

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Pennsylvania
COUNTY: Bucks
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Hip Roof House

AND/OR HISTORIC:
John Thompson House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
1925 Second Street Pike (Rte. 232)

CITY OR TOWN: Richboro, Northampton Township	CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Eighth
STATE: Pennsylvania	CODE: 42
COUNTY: Bucks	CODE: 017

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"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" 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:
Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Crawford

STREET AND NUMBER:
1925 Second Street Pike

CITY OR TOWN: Richboro, Northampton Township	STATE: Pennsylvania	CODE: 42
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Bucks County Recorder of Deeds, Deed Book 1689 page 318, 12/4/62

STREET AND NUMBER:
Main and Court Streets

CITY OR TOWN: Doylestown	STATE: Pennsylvania	CODE: 42
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission Inventory of Historic Sites

DATE OF SURVEY: **1970 regional** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Bucks County Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:
Pine and Ashland Sts

CITY OR TOWN: Doylestown	STATE: Pennsylvania	CODE: 42
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
(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

The Hip Roof House is a complete misnomer. It is not and never was a Hip Roofed structure. The house is an elongated gambrel roof house. The House may have dated from as early as 1733 but was definitely occupied by John Thompson in 1765. It is two stories in height constructed of stone, 38 feet by 23 feet with chimneys at both ends. The gambrel section had a 1½ story stone section afixed to its right gable end which has since been destroyed and replaced with a frame section. Fenestration on the gambrel section consists of three windows and a door in the rear and door-window, door-window on the front. Originally, there were two dormers in the roof on each side; to which a middle dormer was added to both the front and the rear. A single window on the second story level is present at each gable end. A small return is also found at the gable ends. All of the dormers are of the shed type and rise as high as the peak of the second story roof section. The top of the roof is of tin and the lower section is shingle. The addition to the gambrel section originally was stone, with a gable roof, 1½ stories high with a door and window in the front and open side. This portion of the house was destroyed by a fire about 1883. It was replaced by a frame section. The frame section is two stories in height with an almost flat roof line. It is two bays across in the front and back, with a chimney at the exposed end. It is covered with wooden siding and has shutters on some windows. A single story porch is on the front also constructed of wood.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

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)

c. 1750

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/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Hip Roof House is one of the few examples of the gambrel type structure in Bucks County. The main section of the house is larger than the average size gambrel roof structure of the area and time. It stands in good condition and is relatively simple in taste, showing only the modification of two dormers with regard to alterations.

John Thompson, the first sheriff of Bucks County (1777-79), purchased the house in 1765. Afterwards he bought a mill and entered into the production of flour. Previously it had been owned and probably built about 1750 by the Cummings family. Thompson was also a wagonmaster for George Washington during the Revolutionary War. Thompson is best known throughout the county in accounts of a robbery which took place at his house. After fighting with the robbers, Thompson was forced to give up his money and silverware, but pursued the outlaws to New York finally capturing them.

In short, the Hip Roof house is significant as a relatively rare house of its style for Bucks County. It also incorporates a local political figure, Revolutionary War veteran, and an early mill complex.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

History of Bucks County, William W. Davis, Vol. 1 pages 335-36
 Lewis Pub. Co., New York and Chi., 1905

Bucks County Panorama, Doylestown, Pa., March 1972 pgs. 14-15

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
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NE	0 . "	0 . "		40	14	44
SE	0 . "	0 . "		75	00	31
SW	0 . "	0 . "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1.8

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
R.D. Crompton

ORGANIZATION: **Northampton Township Historical Study Commission** DATE: **6/1/72**

STREET AND NUMBER:
Township Building, Second Street Pike

CITY OR TOWN: **Richboro** STATE: **Pennsylvania** CODE: **42**

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 William J. Wewer
 Title Deputy Executive Director

Date 2/20/72

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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75°-00'-00"

40°-15'-00"

40°-15'-0



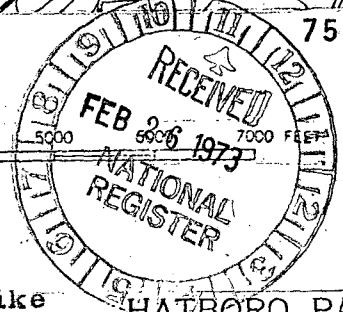
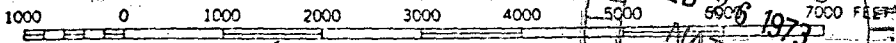
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SCALE 1:24000



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 Charles W. Crawford
 1925 Second Street Pike
 Richboro, Pa. 18954
 Northampton Township

HATBORO, PA.
 NE/4 GERMANTOWN 15' QUADRANGLE
 N4007.5—W7500/7.5

1966

AMS 5964 II NE—SERIES V831

