

SUMMARY OF NOMINATION INFORMATION IN ONJH FILES

NAME Wickliffe Presbyterian Church
 COUNTY Essex
 MUNICIPALITY Newark City

TYPE:
 Individual 2
 Historic District
 Multiple Property
 Documentation Form

NOMINATION FORM

ONJH FILES

- Nomination form (If there are continuation sheets, please indicate number) ✓
- First page (#1-6) ✓ CS:
- Description (#7) ✓ CS:
- Significance (#8) ✓ CS: 1
- Last page (#9-11) ✓ CS:
- SHPO Signatures ✓
- USGS Map ✓
- Site plan
- Tax map
- Floorplan
- Photo index map
- Other maps
- Photographs (Indicate number) ✓
- Exterior 2 (plus 4 photocopied photos)
- Interior
- Streetscapes
- Outbuildings
- Historical 1
- Negatives
- Contact Sheet

DATE OF LISTING

State Register 12/19/77
 National Register 5/22/78

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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

STAFF MEMBER Pam Gordon DATE 7/1/81
 UPDATES: STAFF DATE
 STAFF DATE

NEW JERSEY AND NATIONAL REGISTER FILE REORGANIZATION - 1980-1981
Summary Sheet

NAME Wickliffe Presbyterian Church
MUNICIPALITY Newark COUNTY Essex Co

Nomination Form:

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Interior	_____	_____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Streetscapes	_____	_____	_____
Outbuildings	_____	_____	_____
Historical	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____

(copy)

Negatives:

Same as prints _____ Less than prints Additional Negatives _____

Slides: exterior shots - adequate; interior shots - 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 Progression sheet, Survey Form

Materials in Storage:

Public Meeting notification _____ Draft nomination
Newspaper articles _____ Correspondence
Historical information Other _____

Nothing in storage
TK 8/1982



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DAVID J. BARDIN, COMMISSIONER
P. O. BOX 1390
TRENTON, N. J. 08623
609 292 2885

DEC 19 1977

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:

I am pleased to nominate the Wickcliffe Presbyterian Church, Newark, Essex County to the National Register.

This nomination has received approval of the State Review Committee for Historic Sites.

Should you want any further information concerning this application, please feel free to contact the staff of the Office of Historic Preservation, 109 West State Street, Department of Environmental Protection, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, telephone (609) 292-2023.

Sincerely,

Betty Wilson
Deputy State Historic
Preservation Officer

BW:TK:rk

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Wickcliffe Presbyterian Church
AND/OR COMMON
13th Avenue Presbyterian Church

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 111 13th Avenue (on the corner of 13th & Boston Streets)
CITY, TOWN Newark
STATE New Jersey
VICINITY OF 10th
COUNTY Essex
CODE 34
CODE 013

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY: DISTRICT, BUILDING(S), STRUCTURE, SITE, OBJECT
OWNERSHIP: PUBLIC, PRIVATE, BOTH, PUBLIC ACQUISITION: IN PROCESS, BEING CONSIDERED
STATUS: OCCUPIED, UNOCCUPIED, WORK IN PROGRESS, ACCESSIBLE: YES: RESTRICTED, YES: UNRESTRICTED, NO
PRESENT USE: AGRICULTURE, COMMERCIAL, EDUCATIONAL, ENTERTAINMENT, GOVERNMENT, INDUSTRIAL, MILITARY, MUSEUM, PARK, PRIVATE RESIDENCE, RELIGIOUS, SCIENTIFIC, TRANSPORTATION, OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Trustees First Presbyterian Church Colored Congregation
STREET & NUMBER 111 13th Avenue
CITY, TOWN Newark
STATE New Jersey

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Newark City Hall
STREET & NUMBER Block #208 Lot #23
CITY, TOWN Newark
STATE New Jersey

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE New Jersey Historic Preservation Survey
DATE April, 1976
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Parks & Forestry
CITY, TOWN Trenton
STATE New Jersey

DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located on the corner of 13th Avenue and Boston Street in Newark's Central Ward, the Wickcliffe Presbyterian Church is Richardsonian Romanesque Revival in style. The plan of the structure, though asymmetrical, is basically rectangular with a semi-circular apse at the southern end. On the ground floor, the building contains an auditorium, a library, the sanctuary and, in the apse, Sunday School facilities. The second floor has a gallery, classrooms, the church parlors and the Pastor's study. The kitchen is in the basement.

The main (west) elevation is dominated by a circular stone vestibule and stair tower, seventy-five feet high and sixteen feet in diameter. Like the remainder of the two story structure, the tower is laid up in two tones of rock-faced brownstone and brick, arranged in ornamental bands and string courses. A major pair of round arched stained glass windows are symmetrically placed beneath the peak of the gabled on the west elevation. The roofs of the structure, gabled on the west and east elevations, were clad with slate originally. The southern elevation, with the apse, is delineated by two cone shaped roofs of the tower and the apse itself.

The structure retains much of its original fabric and character of Romanesque revival style, but, mostly in deteriorated condition. The original slate roofs were replaced with composite tiles.

Toilets were added on the second floor and cellar. Heating system has been changed from hot air to hot water with radiators.

SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1889

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

William Halsey Wood

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Wickcliffe Presbyterian Church, built ca. 1889, is significant for its historic associations with the oldest black congregation in Newark, in addition to being a good example of Richardsonian Romanesque Revival style architecture in New Jersey.

Religion/Social-Humanitarian

The black congregation which occupied the edifice from 1910 to 1966 is still the owner of the property. Old First Presbyterian Church on Broad Street was the church of origin of the Black congregation. Although slaves and freemen were allowed to worship at this predominantly white church, they were not permitted to participate in the administration of the church. In addition, they were only allowed to be seated in the upstairs gallery which presented a physical problem as the black congregation grew in numbers. By 1831, the black congregation had become so thoroughly dissatisfied that it left Old First Presbyterian Church and formed a mission. The congregation worshipped in the various homes of its members. In 1835, one year before the incorporation of Newark as a city, this congregation petitioned the Newark Presbyterian to be denominated as the First Presbyterian Colored Congregation and the request was granted. In 1836 a chapel was erected on Plane Street where the congregation worshipped until 1910.

In the meantime, the Wickcliffe Presbyterian Church was erected by a white congregation in 1889. This congregation continued to worship here until 1910. By this time, the neighborhood had begun to change dramatically and financial problems ensued. The white congregation moved and the Plane Street Black Congregation took over the building after their own building reached such a state of deterioration that it was condemned by the city. In 1921 the name "Wickcliffe" was changed through reincorporation to the 13th Avenue Presbyterian Church. Under the leadership of Reverend Lawrence B. Ellerson, one of the early pastors, the church became one of the earliest self-supporting Black Presbyterian congregations in the North. The church in its past has brought many national leaders and lecturers to Newark and also sponsored a variety of social programs. In 1966 the Presbyterian Congregation moved because of a planned Essex Heights commercial and housing project.

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Wickliffe Presbyterian Church
Newark

Essex County New Jersey 034

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However, the edifice was spared from demolition and was occupied by the Prayer Time Temple. The present tenant is the Freewill Baptist Church. Both congregations are black.

Architecture

William Halsey Wood (1855-1897) was a Newark, New Jersey architect best known for his Byzantine Romanesque style churches as represented by the First Baptist Peddie Memorial Church of Newark (1888-90) and the Carnegie Free Library of Braddock, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania (1888-9). Another of Wood's significant designs was the rejected plan for the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York. If accepted, St. John the Divine would have been three times the size of St. Peters in Rome. Wood primarily worked in the Romanesque style.

The Wickcliffe Presbyterian Church is one of only four extant religious edifices in Newark designed by architect Wood and exhibits Richardsonian Romanesque style architecture.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Newark Evening News 3/2/1888, 6/13/1888, 4/13/1911, 3/29/1913,
10/26/1935, 10/18/1938, 9/30/1967, 5/28/1968

Incorporation Records of New Jersey, Volume 13, Pg. 64 and Volume
1, Pg. 360, November 22, 1910

Miller, R. Craig. The Domestic Architecture of William Halsey Wood
University of Delaware, 1972.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property nominated is a rectangular lot seventy feet by one hundred twenty eight point ten feet, bounded on the South by 13th Avenue and on the west of Boston Street in the City of Newark, New Jersey.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

FORM PREPARED BY

(Terry Karschner, OHP, Trenton, 609-292-2028)

NAME / TITLE: Gene Paul Pasinski DATE: May, 1977

ORGANIZATION: Architects' Community Design Center TELEPHONE: 484-1344

STREET & NUMBER: 370 Orange Street

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 89-665), 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.

Deputy STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER'S SIGNATURE: *[Signature]*

TITLE: Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of Environmental Protection DATE: 12-19-77

FOR NPS USE ONLY:

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST: _____ DATE _____

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Wickliffe Presbyterian Church
Newark
Essex County
New Jersey 031
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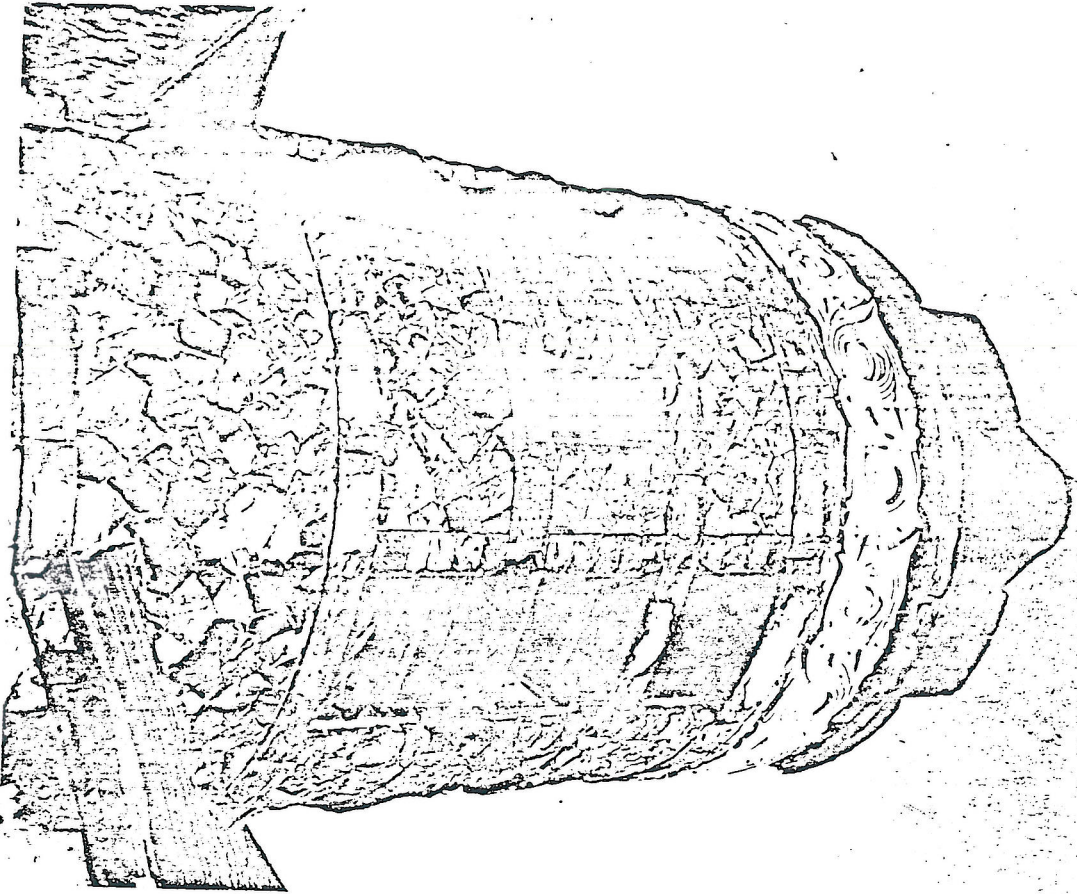
Wickliffe Presbyterian Church
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detail of
exterior



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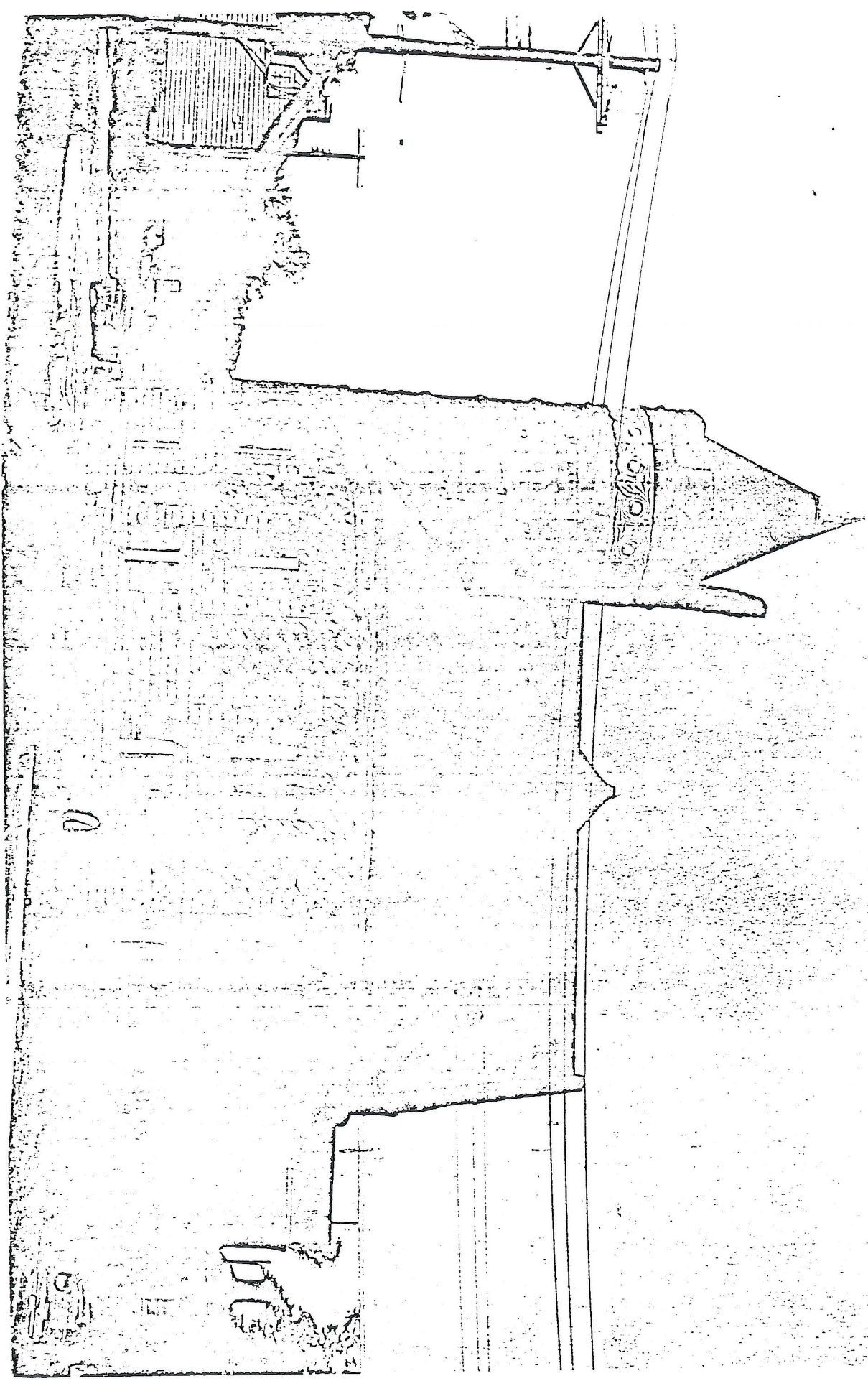
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Newark
Essex County
New Jersey 07102 detail of
exterior



WICKLIFFE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY
GENE PASINSKI
1976

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SIDE ELEVATION (SOUTH)
PHOTO #2



WICKLIFFE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY
GENE PASINSKI
1976
ARCHITECTS: COMMUNITY DESIGN CENTER
FRONT ELEVATION (WEST)
PHOTO #1

