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The Honorable Alfred J. Murphy, Jr.
Mayor of Hillsdale
Hillsdale Borough Hall
380 Hillsdale Avenue
Hillsdale, N.J. 07642

Dear Mayor Murphy:

It gives us great pleasure to present to you and members of the Council, a copy of the Bergen County Historic Sites Survey for Hillsdale.

This survey provides an inventory of significant properties that will be of historic interest to local residents and assist the municipality in the planning of effective preservation and rehabilitation of Hillsdale's historic sites and structures.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of the community for their interest, cooperation and assistance to members of both the Historic Sites Advisory Board and the Office of Cultural and Historic Affairs in the compilation of information for this study.

Sincerely yours,

BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

[Signature]

Robert P. Pallotta
Freeholder Liaison
Office of Cultural & Historic Affairs
Dear Reader:

You are about to take a tour of your architectural heritage. The survey that follows is a summary of Hillsdale's existing architecture. It is a two-dimensional tour, however, and as such can convey only a part of the historical character of the borough. The real three-dimensional heritage exists along the roads, streets and lanes, and in the wood, brick and stone of the buildings of your hometown.

As you read about the buildings of this survey, take the opportunity to go and see first-hand the skill of earlier builders. We have included a list of buildings which we feel merit particular note for their importance in local history or their architectural interest. We ask that you, the residents of Hillsdale, reflect upon the values and labor that created the borough in which you live. We then ask that you include the buildings that most represent that quality which is "home" to you in the Master Plan. In making new plans for future growth and development, we would like you to consider the conditions that created this borough, these buildings, this heritage. Then use this work as a guide to passing a part of your heritage to the future residents of Hillsdale.

If we can be of further assistance in discussing the means of conserving the architectural heritage of your community, please contact us.
This historic sites survey was made possible by a grant-in-aid from the U.S. Department of the Interior, administered by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Office of New Jersey Heritage, and matched by funds from the Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders.
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INTRODUCTION

This report on historic sites in the Borough of Hillsdale is part of the Bergen County Historic Sites Survey, an attempt to identify buildings, streetscapes and sites of historical and architectural interest in the County. Properties are included which are readily recognized as being valuable for their historical associations or aesthetic design. Other properties are included which illustrate the architectural diversity of their communities and are remnants of the area's history of development. Many of these buildings are modest designs which are examples of vernacular architecture. They represent the conventional approach to architecture and construction in the locality. While the survey aims to be as comprehensive as possible, because of time limitations, not every building of interest has been included when there are other examples equally worthy of record. However, often the chosen building retains its original appearance to a greater degree than other similar designs.

Many older buildings have been omitted from the survey due to extensive recent modifications which diminish the buildings' architectural significances and sometimes make their ages unrecognizable. Such severely altered structures are included only when they are the only extant example of their type in the community or have special historical significance due to age or association with important persons or events.

There is no age requirement for properties included in this survey and it contains properties which are remnants of the area's history of development in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century as well as those associated with the earliest settlement periods. Occasionally recent buildings which have recognized architectural or historical significance are included. However, greater emphasis is placed on resources over fifty years of age. Additional information on the "Criteria for inclusion in the Bergen County Historic Sites Survey" is in the appendix.

Since time-limits restricted research, much additional research can be done to strengthen our understanding of Hillsdale's architectural history. One hopes that this report will both stimulate interest in Hillsdale's architecture and serve as a basis for further research, particularly on those properties identified as being of particular
historical or architectural importance. Please send any additional documentation to be added to the survey to the Bergen County Office of Cultural Affairs, 355 Main Street, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601.

Properties included in this survey were chosen after review of previous historic sites inventories, the records of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, local histories, historic maps, and consultation with the local resource persons, J. Stanley Nants and Alice Matera. A visual inspection of the Borough made by driving all roads in existence prior to 1876 and investigating all neighborhoods shown on early 20th century maps enabled the Historic Sites Survey staff to verify the locations, existence, and architectural integrity of previously identified properties and led to the identification of others of visual interest. Included with this report is a map showing all streets driven as part of the "windshield survey." Hillsdale is shown on the Hackensack and Park Ridge quadrangles of the U.S Geological Survey.

The "history" included in this report emphasizes the development of the area as represented by extant historic properties. It does not attempt to be a comprehensive history of the municipality, but rather provides a brief architectural history to be used in evaluating the significance of the properties included in the survey.

Properties judged by the survey staff to have greatest historical and architectural interest were recorded on New Jersey Office of Historic Preservation (now, Office of New Jersey Heritage) survey forms. Other properties of interest were recorded more briefly on inventory lists. The survey forms for properties included in the Bergen County Stone House Survey, a county-wide inventory of the early domestic architecture constructed of stone, are included, as is the survey form for the Hillsdale Station which was included in NJ Transit's Survey of Operating Railroad Stations (0227-D1#8).

Historic Sites Survey volunteers assisted with the survey by photographing sites and reviewing the draft report. Their work was coordinated by and supplemented by the survey staff.

The Bergen County Historic Sites Advisory Board advised on the conduct of the survey and provided invaluable assistance. The members of the Historic Sites Survey
Committee evaluated the survey to determine which sites are of greatest interest. The results of this evaluation are included in this report. They also made corrections and suggestions which are incorporated into the final report.

Copies of this report with original photographs are on file in the Bergen County Office of Cultural and Historic Affairs and in the Office of New Jersey Heritage, New Jersey State Department of Environmental Protection, C4.402, Trenton, N. J., 08625. The Hillsdale Mayor and Council and Planning Board are provided with copies to encourage and facilitate the use of this report in local planning. In order to make the survey available to the general public, copies of it will be deposited in the local public library and in libraries in Bergen County with major local history collections.

Presented to the municipal officials along with this report is a copy of "Model Ordinances for Historic Preservation" issued by the New Jersey County and Municipal Government Study Commission. This publication contains model ordinances which if enacted would allow a local board to protect historic properties. Such an ordinance would provide a formal process for dealing with historic preservation issues in the community by locally designating as landmarks those districts and properties judged to be of greatest importance in the municipality. It is hoped that the inventory contained in this report will aid in determining what should be preserved and that the "Model Ordinances." publication will supply the means to insure that irreplaceable historic properties continue to be a viable part of Hillsdale's future.
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BCSHS = included in Bergen County Stone Survey, followed by number of survey form.
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ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY OF THE BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE

Geography

The Borough of Hillsdale occupies an 2.9 square mile area in the Pascack Valley in the north central section of Bergen County. The Borough, shaped like an irregular wedge, is bounded by six municipalities. The Township of River Vale is the eastern neighbor. Here the northern part of the boundary is a natural one, Holdrum Brook, Cedar Lane and Demarest Ave. separate the two municipalities at the southern part of this boundary. The southeastern corner of Hillsdale is defined naturally by the winding contour of the Pascack Brook. The Borough of Westwood and the Township of Washington border Hillsdale at the south where the dividing lines, straight for the most part, cut through blocks and streets. The Borough of Saddle River has a straight line boundary with Hillsdale at the west. The north boundary line with the Borough of Woodcliff Lake is a staggered, angular one. A small section of Hillsdale juts northward at the northeast touching the Borough of Park Ridge.

As the name suggests, Hillsdale's terrain is predominantly hills. Its elevations range from 375' at the northwest to about 40' at the southeast along Pascack Brook. The rolling hills at the east and west are separated by a central plateau, through which the Pascack Brook runs. Part of the area along the Pascack Brook is a flood plain. The brook flows out of the Woodcliff Lake reservoir. Part of this reservoir is in north central Hillsdale. Marshlands are found in Hillsdale near the reservoir around the Pascack Brook and in the northeast section of the Borough around Hillsdale Brook and around Holdrum Brook. The Musquapsink Brook crosses Hillsdale in a north-south direction in its western section.

Extension

The Hackensack and New York/Railroad (now Pascack Valley line of NJ Transit) tracks cross the center part of Hillsdale in a curving north-south
direction. The tracks are in the valley of the Pascack Brook, east of the brook itself. The Borough has a number of features which divide it into sections. The various brooks are natural dividers. The railroad tracks are another as is the Garden State Parkway in the western section. Hillsdale Ave. is the only east-west thoroughfare extending through the entire Borough and it merges into meandering Wiemus Road in the section of Hillsdale west of the Garden State Parkway. Wiemus Lane joins parts of the western section of the Borough, while Piermont Ave. and Washington Ave. are links in the eastern section. Important roads linking Hillsdale Ave. to the north and south are Kinderkamack Road, Broadway, and Pascack Road. The Garden State Parkway crosses the western section of Hillsdale but it has no entrances. Access to this major highway is nearby in Washington Township.

Hillsdale is almost wholly a residential community in which over 90% of the homes are single family houses. Commercial areas exist along parts of Broadway. In 1972 Hillsdale had 64 retail businesses. In the same year less than 1% of the area was industrial. Hillsdale has several large parks insuring that some land remains undeveloped. A single farm, the Vanderbeck-Van Riper-Demarest Farm (see 0227-12), remains in the northwestern section. A glance at the map of the Borough reveals the denseness of the residential streets and lots in much of the Borough (p. 36-37). Older residential areas are identified by grid plans, while the post-World War II developments have winding roads and cul-de-sacs.

Political Genealogy

Before the last quarter of the 18th century, Hillsdale was in New Barbadoes Township. In 1775 Harrington Township was formed from the north half of the older township. This new township contained the entire Pascack Valley area of northcentral Bergen County. Its boundaries were New York State at the north, Hackensack Township at the south, the Saddle River at the west, and the Hudson River at the east. Harrington Township was divided by
nearly half its size in 1840, when Washington Township was formed from its western half. Future Hillsdale was located in Washington Township which had the same north, south, and west boundaries as those of the old Harrington Township. Hackensack River was its natural eastern boundary. Washington Township has a confusing political genealogy, beginning with its brief return to Harrington Township in 1844-5 and continuing through a steady loss of acreage to newly formed Boroughs in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Hillsdale Township was formed in 1898. In 1923 it was reincorporated as the Borough of Hillsdale.

Architectural History of Hillsdale to 1860

The first settlers of the area which is now Hillsdale were farmers who were members of some of Bergen County's early families including the Blauvelt, Demarest, Durie, Banta, Forshee, and Vanderbeck. They located their farmsteads along the oldest roads in the Borough. These roads in existence before 1840, as seen on the U. S. Coast Survey map of the area, are Demarest Avenue, Ruckman Avenue, Piermont Avenue, Cedar Lane, Broadway north of Piermont Avenue, Hillsdale Avenue between Broadway and Pascack Road, Yesler Way, Ell Road, Pascack Road with the section between Ell Road and Hillsdale Ave. omitted, Wierimus Lane and Wierimus Road. The 1840 map shows about thirty farmsteads along these roads in present-day Hillsdale. Neither this map nor the 1861 Hopkins Map of Bergen and Passaic Counties (map #1) designate the area that is now Hillsdale with a name. The area was then rural and had no hamlets.

Hillsdale retains four early sandstone houses which are significant remnants of the area's early settlement history and are examples of an important early American building type, the Bergen County stone house built before 1840. The four Hillsdale examples are erected of local sandstone and their architecture is associated with the Dutch cultural group. They illustrate some of the variations which exist within the stone
The gabled-roofed Blauvelt-Demarest House at 230 Broadway (0227-5), built about 1740, was originally a small 26' by 20' one-room stone structure only two bays wide. In the 18th century it was the homestead for Arie Blauvelt's 152 acre farm. The Garret Durie House at 156 Ell Road (0227-7) is also a gable-roofed structure, but it is larger as it main block measures 33½' by 32' and is four bays wide. It originally had twin doors in its front (east) facade of evenly cut sandstone. This house has local historical significance due to its association with Garret Durie, a farmer-blacksmith, who was a Bergen County Freeholder, Justice, and Judge.

The other two stone houses extant in Hillsdale have the graceful gambrel roof which in the popular mind is associated with the domestic architecture of the Dutch cultural group. (In actuality the gable roof was as frequently employed.) The John Banta House at 211 Pascack Road (0227-8) is a large house with a five-bay-wide main block which is 44' by 33'. This handsome house, formerly the farmhouse for an over 400 acre farm, has squared random sandstone walls with trapezoidal lintels over openings on both the main (east) and south facades. The Vanderbeck House at 126 Wierimus Road (0227-11), like the Banta House, appears on the Revolutionary War period Erskine map. This house has more modifications than Hillsdale's other extant stone houses. All of the Hillsdale stone houses have been modified and enlarged during their long histories of use and so are part of the continuing history of Hillsdale, in addition to being significant remnants of its early settlement period and its early architecture.

Hillsdale's early settlement period architecture is also illustrated by several frame houses. The unpretentious Forshee-Blauvelt-Peterson House at 116 Piermont Avenue (0227-9) shows the evolution of a small circa 1748 farmhouse through various enlargements. The center section with high sandstone foundation is believed to be the oldest part
of this building. It has been added to on both sides. The Vanderbeck-Van Riper-Demarest Farmhouse at 215 Wierimus Road (0227-12) is another example of a farmhouse that was enlarged and modified over time. Only a small wing dates to the late 18th century with other larger sections built in the 19th and 20th centuries. This building is significant as part of a farm with barns and other accessory buildings and orchards and fields which is Hillsdale's sole remaining working farm. This farm is a link between the present and Hillsdale's early history when agricultural pursuits dominated the landscape.

The Federal Period Samuel G. Demarest House at 141 Demarest Avenue (0227-6) is a simple but pleasing example of a house type popular in Bergen County (and elsewhere) at the turn of the nineteenth century: the 1½ story, frame house with eyebrow windows in the upper walls of main facade. (These windows in more elaborate examples are in a broad frieze below the cornice.) On the Demarest House both the three-bay-wide main block and the three-bay-wide side wing have eyebrow windows. Eyebrow windows are also found on the rear of the Forshee-Blauvelt-Peterson House (0227-9), on the north section of the David Campbell House at 333 Piermont Avenue (0227-33), and on the east wing of the A. A. Hopper House at 415 Piermont Avenue (0227-34).

Other early frame houses in Hillsdale include the Banta House at 290 Pascack Road (0227-29), a small two-story building enlarged and picturesquely embellished about 1900. Part of the extensively altered Vanderbeck-Demarest-Quackenbush House at 32 Piermont Avenue (0227-30) probably dates to the 18th century. The five-bay, 1½ story Edward Grosbeck House at 100 Piermont Avenue (0227-31) is probably an early 19th century house hidden behind an early 20th century porch. The Blauvelt-Hering House, a two story, five-bay-wide house with a main section which probably dates to the early 19th century, was moved in the 20th century to its current site at 27 Vincent Street (0227-36). The A. Van Riper House at 300 Wierimus Road (0227-38), a 2½ story, five-bay-wide house which was probably built in the early
The F. Hall House at 91 Demarest Avenue is a well-preserved example of a mid-19th century farmhouse. The five-bay-wide, two-story house has a central entrance with typically mid-19th century double entrance doors. The house also has a five-bay-wide, one-story veranda, or porch, across its front. The veranda is another architectural feature favored in the mid-19th century.

The Samuel Moore House erected in 1853 at 185 Pierson Avenue is another mid-19th century building of interest in Hillsdale. This house has a place in the history of blacks in Bergen County since it was erected for Samuel Moore, a black man who received the property through a bequest of his employer Garret F. Haring.

Architectural History of Hillsdale, 1860-1930

In 1860 Daniel P. Patterson, a New York City businessman, purchased a Demarest farm and 56 acres of land in the future Borough of Hillsdale. This purchase and Patterson's subsequent activities initiated a change in the developmental pattern of part of the area from rural farmland to a residential railroad suburb. However there was a ten-year lag between Patterson's purchase and the filing of the "Lots and Villa Plots" map which was Hillsdale's first real estate sub-division.

During the transitional period of the 1860's a number of important extant buildings were erected in Hillsdale. These buildings have a picturesque country house character not found in the earlier farm houses of the area. In styling they show the influence of mid-19th century romantic architectural ideas which stressed the relationship of the house and its site and called for the employment of a number of picturesque architectural styles with verandas, dormers, and other architectural elements which visually break up the building's mass and its wall surfaces. Favored
styles include the Second Empire employing the mansard roof, the Italianate with a low pitched roof with overhanging eaves, and the Gothic Revival with steeply pitched roofs with Medieval Revival elements such as verge-boards. Frequently buildings were not examples of a specific revival style but rather "Downingesque". They had some of the architectural features popularized by Alexander Jackson Downing, the most influential of the mid-19th century architectural writers.

Daniel Patterson's own house, erected at 462 Hillsdale Avenue (0227-23) about 1860, was Hillsdale's finest example of mid-19th century architecture. This 1½ story Second Empire style frame house was the focal point of a country estate with spacious landscaped grounds. As late as 1899 the house, then called "Brook Side Pines" and owned by John H. Riley, was the showplace of Hillsdale ("Picturesque Hillsdale"). It still exists on the grounds of St. John the Baptist School, but its former architectural distinction is gone as the building has been stripped of most ornamentation and dominated by an unsympathetic addition to the front. Its mansard and hip roofline does suggest its earlier character.

Hillsdale contains two handsome Italianate style frame houses erected in the 1860's which are relatively little altered, the Henry Storms House at 233 Wierimus Lane (0227-10) and the Bogert House at 231 Wierimus Road (0227-13). While both houses were probably homesteads of farms, they have architectural embellishments which suggest an intentional striving for a stylish building of the sort associated with country estates. Both houses have 2½ story, gable-roofed main blocks with very elaborate arched three-bay entrance porches flanked by bay windows. Both have central gablets, over-hanging eaves, and interior end chimneys. The similarities between the houses suggest that they were erected by the same builder. According to tradition, the Storms House was built by its first owner, Henry Storms,
an owner of the nearby sawmill. It is possible the Bogert House was owned by S. B. Bogert, a Hillsdale carpenter-builder included in the 1876-7 New Jersey State Directory of Merchants (quoted in Relics Nov. 1960, p. 2). Further research is needed on both buildings. It would be very interesting if research reveals an association between Henry Storms and S. B. Bogert. Several other houses in Hillsdale have Italianate style features. The Demarest-Livengood House at 737 Hillsdale Avenue (0227-26) retains its bracketed overhanging cornice, low pitched gable roof, and round-headed attic window—all characteristic of the Italianate style. This house has extensive turn-of-the-century Arts and Crafts style modifications including shingle sheathing, cobblestone chimney, and porte-cochère. The C. S. Van Winkle House at 150 Magnolia Avenue retaining original veranda and (0227-28) is a better preserved Italianate design/round-arched entrance in addition to massing and cornice.

In December 1869 the Hackensack and New York Extension Railroad reached Hillsdale. This New York City commuter line had a charter to connect tracks in Hackensack with those in Nanuet, New York, thereby linking by rail the Pascack Valley with New York City. The line soon became associated with the Erie Railroad and had it terminus in Spring Valley, New York. Its history is complicated by this association due to bankruptcies of the Erie. The Pascack Valley line was reorganized as the New Jersey and New York Railroad in 1873 and retained this name until 1961. The line is still a commuter line; now operated by NJ Transit. Since the NJ and NY Railroad had its yard in Hillsdale and its offices were located on the second story of the Hillsdale railroad station (0227-D1 #8), Hillsdale occupies a significant place in local transportation history. The rail yard is no longer extant but the station building remains an important historic resource.

Daniel Patterson, according to local tradition, was responsible for
Map 2
Map showing approximate locations of Selected Real Estate Developments in Hillsdale.

A. "Lots and Villa Plots", D. P. Patterson
   442 lots, 1870.
B. Hillsdale Manor, Hillsdale Manor Improvement Co.,
   c. 2257 lots, 1892-94.
C. Glenbrook Park Area, (The Crest), Crest Development
   Co., 325 lots, 1900-10.
E. Overbrook Manor, Overbrook Manor Development Corp.,
   149 lots, 1920's.
F. Washington Park, Washington Park Development Co.,
   326 lots, late 1920's.
G. Brookdale and Saddlewood Hills, Tandy & Allen
   Development Co., 1948 on.
H. Chestnut Hills, Tandy & Allen Development Co.,
   1958 on.
I. Royal Hills Development Co., Tandy & Allen
   Development Co., 1968 on.
Information from Bob Fisher "Hillsdale Development of the Land 1870-1970".
The Local Review, April 12, 1973, p. 27.
bringing the railroad through today's Hillsdale. The tracks pass through his property. Patterson subsequently served as president of the rail company. In May 1870 Patterson and his associates filed the map for the first subdivision of lands in Hillsdale (see map 2, section A). The area adjacent to the railroad station was divided into 50' and 100' wide lots. Hillsdale's history as a railroad suburb began.

An 1876 map published in the Bergen County Atlas (map 3) shows the new hamlet of Hillsdale with a grid plan and about twenty houses at widely scattered locations. In addition to residences the new hamlet had a railroad station (0227-D1 #8); the Hillsdale House, a hotel, tavern-livery stable (0227-D1 #3); a locomotive house; a Methodist Church; a post office; and a park (0227-D1-#9). The station building, the Hillsdale House building, and the park remain important elements of Hillsdale's small commercial area today (see 0227-D1).

The extant buildings erected in Hillsdale during its early development as a railroad suburb are of architectural interest. The 1869 Hillsdale Station building, designed by Post & Camp of Hudson City, is one of the most picturesque on the Erie line due to its central mansarded tower. The house at 355 Hillsdale Avenue built about 1880, (0227-S3 #1) is a Downingesque cottage with wraparound veranda and decorative vertical board-and-batten in the gable. The neighboring Henry G. Hering House (0227-S3 #2), built about 1875, is embellished with Gothic Revival vergeboards and king-post gable trim. The C. Titus House at 333 Washington Avenue, a pre-1876 house with later additions (0227-S4 #5), has fanciful vergeboards along its gabled eaves. The C. S. Van Winkle House at 150 Magnolia Avenue (0227-28), mentioned earlier, is Italianate style and the cupolaed Hillsdale House (0227-D1 #3) has features of that mode.

While George Catlin in his promotional book, Suburban Homes for City Business Men on the Line of the Erie Railway of 1870 credits Hillsdale with a population of 2,000 persons, that figure was greatly exaggerated.
Map 3
Hillsdale apparently attracted some residents, but Patterson's development was not a success. In 1882 W. Woodward Clayton in History of Bergen and Passaic Counties commented that "Hillsdale has made no decided advance in growth since its first inception" (p. 242). Hillsdale's lack of growth was probably due to its distance from New York City, to competition from many other residential suburbs, and to the Panic of 1873 and the nationwide financial depression which slowed development throughout Bergen County.

Most of today's Hillsdale is outside of the small railroad suburb established in 1870 and it remained agricultural (see 1876 map, map 4). The area around the railroad station did experience some additional growth in the late 19th century when infill buildings were erected in the area initially laid out by Patterson. Of architectural interest are several modestly-sized Queen Anne style houses probably erected around 1890. Three of these houses are found on Washington Avenue and are part of a streetscape of greater visual interest than each individual structure (0227-S4). Two of these buildings retain their original siding with clapboard lower walls and decorative shingling in the gables. The L.B. Van Wagoner House at 321 Washington Avenue (0227-S4 #4) has an interesting corner tower and wraparound porch with intact spindle frieze. Other well preserved Queen Anne style houses are at 75 Lawrence Street and 22 Magnolia Avenue (0227-27).

Development activity in Hillsdale increased in the 1890's due to the activities of the Hillsdale Manor Improvement Company which filed subdevelopment plans for 2257 lots between 1890-1894 (see map 2, section B). Hillsdale Manor is located on the east side of the railroad tracks north of of the original 1870 hamlet. It was a predominantly residential suburb which after 1893 had its own railroad station (no longer extant). However a silk mill of the Coventry Silk Manufacturing Company was built there in 1893. This company went into receivership in 1896. Its 1900 reopening ended in bankruptcy a few years later (Relics,

Nov. 1959, p2). The mill's economic difficulties were also reflected to a lesser extent in the entire Hillsdale Manor development. It was not terribly successful. The 1902 Robinson Map of Bergen County (map 5) shows Hillsdale Manor with a grid plan of many blocks, but a 1913 map which shows buildings (in the Bromley Atlas of Bergen County, II, plate 25) reveals that many blocks had no buildings and only a scattering of structures had been built throughout the whole development. Arthur J. Stever, the secretary of the Hillsdale Manor Improvement Company (Relics, Sept. 1975, pp. 2-3) is a person of interest in Hillsdale's architectural history. Stever was an architect who opened his office in New York City in 1882. Beginning in 1883 he was a member of the architectural firm of Charles W. Romeyn & Co. Between 1890-96 the firm was called Romeyn & Stever. In 1898-9 according to New York City directories Stever practiced alone but apparently he continued to be closely associated with Romeyn. (Stever was Romeyn's head draftsman and Romeyn in turn was Stever's head draftsman.) (Dennis S. Francis, Architects in Practice in New York City 1840-1900, COPAR: 1979, pp. 66, 72). Stever had offices in New York City as late as 1906 (Breed's Directory of NJ & NY Railroad, 1906-7) but by 1909 he had opened an office in Westwood. Local directories through 1915-16 list Stever as a Westwood architect residing in Hillsdale (Breed's Directory of NJ & NY Railroad, 1909-10, 1913-14, 1917-18, also see fig. 1). His son Arthur, Junior, is included as a Westwood architect in the 1911-14 Directory. Apparently Stever had lived in Hillsdale for some time as in 1898 he was a Freeholder and he also served on the Board of Education (Borough of Hillsdale, 1973). The location of his home awaits identification.

At this time little is known about Stever's architectural training or about his designs. Only a two-room addition of about 1918 to the Woodcliff School (0208-10) in Woodcliff Lake has been documented as a Stever design (Woodcliff Lake Board of Education minutes, 1909-1917,
Figure 1. Ad for Arthur J. Stever from Breed's Directory of Hackensack and New York Railroad, 1909, p. 191.

Arthur J. Stever,
ARCHITECT
WESTWOOD, NEW JERSEY.
Registered. Telephone 16-F-25.

Figure 2. The Arts and Crafts style house at 146 Clinton Avenue, NE corner Legion Place. This house has a very interesting, rather Chinese looking gate in its stone wall. At this time it is speculative to suggest that Arthur Stever designed this building. Neg. file # 19823B-30
Dorchester School, Woodcliff Avenue). His partner Romeyn trained with Calvert Vaux and William Olmstead, important figures in late 19th century design (Vaux and Olmstead designed Central Park in New York City). Romeyn was the architect for the Grolier Club House, apartment houses, and houses (Francis, p. 66, and Henry F. and Elsie R. Withely, Biographical Dictionary of Architects (Deceased) 1956, reprint 1970, pp. 524-5). It is hoped that further research will uncover information on Stever's career. Hillsdale Manor had a very attractive railroad station and has a number of interesting houses such as the pre-1913 Arts and Crafts style residence at 146 Clinton Avenue (figure 2). At this time one can only speculate that these buildings might be Stever's work.

While Hillsdale Manor was not an immediate success as a real estate venture, a number of factors at the turn-of-the-century prepared Hillsdale for early 20th century growth. The New York City metropolitan area was experiencing rapid population growth during a period of economic optimism. Per capita income was increasing and suburban living was attracting the upward mobile populace. Hillsdale after 1898 when it became a separate municipality was better able to chart its own future. In the early years of the new century electricity and gas became available in parts of the new municipality and in 1903 the Hackensack Water Company received a water franchise. The convenience of Hillsdale's Railroad stations for commuters and its scenic landscape contributed to its attractiveness as a place to live.

In the early 1900's the Crest Development Company subdivided the Glenbrook Area on the west side of the Pascack Brook in south central Hillsdale into residential lots (see map 2, section C). While most development here was delayed by lack of water mains (Fisher "Hillsdale Development," 1973), several attractive bungalows were erected atop a hill in an area known as "The Crest". The Crest Road district (0277-D2) remains today a very attractive neighborhood with a well-
preserved early 20th century character. Eugene Rich's New Jersey. Rich Development Company was active in the 1911-14 period. Rich erected numerous houses near the original Hillsdale hamlet (map 2, section D). Hillsdale's population of 891 in 1900 rose to 1,072 according the the 1910 census and continued its steady growth to 1,720 persons in 1920. The residential growth was accompanied by an expansion of the commercial area around the railroad station (O227-D1). The John H. Riley Building erected in 1906 on Broadway (O227-D1-34) is one of Bergen County's outstanding remaining examples of early 20th century commercial architecture. This vernacular Renaissance Revival style concrete block and frame building is notable because of its length-over 23 bays long-and it relatively little-altered appearance. While its upper walls have replacement sheathing, the building could feasibly be restored to approximately its original appearance.

Most houses erected in Hillsdale in the early 20th century are unpretentious homes of persons of middleclass or more modest means. A favored local house-type, particularly of Eugene Rich (Kobrin, "Environmental History", 1976, p. 21) was the bungalow. The bungalow typically is a modest-sized, 1½ story house with broad roof extending over a full-length front porch. In Hillsdale many bungalows have Arts and Crafts features such as shingle sheathing and local cobblestone or boulder foundations, chimneys, and porch columns or piers (see O227-D2).

Boulders and cobblestones were a favored early 20th century building material in the Pascack Valley and Hillsdale, like its neighbors, has many interesting examples of this masonry construction. Notable examples of cobblestone/boulder construction are found in the buildings at 330 Broadway (0277-16), which has walls entirely of stone, and in the house at 14 Cross Street (0227-16), which has first-story stone walls
and columnar wraparound porch employed in an American Foursquare design with tile roofs of Mediterranean styling.

By 1914 Henry Ford was producing inexpensive automobiles and the availability of cars permitted the residential development of areas not within walking distance of the railroad stations. Two automobile suburbs in Hillsdale date to the 1920's. They are Overbrook Manor (Map 2, section E) and Washington Park (Map 2, section F) both in the southeastern section. By 1930 Hillsdale's population was 2,959.

While Arthur Stever was no longer a registered architect in 1927, Hillsdale had attracted another architect. Robert Jahelka is listed as a Hillsdale architect in a 1927 list of architects licensed in New Jersey. Not a great deal is known at this time about Jahelka's career. He designed the Westwood Borough Hall at 93 Center Street, Westwood (0267-13), and the Furman House on the NW corner Pascack Road and Hillsdale Avenue in Hillsdale. He had his office in his home and practiced in Hillsdale for many years.

**Hillsdale's Developmental History, 1930 to the present**

The Great Depression and World War II slowed growth in Hillsdale and most buildings erected in Hillsdale between 1930-45 were infill structures on lots in earlier sub-divisions. A map of 1948 (map 6) shows a road system in existence by 1930. This map reveals that rural farmland as late as the mid-20th century accounted for about one half of Hillsdale's acreage.

Beginning in 1948 Tandy & Allen divided the central part of Hillsdale into residential lots and developed Brookdale and Saddlewood Hills (map 2, section G) into upper middle class residential suburbs with curving roads, large lots, and large houses. Ten years later Tandy & Allen developed Chestnut Hills (map 2, section H) followed in ten years
by Royal Hills (map 2, section 1). These housing developments are in the western section of Hillsdale, which gained transportation advantages on the opening of the Garden State Parkway.

Hillsdale's population of 3,438 in 1940 and 4,127 in 1950 spurred to 8,734 in 1960 and grew to a high of 11,768 in 1970. Smaller family size has resulted in some recent decline in population. According to the 1980 census Hillsdale has 10,495 residents.

Map 6, Map showing Hillsdale street pattern in 1948. From "50 Years of Progress-Hillsdale-1898-1948".
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0227-16 330 Broadway

0227-17 1 Carlyle Place; Harry Randall House, "Overbrook".

0227-18 20 Central Avenue, SE corner Park Avenue; House.

0227-19 47 Central Avenue, SW corner Cross St.; Dr. Lewis Sosnow Medical Office Building.

0227-20 SW side of Crosley Terrace at bend in road about ½ block south of Washington Avenue; shade or awning factory building.

0227-21 14 Cross Street, NE corner Bergen Street; House.

0227-22 91 Demarest Avenue, NW corner Gramercy Lane; F. Hall house

0227-23 462 Hildale Avenue; D. P. Patterson House, "Brookside Pines".

0227-24 520 Hildale Avenue; Van Riper-Thall House.

0227-25 605 Hildale Avenue; Dr. Dinshah P. Ghadiali House.

0227-26 737 Hildale Avenue; Demarest-Livengood House.

0227-27 75 Lawrence St. and 22 Magnolia Avenue; Pair of Queen Anne style houses.

0227-28 150 Magnolia Avenue; C. S. Van Winkle House.

0227-29 290 Pascack Road, SE corner Jolen Drive; Jacob Banta House.

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BERGEN COUNTY HISTORIC SITES SURVEY, BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE
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Map of streets driven in Hillsdale during visual inspection for Historic Site Survey. Streets driven show in black. Prepared by Bergen County Office of Cultural and Historic Affairs 1982
HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

HISTORIC DISTRICT SURVEY FORM GUIDELINES

DISTRICT NAME: Give the commonly known name of the district if there is one. A prominent structure within the district may provide a good, easily identifiable name, i.e. Abbott Farm Historic District, State House Historic District.

TYPE OF DISTRICT: Residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, archeological, village, other—specify.

MUNICIPALITY: List incorporated borough, city, township, or village. Distinguish between similar names, i.e. Princeton Borough, Princeton Township.

USGS QUAD: give name of U.S. Geological Survey map for area.

UTM REFERENCES: Omit

DESCRIPTION: Give a general physical description of the district, including major streets, approximate number of structures, and overall setting. Describe and justify boundaries. If boundaries are somewhat arbitrary and would require re-evaluation for historic district designation, please indicate. Describe building types and architectural styles represented and comment upon the essential character, scale, materials, variety or homogeneity within the district. Comment upon original as well as present appearance, if known. Indicate both outstanding structures and intrusions.

SIGNIFICANCE: Discuss the importance of the district in terms of settlement patterns and social, architectural and economic development of the area. Include historically significant persons and events associated with the district. Evaluate building types and architectural styles represented with regard to quality, typicality, uniqueness. Elaborate upon the special qualities which distinguish the district from its surrounding Comment upon special preservation activities within the district.

MAP: Sketch or attach a map of the district. Number all structures and indicate which structures are represented by 3"x5" photos. Label all roads and significant landmarks and natural features. Indicate north.

REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Refer to National Register for criteria for evaluation. See Appendix.

THREATS TO DISTRICT/LOCAL ATTITUDES: Indicate roads, development, zoning, deterioration, alterations, other—specify. Are local attitudes toward preservation of the district positive, negative, mixed? Are there special groups/interests actively for or against preservation?

COMMENTS: Elaborate upon conditions, priority for National Register nomination if eligible, threats to structure, local attitudes.

REFERENCES: Include historical maps and representation in existing surveys as well as primary and secondary sources and interviews. Abbreviate references in the bibliographies.

INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURES: On separate sheets, give a brief description of each structure numbered according to sketch map and further identified by either historic or common name. Indicate negative file number. Description should, at minimum, include building type, style, approximate date, number of stories, exterior wall fabric, fenestration, roof and major alterations. Significant structures should be described in greater detail; an individual structure survey form may be used for important buildings.
HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

STREETSCAPE SURVEY FORM GUIDELINES

NJHSI#: Refer to inventory number code for counties and municipalities.

DESCRIPTION/SIGNIFICANCE: Give a brief physical description of the street as a whole. Discuss overall character of building types, styles, scale, materials, usage. Comment on sidewalk, foliage, utility poles, street furniture, signage, etc. Indicate major changes that have occurred to the street over the years and the extent and types of alterations on the buildings. Discuss the significance of the street to the neighborhood or city. If the two sides of the street differ in character, discuss each separately. Description of every individual building or site is optional. List those buildings or sites on which individual survey forms have been completed.

PHYSICAL CONDITION: This refers to physical condition of structures, not integrity or extent of alteration. Indicate as percentage of total structures on street.

REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: This refers to the whole street or street as part of a larger district. Complete an individual structure survey form for those buildings eligible for individual Register listing. See Appendix for Register criteria.

THREATS TO STREET: Indicate roads, development, zoning, deterioration, alteration, other — specify.

COMMENTS: Elaborate upon condition, priority for National Register nomination if eligible, threats to street, local attitudes. Discuss physical condition of street if it differs from physical condition of buildings.

MAP: Include a city map which delineates areas of the municipality as part of the survey report and larger scale maps of each of those areas. Indicate north. The area maps should, at minimum indicate street names and sites (identified by survey number) on which individual structure survey forms have been completed. Area maps which identify buildings by address, block and lot numbers, style, type, period or condition are optional. Label maps and indicate map name on which street is located on survey form.

PHOTOS: Photograph representative buildings, selecting views that show as many buildings as possible. Attach contact prints and/or 3" x 5" prints on back of streetscape form and identify buildings by address. Complete contact sheet file form for each contact sheet.

SLIDES: Indicate, by street address, buildings of which slides were taken.

REFERENCES: Include historical maps and photographs, representation in existing surveys, primary and secondary sources, and interview. If the sources are rare or not easily accessible, indicate where they can be found. If the same sources are used for several streets, you may include a bibliography for the area or city as a whole and abbreviate sources included in bibliographies.
EXPLANATION FOR LISTS OF BUILDINGS ACCOMPANYING SOME DISTRICT
AND STREETSCAPE SURVEY FORMS

Map # are keyed to district or streetscape maps.

Names and dates for historic owners are from city directories, dates of
directories consulted are in parentheses.

Date erected: In most cases, construction took place between the two
dates shown (i.e. a building with "1896-1908" given as
its "date erected" was erected between 1896 and 1908).
Dates were determined by consultation of historic maps,
atlas, city directories, and for post-World War II
structures, memories of residents. Visual dating preceded
by "c." for "circa".

Sig. to District/Streetscape:
This is an evaluation of the relative importance of the
building to the district or streetscape.
The codes are:

P for Pivotal: A little altered building which has
special visual merit or historical
importance; probably qualifies for
individual survey form.

M for Matrix: A vernacular building which represents
typical area architecture and has good
exterior integrity.

F for Filler: An old building which has had its
significance diminished by unsuitable
alterations or sidings added, or one of
lesser architectural interest. Age
of structure is recognizable.

C for Compatible:
A building constructed since World War II
so it has no historic value. It is com-
patible in scale and materials with the
historic environment. May be distinctive
or significant in its own right.

IC for Incompatible:
A modern structure which detracts from or is
disruptive to the historic character or design
of the streetscape. May be distinctive or
significant in its own right. Could also be
a severely altered old structure.

Description: See "Individual Structure Survey Form Guidelines" for definitions.

Neg. file #: Filing code for photographic negatives of property at Office of
Historic Preservation, NJDEP.
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM GUIDELINES

NJHST #: Refer to inventory number code for counties and municipalities.

NAME: Sites inventoried should be listed by both historic and common names, if possible. If neither is known, a descriptive name or the name of the current owner may be listed under common name. Some sites are known by compound names and should be indicated as such.

LOCATION: Give the number and name of street. If there is no street number, or if it will aid in identification, include nearest roads or landmarks. Include local place name, (i.e. Ocean Grove, which is in Neptune Township).

UTM REFERENCES: Omit

MUNICIPALITY: List incorporated borough, city, township, or village. Distinguish between similar names, (i.e. Princeton Borough, Princeton Township).

USGS QUAD: Give name of U.S. Geological Survey map showing location of structure.

PRESENT USE: Indicate multiple use or vacancy as well as type of use, (i.e. residential, commercial, religious, industrial).

STYLE: Blumenson's Identifying American Architecture is recommended as a guide to stylistic nomenclature. Vernacular adaption with stylistic detailing should be labeled accordingly, (i.e. vernacular Italianate).

SIZM/PLAN TYPE: Indicate configuration of main block (i.e. square, rectangular, T-shaped, L-shaped, irregular) and appendages (i.e. ells, wings). Include interior plan (i.e. central hall plan, side hall plan) if known. Sketch floor plan, if known.

FOUNDATION: Indicate material (brick, rubble stone, coursed stone, concrete, concrete over stone, other - specify) and height of foundation.

EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC: Clapboard, stone (indicate type of stone and coursing), board and batten, wood shingle, stucco, brick (indicate bonding), sheet metal, aluminum siding, asphalt shingle, other - specify.

PERSESTRATION: Indicate number of bays and window sash on principal elevations. Window pattern, shape, surrounds, lintels, shutters and dormers may be included here or under additional architectural description.

ROOF/CHIMNEYS: Indicate roof type (i.e. gable, hip, gambrel, shed, flat, mansard, monitor and decorative trim (with cresting, with ballcast, with parapet)). Indicate roofing material, if significant (i.e. patterned slate, wood shingles). Indicate number of chimneys and placement (4 interior end chimneys), and whether chimneys are original or replacements, if known.
ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: Indicate significant interior features. Elaborate upon exterior features and include major alterations and dates, if known. Evaluate impact of alterations on integrity of structure. On-site inspection and/or comparison with other buildings may lead to theories on construction, style, dates, alterations, etc. Discuss the basis for any theories set forth. Distinguish between fact and theory.

PHOTO: Attach a 35mm 3" x 5" black and white photo that gives the most informative view of the structure. Generally, with a freestanding structure, a three-quarter view filling 75% of the print is recommended. A farm or other complex with significant related structures should include an overall photo of the complex and a photo of the main structure.

MAP: Sketch or attach a map labeling structures, nearby roads, significant landmarks, and neighboring structures. Indicate north.

SITING AND RELATED STRUCTURES: Indicate approximate size of site and location of main structure. Explain the relation among main structure, road, outbuildings, and surrounding landscape features. Describe significant outbuildings.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Check as many as applicable. Elaborate upon neighborhood character, land use, density.

SIGNIFICANCE: Identify the historical, architectural, archeological, or environmental reasons for including structure in the inventory. Historical significance should relate directly to the building. Do not include elaboration of the period before the main structure was built or detailed genealogy. Indicate whether the structure is rare or representative of the area, and whether the property has been maintained or altered by alterations.

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Based on inspection of the exterior, this rating relates to physical condition of the structure, not integrity or extent of alterations.

Excellent: No visible repair work needed.
Good: Need for general maintenance.
Fair: Need of more than routine maintenance.
Poor: Needed of major repairs.

REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Refer to National Register criteria in Appendix A.

COMMENTS: Elaborate upon physical condition, reasons for inclusion, siting and priority of National Register eligibility, structural features, and local attitudes.

REFERENCES: Include historical maps and representations in existing surveys and interviews. Acknowledge and furnish refer to references cited in the bibliography.
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DESCRIPTION: (General description of district as a whole and boundaries)

The Hillsdale Station District contains nine buildings, including the Hillsdale Railroad Station (map #8), and Memorial Park, an open space of approximately one block on the east side of the NJ & NY Railroad (Pascack Valley line, NJ Transit) tracks between Park Avenue and Hillsdale Avenue. Also in the district is a small triangular-in-plan park south of Hillsdale Avenue between the station (map #8) and Broadway. The district's boundaries are well-defined visually since it includes all extant pre-1931 buildings which visually enclose the park and are part of the environment around the railroad station building. The railroad tracks form the western boundary. Excluded from the district are the new shopping center and other recent buildings on the west side of the tracks. Park Avenue forms the district's north boundary except the district does include the building on the NE corner of Park Avenue and Broadway (map #7) since this structure helps define the eastern enclosure of Memorial Park. The post-World War II Colonial Revival bank building on the north side of the park is omitted from the district. The eastern border of the district is the rear (east) property line of the buildings along the east side of Broadway between Park and Washington Avenues on the south border. The district's area is roughly triangular in shape due to the railroad tracks which are at an angle to Broadway, the district's major north-south road.

The parks (map #10) have grassy lawns, trees, hedges, walks, benches, a flagpole, and several 20th century monuments. The Hillsdale Station building, located near the southern end of the district (map #8), is a pivotal structure. It is a picturesque, frame, 2-story structure with gabled roof with jerkin head ends and a mansard-roofed central, 2½-story pavilion. The eight buildings in the district along the east side of Broadway (map #s 1-7) are one to three-story structures of commercial or mixed commercial-residential uses. These buildings are attached, semi-attached or very closely-spaced structures whose front building lines begin at the sidewalk. Six were erected between c. 1900 and 1931 and are examples of early 20th century "Main Street" architecture. One structure, Hillsdale House (map #3), was built in 1870 and was originally freestanding on spacious grounds. Between 1913-1931 first-story additions were made to this building which today maintain the building line along Broadway's sidewalk. The one-story building at 98 Broadway is the only building erected after 1931 within the district. Most of the buildings within the district have flat roofs, although the Hillsdale House (map #3) has a low pitched hip roof with cupola and the Henne Building (map #1) has elaborate false roofs on its principal facades. Buildings in the district are constructed of a variety of materials including more than one major material in the same building. The Henne Building (map #1) exhibits the greatest variety of wall surface materials in a single building in the district. The Riley building is interesting

APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF BUILDINGS: 9

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURES: Excellent 50% Good 40% Fair 10% Poor 0%

REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: ☐ Yes ☐ Possible ☐ No

THREATS TO DISTRICT/LOCAL ATTITUDES: Stonefronts are constantly being modified. Immediately west of the district is a modern shopping area.

COMMENTS: The Hillsdale Railroad Station building was listed on the State Register of Historic Places as part of the thematic nomination of Operating Railroad Stations in New Jersey.
The Hillsdale Station District has historical and architectural significance as the transportation and commercial center of Hillsdale from 1869 to the present. The district retains three important properties, the railroad station building (map #8), the Hillsdale House (map #3), and Memorial Park (map #10) associated with the initial development in 1869-71 of the previously agricultural area into a residential suburb following the arrival of the railroad in 1869. The presence in the district of Memorial Park and an adjacent smaller triangular-in-plan park provides a village green character. The district also contains a two-block-long row of early 20th century commercial buildings which are important to the understanding of the commercial growth Hillsdale experienced during its early 20th century period of population growth. Particularly noteworthy is the John H. Riley Building (map #4), an unusually large commercial structure for a small town such as Hillsdale and a building of architectural interest due to its lower walls of artistic concrete blocks, the oriel accenting its corner, and the ornate sheetmetal cornice.

The railroad station building is included in the N. J. Transit Survey of Operating Railroad Stations and is listed on the New Jersey State Register of Historic Places for its importance in transportation history. This Stick Style building with Second Empire style central mansard pavilion was built in 1869 as a depot along the newly constructed Hackensack and New York Extension Railroad, a line which linked the Passaic Valley to Hackensack and rail lines to Jersey City and Hoboken. The building was designed by Post & Camp of Hudson City.

The Hackensack and New York Railroad was chartered by the State legislature in 1856. A 1861 map reveals that there was an absence of development around the future Hillsdale stop. In 1860 Daniel P. Patterson purchased lands in Hillsdale and was instrumental in obtaining a rail stop for his property. (Patterson was later president of the rail line). Patterson had roads laid out leading to the site of the future station. He also built himself a handsome home near the future depot (1227-23).

The depot constructed in 1869 also housed (until 1895) on its second floor the corporate offices of the rail line and for a few years Hillsdale was the terminus of the line. (This line subsequently extended into New York State). Hillsdale was the location of the rail line's freight yard, engine house, and turn table. (These facilities were located south of the depot, outside of the district. They are not extant.) The railroad was later named the N. J. and N.Y. Railroad (continued)

REFERENCES: (Include representation in existing surveys)
Sanborn Ins. Maps, 1923, 1931
Bromley 1913
Walker 1876
Robinson 1902
1973 Scrapbook
1899 "Picturesque Hillsdale"
1902 Directory
50 years of Progress, 1948
Calvin Suburban Homes 1870

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Railroad Station Survey form for Hillsdale Station

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in its use of artistic concrete blocks in combination with a frame upper story and sheet metal cornice. The 1906 vernacular Renaissance Revival Riley Building (map #4) and the circa 1930 Hemme Building, with Medieval Revival styling, are notable in the district both for their architectural quality and their large size; both are over 20 bays in length. The Riley Building is a rare survivor since it is unusual to have in Bergen County such a large commercial building which could probably be feasibly restored to close to its original early 20th century appearance.

See Appendix A: Description of Buildings in the Hillsdale Station District for additional descriptions of individual properties.

Significance (continued)

In May 1870 Patterson filed the map of "Lots and Villa Plots" the first development plan for Hillsdale. These lots were located around the station. In 1871 Patterson gave Memorial Park to the public. At the time it was marsh land, but filling turned it into a gracious landscape feature. By 1876 a map published in the Bergen County Atlas (p. 110) shows the district as containing only the park (map #10), the station (map #8), and Hillsdale House (map #4) and its related stable. Hillsdale House was an Italianate style hotel-tavern structure built in 1870 opposite the depot. The park had (at least on paper) an elaborate system of walks with oval outer path connected to an inner circular path by radiating spoke-like walks.

By 1913 the Bromley map shows denser development within the district. The Riley Building (map #4) was built in 1906 and it effectively anchors the block opposite the park. The park on the 1913 map is shown with an outline similar to the one it has today. Sandborn insurance maps of 1923 and 1931 document construction activity on the east side of Broadway (formerly Summit). Between 1913 and 1931 several buildings were replaced by larger structures and by 1931 all vacant land within the district was developed except the parcel now occupied to 98 Broadway (map #2). Few large scale changes have taken place within the district since 1931 excepting the construction of 98 Broadway. A number of buildings have been modified and functions changed. The district remains a viable local shopping area and a commuter rail stop which retains to a considerable degree its circa 1930 ambience.
Map of Hillsdale Station. Dashed boundary line of district and numbers of buildings put on 1931 Sanborn map of area. All current buildings shown except Map #2.

84-94 Broadway; Hemme Building
98 Broadway
100 Broadway, SE corner Hillsdale Ave.; Hillsdale House.
102-114 Broadway, NE corner Hillsdale Ave.; John H. Riley Bldg.
116 Broadway; Diner
118-124 Broadway, SE corner Park Ave.
126-128 Broadway, NE corner Park Ave.
Hillsdale Railroad Station
Police booth
Memorial Park
## Appendix A: Descriptions of Buildings in the Hillsdale Station District, Hillsdale, 0227-D1

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<td>0227-D1</td>
<td>04-94 Broadway NE corner Broadway and Washington Ave.</td>
<td>Home Building</td>
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<td>Commercial/residential; 20th c. Period Revival/Modern Revival; 2-story brick veneer, stucco, half timber decoration, stucco intentionally coming off brick; six roughly 3-bay storefronts, plus polygonal 4-bay corner storefront, second-story 6/6 sash; multicolored slate-covered false gable and hip roofs with gablets hiding flat or shed roof; picturesque surfaces, storefront in several cases are reasonably intact; shake covered pent between stories of corner storefront inappropriate.</td>
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<td>98 Broadway</td>
<td>Post Office</td>
<td>after 1931</td>
<td>C</td>
<td>Office; vernacular; 1; brick; 4 bays, 6/6; flat; Colonial Revival entrance, banded pilasters at corners.</td>
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<td>100 Broadway SE corner Hillsdale Ave.</td>
<td>Hillsdale House, J. P. Mortenbyke (1876).</td>
<td>1870</td>
<td>M</td>
<td>Originally hotel/tavern, now beauty parlor, restaurant, residential; Italianate; 3; replacement aluminum siding (in 1980 had roll sheathing, originally clapboarded); 3 bays, window sash probably replaced, low pitched hip roof with square-in-plan cupola; original wraparound open veranda has been replaced by projecting 1-story stores with flat roofs; recent residing has caused building to lose its wide frieze.</td>
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<td>02</td>
<td>102-114 Broadway</td>
<td>John H. Riley Building; Hotel Washington, A. A. Guyet, Proprietor 1906-1913.</td>
<td>1906</td>
<td>P</td>
<td>Commercial/Residential; vernacular Renaissance Revival; 2; 1st story:ArtistC® block, rock-faced with some smooth face with borders and storefronts with large expanses of glass, upper story: replacement roll sheathing (brick pattern) except corner oriel is artistic concrete block; 23 bays plus oriel, 1/1 flat roof; elaborate pressed metal cornice with ornate modillions, frieze with garlands, dentil band, and egg-and-dart molding; most entrance doors to second-story rooms are in place; store at 108 Broadway retains much of its early storefront with elliptical arch over two entrances and side display windows with transoms.</td>
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<td>116 Broadway</td>
<td>Diner</td>
<td>between 1913-23</td>
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<td>Diner restaurant; mix of vernacular and diner probably representing c. 1950 remodeling; 1; enamel panels, bands of steel, large picture windows, solid yellow brick parapet; 2 bays (door and picture window); flat with parapet; nice neon sign with vertical arrangement of word &quot;Diner&quot;.</td>
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<td>118-124 Broadway, SE corner Park Avenue</td>
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<td>between 1923-31</td>
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<td>Commercial; vernacular; 2; brick with brick veneer front; 10 bays, new single pane 2nd-story sash; flat; some brick banding; altered store fronts.</td>
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<td>126-128 Broadway, NE corner Park Avenue</td>
<td>Bank, 1931</td>
<td>between 1923-31</td>
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<td>Commercial/residential; vernacular; 3; brick veneer on main facades; 4 bays, 6/1, 4/1, some grouped windows; flat; large concrete urns on corners of corner pavilions, round-arched concrete panels over corner bays, some brick geometric decoration.</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>SW corner Broadway and Hillsdale Ave. on east side of R. R. tracks</td>
<td>Hillsdale Railroad Station</td>
<td>1869</td>
<td>P</td>
<td>See Railroad Station Survey Form pp. 7-11.</td>
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<td>center of Hillsdale Ave. just west of Broadway</td>
<td>Police booth</td>
<td>early 20th c.</td>
<td>M</td>
<td>Police booth; 20th c. Mediterranean Revival; 1; brick veneer, 6/1; hip with tiled roof; octagonal in plan; now has unsympathetic red, white and blue color scheme, apparently left over from the 1960s.</td>
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<td>Bound by Memorial Park, Park, 1876 Broadway, Park Ave., NJ Park, 1913 NY R.R. Tracks, Hillsdale Ave.</td>
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<td>1871</td>
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<td>Park; landscaped with grass, trees, hedges, walks, benches. 1941 Firemen's Memorial of a boulder with plaque located at corner Hillsdale Avenue and Broadway; 1977 Firemen's Memorial of grey granite with low relief of fireman located along Broadway in the middle of the block; 1922 War Memorial of a granite monument surmounted by a colored concrete eagle. Smaller triangular park with flagpole located south of Hillsdale Avenue.</td>
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The Hillsdale complex consists of a two-story wood frame station, combining Stick and Second Empire styles, and outbound platform. It is located E of the tracks on a cramped site at the SW corner of a busy intersection. Tracks are aligned N-S. There are a few parking spaces just S of the station. Pedestrians may approach directly from the sidewalk to the E. Across the tracks to the W is a restaurant parking lot which is partially masked by a row of closely planted trees. Apart from the grade crossing NW of the station there is no access from that side of the tracks. The future of the station is uncertain.

The Hillsdale station, located on the E side of the tracks, consists of a two-story wood frame block, 6 bays wide and 2 deep, with gabled roof, its ridge paralleling the tracks. The ends have jerkin heads, while a central gabled dormer with a concave mansard roof and round arch dormer breaks the roof plane on both the E and W and rises above the ridge. Below the gable on the first floor is a bay window projection. On the W facade there are 3 windows in the bay flanked on either side by a door and a window with 3 windows in the dormer above. On the E, there are 3 windows and 3 doors below, and three windows in the dormer. On the N there are 2 doors on the first floor and 2 windows above, while on the S, there are 2 windows below and 2 above. There is a slender corbeled chimney rising at the N end. (One at S end has been removed.) Walls are board and batten with diagonal board panels at the base (tower walls and base were recently stuccoed) and asphalt shingle roof (originally slate). A canopy attached with shaped wood brackets once encircled the building at the first floor level.

The spaces of the Hillsdale station are on two levels. The first floor is divided into (N to S) Waiting Room (1), Ticket Office (2), Baggage Room (5), and Coal Bin (6). Adjoining the S wall of the Coal Bin is a stairway to the Second floor, accessible only from the exterior. The Second floor is divided into three offices, a hall, and a closet. Finishes, although original, are undistinguished (see schedules). Conversely, the timber arch trusses of the roof are exceptionally fine examples of the Eastlake style of ornamentation. It is unfortunate that few people other than railroad employees have ever seen these works.
When the railroad was finished to HILLSDALE in 1869, offices of the company were located on the second floor of this new station and remained there for many years. There were complete shop facilities and an engine house situated just behind the photographer.
FACILITY NAME: Hillsdale

5. SIGNIFICANCE OF COMPLEX (ARCHITECTURAL/HISTORICAL):

Architect: Post & Camp, Hudson City, source: Relics
Date: 12/23/1869 Source: Stalton & Alteration: dates ca. 1904 Source: Tino
Style: Stick, Eastlake, Second Empire
Alteration: ca. 1970 - canopy removed
# passenger trains/day (present) 14 in 1980 Peak (#, Yr.) 38 in 1929
yes Original station on site

The Hillsdale station was one of the most distinctive on the Erie line. In design it combines elements of both the Stick and Second Empire styles. Of particular note are the arch trusses on the second floor with their Eastlake detailing.

The building once housed the offices of the Hackensack and New York Railroad, and later the New Jersey and New York Railroad (1873, Stalton & Jones, p. 17). Until completion of the NJ & NY to the New York State border in 1875, Hillsdale was a terminal station, and until 1895, when the NJ & NY came under Erie control, it served as corporate offices for the railroad. This area once had a large freight yard, engine house and turntable. By 1900 a number of trains (5 in 1929) which did not run into New York State were stored here. Today the station serves as a commuter stop for a growing number of users.
6. GEOGRAPHIC DATA

Verbal boundary description (if Block/Lot not available)

Boundary is outlined on site plan.

Acreage: Less than one acre
UTM coordinates: Zone: 18/Easting: 580640/Northing: 4539260
USGS Quad Park Ridge Scale 1:24,000

7. REFERENCES

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Stalton and Wilson Jones, Railway Historical Society Monograph, Railroad Station
Historical Society, Crete, Nebraska p. 7.
Tino, Nicholas A., Jr. personal recollections.

ICONOGRAPHIC:
Photos:
Stalton and Jones, p. 11.
(c.1935): Paul Ruhenbeck collection, Kearny, N.J.

8. PHOTO

Negative index # 1293 or NJT photo # - slide # 6-7
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Photographs of Hillsdale Station Historic District, Hillsdale

Map #1
84-94 Broadway looking NE.
Map #2, 98 Broadway, is in background.
Neg. file # 198323-14

General View of district showing east side of Broadway Looking NE beginning at 84-94 Broadway, Map #1.
Neg. file # 198217-2

General View of District looking east on Hillsdale Ave showing Railroad Station, #8; Hillsdale House, #3; police boot #9, and part of Riley building; Neg. file # 198217-3
Hillsdale Station District, Hillsdale
General view of
district looking
NE showing
Riley Building, #4;
police booth, #9;
and building on
NE corner Broadway
and Park, #7.
Neg. file #
198217-23

The best preserved
storefront of the
Riley Building, #4,
store at 108 Broadway.
Neg. file #
198323-15
Map #5, 6, 7
116 Broadway, Looking NE. Neg. file # 198323-16

Map #8
Hillsdale Railroad Station looking SE. Neg. file # 17690-29

Map #8
Hillsdale Railroad Station looking NE. Neg. file # 198217-24
**District Name:** Crest Road District  
**Municipality:** Hillsdale  
**County:** Bergen  
**Type of District:** Residential  
**USGS Quad:** Hackensack

**Description:** (General description of district as a whole and boundaries)

The Crest Road District is a homogeneous area on the crest of a hill at the junction of Crest Road and Summit Street with five freestanding frame houses erected about 1900.

The district has a wooded, hilltop character with numerous trees, and no sidewalks or curbs along Summit Street. Summit Street parallels the crest of the hill and immediately east of the houses at 17 and 22 Crest Road (map #1 and 2) and at 22 Summit Street (map #5) the hill drops sharply downward to the east. This downward slope is these buildings' east yards. Crest Road itself between Summit Street and Yesler Way is a narrow unpaved road with a steep grade. Scenic panoramic views are afforded from the three houses on the summit of the hill. These houses also have large lots and there is about 250' between the house at 17 Crest Road (map #1) and the adjacent house to the south, 22 Summit Street (map #5). However the houses at 22 and 30 Crest Road (map #2 and 3) are very closely spaced.

The boundaries of this small district correspond to the outer property lines of the five houses within the district which are 17, 22, 30, 31 Crest Road and 22 Summit Street. These boundaries are clearly defined as to the south along Summit Street are recent houses and to the west and east the buildings are not part of the crest-top location.

The houses within the district exhibit stylistic features associated with turn-of-the-century Arts and Crafts architecture. These elements include the shingle sheathing, shaped exposed rafter ends, cobblestone chimneys and foundations, and the bungalow 1½-story massings. Four of the five buildings are 1½-story bungalows, only the house at 22 Summit St. (map #5) with its 2½-story tri-gable ell composition is not. The house at 17 Crest Road (map #1) is an extremely handsome example of the bungalow type.

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**Sketch map of District not to scale**

**Approximate number of buildings:** 5

**Physical condition of structures:**

- Excellent 100%
- Good __%
- Fair __%
- Poor __%

**Register eligibility:** ☐ Yes ☑ Possible ☐ No

**Threats to district/local attitudes:** Local

There is probably no thought of this being a historic district.

**Comments:**

The house at 22 Crest Road has had its architectural integrity compromised by recent unsympathetic modifications. Other buildings except for painting are little altered.
The Crest Road District in Hillsdale has both historical and architectural interest. This small residential area, labeled "The Crest" on a 1902 map, represents the best of the development by the Crest Development Company at the turn of the century in the Glenbrook Park area of Hillsdale. It is part of the steady residential growth Hillsdale experienced at the turn-of-the-century when its population increased from an estimated 500 persons in 1898 to 891 persons in 1900. In 1910 it reached 1,072 persons and rose to 1,720 persons in 1920.

While most of the houses built in Hillsdale at the turn-of-the-century are undistinguished architecturally, being typical examples of middle-class houses, the five houses in the Crest Road District as a group stand out from their local contemporaries. They have a very scenic setting and were built to take advantage of and be a part of their hilltop location. They also are of higher architectural quality. In particular, the house at 18 Crest Road (map #1) is a high quality example of its type of architecture, the Arts and Crafts bungalow. Its architectural quality is enhanced by its excellent state of exterior preservation, even its original shingles are appropriately unpainted. This building and others in the district show the influence Arts and Crafts movement which promoted the use of natural materials in buildings with simple massing and sturdy straightforward appearances. Wood shingle sheathing and cobblestones or boulder foundations and chimneys are characteristic of the architecture in the district. Four of the five buildings are bungalows, a favorite Arts and Crafts house type and one characterized by 1½ story massing with broad overhanging roofs which frequently extend over porches. The district illustrates how Bergen County's beautiful landscape attracted early 20th century residential growth.

Crest Road District shown circled on survey map

REFERENCES: (Include representation
Bromley II, 1913, pl. 29
Walker Atlas 1876: no buildings or streets.
Sanborn 1923, 1931
Robinson 1902: "The Crest"
Fisher "Hillsdale Development ", The Local Review, April 12, 1973, p. 27.

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<td>pre-1913 c. 1900</td>
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<td>House; Shingled Arts and Crafts bungalow; one with two story's in gables; wood shingles; enclosed porch on 1st story E facade, 3 bays of dormers, 1/4, various groupings of windows; gables; one story wing on east and west sides (east is a screened porch); large shed dormers with gablets, central on east facade, 2 side ones on west facade, west facade has sunporch under main roof with cobblestone piers, screened porch on east facade, cobblestone foundation, an Interior chimney, polygonal bay window on west side. Very attractive property including house sited on edge of slope downward to Teesler Way at east, informal landscaping, well house, 2-story gable-roofed garage with shiplap siding, stone walls. Faces east.</td>
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<td>22 Crest Road, NE corner Summit Street</td>
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<td>pre-1913 c. 1900</td>
<td>F</td>
<td>House; Arts and Crafts bungalow; I/2; Inappropriate replacement shakes; 2 bays, 8/12, grouped windows; gable; front columnar porch under roof, massive Tuscan columns, shed dormers, cobblestone chimney. Main facade faces east, house sited on edge of crest; west 2 story addition with 1st-story double garage, this addition dominates street facade of building.</td>
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<td>10 Crest Road</td>
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<td>pre-1913 c. 1900</td>
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<td>House; Shingled Arts and Crafts bungalow; I/2; wood shingles, now painted; 1st story: 3 bays, 5 bays in the dormer, 8/12, 9/12; gable; recessed porch under main roof, large shed dormer, Tuscan columns support massive rafters with shaped ends, boulder and brick exterior end chimneys, 1 car garage.</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>31 Crest Road, SW corner Summit Street</td>
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<td>pre-1913 c. 1900</td>
<td>M</td>
<td>House; Shingled Arts and Crafts bungalow; I/2; shingles, now painted; 3x3 bays, 9/1, 1/2; gable; corner screen porch or east side under extension of main roof, offset east side gable, artistic concrete block foundation, main (north) facade has 1 bay, 2 story entrance pavilion which is open on 1st-story, tripartite false opening on 2nd-story above Arts and Crafts style exposed shutter ends.</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>22 Summit St.</td>
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<td>pre-1913 c. 1900</td>
<td>M</td>
<td>House; tri-gabled ell Arts and Crafts; 2 1/2; clapboard, 3 bays on west facade, 1/2; gables; T-shaped plan, 1st story of west section is sun-porch, artistic concrete block foundation; unsympathetic recent metal awning over entrance; located on edge of crest.</td>
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Photographs of Crest Road District, Hillsdale, 0227-D2

Map #1
27 Crest Road
Looking SE
Neg. file #
198217-21

Map #3
30 Crest Road
Looking north
Neg. file #
198217-22

Map #5
22 Summit St.
Looking east
Neg. file #
198219-32
Crest Road District, Hillsdale

Map #5
22 Summit St.
Looking NNE
Neg. file #
198219-31
The Hillsdale Avenue streetscape includes three freestanding houses at 355, 357, 375 Hillsdale Avenue which are of architectural interest. The house at 357 Hillsdale Avenue (map #2), the Henry G. Hering House, is also of local historical importance due to its association with Hering (1837-1929). Hering was a school teacher, farmer, civil engineer and surveyor who served as township clerk, town superintendent, assessor, state Assemblyman (1868-69), under-sheriff of Bergen County (1881-86) at various times in his long life. He was also Hillsdale's first postmaster, secretary of the railroad, and station master. He owned and developed most of the Hillsdale Manor section under the Hillsdale Improvement Company (50 Years of Progress 1948). In 1923 "Big Hen" was said to be the oldest resident of Hillsdale.

The streetscape represents the type of residential streets which developed in Hillsdale after it became a railroad suburb. The houses are less than 2 blocks from the railroad station (0227-D1 #8). *Continued under comments.

The house at 355 Hillsdale Avenue (map #1) is a well-preserved example of a picturesque Downingesque Cottage of the type recommended by A. J. Downing in his popular architectural books of the mid 19th century. It has a wraparound veranda, vertical-board-and-batten in the gable, and bay window— all features common in Downingesque design. The Hering House (map #2) is also a Downingesque design but its gable trim and vergeboards are Gothic Revival elements. The Gothic was one of the several styles Downing recommended for suburban homes. The house at 375 Hillsdale Avenue is the most altered of the 3 houses in this streetscape. Its chimney is of interest as are its landscape features. It retains some of its Queen Anne style elements such as turned posts of rear porch, irregular massing, and remnants of the front full-length porch with end pavilions.

APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF BUILDINGS: 3

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF BUILDINGS: Excellent ___ %, Good 100 ____ %, Fair ____ %, Poor ____ %

REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes ____ Possible ____ No ____ Part of Larger District ______

THREATS TO STREET: Roads ____ Development X____ Zoning ____ Deterioration ____ No Threat ___ Other ___

COMMENTS: All houses are free-standing and located on landscaped lots of varying sizes. These three houses are near the commercial area and near to the municipal building. Churches are also close by. The houses are located at the outer fringes of a residential area.

East of 355 Hillsdale Ave., Map #1, is a vacant lot now used for parking which was the site of the Methodist Church (no longer extant).

MAP: 2
SLIDES: 3
REFERENCES:
1876 Walker: shows #357 as H. G. Hering.
1913 Bromley, II pl. 29: All building shown.
Clayton, p. 212.
1902, 1917-18 Directories.
Durie, Kakiat Patent, p. 44.
1923 Sanborn: all shown.
50 years of Progress, 1948.

RECORDED BY: TRB
ORGANIZATION: BCOC&HA
DATE: 1983
Map of Hillsdale Avenue Streetscape with current Street Numbers map numbers, and arrows showing extent of streetscape added to 1923 Sanborn map. The church building on the corner is no longer extant.

Bergen County Historic Sites Survey Map for Hillsdale with Hillsdale Avenue streetscape, 0227-S3, shown circled.
### Descriptions of Buildings in the Hillsdale Avenue Streetscape, Hillsdale, 0227-53

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<th>Description (use; style; stories; ext. wall fabric; fenestration; roof; major features; alterations; etc.)</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>355 Hillsdale Avenue</td>
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<td>between 1876-1913 c. 1880</td>
<td>M</td>
<td>House; Downingesque cottage; 2½; clapboards with with vertical board and batten with sawtooth edge in gable; 1st story: 3 plus ell, second story: 2 plus ell, 2½; gables, medium pitch; L-shaped plan, wraparound veranda with posts on pedestal bases and scalloped-shaped brackets, bay window on west, window cornices, pointed-arched window in gable; entrance doorway appears reworked; has sidelights. House set c. 30’ has hedges around property, free-standing garage at rear of lot, to east is vacant lot with gravel parkway lot which was site of Hillsdale M. E. Church.</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>357 Hillsdale Avenue</td>
<td>Henry G. Herling (1876)</td>
<td>between 1861-1876 c. 1875</td>
<td>P</td>
<td>House; vernacular Gothic Revival; 2½; clapboard, 3 bay (1 in ell), 1½; gables, that of ell steeply pitched, T-shaped plan, verandah along eaves and king-post in gable, bay window on west unaltered, that in front (north) has replacement sash but retains original sawtooth verandah double second-story window with cornice, pointed-arched window in gable; verandah has been altered, now mostly screened; set back about 40’, 20th c. cobblestone wall along sidewalk with pyramidal posts flanking entrance walk, freestanding garage in rear.</td>
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<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>375 Hillsdale Avenue</td>
<td></td>
<td>between 1876-1913 c. 1881 according to owner</td>
<td>F</td>
<td>House; altered Queen Anne; 2½; replacement synthetic shingles; 2-3 bay 2½; gables with gablets; T-shaped plan, cornice with returns, wraparound porch has hip-roofed end pavilion but original turned post replaced by inappropriate metal ones, rear porch retains original turned posts, brick exterior side chimney with round-arched niche. Although house surrounded by overgrown plants obscuring views of it, retains interesting landscape features: circa 3½’ cobblestone wall (c. 1900) with vertically set stone coping is along sidewalk. Circular cobblestone fountain (circa 1900) west of house. Barn covered with ship lap siding in SW corner of property is approached by granite block paved road.</td>
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Photographs of Hillsdale Avenue Streetscape, Hillsdale

Map 1
355 Hillsdale Ave.
Neg. file #
198323-11

Map 2
357 Hillsdale Ave.,
Henry G. Hering House.
Neg. file #
198218-15

Map 3
375 Hillsdale Avenue
Neg. file #
198218-24
STREETScape SURVEY FORM

STREET NAME: 299-333 Washington Ave., S side
CROSS STREETS: Broadway and Magnolia Ave.
MUNICIPALITY: Hillsdale
COUNTY: Bergen

DESCRIPTION/SIGNIFICANCE:
The Washington Ave. streetscape is of architectural interest, containing four free-standing frame houses which represent the type of domestic architecture erected in Hillsdale during its late 19th c. development as a railroad suburb. Three of these houses (map #s 2, 4, 5) are of local architectural interest. There is also one post World War II non-contributing structure, the ranch house at 307 Washington Ave.

All houses in the streetscape are set back from the street in landscaped yards. Lots are 150' deep and range in width from about 75' to 200' (that of map #5). The terrain has a slope and two houses, 321 and 331 Washington Avenue (map #4 and 5), are on sites elevated above street level. Both have retaining walls along sidewalks.

The oldest house in the streetscape is the C. Titus House at 333 Washington Avenue, #5, built between 1861-1876. A 1876 map shows it as the only building on either side of Washington Avenue in the hamlet of Hillsdale (Walker, p. 110). While the house evidences a c. 1900 enlargement, its vergeboards give it a picturesque, mid 19th century Downingsesque character.

Three of the streetscape's 5 houses were erected between 1876-1913, probably about 1890. They are examples of small Queen Anne style houses of the tri-gabled ell type. Those at 305 and 321 Washington Avenue are the best examples of this style extant in Hillsdale (see 0227-27, 75 Lawrence St. and 22 Magnolia Ave., for slightly less ornate examples). Both buildings display the mix of exterior sheathing materials, the open porches with turned posts, and other decorative features such as tower or jetty associated with the Queen Anne Style. House of the style are found elsewhere in Hillsdale but unfortunately unsympathetic alteration has reduced their architectural interest.

Only part of the south side of Washington Ave. between Broadway and Magnolia Avenue is included in the streetscape. The north side is omitted since its character (cont.)

APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF BUILDINGS: 5
PHYSICAL CONDITION OF BUILDINGS: Excellent ___% Good ___% Fair ___% Poor ___%
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes ___ Possible ___ No ___ Part of Larger District ___
THREATS TO STREET: Roads ___ Development ___ Zoning ___ Deterioration ___ No Threat ___ Other ___
COMMENTS: Alterations:
Buildings are threatened by unsympathetic alteration. The buildings at the western end of the street were omitted from the streetscape because their historic architectural features were destroyed by recent alterations. 333 Washington Ave. has a large lot, so development there might be a threat.

MAP:
SLIDES: 4
REFERENCES:
Hopkins, 1861: street not shown, no buildings.
Walker 1876: only #333: C. Titus.
Bromley 1913, II,p. 29: all buildings shown except #307.
Sanborn 1923, 1931: all shown except #307.
"Picturesque Hillsdale" 1892.
1902 Directory.

RECORDED BY: TRB
ORGANIZATION: BCOC&HA
DATE: 1983
is established by very modestly early twentieth century houses. The western end of the south side of the block is omitted from the streetscape because the buildings have considerable recent modifications unsympathetic to their historic appearances.

Washington Avenue Streetscape as shown on 1923 Sanborn map. House numbers, streetscape map numbers, and arrows showing scope of streetscape are added.

Washington Avenue Streetscape shown circled on Historic Sites Survey map.
### Description of Buildings in the Washington Avenue Streetscape, Hillsdale, 0227-S4

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<td>between 1876-1913</td>
<td>F</td>
<td></td>
<td>House; vernacular; Queen Anne Tri-gabled ell; 2½; replacement synthetic shingles; 2 bays, 2/2 window in gable has colored glass border gables; 2 bay and 1 bay porch with turned posts; 2 bay porch is now screened; corner lot, free-standing garage in SW corner lot.</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>305 Washington Avenue</td>
<td></td>
<td>between 1876-1913</td>
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<td>House; Queen Anne Tri-gabled ell; 2½; clapboard with fishscale pattern shingles in gable; 3 bays plus ell, 2/2; gables; stone foundation, wraparound porch with turned posts and braces, patterned railing, door with colored glass border around upper glass panel, jetty over gable window with lattice pattern; rear wing.</td>
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<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>307 Washington Avenue</td>
<td></td>
<td>post-1911</td>
<td>IC</td>
<td></td>
<td>House, vernacular 1-story ranch</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>321 Washington Avenue</td>
<td>L. B. Van Wagoner (1899)</td>
<td>between 1876-1913</td>
<td>M</td>
<td></td>
<td>House; Queen Anne tri-gabled ell with corner tower; 2½; clapboard with fishscale pattern shingles in gables; 3 bays plus 1 bay in ell, 1½; gables; pyramidal roof on tower, wraparound porch with curved corner, spindle frieze, fishscale pattern shingling on lower pedestals supporting turned posts, fishscale pattern shingling for frieze on west bay window, large frieze of tower, early attractive polygonal enclosed storm entrance, raised site with c. 2½' concrete retaining wall along sidewalk; inappropriate decorative concrete blocks under porch corner, added exterior brick chimney, new rear wing under construction 1983. 1899 photograph shows circular dormer on lower and front bay with pair of windows. Van Wagoner was superintendent of the railroad car shops.</td>
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<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>333 Washington Avenue</td>
<td>C. Titus (1876)</td>
<td>between 1861-76</td>
<td>M</td>
<td></td>
<td>House; Dominiesque with Colonial Revival porch; 1½-2½; clapboard; irregular fenestration, mostly 1/1 sash; gables; house appears to have been enlarged c. 1900 as west bay of main facade has artistic concrete block foundation, rest of front foundation is stone, more recent section has large boards like those of older section, main (north) facade has assymetrical double gables, bay window, columnar porch (c. 1900) wraps around NW corner, wall dormer on east side of rear wing.</td>
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Washington Avenue Streetscape, Hillsdale

Map #1
299 Washington Avenue,
SW corner Magnolia Ave.
Neg. file # 198323-13

Map #2 and 3
305 and 307 Washington Avenue.
Neg. file # 198323-12

Map #4
321 Washington Avenue;
L. B. Van Wagoner House.
Neg. file # 198217-5
Map #5
333 Washington Avenue;
C. Titus House.
Neg. file #
198217-4

General view
Looking SE.
Shows 345 and
341-3 which
were omitted
from Streetscape
because of
alterations
and 333
Washington Ave.,
Map #5.
Neg. file #
198218-17
**BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY**

**INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM**

**HISTORIC NAME:** Blauvelt-Demarest

**COMMON NAME:**

**LOCATION:** 230 Broadway
(Block 1525, Lot 8)

**MUNICIPALITY:** Hillsdale

**OWNERSHIP:** □ Public  ■ Private

**OWNER/ADDRESS:** J.F. and Jacqueline A. Hossenlopp

**HOUSE ORIENTATION:** S 5° W

**IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:**

**SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:**
- Residential
- Commercial
- Agricultural
- Open Space
- Other

**COMMENTS:**

**CONDITION:**
- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Deteriorated

**STATUS:**
- Occupied
- Unoccupied
- Work in Progress

**ACCESSIBLE:**
- Yes, Restricted
- Yes, Unrestricted
- No

**ORIGINAL:** Residence

**PRESENT:** Travel Agency

**THREATS TO STRUCTURE:**
- Roads
- Development
- Zoning
- Deterioration
- Other
- No Threat

**USGS QUAD:** Park Ridge

**THREATS USE:**

**RECOGNITION:**
- National Register  □ BCHS Marker
- HABS  □ Bailey
- Other

**CONDITION:**
This house had been an antique shop for years. A picture window has been added on facade but it is still an attractive looking building.
CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE: 0227-5 page 2
pre-Revolutionary/ C. 1740
Architectural evidence

BUILDERS:
Probably Arie Blauvelt

FORM/PLAN TYPE:
"C", 3 bay, 1 room deep (26'0" x 20'0")

NUMBER OF STORIES: 1-1/2
CELLAR: Yes
No

CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:
Stone Arch
Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
Other

FLOOR JOISTS:

FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:

FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:

GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:

GARRET:
Unfinished Space
Finished Space

ROOF:
Gable
Gambrel
Curb
Other

EAVE TREATMENT:
Sweeping Overhang (Front, orig.)
Supported Overhang (Front now)
No Overhang (Rear)
Boxed Gutter
Other

This house, while having been altered through the years, still retains a sufficient amount of its original fabric that it should be recognized and retained. We are therefore including it for its architectural significance, for its association with the exploration and settlement of the Bergen County area, and for its remaining historic fabric. As such, it is included in the Thematic Nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for the Early Stone Houses of Bergen County, New Jersey.
John Banta moved to Pascack between 1749-54, according to Howard I. Durie, built a house on this site before the Revolution. He acquired approx. 400 acres between 1768 & 1784. His will on 1797 (proved 1-6-1807) left the "southern most part of the farm where as he now dwells" to his youngest son Jacob I. Banta. This contained about 131 acres and ran from the Musquapsink Brook to the Pascack Bro. Like his father he was a farmer. He married Hester and had a daughter Margaret. He wrote in his will on 1-14-1831 (proved 10-18-1831) to wife and daughter remaining. Executor, Telnis Banta, sold the property to George Bloomer on 2-6-1860 and he and his wife Mary Anne sold it to Henry A. Smith on 11-28-1861. Henry and Letitia sold it to John I. Mabie on 11-28-1861. He died on 3-5-1903 and his wife Louise and son Isaac sold the house with 49 acres on 3-1-1910 to Mary M. Warren. She and her husband sold to John B. Carig on 9-12-1912.
HISTORIC NAME: Forshee-Blauvelt-Peterson House
LOCATION: 116 Piermont Ave., NW corner Meadow Drive
MUNICIPALITY: Hillsdale
USGS QUAD: Park Ridge
OWNER/ADDRESS: Gale Wohrn

PUBLIC HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 0227-9

COMMON NAME: 
BLOCK/LOT: 2003/1 
COUNTY: Bergen
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Easting/Northing

DESCRIPTION

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<td>Number of Stories</td>
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<td>Foundation</td>
<td>east and west sections: low, center section: High, coursed rubble</td>
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<td>Exterior Wall Fabric</td>
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<td>Fenestration</td>
<td>east section: 2 bays; center section: 3 bays; west section: 2 bays on second; 6/6</td>
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<td>Roof/Chimneys</td>
<td>gable, continuous height of ridgepoles; center section had east end chimney which is now at an offset location; Stack rebuilt. West end chimney shown in 1914 has been replaced by exterior end chimney.</td>
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<td>Additional Architectural Description</td>
<td>1914 photograph shows 5 bay porch across east and center sections. This has been reworked so only have 2 bay porch across east section. West bay of center section has doorway. Now is a window. In 1914 west entrance had one-bay entrance porch; it still does but this porch does not appear very old, its metal railing is very recent. Large shed dormer on east section added since 1914. Center section has eyebrow windows on rear (north) side. Sloping site allows continuous appearing ridge for all sections in spite of differing height of walls.</td>
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PHOTO
Negative File No. 198217-11, slide

Map (Indicate North)
SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:
Corner lot, 106' x 190'.
House set back 50'-75' from Piermont Avenue
Property slopes downward to west. At west boundary of property is a small stream, a tributary of Hillsdale Brook.
Split rail fence along property line, lots of evergreens.
Privy or shed in rear (north) yard.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban [ ] Suburban [X] Scattered Buildings [ ]
Open Space [ ] Woodland [ ] Residential [X] Agricultural [ ] Village [ ]
Industrial [ ] Downtown Commercial [ ] Highway Commercial [ ] Other [ ]

The Hillsdale Brook is immediately south of Piermont Road and a small stream branches from it which runs northward along the west property line of 116 Piermont Avenue. The property around the house has recent houses. Meadow Drive does not appear on the U. S. G. S. Map.

SIGNIFICANCE:
The Forshee-Blauvelt-Peterson House is an interesting example of an early farmhouse which grew in size through the years. The house's earliest part, the 3 bay wide center section with high slope foundation, probably dated to c. 1748 and is the earliest frame building extant in Hillsdale but its rear eyebrow windows suggest Federal Period modification. The east wing was probably added in the late 18th or early 19th century, although its awkward shed dormer is a 20th century addition. The west wing was added in the early 1850's. While all three sections, because of their continuous roofline, appear to be a single mass the building has a very vernacular and informal utilitarian appearance due to the varying location of openings. It illustrates the unpretentious character of many early farmhouses and is an important remnant of Hillsdale's early agricultural history.

Howard Durie in the Kakiat Patent (p. 118) discusses the history of this house:

This frame house stands on that part of lot 5 taken by the Blauvelt family and on a tract sold to John Forshee shortly before 1748.
The middle and earliest section of the house, with its sandstone foundation, hand hewn beams and wide floor boards, is probably the oldest extant frame build-

continued page 3

ORIGINAL USE: house
PRESENT USE: house

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent [ ] Good [ ] Fair [ ] Poor [ ]
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes [ ] Possible [x] No [ ] Part of District [ ]
THREATS TO SITE: Roads [ ] Development [ ] Zoning [ ] Deterioration [ ]
No Threat [ ] Other [x] Alterations [ ]

COMMENTS:
Reworking porches so that their design is more sympathetic to the house would be advantageous. Removal of the shed dormer would have significant impact on the visual integrity of this building.

REFERENCES:
1861 map: Wm. Paterson.
1876 map: Wm. Peterson.
CKT list.
Senior League Inventory.

RECORDED BY: TRB
ORGANIZATION: BCOC&HA
DATE: Apr. 1, 1963
ing in Hillsdale. At a later time an addition of one room, without cellar, was added at the east end. In the early 1850's, an addition of two stories was added to the west with a kitchen wing at the back. The contour of the land has enabled the entire structure to have one continuous roofline, even though the west section is of a greater height.

When John Forshee died about 1782-83, the house was devised to his son Peter, who on April 6, 1788, sold it and 73 acres of land to Christian A. Blauvelt. On May 13th, following, Christian sold the house and 57 acres to his brother, Cornelius.

Cornelius A. Blauvelt resided in the house until his death in 1807 and in accordance with his Will the homestead was devised to daughter Jannetje, wife of Andrew Peterson (#14). It descended in the Peterson family for subsequent generations and was finally sold to James C. Haring (#114), brother-in-law of Abraham W. Peterson (#113), in 1891.

1914 photograph from Durie, Kakiat Patent, p. 118 and recent photograph looking Northwest.
Neg. file # 198323-10
**NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION**
**INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM**

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| COMMON NAME: | |
| BLOCK/LOT:   | 401/1 |
| COUNTY:      | Bergen |
| UTM REFERENCES: | Zone/Northling/Easting |

**DESCRIPTION**

**Construction Date:** 1863 - main block

**Architect:**

**Style:** Italianate

**Number of Stories:** 2 with lower 2 story side west wing

**Foundation:** ashlar brownstone, medium height

**Exterior Wall Fabric:** replacement synthetic shingles

**Fenestration:** 3 bays with side wing, 2/2

**Roof/Chimneys:** gables, central gable; low pitched gable on side wing with gable end facing north (Wierimus Lane)

**Additional Architectural Description:**

Main block: basically L-shaped, central entrance, 3 bay porch with round- and elliptically arched spandrels with drops, chamfered posts on panelled bases, round-arched double entrance doors with bold moldings and glazed semi-circular and quadrant lites, compound arch on colonettes form molding around doorway.

Window cornices, paired windows with segmentally-arched cornice in central bay of 2nd story. Boxed cornice with bead and reel molding, returns.

East side: 3 bay porch with arched spandrels and drops

West Wing: 2 story, 2x2 bays, 2/2 sash, coursed rubble foundation, stone foundation at south suggests another wing was attached to this wing.

**PHOTO**

Negative File No. 198350-29

**Map (Indicate North)**
Siting, Boundary Description, and Related Structures:
Corner lot, 188' x 150', house set back c. 40' from curb. Landscaped yard. The west property line is the Musquapsink Brook. Property drops off steeply by brook and has handsome, circa 1900, cobblestone and boulder terracing and small cobblestone building. In south (rear) yard is an above-ground swimming pool. House faces north.

Surrounding Environment: Urban Sc Suburban X Scattered Buildings [ ]
Open Space [ ] Woodland [ ] Residential X Agricultural [ ] Village [ ]
Industrial [ ] Downtown Commercial [ ] Highway Commercial [ ] Other [ ]

Neighborhood of post-World War II houses; to south is reproduction stone house with some of this house's cobblestone terracing.

Significance:
The Henry Storms House has architectural significance as it is a handsome, carefully detailed, and well preserved example of Italianate style farmhouse and has local historical importance due to its association with the Storms family. According to tradition the house was built in 1863 out of lumber milled on the property. Both the 1861 and 1876 maps show a saw mill site near this building to the south. However the 1840 and 1861 maps show a building on this site. Since both the main block and the west wing appear to have mid-19th century construction dates it is likely the older building no longer exists. Perhaps the foundation adjacent to the building was part of the earlier structure. Interior inspection and additional research need to be done to ascertain whether the extant Storms House incorporates the pre-1840 structure.
The existing Storms House along with the Bogert House at 231 Wiermus Road (0227-13), which has many similar features suggesting it was designed by the same individual, are the finest Italianate Style houses in Hillsdale and among the interesting examples of this mid-19th century mode in Bergen County. The Storms House has the low-pitched roofline with projecting eaves, window cornices, bay windows and handsome central porch frequently found on house of the Italianate style, popular nationally between 1840-80. The Storms House has an unusually handsome doorway with trim consisting of (continued)

Original Use: House
Physical Condition: Excellent X Good [ ]
Register Eligibility: Yes [ ] Possible X
Threats to Site: Roads [ ] Development [ ] Zoning [ ] Deterioration [ ]

Remarks:
Henry Storms (1815-1854) owned a saw mill and made sash and blinds. Henry Storms, the builder of the house, was a grandson and with his brother Albert received the saw mill and ½ acre of land adjoining the mill for laying logs and lumber according to the will of his grandfather (DuBois, Old Mills, p. 140-A).

References:
75th Anniversary Scrapbook, 1973-4, in Hillsdale Library.
1861 Map: H. O. Storms.
1902 Map: H. C. Storms.
1840: U. S. Coast Survey Map #132: building on site.
Kathryn P. DuBois, Old Mills in Bergen County, p. 140-A.

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Date: April 1983
the house is a cluster of farm buildings (see maps 2-7). Building #2 is a 2 story frame garage built about 1914. Behind it is a one-story frame corn crib (#3) which dates before 1886. A 1 ½ story clapboard barn (#4), with one-story west wing faces south and is located west of the house. Three smaller, one-story buildings are east of the barn and north of the house. They are a chicken coop with shiplap siding (#5), an open wood shed with attached shop with vertical siding (#6), and a small privy (#7). West of the farm complex is an orchard. Around the house are lawns with handsome trees.
Map of Vanderbeck-Ran Riper-Demarest Farm, 215 Wierimus Road
Hillsdale

1. house
2. garage
3. corn crib, pre 1886
4. barn, pre 1886
5. chicken coop, after 1886, late 19th-early 20th c.
6. woodshed and shop, after 1886, late 19th c.
7. privy, rebuilt c. 1910
8. farmstand, 20th c.

dashed line shows approximate property boundary.
HISTORIC NAME: Bogert House
LOCATION: 231 Wierimus Road
MUNICIPALITY: Hillsdale
USGS QUAD: Park Ridge
OWNER/ADDRESS: C. & H. Winters
c/o Mrs. J. Handle, 461 Rivervale Rd., River Yale, N. J.

COMMON NAME: Bloomfield Villa
BLOCK/LOT: 202/2
COUNTY: Bergen
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: between 1861-76
c. 1860's
Architect:
Style: Italianate
Number of Stories: 2½ with 2 story side wings
Foundation: not visible
Exterior Wall Fabric: replacement synthetic shingles

Source of Date: map, atlas, visual
Builder:

Fenestration: center block: 3 bays; south: 2 bays on 1st story, one on second;
north wing: 2 bays; 2/2
Roof/Chimneys: gables, center block has central gable; interior end chimneys at south ends
of south wing and central block, stacks rebuilt.

Additional Architectural Description:
center block: 3 bay central entrance porch with large center bay with spandrel and side
bays with trefoil arches, X design on railing, decorative frieze, doorway appears re-
worked with Colonial Revival style elliptical transom and sidelights, porch flanked
by bay windows with decorative friezes, second-story central double window with hood
with vergeboard, pointed-arched window in gables, boxed overhanging cornice with returns,
window cornices.
windos: each has a one-story, 3 bay, full-length porch across front, which is generally
similar to that on the center block although proportions differ. also have similar windows
cornices and main cornices with returns. According to Peter Demarest the north wing
was added about 1905.

PHOTO
Negative File No. 198219-33
Map (Indicate North)
STING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:
House faces southeast and is on west side of Wierimus Road. It is on a hill about 30' above the road. There is a c. 50' sloping front yard with brownstone retaining wall along the road. House is approached by drive at south. At rear (west) are 2 accessory buildings, a garage and small barn or shed.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban ☐ Suburban ☒ Scattered Buildings ☐ Open Space ☐ Woodland ☐ Residential ☒ Agricultural ☒ Village ☐ Industrial ☐ Downtown Commercial ☐ Highway Commercial ☐ Other ☐
To the south and across Wierimus Road is the Demarest farm (0227-12). Open fields are across the road between the house and the Garden State Parkway. Due to house's site on hill, a very attractive view of it is visible from southbound lane of the parkway. About 30' north of the house is a recent housing development.

SIGNIFICANCE:
The Bogert House at 231 Wierimus Road has architectural significance as it is a handsome, carefully detailed, and well-preserved example of an Italianate style farmhouse at a visually prominent location. (It is the most noticeable historic building visible from the Garden State Parkway in Bergen County). This house and the Henry Storms House at 233 Wierimus Lane (0227-10), which has many similar features suggesting both were designed by the same individual, are the finest Italianate style houses extant in Hillsdale and among the interesting examples of this mid-19th century mode in Bergen County (See form 0227-10 for additional information on the style). The Bogert House has very attractive porches and is very well-preserved excepting replacement synthetic shingle sheathing and an altered entrance door. The north wing is said to date to 1905, but its style is similar to the rest of the house and it also has handsome porch.

Unfortunately the 1876 Atlas map does not provide the name of the owner of this building. The 1902 owner was S. B. Bogert causing one to speculate if S. B. Bogert, a carpenter and builder listed in the 1876-7 New Jersey State Directory of Merchants (quoted in Relics Nov. 1960, p.2) might be as associated with this building. Additional research is needed to confirm such an association. The house remains in the (continued)

ORIGINAL USE: house ☐ PRESENT USE: house ☐
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes ☐ Possible ☒ No ☐ Part of District ☐
THREATS TO SITE: Roads ☐ Development ☒ Zoning ☐ Deterioration ☒
No Threat ☐ Other ☒ alteration ☐

COMMENTS:
The house needs painting; removal of inappropriate foundation plantings is desirable.
The house is currently tenant occupied.

REFERENCES:
1861 map; not on.
1876 Atlas: on, no name.
1902 map: S. Bogert.
Interview with Peter Demarest, April, 1983.

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SIGNIFICANCE (continued)

Bogert family, having passed to Sam Bogert's daughter, a Mrs. Winters. Mr. Winter's father was a carpenter but it is not known whether he built the north wing. Peter Demarest states that the north wing was built about 1905 when Mr. and Mrs. Winters came to live with her father.
HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

EXPLANATION OF INVENTORY LISTS

Inventory#: The New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory number (NJHSI) which has been assigned the property.

Location; Name: Street address followed by property's historic name. Common name is shown in parentheses.

Date erected: Dates taken from historic maps or research unless preceded by "c" for "circa", in which case dating is from visual evidence.

Sig. = Level of Significance of Property. Each property has a designation of significance: Matrix or Filler, abbreviated to M and F.

M - Matrix: A building with historical significance as part of the general development of the area which also has architectural significance due to style, size, rarity of design, or rarity of building type.

F - Filler: A building which has historical significance as part of the general development of the area, but whose architectural significance is not great due to less interesting design or loss of detail and integrity.

Description: See "Individual Structure Survey Form Guidelines" for definitions. A brief statement of significance why the property is included in the historic sites survey is followed by historic owners' names taken from historic maps and other primary research sources. The date of source follows the owner's name.

Neg. file #: Film codes for photographic negatives which are filed with the Office of New Jersey Heritage.

The chart is followed by photographs of the properties included on the inventory list. Each photograph is identified by inventory number, address, name of property shown and negative file number of the photograph.

All properties included on the inventory lists are mapped on the Historic Sites Survey Map.
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<td>0227-14</td>
<td>Broadway over Pascack Brook between Hillsdale and Westwood; Broadway Bridge</td>
<td>1910</td>
<td>M</td>
<td>A 44-foot single span elliptically-arched concrete bridge with metal pipe railing. Plaque on bridge gives date and credits design to County Engineer Ralph D. Earle, Jr., contractors C. W. Bance, J. H. Edwards. The Broadway Bridge is an example of early 20th century transportation structure, the small stationary bridge, of a type once common throughout the Pascack Valley but now frequently replaced by more recent bridges.</td>
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<td>0227-15</td>
<td>201 Broadway; Daniel Post House</td>
<td>between 1861-76</td>
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<td>House; vernacular; 2 with 2 story wing; replacement shake siding, 1st story: 3 bays, 2nd story: 2 bays, 2 bay wing, 6/6 gables, brick interior end chimney, rubble stone foundation, setback about 50' from curb, greater setback than is usual in location. This house, in spite of its very unsympathetic resheathing, remains a remnant of Hillsdale early history. The house was probably erected during the first phase of development of the community as a railroad suburb. Its 1876 owner, Daniel Post, was on the Washington Township Committee in 1867-69 (Clayton, p. 242) (1867 map; not shown; Daniel Post, 1876).</td>
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<td>0227-16</td>
<td>330 Broadway</td>
<td>pre 1913; early 20th c.</td>
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<td>Real Estate Office; early 20th c. cobblestone; 2½; cobblestones and boulders; 3 bays, 2½, 1½; cross gables; 3 bay, 2 story porch with enclosed 1st-story and open 2nd-story with columns of very small cobblestones; recent additions at both sides, location on heavily-trafficked Broadway is an interesting example of the use of local stone in early 20th century architecture. Much architecture erected in the Pascack Valley in the early 20th century employs cobblestones and/or boulders in foundations and walls. This example displays particularly fine stonework.</td>
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<td>0227-17</td>
<td>1 Carlyle Place; Harry Randall House, &quot;Overbrook&quot;</td>
<td>1945</td>
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<td>House; Bergen County Stone House Revival; 1½, with 1½ story side wings; brownstone veneer, random ashlar and clapboard on dormers and in gable ends; 2-5-2 bays, 12/12, 6/6; central gable with flares, gables with flares on wings; entrances with transom, large shed dormers on main block and wings, massive brick end chimneys, garage with gable roof and stone veneer on front and rear and frame ends, commanding site on hill overlooking Pascack Brook. Former site of Overbrook Country Club, prior to club site of grist and saw mill (1861, 1876, 1902). Architect: Jonathan L. Dymock, 46 Forest Rd., Tenafly. Contractor: K. B. C. Smith (cont.)</td>
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<td>20 Central Avenue, SE corner Park Ave.</td>
<td>between 1876-1913 c. 1890</td>
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<td>House; vernacular Downingesque; 2½; replacement synthetic shingles; 3 bays, 2½; gables; L-shaped, 3 bay porch with cutout brackets; early 20th c. one-story rear wing with shed roof and artistic cement block foundation. This unpretentious house with late 19th century style porch, or veranda, with bracketed posts is among the few houses remaining near the center of Hillsdale which are remnants of its early history as a railroad suburb.</td>
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<td>0227-19</td>
<td>47 Central Avenue, SW corner Cross St.; Dr. Lewis Sosnow Medical Office Building.</td>
<td>1948</td>
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<td>Offices; Art Moderne; 1½ white smooth stucco or concrete; front: Central Ave.; 4 bays, 2½, glass block; flat with coping; curving front facade with curving glass block window and curving-in-plan roof over side entrance, windows on side wall. Architect: Harry L. Smith. The small office building at 47 Central Avenue is a rarity in Hillsdale, indeed in most of Bergen County, as it is a little altered example of the Art Moderne style, an architectural mode sometimes employed between 1930-50. This building has the rounded corners, smooth unadorned wall surfaces, horizontal window boards, (here glass block) and general streamline effect characteristic of the Art Moderne style. Also typical of the style is the flat roof. It was built for Dr. Lewis Sosnow who earlier had his practice in a house across the street. His offices were in this building until he retired in 1974. The current owner, Dr. Lois J. Copeland, has a drawing of the building signed by the architect and dated 2-2-40. She also supplied information on the history of the building.</td>
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<td>0227-20</td>
<td>Southwest side of Crosley Terrace at bend in road about ½ block south of Washington Ave.; Shade or Awnings Factory.</td>
<td>post-1913 early 20th c.</td>
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<td>Industrial, appears vacant; vernacular functional; ½, shiplap siding, 8x4, 1½; gable; high foundation, on north side is</td>
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<td>recessed ramp down into basement, several large doors, chimney at west end. This small frame factory building is a rare surviving structure related to the early 20th century industrial history of Hillsdale, a town which was predominately residential. It is believed that shades or sashings were manufactured here. (Information from Alice Materia)</td>
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<td>0227-21</td>
<td>14 Cross Street, NE corner Bergen St.; House</td>
<td>Post-1913, c. 1920</td>
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<td>House; cobblestone Mediterranean/American Foursquare; 2½; 1st story; cobblestones, random pattern, 2nd story; stucco; 1st story: 4 bays, 2nd story: 2 bays, G/F; hip with redbrick tile; cobblestone exterior chimney, wraparound porch with cobblestone foundation, railings and columns with very small stones, 1st story extends behind porch at east, hip-roofed dormer, west end of porch enclosed with glazing, overhanging braced eves, some stained and leaded windows, concrete pats on stoop, corner lot; recent fencing around rear yard with above-ground swimming pool. The architecturally interesting house at 14 Cross Street is an imposing building employing a building material widely used in the Passack Valley during the early 20th century, local cobblestones or weathered fieldstones. Here the barrel tile roof and overhanging braced eves give a Mediterranean styling to the building, which due to its block massing and hip roof is an example of the American Foursquare, a early 20th century house type described in The Old House Journal (Jan 1982), p. 7.</td>
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<td>0227-22</td>
<td>91 Demarest Avenue; NW corner Gramercy Lane; F. Hall House</td>
<td>between 1840-61, c. 1850</td>
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<td>House; vernacular; 2; replacement wood shingle; 5 bays, 6/6, 2nd-story front windows; 6/3; gable, shed on rear wing; central entrance with double doors and transom, 5 bay porch with chamfers and capitals, brick interior end chimneys; 1 story rear wing with shed roof; looks as if porch floor is replacement, new freestanding garage in rear yard. House is located on corner lot about 50' from road. On other side of Demarest Avenue is Passack Brook. House faces southeast. The Hall House has architectural and historical significance as a handsome farmhouse dating from the mid-19th century. It is a well-preserved 5 bay wide, 2 story frame house with a simple but handsome full length porch and double door entrance. While the Junior League Inventory lists it as the Demarest House with a 1823-30 construction date, the 1876 map shows the 2nd Demarest House south of this building and the F. Hall house on this site. Visual evidence suggests a mid-19th c. construction date. (U. S. Coast Survey map, 1840: not shown; F. Hall, 1861, 1876).</td>
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<td>462 Hillsdale Avenue; David P. Patterson House, &quot;Brook Side Pines&quot;</td>
<td>pre 1861 c. 1860</td>
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<td>House, now convent; Second Empire; 1½ with ½ story rear (north) wing; replacement aluminum siding, brick on recent 1 story front addition; 1st story front hidden by addition, upper story: 3 bays, various window sash, some 2/2, 1/1; mansard with concave curve, and hip above; Rear wing has similar roof; gable dormer with altered vergeboards, projecting gable central pavilion with hooded window on second story, stone foundation; chimneys removed, unsympathetic one-story, brick front addition with flat roof, west addition to rear (north) wing.</td>
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van Riper-Thall House; Second Empire with Colonial Revival modifications; 2½; clapboard; 5 bay main block with side 2-story (east) porte-cochère and 1-story south wing, 2/2, 1/1; central projecting pavilion with double window with segmental-arched frame on second-story, broken pediment with returns on pavilion (probably c. 1900) gable dormers with windows with shallow segmental heads, second-story window cornice; considerable c. 1900 remodelling including addition of pent between stories, Colonial Revival style entrance doorway with elliptical fanlight and broken pediment, and porte-cochère with enclosed Second-Story, and one story west wing.

The Van Riper-Thall House is a large, imposing house which is a mix of Second Empire style elements and turn-of-the-century Colonial Revival ones. The Van Riper House appears on this site on the 1861 map, but further investigation is needed to determine if this house was built by 1861 or is a replacement building on this site of the Van Riper House. In 1876 it was owned by S. D. Thall and probably was a Second Empire style building. Further investigation is also needed to ascertain the date of the remodelling and enlargement.

(0. S. Coast Survey Map: not shown; Van Riper, 1861; S. D. Thall, 1876).

This house is of interest due to its association with Dr. Dinshaw P. Ghadiali, one of the more eccentric personalities known to have lived in Bergen County. Dinshah (1873-1966) was born in India and received his M.D. degree there. He came to the United States where he had a varied career as doctor, inventor, and promoter of various health therapies. He is said to have degrees in electro-hydraulic, naturopathy, chiropractic and food sciences. His inventions include: a talking flickerless motion picture projector, an electric shaver, an electric Peace Gun which shot but did not kill, automatically dimming automobile lights, and an engine tester for air planes. He had unusual methods for treating diseases including spectrochrome therapy (healing based on the colors of various light waves), yoga, vegetarianism. He sold visible spectrum color projectors for shining "healings"-colored lights on diseased portions of the body. Hi
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<td>medical theories were not favored by the American Medical Society, the U. S. Food and Drug Administration, or the U. S. Post Office. In 1925 he was convicted of fraudulent use of the mails and spent 1½ years in a Federal prison. Dinshah lived in Hillsdale from about 1914 to 1924. During this period he was interested in aviation. In 1919 he held an aeroplane exhibit over Hillsdale during which he nearly crashed his plane when dropping toys and candles to local children. In 1924 he moved from Hillsdale to Malone, N. J. where he lived the rest of his life (excepting his prison stay). In 1937 he ran for Governor of New Jersey on a platform which championed freedom of choice for health methods. (For additional information consult Michael A. Novi, H. D., Early Physicians of Northeastern Bergen County (Spring Valley, NY; The Town House Press, 1979, pp 43-47)</td>
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<td>737 Hillsdale Avenue, Demarest-Livgood House</td>
<td>between 1861-76</td>
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<td>House; Italianate with added Arts and Crafts elements; 2½ replacement shingles with alternating exposures, c. 1900; north end which faces road has two bays, main (west) facade had additions but probably originally had 4 bays, 2/2, 1/1, 6/1 sash; gable; overhanging cornice with paired brackets, round-arched window in gable, front has floor to ceiling windows, pair of end chimneys at south; numerous c. 1900 alterations including porte-cochere and enclosures by front door, rear (south) wing, support on south and east sides, interior end chimney with cobblestones and brick; set back about 40' from busy road, frame barn at south. Several recent articles indicate that the interior has been extensively remodelled in the 18th century &quot;style including installation of mantels and paneling (See Home (Dec. 1982, p. 58; Barbara T. Masso &quot;Charm is restored to Hillsdale home&quot; Passaic Valley Community Life (Feb. 10, 1992)) The Henry Demarest House is an interesting building which is a mix of features of various styles. While a H. A. Demarest House is shown on the 1861 map, it had a much greater set-back than this building and was likely located on the west side of Ell Road. A house labeled Henry Demarest appears on this site in 1876. Junior League Inventory gives it an 1810 date and Patricia Parker, a recent owner who remodeled the interior, believed it to be older. Its exterior appearance suggests a mid-19th century construction date with c. 1900 modifications but interior inspection might reveal it incorporates an earlier structure. The house was owned by the Livgood family in the late 19th century, until 1965. William H. L. Livgood was mayor of Hillsdale in 1930. It is probable that the Livgoods are responsible for the exterior remodelling Incorporating features of the early 20th century Arts and Crafts mode such as cobblestones and wood shingles. (Henry Demarest, 1876).</td>
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<td>75 Lawrence Street and 22 Magnolia Avenue; pair of Queen Anne style houses</td>
<td>between 1876-1913, c. 1890</td>
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<td>Houses: vernacular Queen Anne; 2½; shiplap siding with shaped shingles in gables; 3 bays (one in ell), 1/1; 22 Magnolia: 2½; gables; L-shaped plan, stone foundation, 22 Magnolia: retains original wraparound porch with turned posts and brackets although several bracess are missing, located on corner, facade faces SW. 75 Lawrence: porch is modified, now two plain posts, solid railing, part screened-in, facade 2 buildings are adjacent. These two modestly-sized Queen Anne style houses are reasonably well-preserved examples of the type of domestic architecture erected in Hillsdale in the late 19th century. They illustrate the type of house erected within walking distance of the railroad station.</td>
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<td>150 Magnolia Avenue; C. S. Van Winkle House</td>
<td>between 1861-76, c. 1870</td>
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<td>House; vernacular Italianate; 2½; replacement synthetic shingles; 4 bays (one is in the ell), 2/2; low pitched gable with boxed cornice with returns; wraparound porch with spandrels with drops, round-arched entrance with heavy molding, moon-shaped glazing in transom, window cornices, tripartite windows in gables with trefoil-arched frames 1-story and 2-story east (rear) additions; inappropriate chain link fence along Magnolia Avenue sidewalk above boulder retaining wall. The Van Winkle House is of architectural interest as an Italianate style house with the low-pitched roof with overhanging eaves, and porches characteristic of this mid-19th century style. It has a fine doorway also. The house represents the type of building erected during Hillsdale's initial development phase as a railroad suburb (C. S. Van Winkle, 1876).</td>
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<td>290 Pascack Road SE corner Jolen Drive; Jacob Banta House</td>
<td>between 1840-61</td>
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<td>House; vernacular with c. 1900 Colonial Revival elements; 2 with 2nd and 1st story; facade: 5 bays including central c. 1900, 2 story polygonal oriel, south facade: irregular on 1st story, 2 bays on 2nd story, 6/6, some diamond pattern c. 1900 sash; gable; low brownstone ashlar foundation; rear wing has c. 1900 cobblestone foundation, c. 1900 columnar wraparound porch across front (south facade), 1-story wing at south end, cobblestone exterior chimney on north side. Corner lot, lots of shrubs, large hedge along road. This house is probably a simple vernacular mid-19th century house with picturesque turn-of-the-century modifications such as porch, oriel, and cobblestone chimney. As such it is a remnant of a 19th century farm located along the historic Pascack Road which was embellished at a</td>
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0227-30  32 Piermont Avenue; Vanderbeck-Demarest-Quakenbush House
possibly west wing in late 18th c.

This house stands on the farm of 73 acres, consisting of a main tract of 67 acres and 6 acres of woods nearby, devised to John Forshee, Junior, by his father about 1782-83. Although it is not known whether any part of the house dates from that time, he apparently lived here when he was taxed for land and cattle in 1785.

Prior to 1788, by an unrecorded deed, John Forshee, Junior, sold the farm to Abraham Vanderbeck of New York City and the latter's son, John, made the same his residence thereafter. Whether John Vanderbeck built the house at that time is not certain, but a building existed at this location by 1789 and was referred to in the road return for Cedar Lane in that year, as the house of John Vanderbeck.

Abraham Vanderbeck sold the farm to Jacobus D. Demarest by an unrecorded deed on or about June 6, 1795. On that date, the purchaser executed to the seller a mortgage for 400 pounds which was paid and cancelled April 11, 1796. Jacobus (James) Demarest retained title until 1600 when the farm was subdivided and sold in three parts, of which the westerly 33 1/2 acres and homestead, plus the woodlot of 6 acres, were purchased by Cornelia Quakenbush. The house subsequently passed into the ownership of the Hall, Ellin and Wallace families.

The original house was one story with attic, there being two front rooms each with fireplace, divided by a small hallway, and with three bedrooms along the rear. The kitchen wing to the west and the main house were later raised to provide for second floor rooms.
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<td>100 Piermont Avenue; NW corner Ruckman Ave; Edward Grosbeck House</td>
<td>pre-1840, early 19th c.</td>
<td>F</td>
<td>House; vernacular; 1½; replacement synthetic shingles with wavy edges; 5 bays, 6/gables; interior end chimneys, louvered shutters; early 20th c. full length porch with artistic concrete block foundation and bases to posts, replacement or reworked entrance door with upper glazing, stuccoed or cemented foundation, added front and rear large shed dormers, 1-story lean-to rear addition. On elevated site about 20' from sidewalk with 2½' concrete retaining wall along sidewalk. Now on small suburban lot with recent bi-level only about 25' to west. The Grosbeck House is among the oldest buildings extant in Hillsdale today and so occupies a place in the history of the area during its 19th century agricultural development period. The house has been modified but its massing, windows, and end chimneys document its age.</td>
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<td>0227-32</td>
<td>185 Piermont Avenue; Samuel Moore House</td>
<td>1853</td>
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<td>House, vernacular Downingesque; 2; clapboard; 5 bays (2 in ell); 2/2; gables; L-shaped, 3 bay porch across west section, 2-story c. 1890's polygonal bay at east with 1½ sash and gable roof; added central chimney, west chimney rebuilt with inappropriate white bricks, c. 1890's projecting entrance bay with Queen Anne style door with glazing with colored glass border. Set back about 50' to west is recent pseudo-Colonial Fyssac Bible Church Building, to the east is stream. This house is an attractive mid-19th century building which has an association with local black history. Garret F. Harling of River Vale in will of August 31, 1836, left his black employee Sam after Harling's widow's death 4 acres of land on the south side of Piermont Avenue. At the death of Mrs. Harling in 1853, Samuel Moore became the original part of this house and lived here until he sold it to Garret H. Moar in 1882. (Information from &quot;A Tour of Historic Houses in Hillsdale,&quot; Sept. 15, 1973, Hillsdale's 75 Anniversary Commemoration. Research probably by Howard Durie.) S. Moore, 1861; Sam'l Moore, 1876.</td>
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<td>333 Piermont Ave.; David Campbell House</td>
<td>pre-1861 early 19th c.</td>
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<td>House; vernacular; north section: 1½ stories, south section: 2 stories, replacement wood shingles; 5 bays (south section); 2, north section: 3; 6/6; gable; gable end faces street, house built in 2 parts but has continuous ridgepole, north section has eyebrow windows on upper story, 6/6 attic windows, brick interior end chimneys with rebuilt stacks, 1 bay, 1 story wing with shed roof attached to east side of south section, 1 bay mid-19th c. entrance porch on north section with added screens, stuccoed low foundation. Set back about 30’ from road, well house, walk archway and garage, suburban-sized lot. The Campbell House has a place in the history of Hillsdale as it is one of the oldest buildings extant in the Borough and its construction pre-dates the suburbanization of the area after 1870. The Campbell family resided here well into the 20th century and Peter D. Campbell is listed as a carpenter in the 1917-18 Directory. (D. Campbell, 1861; David Campbell, 1876; Peter D. Campbell, 1913).</td>
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<td>0227-34</td>
<td>415 Piermont Ave.; A. A. Hopper House</td>
<td>pre-1861 c. mid 19th c.</td>
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<td>House; vernacular with Arts and Crafts additions; 1½; replacement narrow clapboards with shingles on upper story; two bay east wing, 3 bay main block, 1 bay west wing, 6/6 except 3 lite eyebrow window on upper story of east wing and 6 lite casements or 1/1 on upper story of main block; gables with hip on west wing; interior end chimney on main block also mid 19th c. door with cast-iron grills over upper glazing and lower octagonal panels, similar door without cast-iron grills on east wing, louvered shutters, brick foundation on main section; early 20th century modifications include pent roof across main block extending into porch across east porch of Arts and Crafts character, gable hood over main entrance, reworked fenestration of east end with bay window, 2-story rear (south) wing attached to east section, 1 story wing attached to it, colossal pilaster on corners of west side of main block, small triangular windows over 2nd-story west windows, added 1 story west wing, wide clapboards (possibly early) on west and south of main section. House is set back about 20’ from side walk, cobblestone 2’ high retaining wall along sidewalk, garage in rear (south) yard, suburban-sized lot. The Hopper house dates to before 1861 and has early massing and interesting mid-19th century doors. It is a remnant of the pre-suburban history of Hillsdale, but also part of the community’s early 20th century suburban history. The house probably remained in the Hopper family into the 20th century as Abram A. Hopper is listed in a 1902 Directory covering Hillsdale. Sometime in the early 20th century the vernacular farmhouse was remodelled into a fashionable suburban cottage with Arts and Crafts embellishment. The composite design remains a very pleasing piece of architecture.</td>
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<td>0227-35</td>
<td>70(80) and 90 Stockton Street, NE corner Hillsdale Ave.; Wrightian Style Dorothy C. Baker House and International Style house</td>
<td>190: 1957, 1932</td>
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**Description:**
- House; Wrightian; 1-1½; yellow brick, vertical wood sheathing on upper story and north wing; irregular bays, some horizontally-grouped windows with single pane glazing; flat roofs; chimney part of south wall, sun screen wraps around building giving horizontal emphasis to eaves line of 1st story, overhanging eaves, naturalistic landscaping, hillside location, corner lot.
- House; International style; 2 with 1 story wings; white stucco except 1 story entrance and garage section has vertical boards; 3 bays; ribbon windows wrap around south corners; flat roofs; part with board siding may be added; typical suburban lot, just north of #90 Stockton.

These two houses are unusual in Hillsdale as they employ modern architectural ideals. Most suburban houses in Hillsdale are typical examples of builder's architecture. The house at #90 Stockton has the plan, wall surfaces, simple geometric massing, windows which turn corners, flat roofs, and other features typical of the International style, a architectural style which developed in Europe in the 1920's. The style was very new in the United States in 1912, making this Hillsdale example of added interest. Unfortunately the architect of this building is not currently known. It was designed and built in 1910 by S. Levine. The house at #70 Stockton owned by Dorothy Bates in 1910 shows the influence of the designs of Frank Lloyd Wright, particularly of his Prairie style and Usonian houses with horizontal lines and intimate relationship to setting. (Information on dates and owners from Rudy Appeld).

| 0227-36 | 27 Vincent Street; Blauvelt-Hering House | late 19th c, early 19th c, moved after 1913 | G |

**Description:**
- House; vernacular; 1½ with 1 story side wings; clapboards; main block, south side: 3 bays on 2nd story, 4 bays on 1st, north side: 5 bays, replacement, 6/6; gables, wood paneled shutters; 1 story east wing with garage & garage door facing street, 1 story west wing, brick end chimney, ventilation on roof hood over south entrance 1-bay porch for north entrance, cobblestone foundation.

This moved house's architectural integrity is questionable but it has local historical importance as one of the few early buildings in Hillsdale. Howard Hurlie gives its history in The Katlat Patem, p. 117:

This frame house originally stood on the east side of Broadway about 125 feet north of What Avenue, on the middle third of the farm of Arlo Blauvelt who lived at 230 Broadway.

Cornelius Blauvelt, son of Arlo, inherited this land at his father's death and probably lived here after his marriage to Catharina Heldrum (#22). On May 13, 1788, they sold the property to his brother, Christian A. Blauvelt, for the sum of 250 pounds.

Christian A. Blauvelt built his home here until his death in 1823, owning a total of about 100 acres of land by inheritance and purchase. In 1830, his son Aaron Blauvelt, sold the homestead and farm to Garret J. Hering for $2500. The house was enlarged and changed to its present appearance during the ownership of this family. They later adopted the Hering spelling of the name.

When the Hering farm was subdivided into the real estate development called "Hillsdale Manor," the old homestead was moved to its present location.
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<td>1920's-30's</td>
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<td>House; 20th c. Period House/Revival; 2½; stucco and half-timber, some brick nogging and half-timbering; irregular bays, metal casement windows; gables, multi-colored slates; massive exterior chimney on front (south facade), multi-unit, irregular masses, various rooflines, broad roofs, large property, set back about 100 feet from street. This house is an unusual building in Hillsdale, a community before 1950 of relatively modestly-scaled houses. This house is a large, picturesque, early 20th century mansion. In size and elaborateness it is closer to the Henry M. Wise Estate House nearby on the north side of Wierimus Lane in Woodcliff Lake (0268-8) than other buildings in Hillsdale. Further investigation is needed to determine if the Allens associated with this property in 1913 are related to Landy and Allen, the development firm active in Hillsdale real estate from 1940 on. (land in 1913 owned by Allen).</td>
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<td>300 Wierimus Road; A. Van Riper House</td>
<td>pre-1861, early 19th c.</td>
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<td>House; Federal; 2½; clapboard; 5, 6½; gable; interior end chimney, entrance with leaded side lights and transom, rear wings, entrance porch. Many Colonial Revival modifications of sympathetic character. It is difficult to tell which features are old and which early 19th century. The house backs on to the Garden State Parkway but has nicely landscaped grounds. The Van Riper House has historical significance as one of the older buildings extant in Hillsdale, and is also evidence of the evolution of Hillsdale from a rural agricultural area to a residential suburb. The former farmhouse was very attractively modified in the early 20th century into a suburban residence with Colonial Revival elements merging with early features. (A. Van Riper, 1861; R. H. Van Riper, 1876; Van Riper Est., 1902).</td>
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Plaque on Broadway Bridge
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1899 photograph of
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Brook Side Pines residence of John H. Riley.
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22 Magnolia Avenue
with 75 Lawrence Street in background
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32 Piermont Avenue. Photograph of house from about 1909; from Durie The Kakiat Patent, p. 119.
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APPENDIX

THE NEW JERSEY AND NATIONAL REGISTERS

The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of the Nation's cultural resources worthy of preservation. A National Register was first established in 1935 by the Historic Sites Act which directed the Secretary of the Interior to define those properties of national importance as National Historic Landmarks. The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (80 Stat. 915, as amended) expanded the nature of the National Register to include not only properties of national significance, but to also include districts, sites, structures, buildings and objects of state and local importance as well. To implement the 1966 Act, the Governor of each state was asked to designate a State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), to work in partnership with the U.S. Department of the Interior's National Register Office. For New Jersey, the SHPO is the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection.

The New Jersey Register of Historic Places is the official list of New Jersey's cultural resources. Created by the New Jersey Register of Historic Places Act of 1970 (N.J.S.A. 13:1B-15.128 et. seq.), the State Register is closely modeled after the National Register program. Both Registers have the same criteria for eligibility, nomination forms, and review process. Virtually every municipality in New Jersey has properties significant in architecture, history, archeology, engineering and/or culture eligible for the State and National Registers.

The State and National Registers provide a degree of review and protection from public encroachment. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, provides for review of any federally licensed, financed or assisted undertaking for properties listed on or eligible for the National Register. The State Register Law requires review of any state, county or municipal undertaking which encroaches on properties listed on the State Register.


In New Jersey, State and National Register nomination applications are prepared by individuals, cultural/historical organizations, government agencies, professional consultants and historic sites surveyors, and submitted to the SHPO. SHPO staff reviews these applications for eligibility and adequate documentation, and prioritizes them for final processing. Property owners and local officials are notified and given an opportunity to comment. A public meeting is held for historic districts. Applications are then presented to a State Review Committee made up of professionals in the fields of architecture, history, architectural history and archeology. If passed by the State Review Committee, the nomination application is sent to the SHPO. If signed by the SHPO, the property is listed on the State Register. The nomination is then forwarded to Washington for consideration for the National Register.

If a private property owner (or a majority of private property owners in a historic district) objects to National Register listing by notarized letter to the SHPO, the nomination is sent to the National Register Office for a Determination of Eligibility, but the property is not listed on the National Register. A Determination of Eligibility provides for review of federally sponsored encroachments, but tax benefits and disincentives will not apply unless the property is actually listed on the National Register.
Listing on the State and National Registers does not place restrictions on private property owner rights. Within the limits of municipal zoning laws, private property owners are free to utilize, renovate, alter, sell or demolish their properties.

In addition to inclusion on the State and National Registers, preservation of New Jersey's historic properties may be accomplished through local historic preservation ordinances. Although there is no state enabling legislation for local landmark or historic district ordinances at the present, over 40 municipalities have enacted some kind of local historic preservation ordinance. These vary from municipality to municipality in the authority granted to identify, designate and regulate historic properties. Some ordinances provide strong regulatory provisions including architectural review of alterations, demolition and new construction within the designated historic areas. Locally designated historic districts may be certified by the Secretary of the Interior for federal tax advantages.

Local landmarks and historic district regulations which may affect private property owner actions are completely separate from State and National Register regulations. The New Jersey and National Registers provide a degree of review and protection from public encroachments only.

For further information, contact the Department of Environmental Protection's Office of New Jersey Heritage, CN 402, Trenton, New Jersey 08625; Telephone (609) 292-2023.

September 1982

STATE AND NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA

The quality of significance in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture is present in districts, sites, buildings, structures and objects that possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association, and:

A. that are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; or

B. that are associated with the lives of persons significant in our past; or

C. that embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or

D. that have yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.
Ordinarily cemeteries, birthplaces or graves of historical figures, properties owned by religious institutions or used for religious purposes, structures that have been moved from their original locations, reconstructed historic buildings, properties primarily commemorative in nature, and properties that have achieved significance within the past 50 years shall not be considered eligible for the National Register. However, such properties will qualify if they are integral parts of districts that do meet the criteria or if they fall within the following categories:

A. a religious properties deriving primary significance from architectural or artistic distinction or historical importance; or

B. a building or structure removed from its original location but which is significant primarily for architectural value, or which is the surviving structure most importantly associated with a historic person or event; or

C. a birthplace or grave of a historical figure of outstanding importance if there is no other appropriate site or building directly associated with his productive life; or

D. a cemetery that derives its primary significance from graves of persons of transcendent importance, from age, from distinctive design features, or from association with historic events; or

E. a reconstructed building when accurately executed in a suitable environment and presented in a dignified manner as part of a restoration master plan, and when no other building or structure with the same association has survived; or

F. a property primarily commemorative in intent if design, age, tradition, or symbolic value has invested it with its own historical significance; or
G. A property achieving significance within the past 50 years if it is of exceptional importance.

Adapted from "State and National Registers Nomination Manual" prepared by the State of New Jersey's Office of New Jersey Heritage, Department of Environmental Services.
SELECTED READING LIST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

** Available for use in the Bergen County Office of Cultural and Historic Affairs
* Publications in library of T. Robins Brown and available for use upon request in Bergen County Office of Cultural and Historic Affairs.
Library call numbers refer to collections of Johnson Public Library, Hackensack 274 Main Street, and of the Bergen County Historical Society. The Bergen County Historical Society's collection is located in the Johnson Library, but has a separate card catalogue.

I Historic Preservation, General


** R974.9J95

II Historic Surveys, Methodology


* R720.973.M19

** National Register Division, U.S. Department of Interior, How to Complete National Register Forms, Jan 1977, and Guidelines for multiple resource and thematic group nominations.

** Office of New Jersey Heritage, New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, State and National Register Nomination Manual, no date.


III Research Guides


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IV Industrial Archeology


V Architectural Dictionaries


VI American Architectural History


VII Care, Repair, Restoration


American Association for State and Local History, Technical Leaflets. Topics include research, nail chronology, how to avoid mistakes in restoring a house. Catalog of publications available AASLA, 1400 Eighth Ave., S., Nashville, TN 37203


**Cynthia Howard, Your House in the Street Car Suburb (Medford MA.) (Cambridge, MA: Cynthia Howard, 1979) Available for $6.50 from C. Howard AIA & Asso., 34 Ash Street, Cambridge, MA. 02138


Available for $5.50 from Planning Dept, City Hall, 6th Floor 1421 Washington Street, Oakland, CA 94612.

* Old - House Journal, monthly publication dealing with techniques for restoring, decorating, and preserving old houses. Yearly subscription available for $16.00 from O-H-J 69 A Seventh Avenue Brooklyn, N.Y. 11217.

* Old-House Journal 1983-Catalog, a buyers' guide to products and services for owners of houses built before 1939. Available for $9.95 from O-HJ, 69 A Seventh Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. 11217

* Preservation League of New York State, A Primer Preservation for the Property Owner and Technical Series. Topics include paint restoration, stone restoration, storefront rehabilitation. A list of publications is available from PLNYS, 307 Hamilton St., Albany, NY. 12210.


Catalogs of Historic Preservation Publications

** "AASLH Books and Technical Leaflets," available from American Association for State and Local History, 708 Berry Road, Nashville, TN 37204.

** "Historic Preservation Bibliography, Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service," available from The Interior, Washington, DC 20243

** "National Trust Preservation Book Shop Catalogue" available from Preservation Shops, National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1600 H Street NW, Washington, DC. 20006


IX

** Historic Preservation Legislation


** Municipal Ordinances for Historic Preservation, 1983.

These and related publications available from C&MGSC, 115 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625.
### National, public

**Advisory Council on Historic Preservation**  
1522 K Street, N.W., Suite 430  
Washington, DC 20005  
Tel: 202-254-3967 or -3974  
The primary policy advisor to President and Congress on matters of preservation.  
Publications.

**National Park Service**  
U. S. Department of Interior  
Washington, DC 20240  
202-343-1100  

**National Park Service**  
Northeast Regional Office  
600 Arch Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19106  
Tel: 215-597-0652  

### National, private

**American Association for State and Local History**  
708 Berry Road  
Nashville, Tennessee 37204-2804  
Tel: 615-242-5583  
Membership organization serving historical societies, museums, and historians. Many publications on preservation topics.

**Historic House Association of America**  
1600 H Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20006  
Tel: 202-673-4025  
Membership organization for owners of historic houses. Provides technical advice, has conferences. Publications.

**National Trust for Historic Preservation**  
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20036  
Tel: 202-673-4000  
The largest membership preservation organization. Provides professional advice. Has grant program, conferences. Publications.

**The Old-House Journal**  
69A Seventh Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11217  
Tel: 212-636-4514  
Subscription publication with how-to information for owners of pre 1930 houses. Also yearly catalog of suppliers of products and services for old houses.

**Preservation Action**  
1700 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 400A  
Washington D.C. 20009  
Tel: 202-659-0915  
A membership organization which is the national citizen's lobby for historic preservation. A publisher of Preservation Network Alert, providing information on current and pending legislation affecting historic preservation.
New Jersey, public
New Jersey Historical Commission
113 W. State Street, CN 520
Trenton, NJ 08625
Tel: 609-292-6062
Conducts survey of Black Historic Places in New Jersey, promotes knowledge of and preservation of the history of New Jersey. Publications.

Office of New Jersey Heritage (Formerly Office of Historic Preservation)
Department of Environmental Protection
CN 402
Labor and Industry Bldg., Room 707
Trenton, NJ 08625
Tel: 609-292-2023

New Jersey, private
Association of New Jersey Landmark Commissions
c/o B.William G. Bryant
15 Autumn Lane
Middletown, NJ 07748
Tel: 201-671-0101
Serves local landmark commission members by holding educational conferences.

Preservation New Jersey Inc.
RD 4, Box 864
Mapleton Road
Princeton, NJ 08540
Tel: 609-452-1754
Joan Gearren, Executive Director
Membership preservation organization. Provides professional advice, holds conferences. Publishes Preservation Perspective, NJ with Office of New Jersey Heritage.

Bergen County, public
Bergen County Cultural and Heritage Commission
355 Main Street
Hackensack, NJ 07601
Tel: 201-646-2882
Advises on the development of county programs to promote public interest in local and county history and in the arts.

Bergen County Historic Sites Advisory Board
355 Main Street
Hackensack, NJ 07601
Tel: 201-646-2882
Advises Board of Chosen Freeholders on historic preservation including Bergen County Stone House Survey and Bergen County Historic Sites Survey.

Bergen County Office of Cultural and Historic Affairs
355 Main Street
Hackensack, NJ 07601
Tel: 201-646-2882; Bergen County Historic Sites Survey: 201-646-2323.
Ruth Van Wagoner, Administrator; T. Robins Brown, Historic Sites Survey Coordinator.
Administrative arm of Bergen County Cultural and Heritage Commission and of the
Bergen County Historic Sites Advisory Board. Conducts Historic Sites Survey. Serves as a central clearing house for county arts and historical organizations. Maintains preservation information files. Repository for reports of Bergen County Stone House Survey and Bergen County Historic Sites Survey.

Bergen County, private
Information on Bergen County historical societies and on historic sites and museums is contained in "Cultural Directory for Bergen County" and in the "Bergen County Cultural Calendar" both available gratis from Bergen County Office of Cultural and Historic Affairs, 355 Main Street, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601.

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CRITERIA FOR INCLUSION IN THE BERGEN COUNTY HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

The survey includes sites, buildings, structures, streetscapes and districts dating from the period prior to recorded history, referred to as "pre-history" (i.e., "Indian Cultures"), on to current time.

Types of sites included are:

1. **Agricultural**, including barns, farmhouses, sheds, minor outbuildings and fences.

2. **Commercial**, including stores, office buildings, banks, restaurants, taverns, markets, warehouses, spas, utility company buildings and gas stations.

3. **Educational**, including schools, academies, colleges, universities, museums, libraries, theatres, concert halls, opera houses and zoos.

4. **Governmental**, including courthouses, city halls, town halls, borough halls, civic centers, jails, post offices, custom houses, firehouses, police stations and firehouses.

5. **Industrial**, including mills, factories, foundries, furnaces, breweries, tanneries, ropewalks, mines, quarries, kilns, windmills, water mains, dams and machinery.

6. **Landscape Architecture**, including commons, squares, parks, gardens, greens, cemeteries, gazebos, monuments, pavilions, fences, fountains, paving and street furniture such as benches, street lights and statues.

7. **Medical**, including hospitals, sanitariums, infirmaries, clinics and dispensaries.

8. **Military**, including arsenals, armories, forts, barracks, camp sites, reservations and battlegrounds.

9. **Recreational**, including racetracks, amphitheatres, swimming pools, gymnasiums, bandstands, stadiums, playing fields, courts, parks and cinemas.
10. Religious, including churches, chapels, synagogues, meeting houses, seminaries, convents, burial vaults and mausoleums.

11. Residential, including houses, cottages, apartment buildings, tenements, industrial housing complexes, hotels and motels.

12. Scientific and technological, including laboratories, test sites and agricultural stations.

13. Social, including lodges, clubhouses, fraternity houses and amusement parks.

14. Transportation, including paths, trails, milestones, railroads, canals, ferries, bridges, aqueducts, viaducts, airports, tollhouses, lighthouses, tunnels, subways, stables, carriage houses, garages, car barns, road markers, boats, ships and train stations.

Other, Architectural curiosities and archeological sites.

The criteria used in the selection of sites to be included in the Survey, are whether the sites:

a. Are important to the general development of the area and the unique cultural heritage of their communities.

b. Are significant examples of an architectural style or period.

c. Are representative examples of vernacular architecture of the area.

d. Are associated with important persons or groups, with a social or political movement, or with an historical event.

e. Are significant examples of structural or engineering techniques.

f. Are significant in their setting, such as landscaping, planning or other aspects of the environment, either natural or manmade.

g. Constitute a cohesive grouping of sites which meet one or more of the above criteria, so as to justify an historic district, or thematic grouping of sites.
These criteria are less rigid than those of the National and New Jersey Registers of Historic Places. Consideration is given to sites of national, state and, in particular, local significance. The locally significant buildings, structures, and districts are of importance to Bergen County and its seventy municipalities.
SUMMARY OF PRESERVATION TAX INCENTIVES
IN THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY TAX ACT OF 1981
AS AMENDED BY THE TAX EQUITY AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT OF 1982

Major changes affecting tax treatment of investment in the rehabilitation of historic structures are part of the new tax act, the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981 (PL 97-34). The new law as amended by the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 provides the following:

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW:

- Repeals 5-year amortization provision
- Repeals accelerated depreciation provision
- Repeals 10% investment tax credit and replaces it with tiered investment tax credit
- Repeals straightline disincentive, making a new structure on the site of a demolished historic building eligible for accelerated depreciation

PROVISIONS OF NEW LAW:

- Provides a new accelerated cost recovery system with electable fixed depreciation lives of 15, 35, and 45 years. Accelerated depreciation of 200% for low income housing and 175% for all commercial buildings (old or new) may be elected. (This provision is effective to Jan. 1, 1981).

- Allows investment tax credit (ITC) for rehabilitation:
  15% for buildings at least 30 years old
  20% for buildings at least 40 years old
  25% for certified rehabilitation of certified historic structures

- Only 25% historic category includes ITC for residential rental rehabilitation.

- Only 25% historic category may depreciate 87.5% rehab cost at straight line over a 15-year accelerated cost recovery period because this category is exempt from full adjustment to basis rule.

  Example: $100,000 certified rehab of certified historic structure. The 25% ITC of $25,000 can be deducted from taxes owed and $87,500 can be depreciated over a 15-year period.

  Example: $100,000 rehab of a 40-year old building. The 20% ITC of $20,000 can be deducted from taxes owed but only the remainder - $80,000 - can be depreciated over a 15-year period.

- Requires project to meet "substantial rehabilitation" test to qualify for ITC. Rehab costs must exceed $5,000 or the adjusted basis of the building, whichever is greater.

- Lessees with at least a 15-year lease qualify for the ITC.

- Structures leased to tax-exempt organizations and governmental entities now qualify for ITC (this provision is effective retroactive to July 30, 1980).

- Owner-occupant may take credit for that portion of the building that is income-producing.
EFFECTIVE DATE: JANUARY 1, 1982

TRANSITION RULES: All projects begun on or after 1/1/82 must meet the requirements of the new law to utilize the new investment tax credit. Projects in process become subject to the new law on 1/1/82. This means that expenses incurred before that date will be subject to the provisions of the old law, and expenses incurred on or after that date will be subject to the provisions in the new law.

EXCEPTION: If the expenses incurred after 1/1/82 on a project in process are not sufficient to meet the substantial rehabilitation test, the project may continue under the old law until completion of the project.

Early calculations indicate that the new ITC combined with 15-year straight-line depreciation is a better incentive for preservation than any other tax treatment currently available, including that for new construction.

For further information on the new tax law and application procedures, contact William Forwood of the Office of New Jersey Heritage, Department of Environmental Protection, CN 402; Trenton, NJ - 08625, telephone: 609-292-2025.