

SUMMARY OF NOMINATION INFORMATION IN ONJH FILES

NAME Lyons Farm Schoolhouse  
 COUNTY Essex  
 MUNICIPALITY Newark City

TYPE:  
 Individual X  
 Historic District \_\_\_\_\_  
 Multiple Property \_\_\_\_\_  
 Documentation Form \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINATION FORM

ONJH FILES

- Nomination form (If there are continuation sheets, please indicate number) ✓ \_\_\_\_\_ CS: \_\_\_\_\_
- First page (#1-6) ✓ \_\_\_\_\_ CS: \_\_\_\_\_
- Description (#7) ✓ \_\_\_\_\_ CS: \_\_\_\_\_
- Significance (#8) ✓ \_\_\_\_\_ CS: \_\_\_\_\_
- Last page (#9-11) ✓ \_\_\_\_\_ CS: \_\_\_\_\_
- SHPO Signatures ✓ \_\_\_\_\_
- USGS Map ✓ \_\_\_\_\_
- Site plan \_\_\_\_\_
- Tax map \_\_\_\_\_
- Floorplan \_\_\_\_\_
- Photo index map \_\_\_\_\_
- Other maps \_\_\_\_\_
- Photographs (Indicate number) ✓ \_\_\_\_\_
- Exterior 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- Interior \_\_\_\_\_
- Streetscapes \_\_\_\_\_
- Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_
- Historical \_\_\_\_\_
- Negatives \_\_\_\_\_
- Contact Sheet \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF LISTING

State Register 4/20/73  
 National Register 11/7/73 (as part of James O. Easton Commons HD)

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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

STAFF MEMBER Beth Anderson DATE 6/28/91  
 UPDATES: STAFF \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
 STAFF \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME LYONS YARRY School House  
MUNICIPALITY NEWARK COUNTY ESSEX Co.

Nomination Form:

No Final Nomination Form \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Unsigned \_\_\_\_\_  
U.S.G.S. Map ✓ Photocopy ✓ + original  
Other Maps \_\_\_\_\_

Plan(s): Site \_\_\_\_\_ Floor \_\_\_\_\_

Photographs:

	<u>Identified</u>	<u>Unidentified</u>	<u>Inadequate Coverage</u>
Exterior	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____
Interior	_____	_____	<u>✓</u>
Streetscapes	_____	_____	_____
Outbuildings	_____	_____	_____
Historical	_____	_____	_____

Negatives:

Same as prints \_\_\_\_\_ Less than prints ✓ Additional Negatives \_\_\_\_\_

Slides: inadequate

Boundaries:

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

National Register notification of listing to SHPO: \_\_\_\_\_

Copies of final approved nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

SHPO Notification Letters:

Intent to nominate \_\_\_\_\_ National Register \_\_\_\_\_ State Register \_\_\_\_\_  
Owner list \_\_\_\_\_

Supplemental Information:

N.J.H.S.I. ✓ Draft nomination ✓  
Newspaper/Magazine articles \_\_\_\_\_ Recent correspondence \_\_\_\_\_  
Local ordinance data \_\_\_\_\_ Maps \_\_\_\_\_ HABS ✓  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

Materials in Storage:

Public Meeting notification \_\_\_\_\_ Draft nomination \_\_\_\_\_  
Newspaper articles \_\_\_\_\_ Correspondence \_\_\_\_\_  
Historical information \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: New Jersey	
COUNTY: Essex	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:  
The Old Stone Schoolhouse

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Lyons Farm Schoolhouse

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Newark Museum Garden (49 Washington Street)

CITY OR TOWN:  
Newark

STATE: New Jersey      CODE: 34      COUNTY: Essex      CODE: 013

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
The Newark Museum Association

STREET AND NUMBER:  
43-49 Washington Street

CITY OR TOWN: Newark      STATE: New Jersey      CODE: 34

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Essex County Hall of Records

STREET AND NUMBER:  
469 High Street

CITY OR TOWN: Newark      STATE: New Jersey      CODE: 34

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

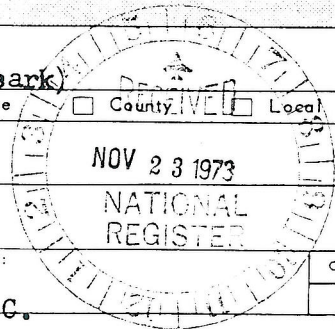
TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Historic American Buildings Survey (NJ-7-Newark)

DATE OF SURVEY: 1938       Federal       State       County       Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Library of Congress

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)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site		
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE						
<p>Other than being moved from its original site, the Lyons Farm Schoolhouse remains largely unchanged since its construction in 1784. The only alterations consist of a new shingle roof and replastered interior walls added in 1938. Measuring 30 feet long by 20 feet wide, the schoolhouse is regular ashlar construction of dark and light sandstone from two Irvington, New Jersey quarries. The seven casement windows feature four-over-four pane placement with six-over-four pane placement located on the entrance gable end. Entrance to the schoolhouse is effected through a wide batten door located on the north end of the building. The schoolhouse retains its original belfry, bell, weathervane, dentilling trim, wide floor boards, batten door, windows shutters, and door step stone. The interior features white plastered walls and ceiling with wooden chair-rail height wainscoting. The thick sandstone walls create deep window sills which are framed in. Within the last year the schoolhouse has been completely renovated. All wood trim, window sills, shutters, door and belfry were sealed and re-painted their original dark red color. The plaster walls and ceiling were re-whitewashed after surface cracks had been filled and sealed. The original wide board floor was cleaned and sealed. The interior of the schoolhouse has been furnished with furniture, books, maps, etc. of the period 1784-1824. The original character and architectural integrity of the schoolhouse have been preserved for the public and New Jersey school children who visit the schoolhouse each year.</p>						



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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)

1784

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |   |   |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education   | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   |   |  |  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Education.

The Old Stone Schoolhouse, re-erected in the Newark Museum Garden in 1938, is often referred to as the oldest schoolhouse in Newark. In actuality it was three miles from Newark in a settlement known as Lyons Farm on what was then "Pot Pie Lane" (now Chancellor Avenue) between Newark and Elizabeth. The 1784 building replaced the original 1726 frame structure destroyed by fire. The land on which the school was erected was purchased from the Hackensack Indians for a quarter-pound of gunpowder. On his way to revolutionary headquarters in Morristown, New Jersey, General George Washington paused at the school to speak to the students. Again, in 1797, Washington had occasion to visit the school on his way to Elizabeth. The Duke de Talleyrand-Perigord, who spent several months during the winter of 1794-95 at the Newark home of David Alling, visited the stone schoolhouse. The first teacher in the 1784 schoolhouse was Joseph Lyons who had recently graduated from Princeton. The high standard of scholarship of the school attracted boys from Newark, Elizabeth, and other communities; the only other school of equal standing in the area was the Newark Academy, established in Washington Park in 1775. The Lyons Farm School did not charge tuition and was, therefore, one of the earliest public schools in the state. It is now the oldest existing school building in Newark and one of the few eighteenth century buildings remaining in Essex County.

For many years the schoolhouse was not only the educational center of the community, but also served as a religious, social, and political meeting place. It was in this building that the first area Sunday School was organized in the summer of 1816. Political meetings were held in the school until 1902 when Clinton Township, in which the Lyons Farm district was included, was incorporated into the city of Newark. The building was then acquired by the Newark Board of Education.

In 1938, in order to save the building from destruction, the schoolhouse, with the aid of the Works Progress Administration, was moved to the garden of the Newark Museum. Presently the building stands in the garden, preserved for future generations to witness.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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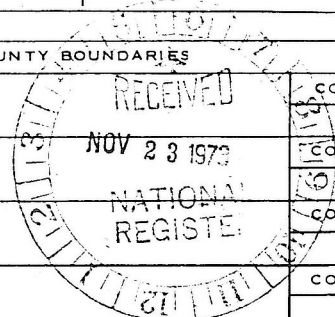
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"
NE	° ' "	° ' "		40	44	35
SE	° ' "	° ' "		74	10	24
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 0.1 acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Phillip Curtis, Curator of Decor. Arts -- minor revision T.Karschner, Historian

ORGANIZATION: Newark Museum -- DEP, Historic Sites Section DATE: 10-15-73

STREET AND NUMBER: 43-49 Washington Street -- Box 1420

CITY OR TOWN: Newark -- Trenton STATE: New Jersey CODE: 34

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name: Richard J. Sullivan

Title: Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection

Date: November 20, 1973

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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