

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <u>Pennsylvania</u>
COUNTY: <u>Bucks</u>
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Hampton Hill

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Beauregard-Search House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: (Rt. 232)
1269 2nd Street Pike NE corner of 2nd St. Pike and Twining Ford Rd.

CITY OR TOWN: Richboro, Northampton Township CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42 COUNTY: Bucks CODE: 077

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" 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	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" 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"/> Comments
<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. Robert D. Crompton

STREET AND NUMBER: 1269 2nd Street Pike

CITY OR TOWN: Richboro, Northampton Township STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURT CASE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Bucks County Recorder of Deeds, Admin. Bldg. Deed Bk 1892 p.201

STREET AND NUMBER: Main and Court Sts.

CITY OR TOWN: Doylestown STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Old Houses in Bucks County Vol. 4 pp. 214-216 by Dr. Henry Mercer

DATE OF SURVEY: Jan. 14, 1919 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Bucks County Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER: Ashland and Pine Sts/

CITY OR TOWN: Doylestown STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

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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

Hampton Hill was built in two sections. The smaller portion is the earlier, being built c. 1744 by an unknown architect. It is a two and a half story stone gable house, two bays across and one room deep. The bottom floor contains the kitchen and pantry. The kitchen has a nine foot wide fireplace with a filled in beehive oven, and the pantry has the original stone sink with stone drainway to the outside. Much chair railing and paneling in this part is either early or original.

The larger house to the west of the 1744 section was built c. 1790. It was built of stone similar to that used in the earlier section but was built without a common wall as is indicated by a demarcation line on the southern exposure. Being larger than the earlier section, it is three bays across by two rooms deep, two and a half stories high, of stone gable construction with a nine-foot hallway. This part has two rooms on the ground floor and three rooms on the second story and a fine winding stairway with a landing connects the two. Chimneys are found on each gable end, with the east one serving fireplaces on both floors while the west chimney was utilized by a "Franklin type stove". Chair rail, four mantels, paneling, raised panel doors, hewn rafters, and early floor boards predominate in this section.

Alterations to the house consist of removal of the bake oven, a shingle roof replaced by slate in the twentieth century, replacement of deteriorated window frames, addition of Victorian doors with glass rather than panels, addition of a bathroom and the usual heating and electrical renovations. The attic has been strengthened to support structural weakness incurred over the years.

Both sections are equipped with a full attic as well as cellars. Exteriorly, both sections contain boxed cornice and white panel shutters on the ground floor and black louvered shutters on the second story. Snowbirds are present on both roofs. Evidence indicates that both sections had been plastered but today this has been removed and the surfaces have been repointed.

Hampton Hill is part of a larger five structure-complex. The property at one time consisted of 1) Hampton Hill (Bennet-Search House), 2) a stone wood shed of which only the walls remain, 3) a three story stone wagon shed renovated but in poor condition, owned privately, 4) a cold vault mostly underground but in good condition and 5) a massive frame "Dutch Barn" that was completely destroyed by fire.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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 type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) c. 1744 & c. 1790

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" 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

Hampton Hill also known as the Bennet-Search House, illustrates the accomodation of a Colonial and post-Colonial structure into a unified dwelling. The houses were built by the Benet family (Abraham Benet- head of the family) which moved from Long Island, New York in the early to mid-eighteenth century. The complex of related buildings is indicative of an early farm community centered around the family.

Legends say that 1) the Delaware Indians assembled between the wood shed and the wagon shed in the eighteenth century for the purpose of trading with the family and other traders, 2) that a slave burial ground is located approximately two hundred yards north of the house and that 3) the house with a stone arched way to one of the cellars was found while excavations were being done, this supports the legend that the house may have been used as a hiding place for slaves on the Underground Railroad.

Architecturally, the house contains fine woodwork throughout. The winding stairway with landing is exceptionally fine and is a feature that rarely survives in rural architecture. Preservation of the house has been carefully executed with care taken not to disrupt the original floor plans or modify woodwork. Hampton Hill stands as a monument to careful and correct utilization of restoration procedure being graced with repointed stone work and new roofing on the exterior and original rafters wall boards, doors, mantels and fireplaces on the inside.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Mercer, Henry Chapman, "Old Houses in Bucks County,"
 Vol. 4, pages 214-216, (Typescript copy)
 Bucks County Historical Society, Doylestown, Pa. 1920.

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		
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SW	0 . "	0 . "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 3.269

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Robert Donald Crompton edited-C. Dunlevey PHMC

ORGANIZATION: Northampton Township Historical Study Commission DATE: Sept. 29, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER: 1269 2nd Street Pike

CITY OR TOWN: Richboro, Northampton Township STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 112

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

Owner of Property notified 10/5/72

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: William J. Wewer

Title: Deputy Executive Director

Date: 11/27/72

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

 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: _____

ATTEST: _____

 Keeper of The National Register

Date: _____

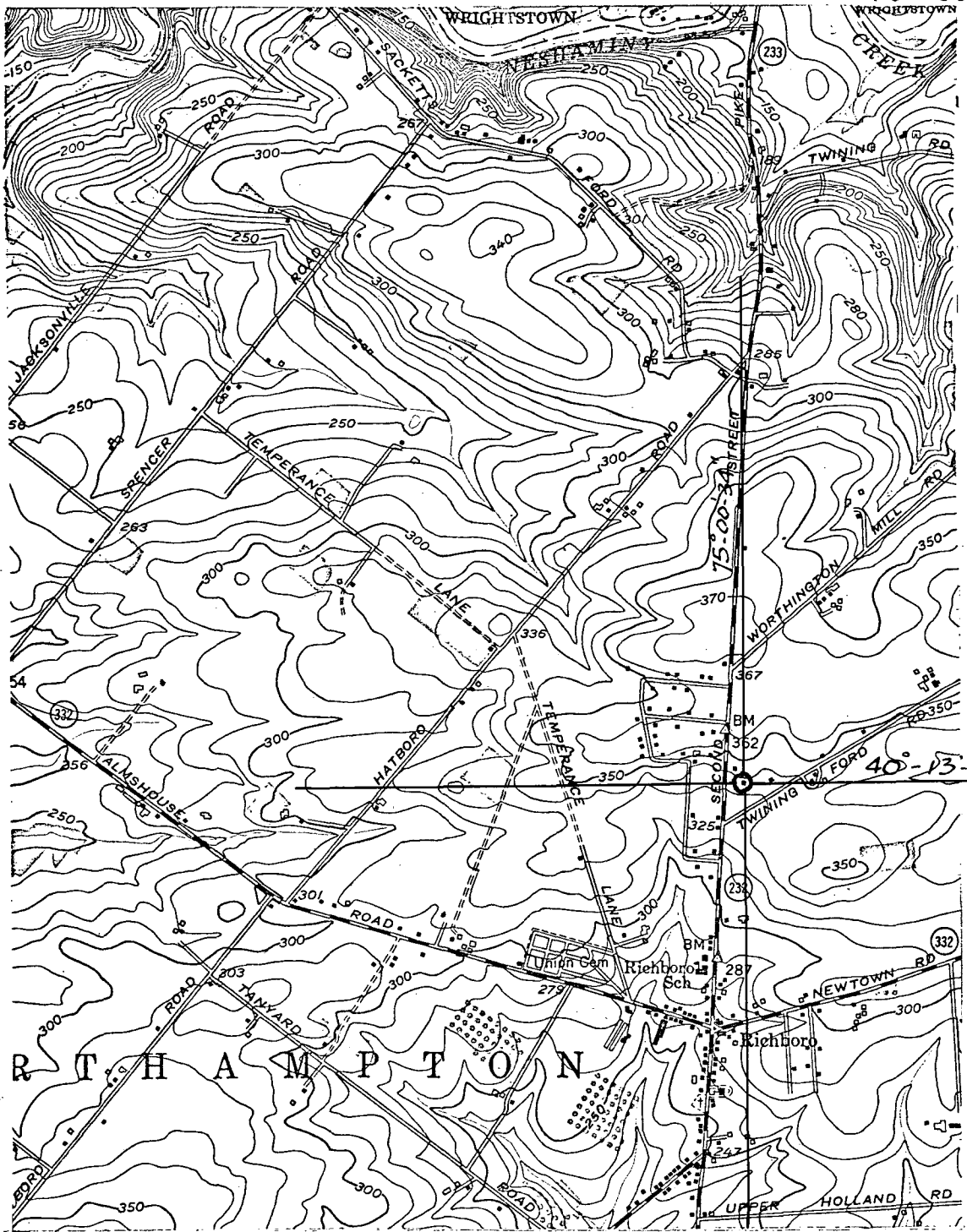
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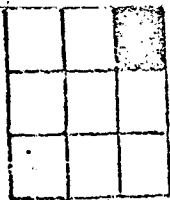
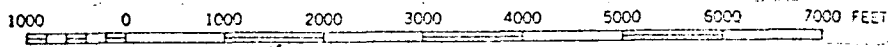
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