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INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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STATE: New Jersey	
COUNTY: Morris	
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1. NAME

COMMON: **Martin Berry House**

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: **581 State Highway 23 (near Route 23 and Jackson Avenue)**

CITY OR TOWN: **Pompton Plains (Pequanneck Township)**

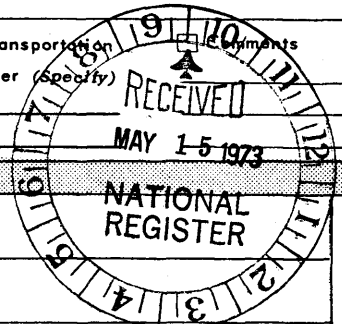
STATE: **New Jersey** CODE: **34** COUNTY: **Morris** CODE: **027**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	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"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	



4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: **Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bogert**

STREET AND NUMBER: **581-Route 23**

CITY OR TOWN: **Pompton Plains** STATE: **New Jersey** CODE: **34**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER: **Court Street**

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

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: **Historic American Buildings Survey (N.J.-546)**

DATE OF SURVEY: **1939** 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Exterior.

The Berry House is a two-story Dutch style building with ~~Greek Revival characteristics~~, Gambrel roof and a pair of inside gable end chimneys on each end (four in total). Three of the four outside walls, which are twenty inches thick, have been stuccoed over, but the fourth illustrates its original native-stone appearance. The gables are clapboard having a central window with mullion flanked on each side by a smaller window. Above the center window is a fan window. The house has five bays and a center hall. The windows here are 12 over 12 double-hung sash with shutters. The doorway has a modern triangular pediment overhead, but the sidelights are Greek Revival. There is also a modern porch protecting three bays.

The only exterior alterations from the Greek Revival appearance are the additions of the portico, the pediment, and several dormers along with an application of stucco. Otherwise, the building appears as it did when remodeled in the early nineteenth century.

Attached to the Berry House is a small 12 by 12 feet smokehouse with gable roof and chimney. Near the smokehouse is a stone lined well and brick cistern, in excellent condition.

Interior.

The main floor has four rooms and hall; the upstairs six bedrooms and a hall; and the cellar three rooms and a furnace area. The halls are 32 feet long and ten feet wide. The rooms on the first floor are approximately 16 feet by 16 feet whereas, the six upstairs rooms are much smaller; the length of the building being 42 feet and the width 32 feet. All but the present dining room have the wide-board floors. The inside walls and ceilings are plaster, most of the original, with animal hair. There are six fireplaces in the house, with five of them having carved wooden mantels, while the sixth is an open stone fireplace.

As the exterior, most of the interior has remained intact and well preserved throughout the decades.

CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATION

Senator Clifford P. Case
 Senator Harrison A. Williams, Jr.
 Representative Joseph Maraziti, 13th District



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8. Significance

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1720, 1779, 1800-1825

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	<u>Settlement</u>
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

~~Settlement.~~
 The Berry (or Berrie) Family was the second family to settle on the west side of the Pompton River, and the first on the Plains. Mention of Martin Berry is noted in the Reformed Dutch Church records of 1738 when he was ordained as an elder of the church. Martin Berry married in 1720 and it is a distinct possibility that the house was first constructed at that time to receive his bride as this was the custom. This is most probable since Martin Berrys' will in 1779 referred to this house as "my old place I now possess." (Emphasis added).

Evidently, sometime in the first quarter of the nineteenth century the house was extensively remodeled, ~~so that features are almost exclusively Greek Revival except, perhaps, the foundation and some of the framing.~~

Architecture.
 Architecturally, the Berry House is an excellent example of what a wealthy Dutch farmer might own in the early part of the nineteenth century in northern New Jersey.

Notable features in the interior are the fine workmanship of the mantelpieces, the built in cabinets, and the front door; all of which exhibit Greek Revival characteristics. Also worth mention is the framework construction which can be most easily viewed from the open attic. And on the outside is the general form of this attractive 19th century structure, the smokehouse, and the well and cistern.

This house is an important source of instruction for serious Architectural Historians, especially those dealing in ethnic group architecture. Few private homes in New Jersey can compare with the workmanship and authenticity of the Martin Berry House.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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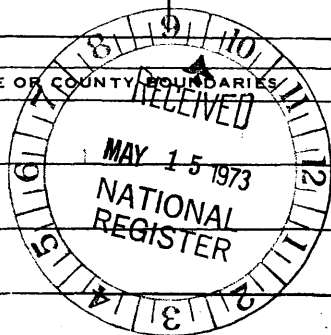
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **2**

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

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Terry Karschner, Historian-Curator (assisted by Mrs. Charles Bogert)**
 ORGANIZATION: **Dept. of Environmental Protection: Historic Sites Section** DATE: **1-09-73**
 STREET AND NUMBER: **Post Office Box 1420**
 CITY OR TOWN: **Trenton** STATE: **New Jersey** CODE: **34**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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: January 29, 1973

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

Robert M. Wiley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 6/19/73

ATTEST: [Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 6 14 73