

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: New Jersey	
COUNTY: Monmouth	
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**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Old Kentuck

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Same and Old Kentucky, Old Caintuck, Caintuck, Kanetuck and Havetuck

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: NW of Holmdel off n. f. 34 con  
Pleasant Valley Road

CITY OR TOWN:  
Pleasant Valley (Also known as Holmdel) *Paic*

STATE: New Jersey      CODE: 34      COUNTY: Monmouth      CODE: 025

**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 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
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input checked="" 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) _____ _____ _____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
Leonard and Alyce Lathrop

STREET AND NUMBER:  
P.O. Box 102 (Mrs. Alyce Lathrop, occupant)

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

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

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

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Court and West Main Streets

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

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

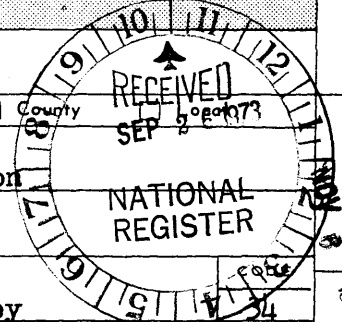
TITLE OF SURVEY:  
New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory

DATE OF SURVEY: 1961       Federal       State       County

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Historic Sites, Department of Environmental Protection

STREET AND NUMBER:  
John Fitch Plaza, P.O. Box 1420

CITY OR TOWN: Trenton      STATE: New Jersey



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

Typical early Jersey farmhouse with Federal influence on original Dutch architecture. House faces south, back to road. No structural changes in possibly 150 years. Two story main section two bay. Two story extension on a lower level than main section. Both main and extension have double gable end chimneys.

According to Charles B. Hembling, building contractor, house is covered with original cypress shingles. Black asphalt shingled roof (1971) covers tin roof 75-100 years old, which covers original cedar shingles; all covering 2 room attic, beams put together with trepins, both rooms. Attic over large section possibly once used as a smoke house as there is a square space where fifth chimney may have been and old meathooks still hang from rafters.

Remodeling of the large section of the house took place sometime after War of 1812. Interior shows marked Adam refinements, unusual in a farmhouse-very restrained. Large section is lined with sand and seaweed binder; small section lined with brick.

House has four self contained chimneys; 12 over 12 lights in large section, most of which are original panes and 6 over 6 lights in windows of extension.

House has center hall, Dutch doors at both ends. Floors are random width softwood throughtout, unstained and unvarnished. First floor room off kitchen has hardwood floor covering.

House has double parlors, one side of hall, kitchen and dining room, other side of hall. Upstairs has 4 bedrooms. Total of 9 rooms and 2 baths.

Basement under whole house except room off kitchen and dining room is of native fieldstone. Three chimneys with closed-up stovepipe holes in cellar.

Exposed beams in one bedroom, plastered between; ceiling of later-period hired help quarters has exposed beams and attic floor boards, the rest of the house has plastered ceilings from the time of early restoration - replastered in 1941. Samples of early plaster have been left in the first floor under-stairway closet and entrance to attic: "marbleized" with high polish. Living room mantel was also "marbleized". Mantel and windows framed by fluted pilasters topped with handsome capitals.

Congressional Representation

Harrison Williams - U.S. Senator  
 Clifford Case - U.S. Senator  
 James J. Howard - Congressman (3rd. district)

S E E I N S T R U C T I O N S

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PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian
- 15th Century
- 16th Century
- 17th Century
- 18th Century
- 19th Century
- 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

C. 1770

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) |
| <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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military    | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This was the home of Colonel Asher Holmes, Revolutionary patriot, from 1770-1808 (his death). Holmes was a member of Observation and Inspection, first sheriff of Monmouth under the Republic, Colonel of the 1st. Regiment of Monmouth and State Troops, active in the Pennsylvania battle at Germantown and he sat on the Governor's Council. Holmes, a prolific letter writer, left reams of correspondence with the important figures of the emerging nation.

This is a typical early New Jersey farmhouse with Federal influence on original Dutch architecture. Two story with 2 bay main section and 2 bay extension. Both the main and the extension have double gable end chimneys. Beams put together by trepins. Main section was remodeled after the War of 1812. The interior has marked Adam refinements. Main section is lined with sand and seaweed binder and the extension is lined with brick.

House has center hall with Dutch doors. Floors are random-width softwood throughout with first floor room off kitchen having hardwood floor covering.

Basement under whole house except room off kitchen and dining room if of native fieldstone.

The landscape architecture is unique - according to architect Frank H. Cole, 1941, house was carefully situated on site surrounded on three sides by wooded hills, assuring short day in summer and catching the warmth of the winter sun, and right drafts to the fireplaces. House, alike front and back, originally faced south (house not turned; access changed) overlooking rolling fields down to a brook and up to the woodland atop the south hill. Because the land could not be worked early in the season (one never sees a sunrise or a sunset) or early in the day it earned the appellation "a gentleman's farm", according to oral history handed down from former owners.



**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

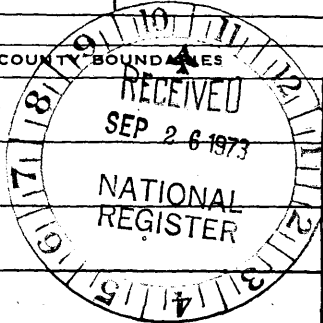
Copies of papers held by Alyce Lathrop  
 Military record  
 Monmouth County Historical Association files  
 Stillwell, John E., M.D., Historical & Genealogical Miscellany, Early Settlers of New Jersey & Their Descendants, Vol. III, N.Y., 1914  
 Marlboro Township Zoning Map, 1971  
 Beers, Comstock & Cline Atlas, Marlboro, 1873

**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	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 9

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
Alyce Lathrop, former chairman, revised by Lois Richman, Historic Sites  
 ORGANIZATION Pleasant Valley Preservation Committee DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
Marlboro Township Division of Historic Sites & Traditions 2/21/73  
 STREET AND NUMBER:  
P.O. Box 102  
 CITY OR TOWN: Holmdel 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: September 14, 1973

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

Ernest A. Connelly  
~~Executive Director, National Historic Preservation Service~~  
 Associate Director, Professional Services  
 Date: NOV 6 1973

ATTEST:  
Wm. H. ...  
 Keeper of The National Register  
 Date: 11.5.73