

SUMMARY OF NOMINATION INFORMATION IN ONJH FILES

NAME Feigenspan Marion
 COUNTY Essex
 MUNICIPALITY Newark City

TYPE:
 Individual X
 Historic District
 Multiple Property
 Documentation Form

NOMINATION FORM

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- Significance (#8) ✓ CS: 1
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- SHPO Signatures ✓
- USGS Map ✓
- Site plan
- Tax map
- Floorplan
- Photo index map
- Other maps
- Photographs (Indicate number) ✓
- Exterior 2 (plus 3 photocopied photos)
- Interior
- Streetscapes
- Outbuildings
- Historical
- Negatives
- Contact Sheet

DATE OF LISTING

State Register 12/27/76
 National Register 10/5/77

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

N.J.H.S.I. # Draft Nomination
 Newspaper/Magazine Articles Correspondence
 HABS Contextual Data
 Other (Please specify)

STAFF MEMBER Brian G. ... DATE 6/27/91
 UPDATES: STAFF DATE
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NEW JERSEY AND NATIONAL REGISTER FILE REORGANIZATION - 1980-1981
Summary Sheet

NAME Feigenspan Mansion
MUNICIPALITY Newark COUNTY Essex Co

Nomination Form:

Final Nomination Form Signed Unsigned
U.S.G.S. Map Photocopy
Other Maps _____

Plan(s): Site _____ Floor _____

Photographs:

	<u>Identified</u>	<u>Unidentified</u>	<u>Inadequate Coverage</u>
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Negatives:

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Boundaries:

No precise boundaries _____ Defined in nomination _____
Defined by map Latitude & longitude _____
U.T.M.'s Boundary justification _____

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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DAVID J. BARDIN, COMMISSIONER
P. O. BOX 1390
TRENTON, N. J. 08625
609-292-2885

DEC 27 1976

Dr. William Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
Department of the Interior
National Park Service
18th and C Streets, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

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Faithfully,


David J. Bardin
Commissioner

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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1 NAME

HISTORIC The Feigenspan Mansion

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
710 High Street

CITY, TOWN _____ NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Newark _____ VICINITY OF 10th

STATE New Jersey CODE 034 COUNTY Essex CODE 013

3 CLASSIFICATION

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NAME American Red Cross - Essex County Chapter

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CITY, TOWN Newark _____ VICINITY OF _____ STATE New Jersey

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE New Jersey Sites Inventory
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE 1965, 1968 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS P.O. Box 1420 Library of Congress

CITY, TOWN Trenton, Washington STATE New Jersey

DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
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CHECK ONE

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ORIGINAL SITE
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The coming of prohibition severely affected the Pride of Newark. It forced the temporary closing of the brewery on August 1, 1927. At that time the Feignespan coal and oil company run by the family on Glenwood Avenue, East Orange, had all the brewery's ale shipped to Heinz Pickle Company to be made into vinegar. Once the prohibition act was repealed the Feigenspan's went back to work at making beer and ale, reaching their full capacity tha same year after an extensive modernization.

The brewery reached its peak in 1939 when the claimed the largest and most modern brewery in America. In 1943 the entire business was sold to the Ballantine Brewers and the Pride fo Newark was produced no longer.

Besides the mansions association with Christain Feigenspan it is also significant architecturally. First as an example of the Second Renaissance Revival Style it is of only a few remaining in Newark.

The mansion was designed by Warrington G. Lawrence in 1905. The mansion, his first design of an urban mansion can probably be seen as his most significant work.

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Essex County
New Jersey, 07102
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SIGNIFICANCE (Continued)

The most unique aspect of the Feigenspan Mansion was designing it to be easily accessible to handicapped Mrs. Marie Feignespan. Being confined to a wheelchair, her mobility was decreased. To make the house and its thirty-seven rooms useful to her, Lawrence made an elevator car, in an almost centrally located core, an important device in the home. It's location not only allowed direct ascent from just off the lobby to her boudoir, but its first floor proximity to the kitchen and lower storeroom allowed it to double as a dumbwaiter therefore making it a more sensitive and useful element. Level rooms on all floors (no step-ups or step-downs, minimum door views), and wide doorways made the rooms of her children, guests, and servants extremely accessible. Lawrence also took care of her bathing problems, installing a unique "bar and bench" apparatus to a low shower making it possible to here to take seated showers. Although the building has been altered to accommodate office space, the features Lawrence added were not destroyed in the process, but rather covered over so that they are still there to be studied for the future.

Feigenspan Mansion can also be viewed as an example of Second Renaissance Revival architecture. It is one of the best example of this style in Newark.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Withey's Biographical Dictionary of Architects Deceased, H. Withey, 1955.
 Behind the Scenes at a Great American Brewery, The Feigenspan Brewery Inc., 1939
 Cunningham, John C. Made in New Jersey, New Brunswick: Rutgers University
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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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FORM PREPARED BY

(Revisions Johathan Fricker, Nanci Kostrup,
 Historic Sites Section, DEP, 609-292-2023)

NAME / TITLE

Joe Flock & Tom MacDonald; architectural & historical researchers.

ORGANIZATION

Newark Preservation & Landmarks Committee

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

10 Bank Street

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Newark

STATE

New Jersey

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

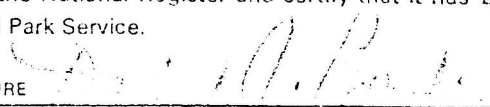
NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-663), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE



TITLE Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection DATE

December 27, 1976

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

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

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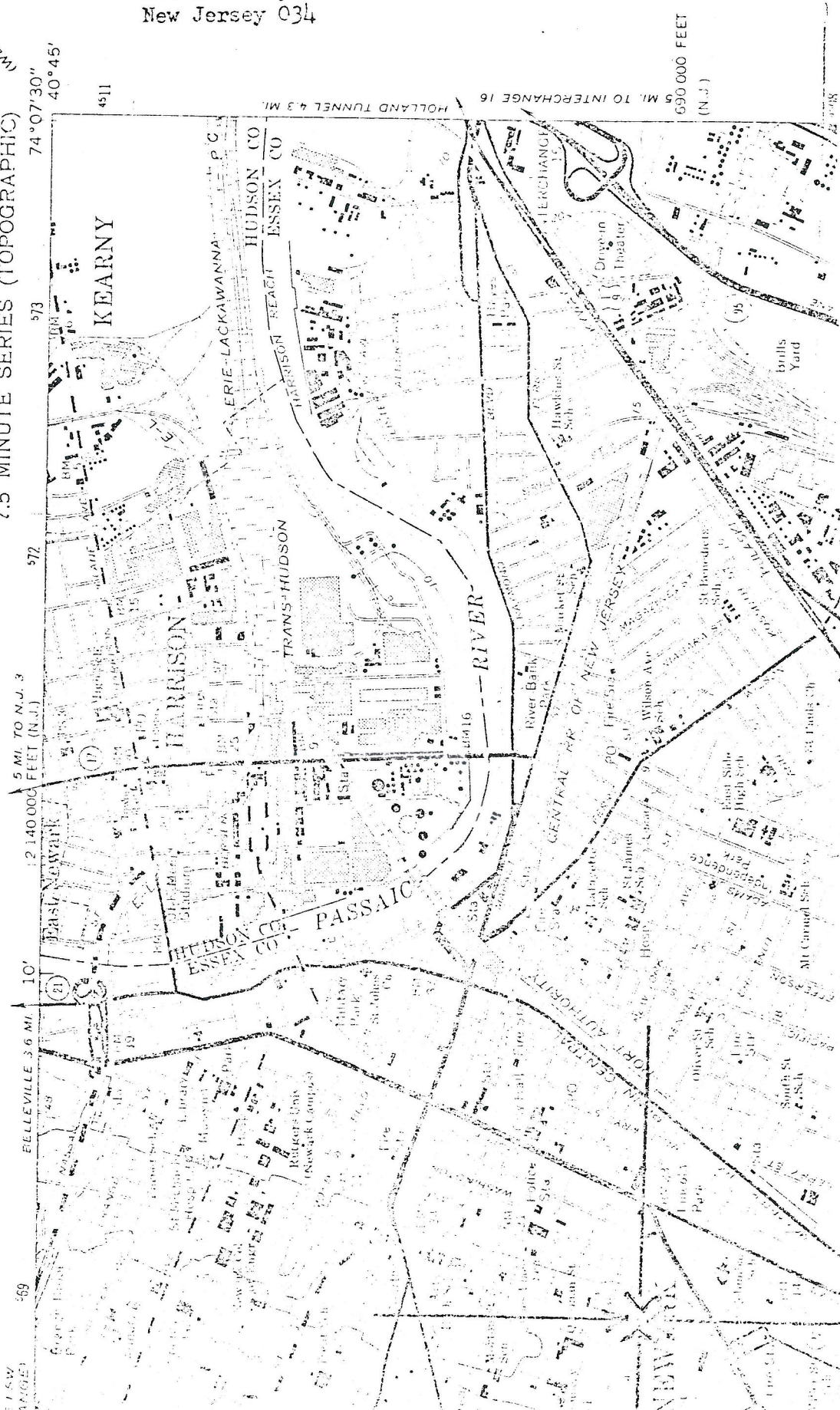
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KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Feigenspan Mansion
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New Jersey 034

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NEW JERSEY - NEW YORK
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Feigenspan Mansion 1976
view of front door
camera view E

Newark
Essex County
New Jersey 07102

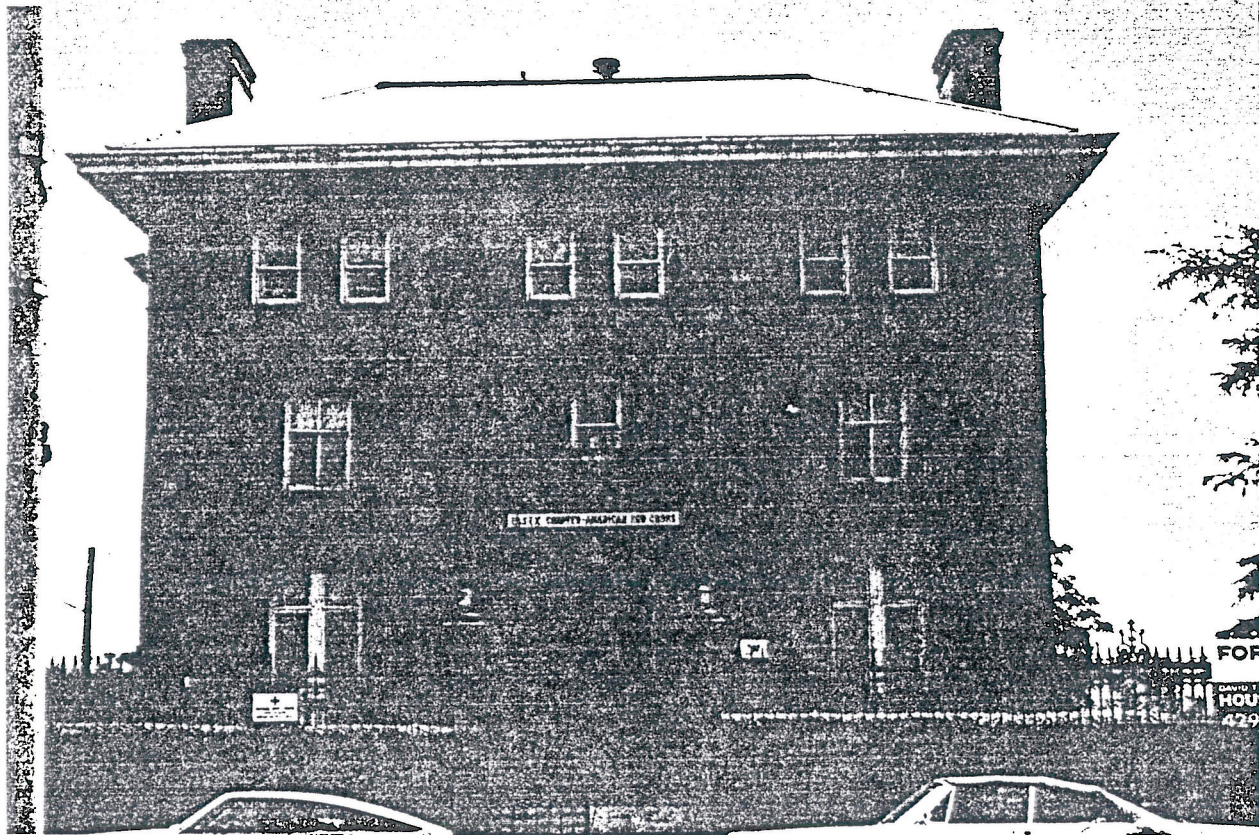
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10 Bank St.
Newark NJ



Feigenspan Mansion 1976
Newark view of front facade
Essex County camera facing E
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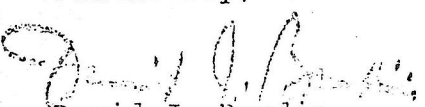
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The coming of prohibition severely affected the Pride of Newark. It forced the temporary closing of the brewery on August 1, 1927. At that time the Feignespan coal and oil company run by the family on Glenwood Avenue, East Orange, had all the brewery's ale shipped to Heinz Pickle Company to be made into vinegar. Once the prohibition act was repealed the Feigenspan's went back to work at making beer and ale, reaching their full capacity the same year after an extensive modernization.

The brewery reached its peak in 1939 when the claimed the largest and most modern brewery in America. In 1943 the entire business was sold to the Ballantine Brewers and the Pride fo Newark was produced no longer.

Besides the mansions association with Christain Feigenspan it is also significant architecturally. First as an example of the Second Renaissance Revival Style it is of only a few remaining in Newark.

The mansion was designed by Warrington G. Lawrence in 1905. The mansion, his first design of an urban mansion can probably be seen as his most significant work.

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The most unique aspect of the Feigenspan Mansion was designing it to be easily accessible to handicapped Mrs. Marie Feigenspan. Being confined to a wheelchair, her mobility was decreased. To make the house and its thirty-seven rooms useful to her, Lawrence made an elevator car, in an almost centrally located core, an important device in the home. It's location not only allowed direct ascent from just off the lobby to her boudoir, but its first floor proximity to the kitchen and lower storeroom allowed it to double as a dumbwaiter therefore making it a more sensitive and useful element. Level rooms on all floors (no step-ups or step-downs, minimum door views), and wide doorways made the rooms of her children, guests, and servants extremely accessible. Lawrence also took care of her bathing problems, installing a unique "bar and bench" apparatus to a low shower making it possible to here to take seated showers. Although the building has been altered to accommodate office space, the features Lawrence added were not destroyed in the process, but rather covered over so that they are still there to be studied for the future.

Feigenspan Mansion can also be viewed as an example of Second Renaissance Revival architecture. It is one of the best example of this style in Newark.

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As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-663) 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.

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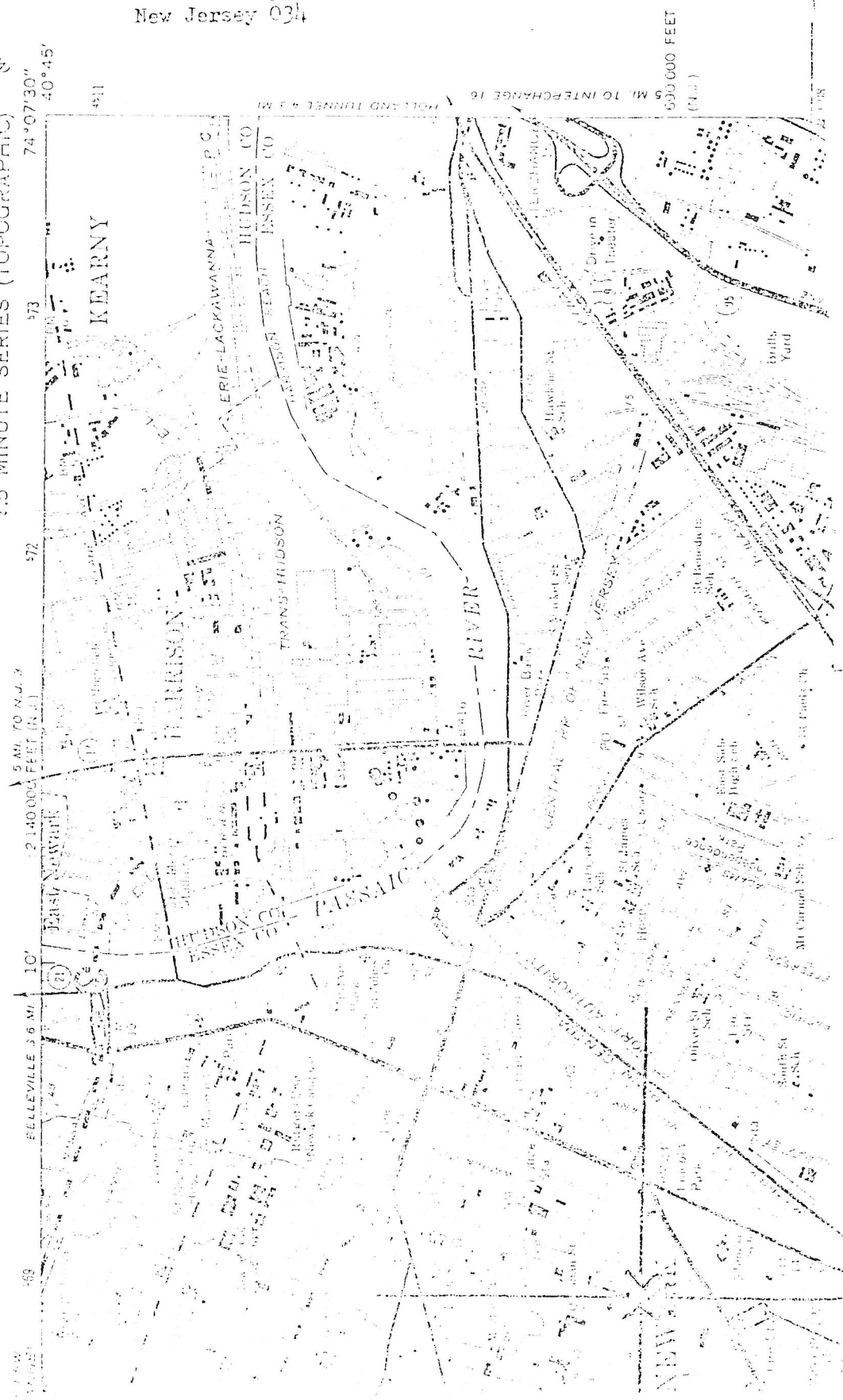
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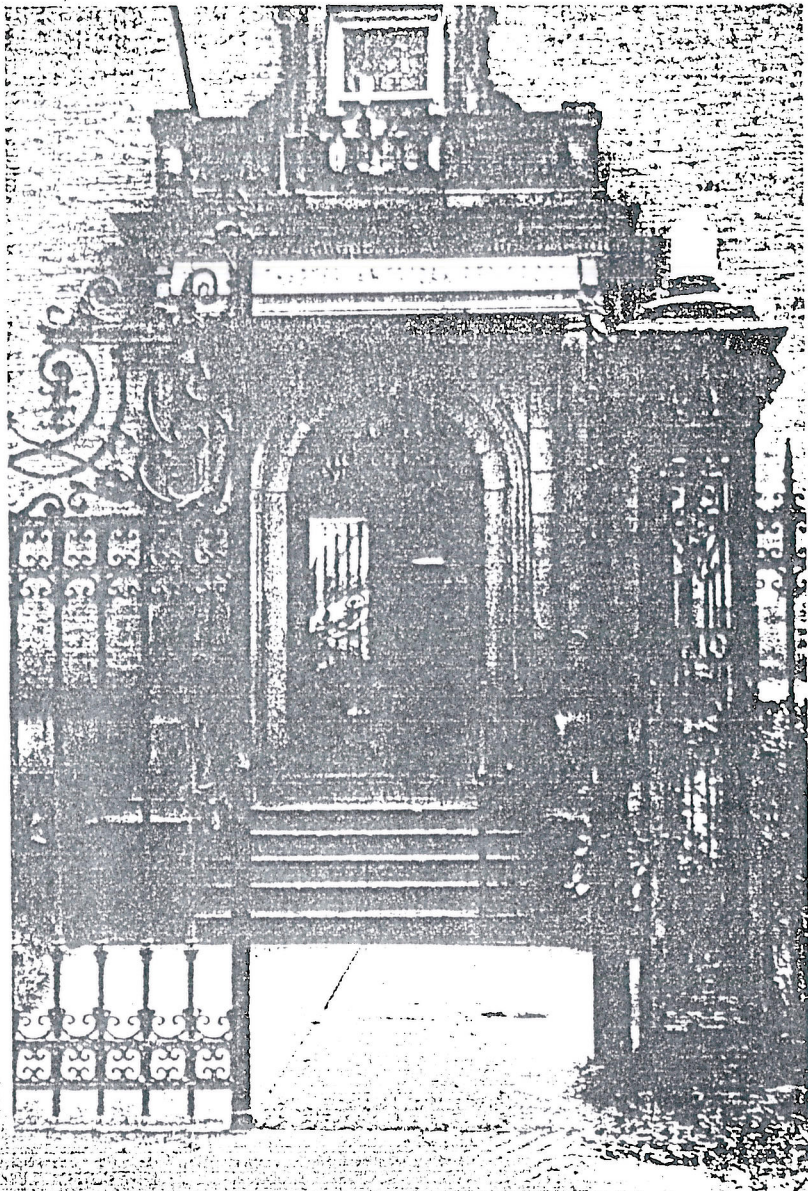


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