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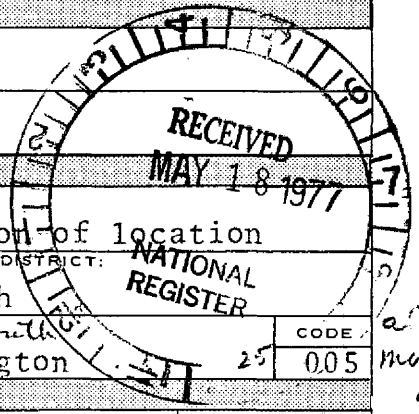
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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COUNTY:	Burlington
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**1. NAME**

COMMON: *Arneytown Historic District*

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: *W of ...*

See continuation sheet for verbal description of location

CITY OR TOWN: *Jacobstown N.C.* CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: *Fourth*

STATE: *New Jersey* COUNTY: *Burlington* CODE: *34* STATE: *New Jersey* COUNTY: *Burlington* CODE: *005*

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME: *Multiple*

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: *Arneytown* STATE: *New Jersey* CODE: *34*

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: *Burlington County Court House (see cont. sheet)*

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: *Mt. Holly* STATE: *New Jersey* CODE: *34*

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY: *Historic American Building Survey* NJ - 6-202  
NJ - 6-303 NJ- 134

DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: *Library of Congress (see cont. sheet)*

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: *Washington* STATE: *D.C.* CODE: *11*

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Arneytown is a small hamlet four miles east of Chesterfield and two miles north of Jacobstown, consisting of a half-dozen houses along Provinceline Road comprising a historic district that is distinguished by open farmland dotted by 18th and 19th century houses.

The houses show the conservative nature of their builders' architectural vernacular which was based on established styles in their original homeland, their inherent skills, means and material available.

The steady agricultural prosperity of the area is reflected in large impressive houses such as the "Herenchak House," originally known as the "Thomas Woodward" - "Duncan MacKenzie Place," and "Myrtle Bank." Both buildings originating from the 18th century and fine examples of early colonial architecture.

The area's stability has been based on its isolation from mass development and the hamlet's rural peaceful nature has continued untouched into the 20th century, contingent on its being preserved from the threat of commercial development.

1. The Duncan Mackenzie Place (Thomas Woodward) (#4 on MAP) Provinceline Road, Arneytown Vicinity

This house dates back through twenty-two title transfers, being originally the homestead of the family of Woodward.

According to a deed dated 7 February 1698/9 William Dockwra of London conveyed to Anthony Woodward of East New Jersey a 2,500 acre tract in Monmouth County, describing it as "bounded on the West by the partition line of the Provinces of East and West New Jersey (Provinceline Road) and on all other sides by Crosswicks Creek."

Anthony Woodward consequently, through a deed, dated 9 January 1718 conveyed to his son Thomas 200 acres of land for the sum of 50 pounds, upon which he built the house which now stands.

The existing two story brick unit, measuring 21 feet by 20 feet, was a successor or addition to that which Thomas Woodward was living in in 1718. This unit contains a date stone of 1733 with the initials W, T & I. The present existing house is 2 1/2 stories with a gable roof, measuring 48 feet by 34 feet. This frame unit, constructed about 1780, incorporated the 1733 brick unit.

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**SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian |  16th Century |  18th Century |  20th Century  
 15th Century |  17th Century |  19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1731, 1733, 1780, 1820

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  | _____   |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Community Development

The area which is now called Arneytown was originally called "Upper Freehold" by the Quakers who first settled in the area. The monthly meeting of the Society of Friends referred to the meeting house as "Upper Freehold" back in 1771.

Where the name Arneytown was derived is under some dispute whether it be from John Arney or Arney Lippencott, both early settlers in the area. Although an 1849 map spells the area "Arney's Town," the area has been called "Arneytown" since April 24, 1827 when the first post office was established.

The town developed around the road, Provinceline Road, which was the separation point between East and West Jersey. The tavern was a convenient location for the sheriffs of East and West Jersey to use for sales. The earliest record of the tavern is 1762 when William Lawrie deeded the tavern to a son-in-law, Richard Platt.

The tavern was also the first stop for the stage coach on their way from Trenton to the Jersey Seashore. At one point, the village consisted of a store, 15 dwellings, a meeting house and the tavern. Four houses, one building in a total state of disrepair and the tavern still remain. There are no modern buildings and the town stands as a symbol of the type of village that developed around a road. Basically the town was rural one with no industry and remains as is today.

Architecture

These remaining houses reflect a period from the second quarter of the 18th century through the first quarter of the 19th century. Each contains elaborate architectural details which would not be expected in this

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Historical American Buildings Surveys

Heston, South Jersey History 1664-1924, 2 Vol., Lewis Publication Co., 1924.

New Jersey Archives

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **50 acres**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
New Jersey	34	Monmouth	025
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
New Jersey		Burlington	005
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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: **Historic Sites Staff: Nancy Israel**

ORGANIZATION: **Historic Sites Office** DATE: **August, 1974**

STREET AND NUMBER: **P.O. Box 1420**

CITY OR TOWN: **Trenton** STATE: **New Jersey** CODE: **34**

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

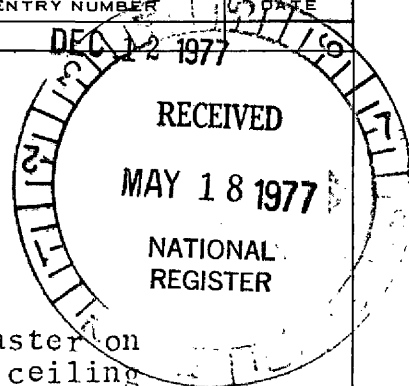
<p>As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name: <u>David J. Bardin</u>                  David J. Bardin                  Title: <u>Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection</u>                  Date: <u>Dec. 26, 1974</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>W. J. ...</u>                  SECRETARY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER</p> <p>Date: <u>12/12/77</u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u>Charles ...</u>                  Keeper of the National Register</p> <p>Date: <u>12.9.77</u></p>
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7. Description (con't.)

Interior walls were originally lath and plaster on brick party walls and studding partitions. The ceiling was also plastered with the earlier portion having the ceiling beams exposed. Later during the ownership of Duncan MacKenzie, the rooms in the earlier portion of the house were paneled with wood.

The simple plan of the house is symmetrically organized around a central hall and staircase with two major rooms off to either side.

Heating and an area for cooking were provided by two brick chimneys and six fireplaces still in working condition. One chimney is in the gable and of the earlier unit serving two fireplaces, on the first floor serving as a hearth for cooking, and on the second providing heat for the master bedroom. This chimney stack probably was built at the time of the enlargement of the house, replacing the original large corner fireplace (now removed) in the opposite corner. The second chimney was built centrally on the ridge line of the later unit which served four fireplaces providing heat for first and second floor rooms.

Throughout the interior most of the original detailing was survived intact. The central staircase with its simply designed newel square post, square balustrade, and paneled stringer, the original wood paneled doors with hammered strap pintel type iron hinges, iron rim lock and latch bolts are all representative of the fine quality craftsmanship of the period.

The fireplaces, each differing in the ornateness of detail, combine inlaid wood, marble, plaster, and case iron ornamentation in utilizing Federal and Green Revival stylization and give each room its individual character.

2. Myrtlebank (Wildes House), Provinceline Road (#9 ON MAP)

The earlier portion of this house was probably built before 1731 by John Emily.

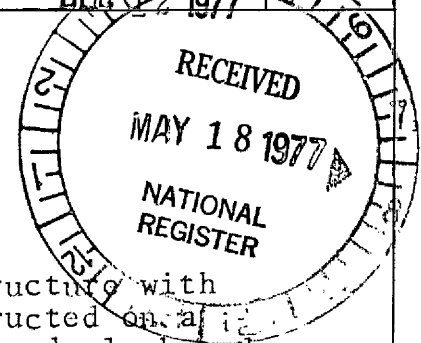
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7. Description (con't.)

The house is a two and one-half story structure with gable roof (wood shingled) and dormers, constructed on a stone foundation with exterior walls of frame and clapboard construction. The house is not symmetrical and the two major units meet at an angle rather than align squarely. The west unit consists of the dining room and kitchen, and had been enlarged as indicated by the remains of the earlier roof in the attic. This probably was part of the earlier house, though extensively remodeled to conform to the style of the east unit. The east unit dates from the first quarter of the 19th century and consists of a front and rear parlor, and stair hall which is between the east and west units.

A main entrance of Georgian character with a porch supported by Green Revival columns with Ionic capitals is the focal point of the exterior facade.

Most of the interior detailing has survived intact. The interior partitions are wood studding with lath and plaster, and the original wood floor planking remains throughout the house.

Seven fireplaces in the house utilize Green <sup>k</sup> Revival vernacular in their detailing, as do the door and window casings. The parlor fireplace is very highly stylized with an ornamental iron fire back with each of the others individually crafted. The kitchen contains a fine example of early colonial open hearth and oven fireplace arrangement.

An elliptical arch in the center hall, an elaborate elliptical fan light over the entrance door, a paneled staircase with scroll balustrade rail, numerous paneled doors, with wrought iron hardware testify to the highly stylized elegance of the design of the house.

3. Lawrie House, Provinceline Road (#7 ON MAP)

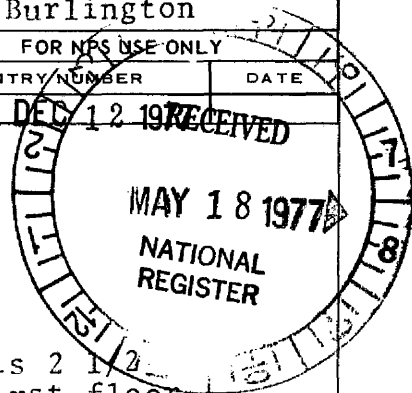
The building probably dates from the second quarter of the 18th century and was once used as a tavern.

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7. Description (con't.)

The main unit of this wood frame building is 2 1/2 stories and measures 50 feet by 32 feet. The first floor plan consists of a center hall with two rooms on each side. A corner fireplace had been removed from the north-west room, other fireplaces are intact. A large kitchen fireplace with its bake oven opening exists in the north-east room. There is considerable detail remaining from the early 18th century period in the principal rooms. The entire fireplace wall in the south-east parlor is paneled, as are the fireplace walls of the two chambers above on the second floor. There are several corner cupboards. The most elaborate has an arched opening with glass painted doors. It is framed by Georgian pilasters and cornice.

Of the existing houses in Arneytown, this house has the earliest remaining major architectural features.

Extending to the east is a 1 1/2 story unit measuring 40 feet by 34 feet. This unit had served as a post office, grocery store, feed store, with a coach shed on the end.

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This 2 1/2 story frame house dates from the middle of the last half of the 18th century. It consists of a large unit with a smaller wing extending to the east. The first floor of the larger unit consists of a front and rear parlor and a broad side hall extending front to back. The hall contains an open staircase. The staircase has a square newel and single turned balusters. The two parlors have back-to-back corner fireplaces with a single chimney stack rising to the ridge of the west gable end. These corner fireplaces have elaborate Georgian mantels and over-mantels. There is also an elaborate Georgian corner cupboard and chair rails.

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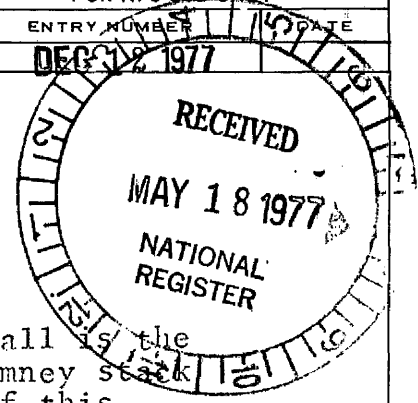
7. Description (con't.)

Entered off the east side of the stair hall is the smaller kitchen wing with a fireplace and chimney stack rising on the east gable end. Off the rear of this wing is a later lean-to addition.

This house had been vacant for many years, though not vandalized or deteriorated on the interior. There was no plumbing, electric or central heat and the interior is almost totally intact. It is presently being restored.

5. Captain Reed House (#12 ON MAP)

This 2 1/2 story house dates from the middle of the last half of the 18th century. There is an early 19th century addition. The existing section of the early units consists of a front and rear room and a stair hall extending front to back. The two room later extension gives the house a center through hall plan with two rooms on each side. Considerable alteration, deterioration, and abuse have left the house in poor condition. It is expected to be eventually destroyed.





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8. Significance (con't.)

remote community. The interior wood panelling and carving is of fine quality, yet the exteriors are generally typical for the locality and basically modest in detail. The degree of richness of the interiors of the houses, reflecting several periods, is a striking feature of this community.

5. Surveys (con't.)

New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory

174. 1-2  
3124.9

1972, Historic Sites Office  
Dept. of Environmental Protection  
Trenton, New Jersey 34



5. Location of Legal Description

Monmouth Court of Records  
Court Street  
Freehold, New Jersey 34

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Beginning at the Monmouth County-Burlington County line, 3100' northwest of the Arneytown intersection, proceed 600' northeast. Thence proceed southeast parallel to the Monmouth County-Burlington County border 3600'. Thence proceed west 2000'. Thence proceed north, northeast 900'. Thence proceed east, southeast 200'. Thence proceed east, northeast to Ellisdale-Arneytown Road and thence follow road to point of beginning.



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Buildings and sites contributing to the character of the district:

1. Barn (Provinceline Road), 2 stories, 19th century, frame, cupola.
2. Barn (Provinceline Road), 1½ stories, frame.
3. Barn (Provinceline Road), 1 story, frame.
4. Duncan MacKenzie Place (Provinceline Road), 2½ stories, brick, gable roof, c. 1733, 1780 frame addition. *HABS*
5. Barn (Provinceline Road), 2½ stories, frame, poor condition.
7. Lawrie House (Chesterfield-Arneytown Road), mid 18th century, 2½ stories, 5 bays, with 1½ story addition, frame. *HABS*
8. House (Chesterfield-Arneytown Road) 3 bays, 2 ½ stories, with 1½ story 2 bay addition, frame, late 18th century, under restoration.
9. Myrtlebank, (Chesterfield-Arneytown Road) 2 ½ stories, gable roof, frame, stone foundation, early 19th century. *HABS*
10. Barn (Chesterfield-Arneytown Road), 1½ stories, frame.
11. House (Chesterfield-Arneytown Road), 2 stories, asbestos siding, over clapboard, 3 bays, poor condition.
12. Captain Reed House (Chesterfield-Arneytown Road) 2½ stories, 5 bays, stone, foundation, clapboard, 18th century, poor condition
13. House (Chesterfield-Arneytown Road) 2½ stories, 5 bays, asbestos shingle over wood siding, poor condition.

Non-conforming intrusions detracting from the integrity of the district:

5. House (Provinceline Road), 1 story, frame, mid 20th century.

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Arneytown Historic District Addendum:

Although very few buildings exist there today, Arneytown at one time was a thriving crossroads village. In 1834 it consisted of a store, tavern (still extant), 15 dwellings and a Meeting House.

The Monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends was already being held at Arneytown in 1771. The Quaker Burying Ground contains stones which date to 1796. This cemetery, located near the site of the Quaker Meeting House that is no longer extant, is overgrown and many of the stones are in poor condition. The burial grounds most well known inhabitant is Captain John Bacon, a bandit who raided patriots during the Revolutionary War.

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