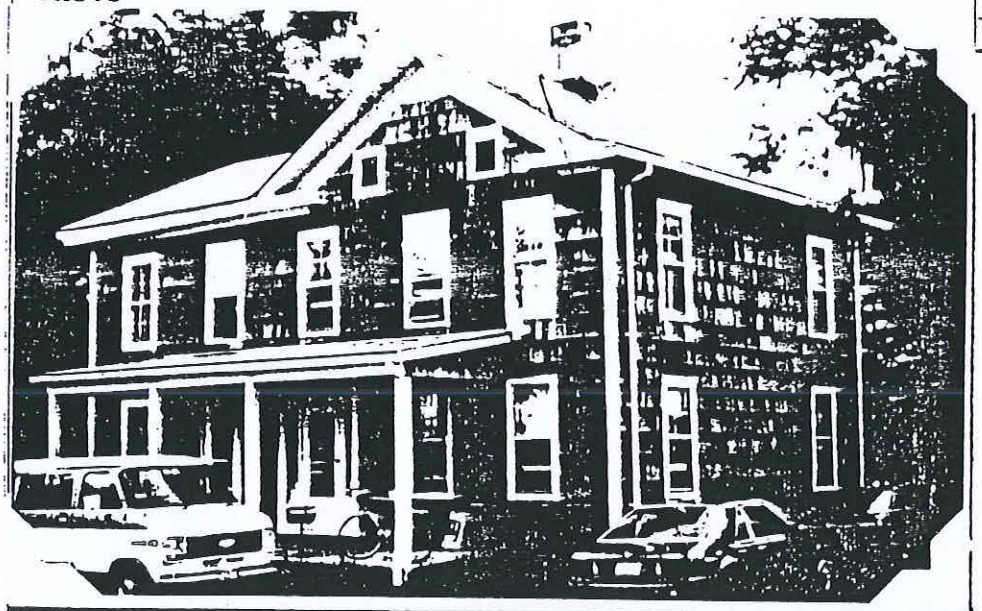

INVENTORY # 1406- 277

NEG. FILE # 23-18

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION:

24 Perry Street

Built between 1868 and 1887

Vernacular planbook house.

2 1/2-story, 3-bay side-hall plan house with addition to south side, creating a balanced 5-bay, center-door, first-floor facade.

Gable roof, gable-end returns.
Shingle siding, stone foundation.
2 1/2 sash windows. Front door surrounded by transom and sidelights.
Replacement facade porch with concrete base, plain posts.

CONDITION: Good

INTEGRITY: Good

USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

This house was one of several on Perry Street owned by J. C. Welsh, indicating that it was built as rental housing for mine workers. The simple, utilitarian lines of the house have been preserved.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

1887 Atlas of Morris County

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PHOTO

INVENTORY # 1406- 281
NEG. FILE # 23-20
MAP
See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION:

45 Perry Street

Built between 1868 and 1887

Vernacular planbook house

2 story, 3-bay side-hall plan.

Gable roof, gable end facade.

Aluminum siding.

2/2 sash windows.

2-story wing to side of house with picture window.
Front porch replaced. House form similar to another house across the street (304).

CONDITION: Fair INTEGRITY: Poor USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

A house somewhat larger than, but kin to, the Patch Houses of Chester - simple, utilitarian buildings. This house was one of several on Perry Street owned by J. C. Welsh, indicating it was built as rental housing for mine workers. Although not a patch house, this building should be considered part of the patch house district.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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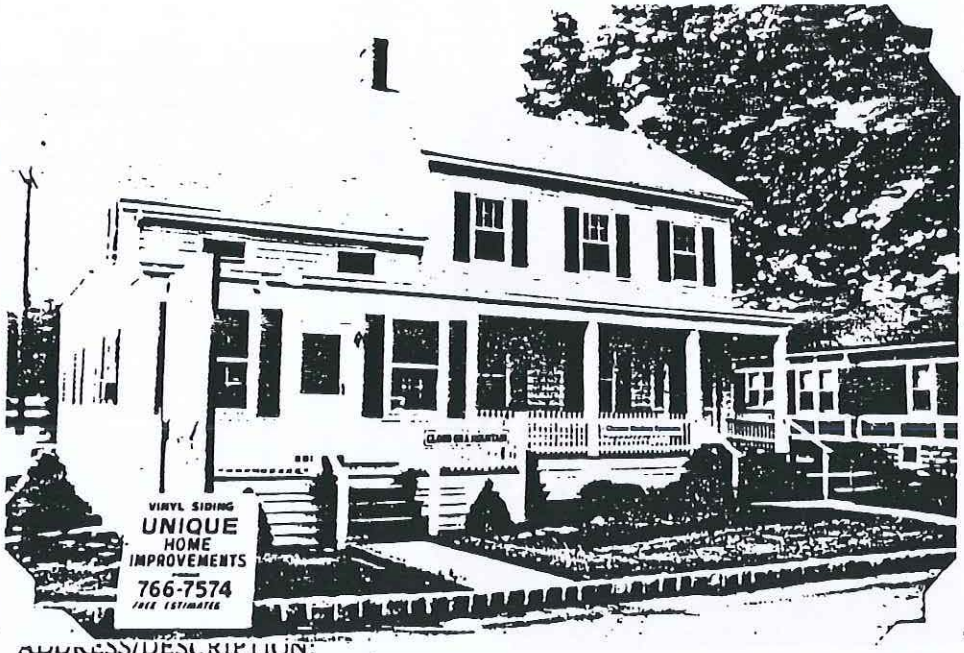

INVENTORY # 1406-282

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MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 98 Main Street c. 1800

Vernacular Federal Style "Block-and-Wing" house. 2 1/2 story block, 3-bay side hall plan. riginal 6/6 sash windows, fake blinds. Multi-light transon and side lights. Shed-roof porch with new pillars and balustrade. 2-story "wing" to east side with 2-bay second floor, 3-bay first floor with center door. Projecting flat-roofed storefront recently enclosed on facade, inappropriate raised "deck" in front. Both portions of house have rubble stone foundation, vinyl siding; wooden brackets and other ornament stripped from house when siding applied.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: USE: Commercial

SIGNIFICANCE: Stables and a tap room on this site served the overflow from the tavern across the street in the early 19th century. The present form is that of a substantial house of the early19th century. A private school operated here in the 1850's; it served as a hotel in the 1860's.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

Chester Historical Society Walking Tour, p. 7

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MAP

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ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION:

92 Main Street - Conover Cottage c. 1910

Well preserved Bungalow style house, typical in many details. Rusticated concrete block foundation, shingle siding, facade porch on paneled piers, low gable roof with wide eaves, knee braces beneath.

CONDITION: Excellent INTEGRITY: USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

Rare (for Chester) and well preserved example of an early 20th century building style.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

Chester Historical Society Walking Tour, p. 7.

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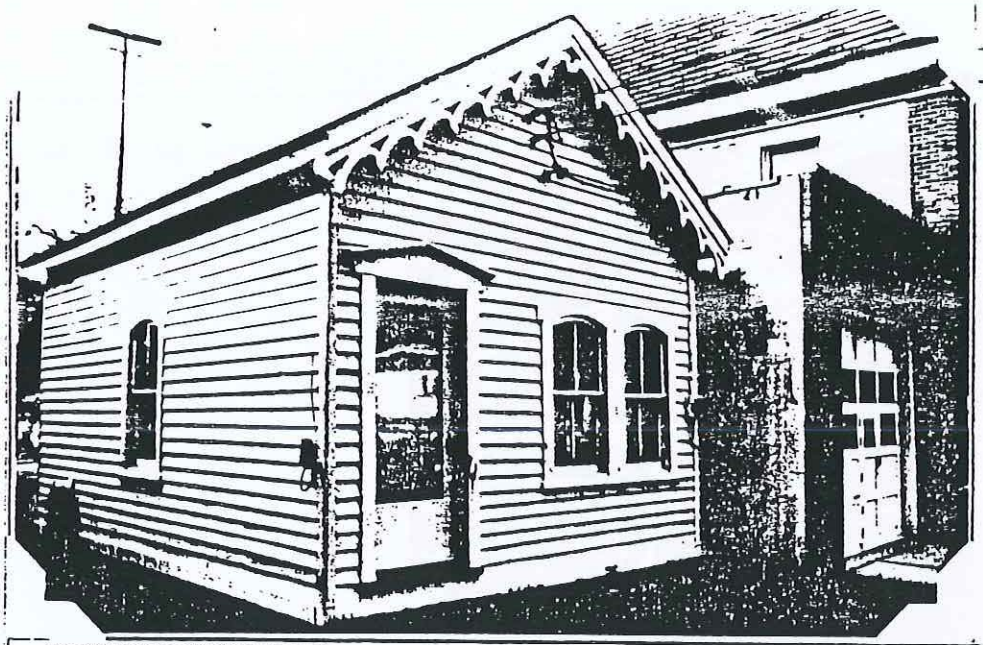

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MAP
See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: Next to 92 Main Street

Built between 1868-1887

Small commercial building in the carpenter Gothic style. 1 story, gable roof, gable-end facade accented by decorative scalloped bargeboard. Naive pediment (Greek Revival influence?) marks doorway, door replaced. Paired 2/2 windows with elliptically arched heads, earred moulding. Clapboard siding, rubblestone foundation.

CONDITION: Good

INTEGRITY:

USE: Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

This tiny building was once the office of a marble yard where gravestones were made. it also served Chester as the office of a cattle dealer, an early post office, a bicycle shop and now as an antiques shop.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

Chester Historical Society Walking Tour, p. 7

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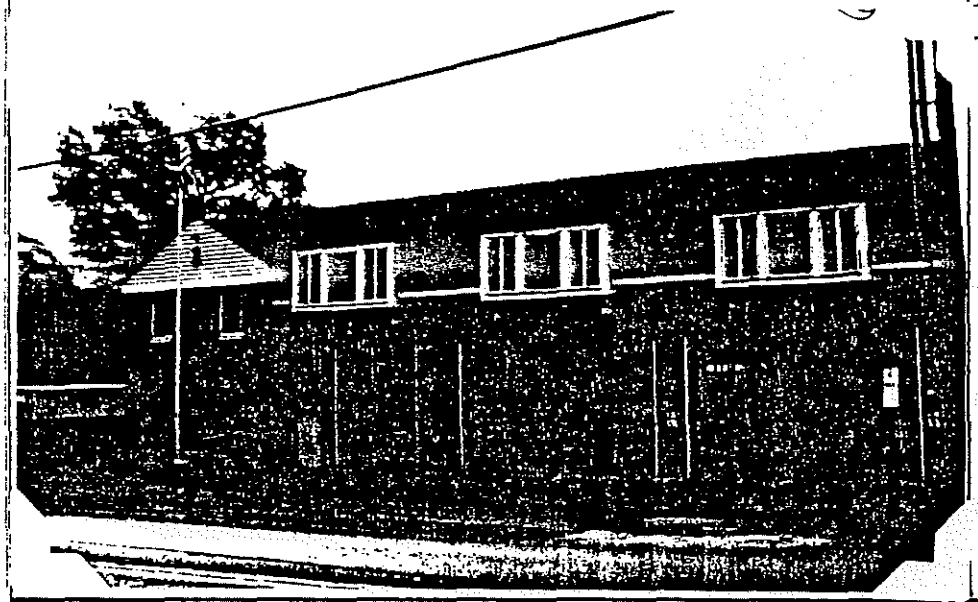

INVENTORY # 1406-285

NEG. FILE # 4-24A

MAP

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ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION:

80-86 - Main Street Chester Volunteer Fire Co. #1 c. 197

2 story, brick monolith, Mansard-type roof. 5 vehicle bays, 3 large multi-paned projecting picture windows on 2nd floor.

Inappropriate scale and materials for Chester's business district.

CONDITION: Excellent INTEGRITY: USE: Public

SIGNIFICANCE:

The firehouse is located on the site of a house and store, built between 1868 and 1887.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

1868 and 1887 Atlases of Morris County

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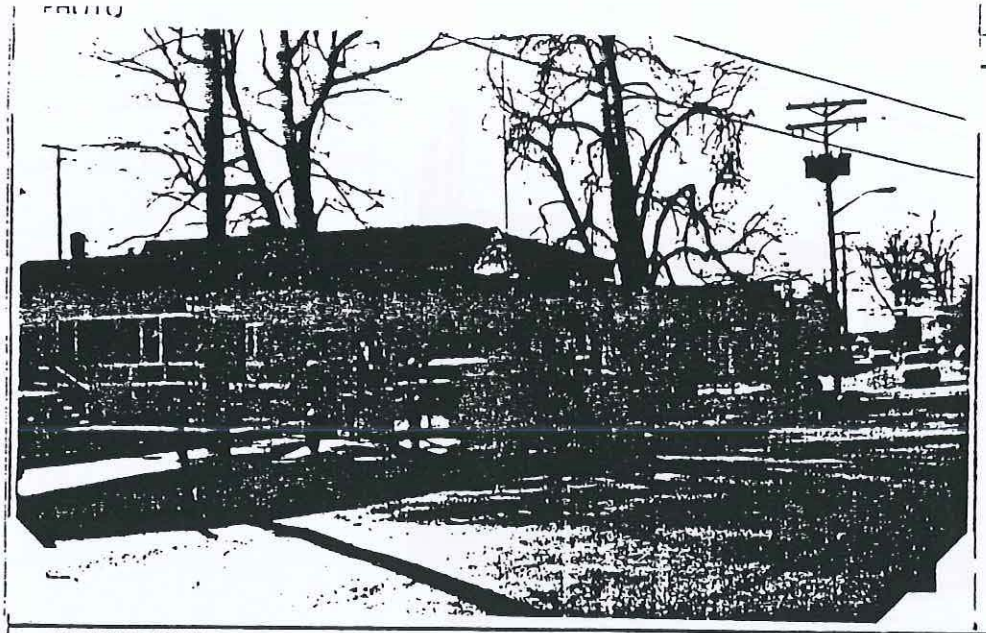

INVENTORY # 1406- 256

NEG. FILE # 27-10

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION:

In front of 98 Main Street

"The Park," a narrow grassy strip remaining from Chester's pre-paved days. This was the center of town, the intersection of two early roads. The Park at one time contained the whipping post, replaced by the Liberty Pole. The town pump was here. Now a war memorial, old firegong, a carriage block and hitching posts from the general store, directional signs, and pedestrian benches crowd this tiny town "Green."

CONDITION: INTEGRITY: USE:

SIGNIFICANCE:

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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INVENTORY # 1406-287

NEG. FILE # 15-34

MAP

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ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION:

76 Main Street Old Factory Building 1844

Vernacular 2 1/2-story clapboard with gable roof; single pile with gable-end block on east end with 2 bay windows on second floor. All fenestration radically altered, plastic shutters added. Facade porch altered (ca. 1900?) with Doric columns on stone piers. One-story lean-to at rear.

Adjacent parking lot to west. Small, inappropriate variety of street trees at front obscure facade.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: USE: Commercial

SIGNIFICANCE:

For a good part of its history, various kinds of goods were manufactured here: threshing machines, machine shop, arch supports. Blacksmiths and wheelwrights also carried on their trades here and at the rear of the building. In 1911 the Borough's first library opened on the 2nd floor.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

Chester Historical Society Walking Tour, p. 8

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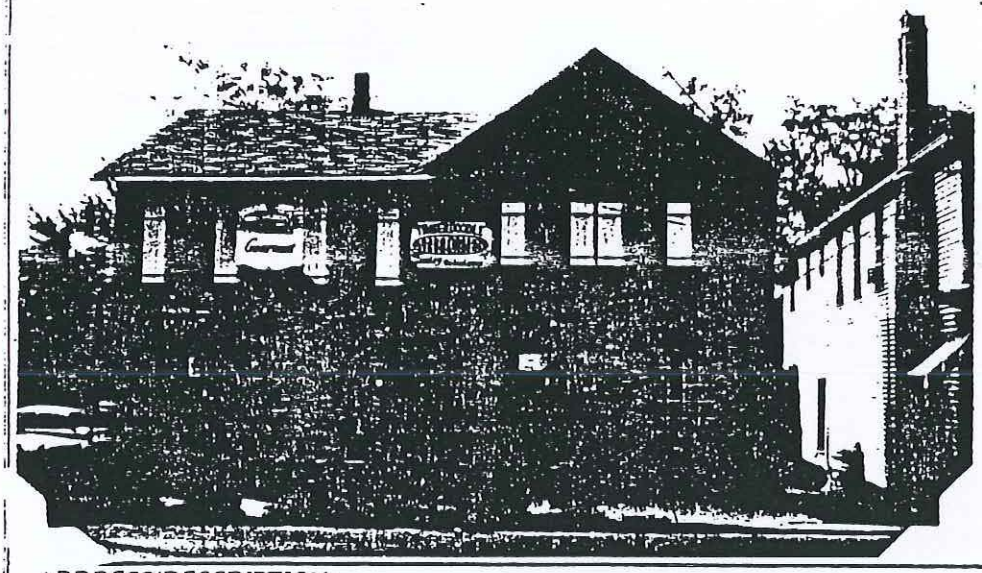

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 60 Main Street pre-1868

A mirror image of #76 Main Street, less 2 bays. Fenestration largely altered, inappropriate wooden deck at front.

CONDITION: INTEGRITY: USE:

SIGNIFICANCE: William Topping's wagon shop was located here in 1868. In 1887, the building was owned by F. Pierson.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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NEG. FILE # 15-31
MAP
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ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION:

58 Main Street

Late 19th century

2 1/2 story commercial building.
Frame, with clapboard siding.
3-bay, gable-end facade.

Storefront altered with brick face, plate glass display windows, and leaded glass transom ca. 1910.

CONDITION: INTEGRITY: USE:

SIGNIFICANCE:

Before 1829, James Topping's cabinet shop was located on this site. The present building was erected sometime between 1868 and 1887. The 1887 Atlas identifies P. C. Yawger as owner of the building. He became Justice of the Peace for Chester in 1899; his son ran a men's clothing store here.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

1868 and 1887 Atlases of Morris County
Chester Historical Society Walking Tour, p. 8.

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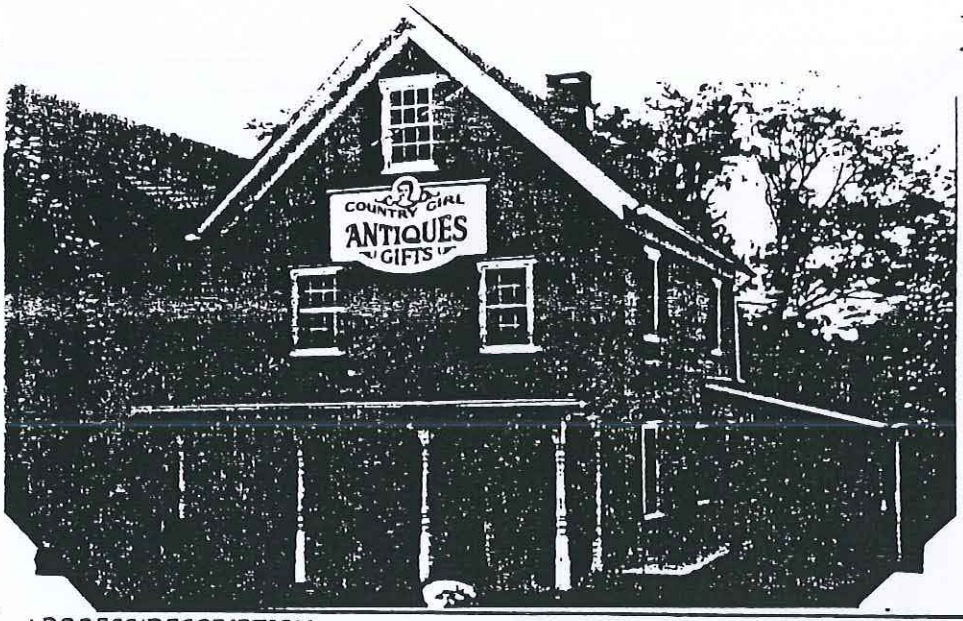

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ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION:
56 Main Street Before 1825

Vernacular Building

2 1/2-story, gable roof, gable-end facade.
3-bay facade; 6/6 sash windows.
Facade porch with turned columns and brackets.
Clapboard siding; stone foundation.

Building is very low compared to the street. It appears that the structure may have been built as a "Jersey Cottage" type; then altered with the addition of a 2nd floor, and the new roof built perpendicular to the old one to give the building a more "modern" appearance in the late 19th century.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Good USE: Commercial

SIGNIFICANCE:

In 1825, the building was purchased by William Topping. He may have started his wagon shop here.

The 1868 and 1887 Atlases identify this as the property of Halsey DeCamp. He was a cabinet-maker and casket-maker. He had an extra-wide center front door put in the building to accommodate his caskets.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

Chester Historical Society Walking Tour, p. 8-9

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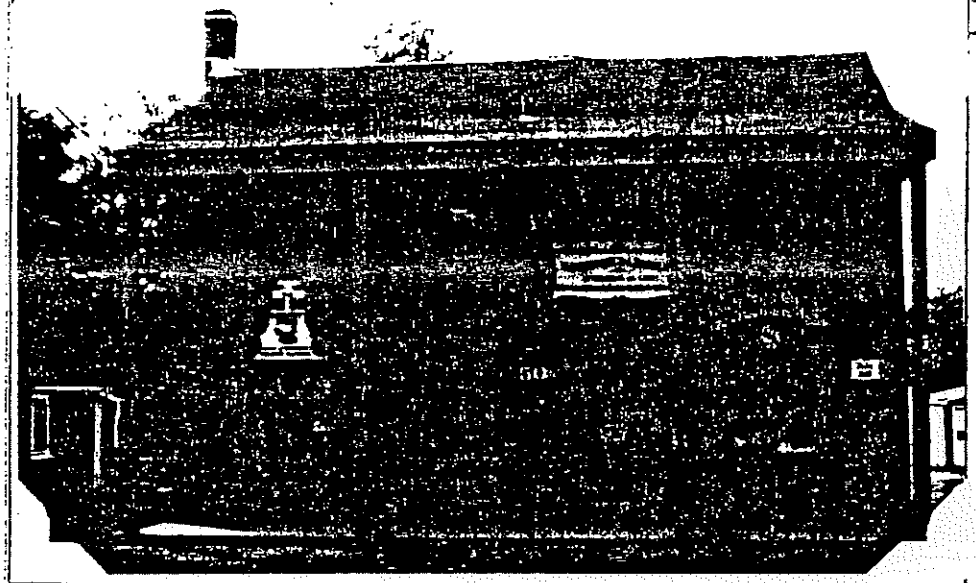

INVENTORY # 1406- 291

NEG. FILE # 15-22

MAP

See general survey map

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 50 Main Street

Originally a single-pile house like #71 Main Street, this building has been so altered that even its fenestration pattern is uncertain. Brick facing and 8 x 8 wooden piers (for a 2-story portico) were added in the 1970's. A large synthetic-sided wing runs across the entire rear of the house. Ground-floor has been turned into 2 shops, with new multipaned display windows. Three 6/6 windows remain on the 2nd floor. The west wall is peppered with in-wall air conditioners. To the west is a large parking lot with wide paved drive.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Poor USE: Commercial

SIGNIFICANCE:

In its present state, this building is throughly robbed of architectural integrity, but since it retains its original form, it is classified as "District Eligible" on the assumption that it might some day be restored.

The building appears on both the 1868 and 1887 Atlases as the Bodine House.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations
1868 and 1887 Atlases of Morris County
Chester Historical Society Walking Tour, p. 9

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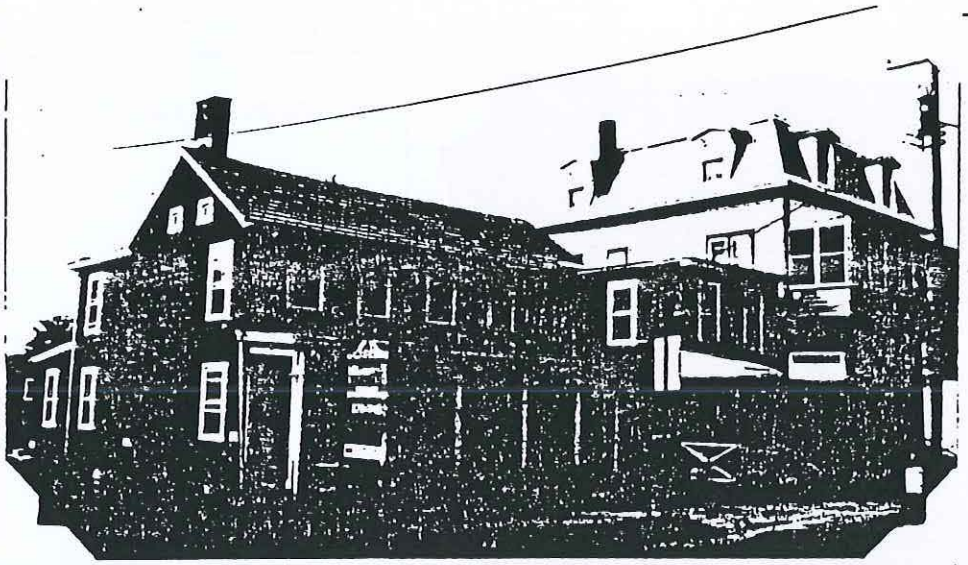

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION:

44 Main Street pre 1868

This single-pile house is similar to #71 Main Street, with the addition of a 2-bay flat-roofed projecting wing. It has retained its slate roof but is clad with shingles. The facade porch is Italianate, and the ground-floor fenestration seems to have been altered more than 50 years ago. The projecting wing has a nearly intact 19th-century storefront which could be restored with little effort. An inappropriately short picket fence marks the small front yard.

Two barns in the rear have been converted to commercial use.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Good USE: Commercial

SIGNIFICANCE:

From 1895-1949 Mrs. Dan H. Skellenger ran a general store here.

The building appears on the 1868 Atlas as the property of N. Miller. In 1887, it belonged to A. Skellenger. It is unclear whether the building was used as a residence, store, or combination of those during that time.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

Chester Historical Society Walking Tour, p. 9
1868 and 1887 Atlases of Morris County

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ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 38 Main Street 1899

This 3-story vernacular Second Empire clapboard building has a concave mansard roof with shallow gabled dormers and 2/2 windows. A modern second-floor enclosed porch tops the original ground-floor shopfronts with 4-light display windows and stickwork porch frieze. At the rear, 6/6 windows survive from the building's earliest phase of existence.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: USE: Commercial/ Residential

SIGNIFICANCE:
When Charles Tippett bought this building in 1888, it was one story over a basement. Here he bottled beer and soda pop. In 1899 he added the upper floors where the Patriotic Order Sons of America and the Chester Cornet Band (active 1905-1910) met.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations
Chester Historical Society Walking Tour, p. 9

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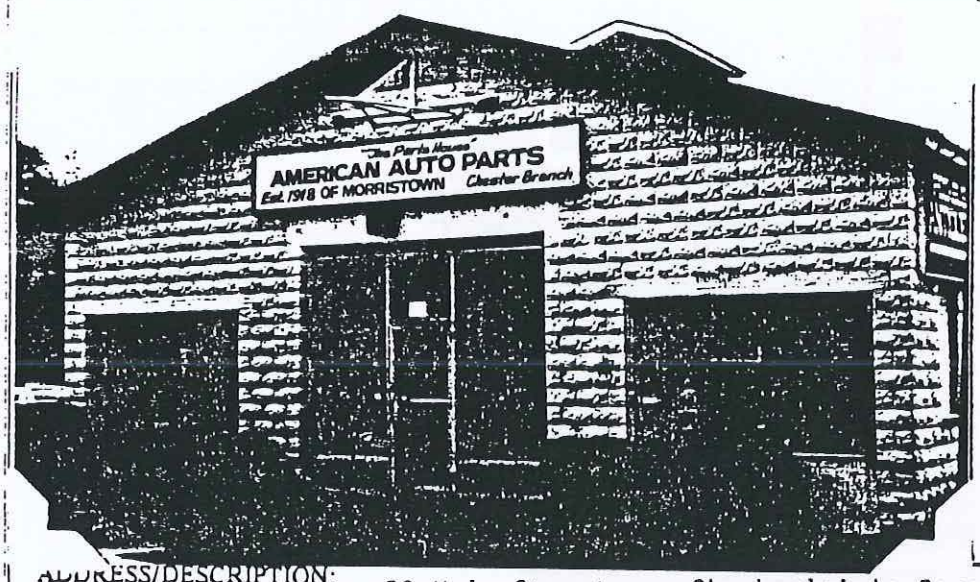

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 30 Main Street Chamberlain's Garage 1912

This 1-story rock-faced concrete-block building has a shallow roof with gable-end to the street. Side windows are now blocked in. The fenestration pattern of the facade is original, although the windows themselves are new, and the center vehicle bay has been altered to a standard door. The rubblestone foundation probably dates from Skellenger's c. 1868 livery stable.

See Continuation Sheet.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Good USE: Commercial

SIGNIFICANCE:

This is a good example of how transportation-related buildings or sites continue to house related businesses over a long period: livery service and a harness shop existed here from ca. 1868 until 1912 when the existing structure was finished to house Chamberlain's garage. Chester resident George Apgar claims that early Model "T" Fords were shipped here in crates and assembled on-site. It is now an auto supply store.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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DISTRICT/STREETSCAPE CONTINUATION SHEET

N.J. HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY

Date

District/Streetscape Continuation Page # _____ Inventory # 1406

MAP #	ADDRESS/LOCATION : PROPERTY NAME	DATE	Significance to D/S	Condition	USE	DESCRIPTION: Style, Ext. Wall Fabric, Fenestration, Form, Roof, Major Features, Alterations, Stories, etc.	NEGATIVE FILE #
	CHESTER BOROUGH		Does not meet NR criteion for historic district				
294	(Attached to 30 Main Street)					Chester Professional Park	
	15 Perry Street (Block 15, Lot 26)				C*	1½-story masonry building with wooden shingled facade. Office use.	23-24 15-11
	Owner: Don Duryea Pleasant Hill Road Chester Township				C	Joined to #294 by several shedlike buildings, stucco finished. Commercial use.	15-9
293					C	Separate, behind #293, barn converted to residential and commercial/office use. Wooden shingle siding. Second floor porch with entrance, centered, to apartments, shed roof, spandrels, "stick-work" railing, reached by outside stairs.	15-12 15-15
292					C	Separate, behind #292, on Block 15, Lot 3, is another barn converted to commercial use. Wooden shingle siding, shed roof over entrance, garage bay on side.	15-13

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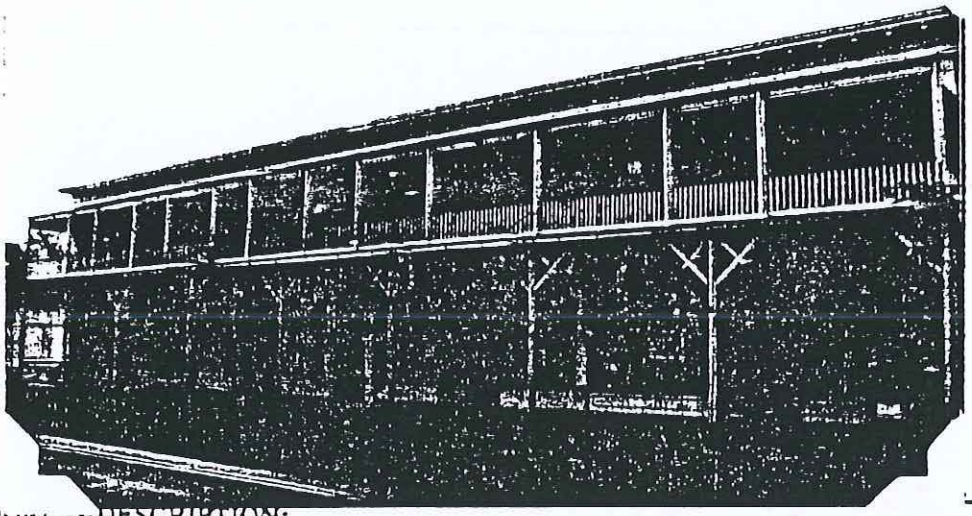

DDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 20-28 Main Street "Centennial Building" 1876

Two-story frame commercial block with slightly pitched roof. The facade is divid ed into 4 shop fronts and a single door to the 2nd floor. The rear is articulated into 3 bays. Above the shop fronts is a stickwork porch with square balusters and shed roof. Each ground floor display window has 4/4 panes with elliptical tops. The building corners and shops are marked by console brackets. The original wooden deck is now concrete. Although in need of some repair, there is an obvious attempt by the owner to maintain the building's integrity. To the west is a parking lot. The building is covered with synthetic siding, stickwork detail remains.

CONDITION: Fair/Good INTEGRITY: Good USE: Commercial/ Residential

GNIFICANCE:

This combination of meeting room, apartments and stores was built for William J. Northrup as a memorial to the 1876 Philadelphia centennial. The following year St. Mark's Episcopal Church of Mendham met in Northrup Hall. Associative history and a good state of integrity make this out-of-the-ordinary commercial block worthy of KEY status in any potential historic commercial district.

EFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

Chester Historical Society Walking Tour, p. 9

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NEG. FILE # 15-2

MAP

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ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION:

10 Main Street — Between 1868 and 1887

Similar to #71 Main Street and half a dozen other single-pile houses, this example is somewhat atypical because of its pronounced gable-end returns. It has been degraded with synthetic siding, a 2-story porch with iron railing, first-floor picture windows with snap-in mullions, fake blinds and the removal of trim elements. Parking space is found at the front.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Fair USE: Commercial

SIGNIFICANCE:

Although its integrity has been compromised, this building is still categorized as "contributing" to a potential district because it remains restorable and because it is part of a recognizable single-pile type that recurs on Main Street. The house is not on the 1868 Atlas, but it is on the 1887 Atlas of Morris County as the residence of the "Fleming" family.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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MAP
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ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 13 Main Street c. 1880

Altered Planbook House.

2 1/2-story "L" shape frame building with gable-end facade. Corner of "L" now filled in with 2-story flat-roof addition. Gable roof, asphalt shingles. Clapboard siding. Cement foundation. One-bay window on facade. 6/1 sash windows, fake blinds. First floor fenestration altered. Facade porch with pier supports, square railing. A vernacular "Victorian," simply detailed.

CONDITION: Fair INTEGRITY: Fair USE: Commercial

SIGNIFICANCE:

A house is mentioned on this lot in a deed of 1800, although it was a little to the east of the present structure. This building was constructed about 1880. Its earliest known resident was George Monington, a tinsmith.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

Chester Historical Society Walking Tour, p. 10.

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ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION:

7 (5) Main Street Gulf Gas Station c. 1960

One-story gas station.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: USE: Commercial

SIGNIFICANCE:

No architectural significance to the present building.

A shoemaker's shop (now moved to the rear of Black River Playhouse, (see #285) stood on the site.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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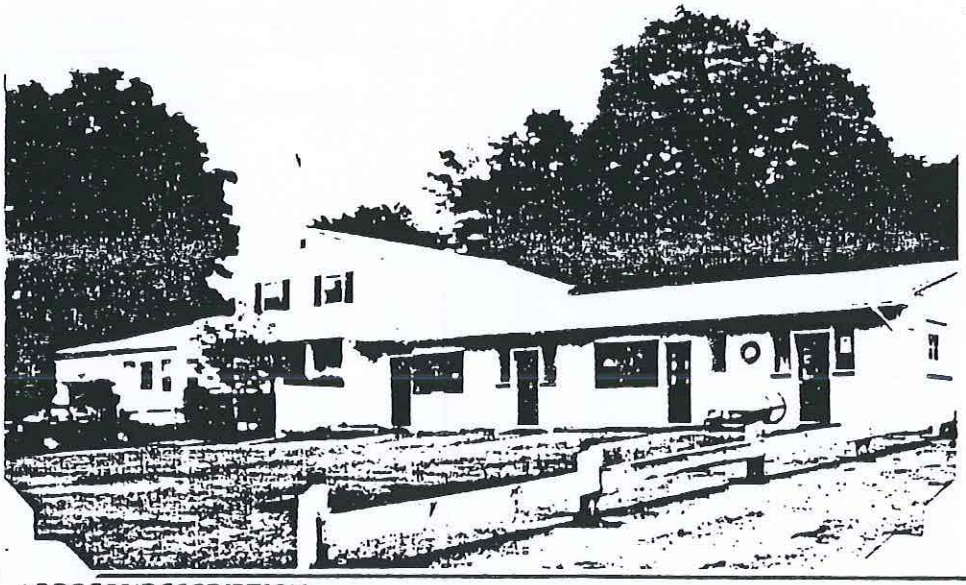

ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 25 Main Street c. 1960 - 1970

Split level tract house added to one-story wing for shops. Brick veneer and asbestos shingles. Paved driveway and parking area in front. Violates setback common to most Main Street buildings.

CONDITION: Fair INTEGRITY: USE: Commercial

SIGNIFICANCE:

None.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 35 Main Street 1804

East Jersey Cottage with central door, 5-bay facade. 1 1/2 stories. Gable roof, central chimney. Clapboard siding, rubblestone foundation. 9/6 sash windows, fake blinds. Replacement casements in gable, replacement front door.

Old picket fence surrounds small front yard - contributing to the building's residentia feeling.

House was built in two parts - east section may date to 1780. John Gardner built the west end after 1804. Gardner was the first schoolmaster and postmaster, having the postoffice in his home.

In 1834, David S. DeCamp lived and ran a store here. In 1867, Theodore Perry Skellinger, owner of the house and saloon next door, discovered iron ore while digging the foundation of an ice house on this property, thus beginning Chester's mining boom.

CONDITION: Fair/Good INTEGRITY: Good USE: Commercial

SIGNIFICANCE:

Because of its age, generally good architectural integrity and its associative history, #35 is a KEY building downtown.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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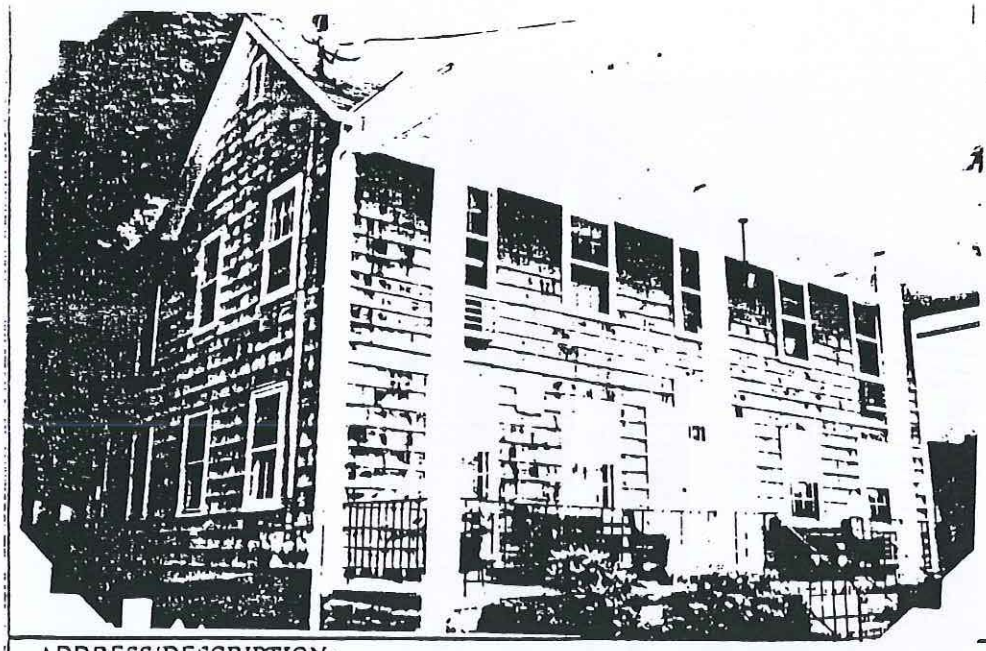

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ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 41 Main Street c. 1801

Much-altered vernacular structure. 2 1/2-story, single pile house, 5-bay center-hall plan. "Rustick" shingle siding. Inappropriate brick and concrete steps with iron railing replace front porch. Two-story portico added on facade. Altered front door flanked by shutters and a vestigial swan's neck pediment. Inappropriate railroad tie landscaping in front.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Poor USE: Commercial

SIGNIFICANCE:

For the first half of the 19th century, this was a residence. By 1868, it became T. Perry Skellenger's saloon. Miners probably boarded there in the 1870's and '80's. In 1899, Charles Tippett ran a restaurant in the building.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations
Chester Historical Society Walking Tour, p.11.

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ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 43 Main Street 1880

Simple "planbook" or "patch" house.

2 story, gable-end facade. Gable roof with early 20th century asbestos shingles. 2-bay facade, 6/6 sash windows. Shingled facade ("rustick") and synthetic clapboard on sides. Stone foundation. Simple facade porch.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: USE: Commercial

SIGNIFICANCE:

Built by George S. Rodda, a Cornishman who came to Chester to work the mines.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

Chester Historical Society Walking Tour, p. 11

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ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION:

47 Main Street pre-1868

Vernacular, single-pile house. 2 1/2-story. 5-bay center hall plan. Gable roof, end brick chimney. "Rustick" shingle siding. Stone foundation. Bracketed cornice. End bays close together, center bay stands alone. 2/2 sash windows, fake blinds, first floor picture windows added. Front door surround of sidelights, transom, and molded frame. Facade porch with fluted Doric columns on wooden piers, baluster replaced, porch floor replaced. New concrete steps. Two-story shed-roof wing across rear of building. Adjacent is a vacant lot with parking behind a small lawn.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Fair USE: Commercial

SIGNIFICANCE:

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION:
57 Main Street pre-1829

Vernacular, double-pile house with complex rear additions. 2-story, gable roof, end chimney (rebuilt). "Rustick" shingle siding, rubble-stone foundation. 5-bay, 6/6 sash windows at 2nd floor. Pent roof across facade, First floor "colonialized" storefront with multi-light picture windows and window boxes, central front door with stock "colonial" framing. Brick step and front dooryard enclosed by low picket fence.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Fair/Good USE: Commercial

SIGNIFICANCE:

This was a residence from its earliest mention in a deed of 1829, through the 1890's. In 1899, J. B. Berry opened a drygoods store here. Later, it became an "American Store." Adjacent is a Borough parking lot.

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Chester Historical Society Walking Tour, p. 11

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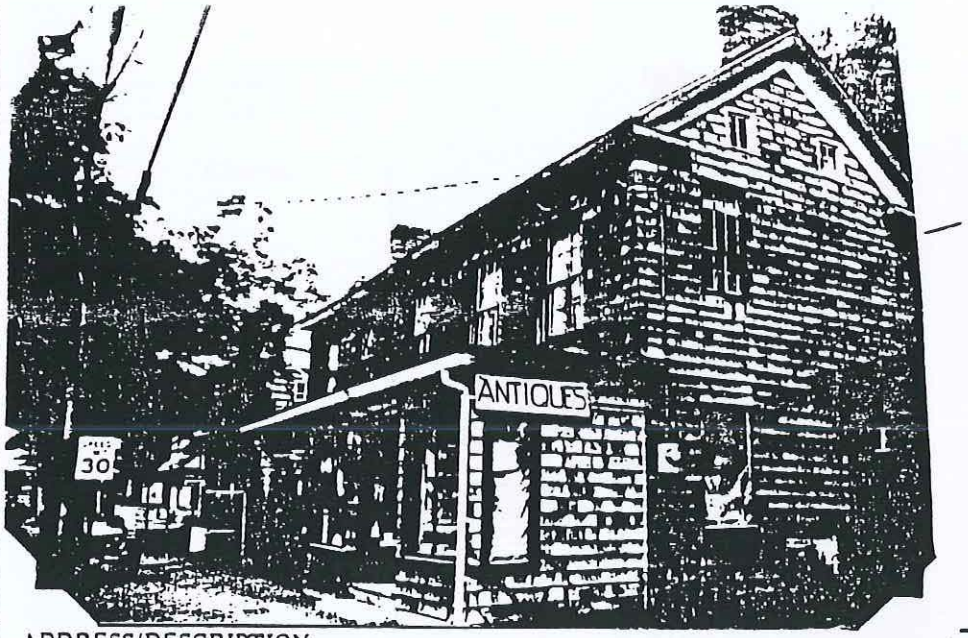

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ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION:

71 Main Street c. 1810

Vernacular single-pile house. 2 1/2-story, gable roof, gable-end returns, box cornice. End brick chimneys with exposed fire-backs. 5-bay center-hall plan, large 6/6 sash windows. "Victorian" paneled front door flanked by transom and sidelights. Rear lean-to addition. Front portico extended and enclosed on east end for shop front.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Fair/Good USE: Commercial

SIGNIFICANCE:

This kind of single-pile house, also found at #47, 41, 50, 44, appears to be a transitional 18th-19th century type locally. This particular house was the residence of James Topping, cabinetmaker, for the first quarter of the 19th century. Later in the 19th century it was the home of George Hedden, a blacksmith. In the early 20th century, Billy Dee made a newspaper and candy shop in the building. Billy Dee was a colorful local figure, a Morris County Freeholder from 1913-1916, and an avid baseball player. He is credited as the inventor of the curve ball.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

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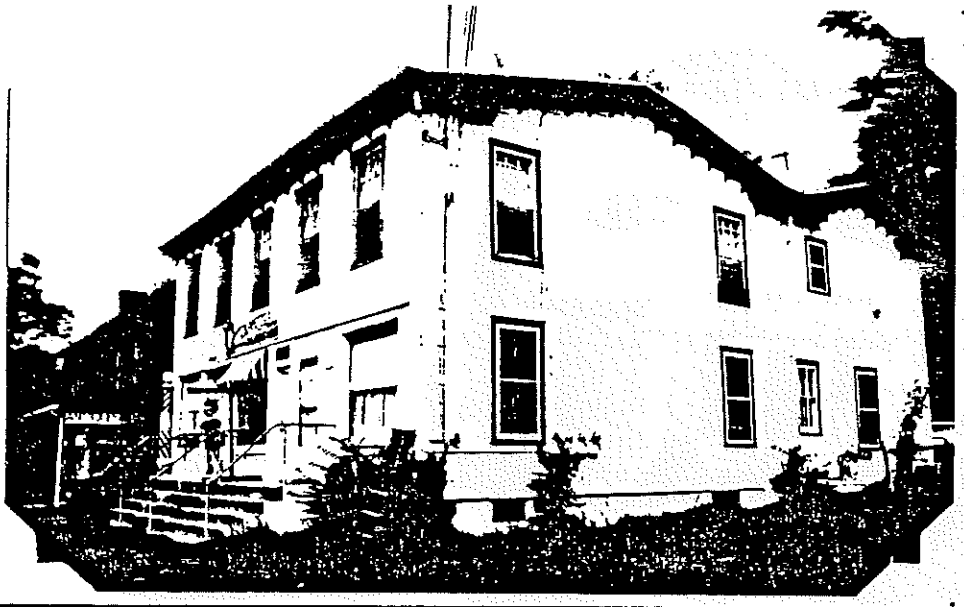

INVENTORY # 1406- 306

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MAP

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ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION:

75 Main Street 1871

Vernacular Italianate.

2-story, shallow gable roof with deep gable-end returns, bracketed eaves. 5-bay facade. 6/1 sash windows upper floor, tiny label molds accent windows. Asphalt shingle siding.

Two small storefronts with recessed doors, plate glass windows on first floor. Central paneled door with transom. Front steps of concrete run across entire facade, early 20th century pipe railing and barber pole.

Addition to rear-gable roof parallel to main roof; bracketed eaves continued.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Fair/Good USE: Commercial

SIGNIFICANCE:

Because of its associative history and representative vernacular appearance, this otherwise unprepossessing building can be considered a KEY part of any downtown historic district. It was built in 1871 as a boarding house for miners and continued as a restaurant long after the miners had moved on - reputedly because the food wa so good.

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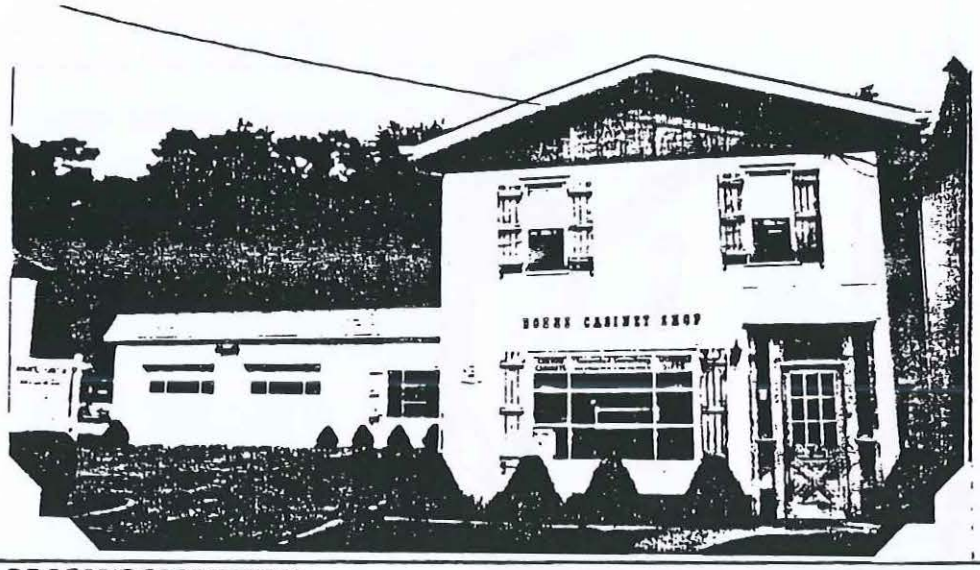

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ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION:

85 Main Street pre-1868

Much-altered vernacular commercial structure. 2 1/2-story, gable-end facade. Shallow gable roof added c. 1980. 2-bay facade. Narrow 6/6 sash windows on second floor, first floor fenestration altered. Batten shutters added. Multiple types of synthetic siding on exterior.

CONDITION: Good INTEGRITY: Poor USE: Commercial

SIGNIFICANCE:

This simple commercial building may have been built as a store for S. H. Hunt and probably predates 1860. In the 1870's and '80's, the building was taken over for the office of The Chester Highland Mining Company.

The parking lot and garages on the west side of the property are on the site of the 18th century "Red House" used as residence, home of Billy Dee's parents, demolished after World War I.

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

Chester Historical Society Walking Tour, p. 12.

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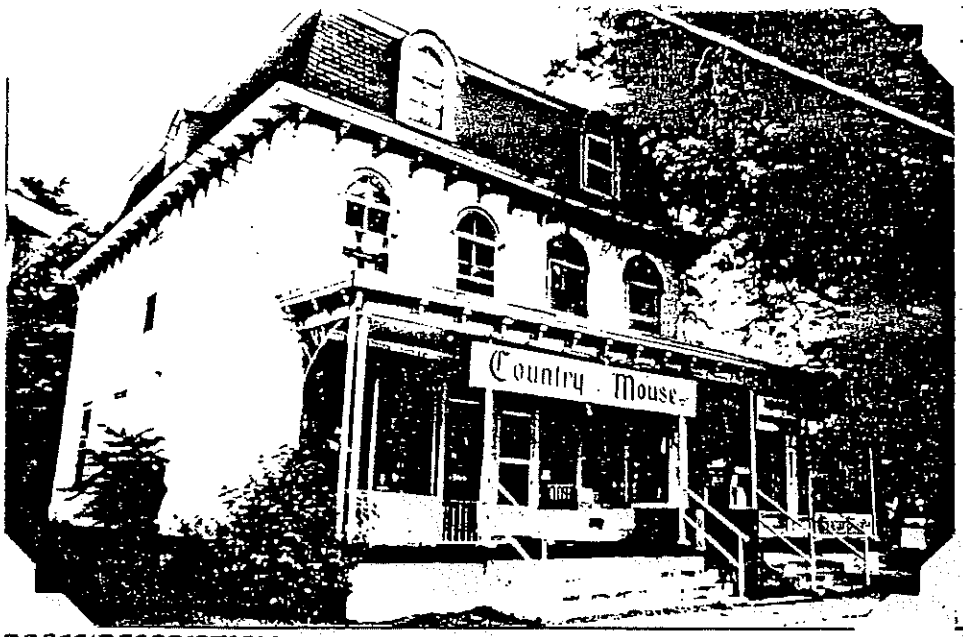

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ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION: 87 Main Street "HEDGES BUILDING" 1878

Second Empire Style commercial building. 3-story, straight-sided Mansard roof, with round-arched dormers and round-headed 2/2 windows. Stucco walls, 4-bay, with round-headed 2/2 windows, arched drip molding above. Pendant drop cornice brackets at eaves and along top of facade porch. Two original cast-iron column porch supports survive; also wrought iron ornamental scrollwork at sides of porch; iron railing added later.

3 shop fronts first floor with large, elliptically headed plate glass windows and transoms over doors. Pressed tin ceiling visible in one shop, others have dropped ceilings which also obscure the window arches.

CONDITION: Good/Fair INTEGRITY: Good/Fair USE: Commercial

IGNIFICANCE:

Dr. Smith Hedges, Chester physician in the mid-19th century, wanted a drug store in town, so he had this one built. Jim Burr was the builder of this fine Second Empire store block. It is the most overtly "High Style" of the commercial buildings in town. The pharmacy occupied the center of the present building with the postal telegraph office in the rear, and the George E. Conover paint and wallpaper store was on the west. The east bay was added later.

EFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

Chester Historical Society Walking Tour, p. 13.
Greenidge, p. 120

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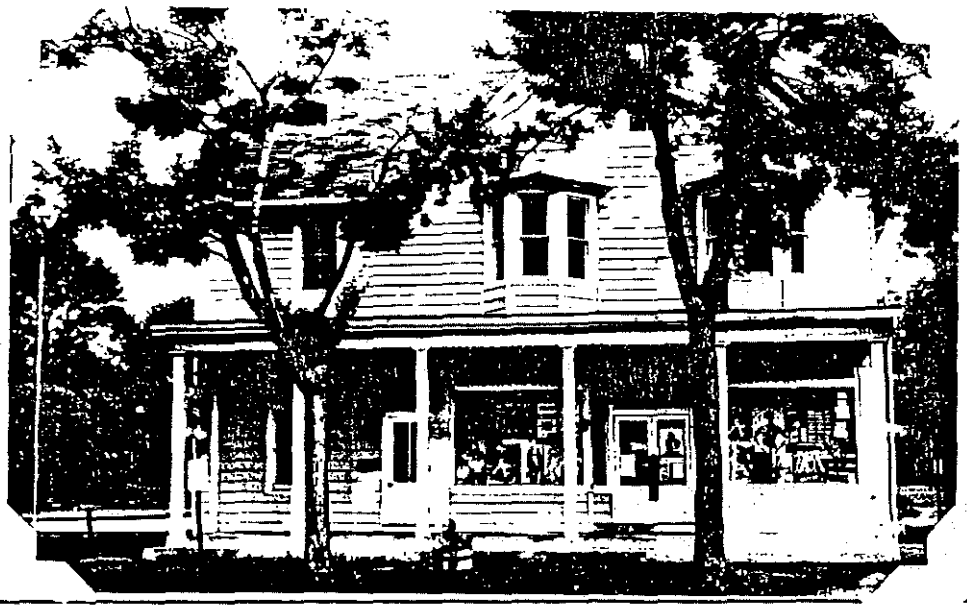

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ADDRESS/DESCRIPTION:

105 Main Street pre-1868

Vernacular commercial building. 2 1/2-story, gable-end facade, with 2-story wing to west wide. Aluminum siding. Paired bay windows on 2nd floor, 1/1 sash; other windows 2/2 sash. Original storefront and facade porch with pier supports. Concrete replacement porch floor and steps continuous across facade.

CONDITION: Fair/Good INTEGRITY: Poor USE: Commercial

SIGNIFICANCE:

An 18th century tavern was operated on this site. It was closed in 1812 when the Brick Hotel (now Publick House, see #201) was opened. The building became a store. The old tavern building was moved back in the lot, and a "company store" for the mining companies in Chester was erected in the 1870's. It served as the Chester Post Office (- 1976); the old part was the public library (1957 - 1982).

REFERENCES: See general survey bibliography for full citations

Chester Historical Society Walking Tour, p. 13
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