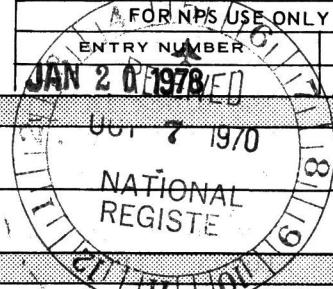


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INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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COUNTY:	Camden	
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NATIONAL REGISTER		



1. NAME

COMMON: *** Walt Whitman Historic Micro District**
 AND/OR HISTORIC: *neighborhood*

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: **332, 330, 328 & 326 Mickle Street**CITY OR TOWN: **Camden**

STATE

New Jersey

CODE

34

COUNTY

Camden

CODE

007

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Buildings <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Being Considered for addition sites	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) borders urban renewal area <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific			

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments borders urban renewal area
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<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Whitman House)

STREET AND NUMBER:

Box 1390, John Fitch Plaza

CITY OR TOWN:

Trenton

STATE:

New Jersey

CODE

34
 STATE:
New Jersey
COUNTY:
Camden

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

Camden County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Camden

STATE

New Jersey

CODE

34
 COUNTRY:
Camden

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory #587.9DATE OF SURVEY: **1961** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

Office of Historic Preservation

STREET AND NUMBER:

109 West State Street 08625

CITY OR TOWN:

Trenton

STATE:

New Jersey

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
(Check One)			(Check One)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered			<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered			
			<input type="checkbox"/> Moved			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site						
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE						
<p>The block in which Walt Whitman lived is being reconsidered here as a district. The house is already on the Register as a Registered National Historic Landmark.</p> <p>The block is bordered by Mickle Street, 3rd and 4th Avenues, and Stevens Street to the south. Most of this block, although in deteriorated condition, contain houses and buildings that were there during Whitman's stay in Camden and are vital in interpreting life in the area as Whitman saw it.</p> <p>His house, those to either side and those on the rest of the block to the south are remnants of city dwellings of the late nineteenth century, typical row houses, two or three stories high with a long hallway and stairs that went up to two or three bedrooms. Some were built with fireplaces and some without. Most were constructed of brick.</p> <p>Of the twenty buildings that remain in the block, only fifteen can be reclaimed. The others are very deteriorated.</p> <p>A block plan has been attached to this nomination which shows the configuration of the buildings, where they are located on the block and generally which ones the State of New Jersey hopes to acquire, restore, and use in the development of a Walt Whitman historic district.</p> <p>Presently the block is bordered by urban renewal projects most of which have not gotten any further than demolition. Several of the buildings adjacent to the Whitman House are falling apart and the area can only be described as an urban slum. The state plan hopes to turn one block into an historic, cultural, and civic area.</p> <p>This information is largely correct. 12-19-70 mrs</p> <p>RECEIVED OCT 7 1970 NATIONAL REGISTER</p>						

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Walt Whitman Historical District

Camden
New Jersey 34
Camden 007

#6 Historic American Buildings Survey NJ 6-69

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Washington, D.C. 08



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Contained in the following is a description of the dwellings on Mickle Street, City of Camden, which comprise the Walt Whitman Historic District.

These row houses from east to west are #332, 330, 328 and 326. The Walt Whitman house is the earliest, dating from 1848 and is the only frame building in the row. It originally stood independently as a detached house.

The other three remaining row houses are three story brick. #332 and 328 are similar and were probably built at the same time, c. 1870's. These built on each side of the Walt Whitman house, forming a continuous row. At the time of the construction of the brick row houses, the frame Walt Whitman house was altered to accommodate a walkway to the rear yard. For this the first floor end wall was removed and the second floor was supported by the brick wall of the added row house. These two brick row houses are 17 feet wide with a side hall plan. Each of the three floors has two windows on the front. The low pitched gable roofs have a simple bracketed cornice. The plan for #328 consists of a side hall with a front and rear parlor, and a rear wing. The front parlor has a simple white marble mantel and the room above has a simple wood mantel.

The third brick row house #326 was built shortly after and is tied into the end wall of #328. It is 15 feet wide and has two windows per floor. The third floor is incorporated in a slate mansard roof with two dormers and bracketed cornice.

STRUCTURE

3. SIGNIFICANCE

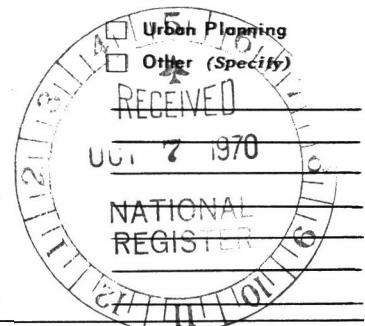
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1884-1892

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Walt Whitman is significant as one of the great poets of the nineteenth century. His house already has National Register status.

Because of the industrialization and highway building contemplated for this area, it is vital that the block be considered an historic district in order to maintain the physical appearance of the area as Whitman viewed it.

It is still a good example of the city row-house dwellings that were prevalent during the 19th century.

A master plan prepared by the Department of Environmental Protection has just been completed. It includes land use in the area for an historic house museum, other dwellings to be rented out for commercial or professional use in keeping with the spirit of the plan, open space, park, etc. The plan has a priority list, a cost estimate, and a development plan for the historical, recreational, and cultural development of the block.

A copy of the plan will be sent for examination in the consideration of this nomination if requested. *

The entire area is on the opposite side of the Delaware River from the Independence Hall complex in Philadelphia and could play a vital role to the expected millions of visitors who will come to the area during the Bicentennial.

* A copy of the Walt Whitman District Plan has been included in Appendix M of the Preliminary Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan of the State of New Jersey. This plan was delivered to the office of Mr. S. Sydney Bradford

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- Keller, Elizabeth Leavitt, Walt Whitman in Mickle Street.
 Wescott, Ralph W. Walt Whitman in Camden. N.J. Dept. of Conservation
 and Economic Development and the Walt Whitman Foundation.
 Trenton, New Jersey, 1952
 Donaldson, Thomas. Walt Whitman, The Man. New York, Francis P.
 Harper, 1896

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		OR	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds			Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SW	o , "	o , "					

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 acre

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

STATE:	RECEIVED DEC 7 1970 NATIONAL REGIS.	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:		CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Revised, George A. Chidley IV, Research Historian
Bud I. Wilson, Archaeologist

ORGANIZATION: Office of Historic Preservation, Dept. Env. Prot., N.J. DATE: Re 8/5/70 12/8/77

STREET AND NUMBER: 109 West State Street 08625

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

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local Name: Ronald WilsonTitle: Commissioner, Department of Environmental ProtectionDate: September 11, 1970

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

Wm. Hunter
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Date: 1/20/78

ATTEST:

Charles E. Hines
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 1/18/78

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The Walt Whitman Historic District is comprised of those dwellings still extant after the recent urban renewal project, which eliminated most of the district as previously presented.

The remaining dwellings are important to the area for they are the last remanents of the neighborhood in which Walt Whitman lived. In fact, if the buildings adjacent the Walt Whitman House (a National Historic Landmark) were removed, it would leave the dwelling with an unnatural appearance. Also, if removed, the structural soundness of the Whitman House would be itself threatened.

This district is a good representative example of the typical housing of the 1860's and 70's, having incorporated an earlier existing frame house within the row. These were middle income, narrow lot, three story houses and are similar to the many blocks of row houses which once filled the surrounding area.

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the Walt Whitman Historic District is shown as the red line on the accompanying map entitled "Map of the City of Camden, New Jersey, 1976."

The nominated property occupies city lots 18, 17, 15, 14 in block 67 and is approximately one acre in size.

A list of property owners is as follows:

1. 332 (lot #18): T. Ray, 330 Mickle Street, Camden City, Camden County, New Jersey.
2. 330 (lot #17): State of New Jersey, Dept. of Environmental Protection, Box 1390, Trenton, Mercer County, New Jersey.
3. 328 (lot #15): State of New Jersey, Dept. of Environmental Protection, Box 1390, Trenton, Mercer County, New Jersey.
4. 326 (lot #14): name unknown, Box 692, New London, Connecticut.

U.T.M. References:

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WALT WHITMAN HISTORIC DISTRICT N.Y.

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10/7/70

Do we need any photos of other buildings? S. Marcus
ap. 11/10/70

I think this will require more thought. A block does not constitute the best kind of
district. The map is not adequate for review purposes. We are simply going
to need more data. B.L. 11/16/70

Agree with Ben, but I hope they can justify it; Camden Chambers
needs something 11-17-70

We need photos of the whole area before making a decision. The idea is a good one, Ed
but do the bldgs. merit recognition? If they are rehabilitated, what use will
they have, and who will maintain them? 11/19/70

HABS, 1936

10-7-70-24



conference - return for additional
photos, significance to
support entry as district.
S.M.
12/10/70

~~DO NOT SIGN THIS PROPERTY IN THE PAST~~~~THIS PROPERTY Walt Whitman Historic District~~

The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form for the Walt Whitman House has been returned to your office because the information checked below has not met all criteria or has been incorrectly supplied.

Insufficient locational information.

Comments: _____

Geographical location codes missing or incorrect.

Classification (Item #3) incomplete.

Comments: _____

Owner of property/location of legal description necessary.

Comments: _____

No Bibliography.

Acreage of nomination is not given.

Comments: _____

Longitude and latitude coordinates lacking, incorrect, or in wrong place.

Form is not signed by the State Liaison Officer (Item #12).

XXX Photograph/map form(s) (10-301) required for each photograph/map.

Please send us a few photographs of the other houses on the block, or of the houses surrounding the Whitman House. This is necessary to understand the insufficient map coverage of property. *This is necessary to understand the context of the district.*

Comments: _____

Description (Item #7).

Comments: _____

XXX Statement of Significance (Item #8).

Comments: Please include in the statement of significance a paragraph or two supporting nomination of the houses within the area as a district. Are they related historically or rather architecturally?

Xerox forms unacceptable.

Comments: _____

XXX Other

Comments: We are not returning the report on the Whitman House, as it was not necessary. It will be held in our office pending resubmission of the property.

The inadequacies noted above must be rectified prior to the initiation of our professional review process. Correction of these technical errors does not necessarily indicate that the nomination will then meet all other National Register criteria.

Property <u>Walt Whitman H.D. Neighborhood</u>		<u>2nd Control Sheet</u>
State <u>N.J.</u>	Working Number <u>10.7.70.24</u>	78001752 Camden
TECHNICAL		CONTROL
Photos <u>2</u>	Maps <u>1, Sketch</u>	PL <u>OK 12-16-77</u>
<p>maybe this should be "buildings" not a district. Whitman lived in his house 1884 - 1892 - so these houses were an integral part of his neighborhood.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Sleepy accept 12-19-77</p>		
HISTORIAN		
<p>Little improvement over the initial nomination. Urban renewal was apparently destroyed everything else in the area. The future of the building immediately adjacent to W. Whitman house now looks to be in doubt. I am accepting date to need to keep last houses around the NHL.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Accept Braham 12-17-77</p>		
<p>Terry Narshner agreed to name change</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ARCHEOLOGIST</p>		
 <p style="text-align: right;">OTHER</p>		
<p style="text-align: right;">HAER</p> <p>Inventory _____ Review _____</p>		
<p>REVIEW UNIT CHIEF</p> <p>State is sending waiver - rear wall of adjacent property collapsed</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Accept Browne 12/20/77</p>		
<p>Given urban demolition of surrounding, this has taken a validity as a whole</p> <p style="text-align: right;">BRANCH CHIEF</p> <p>Thus support NHL</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Henry 1-18-78</p>		
<p style="text-align: right;">KEEPER</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Dra 1/20/78</p>		
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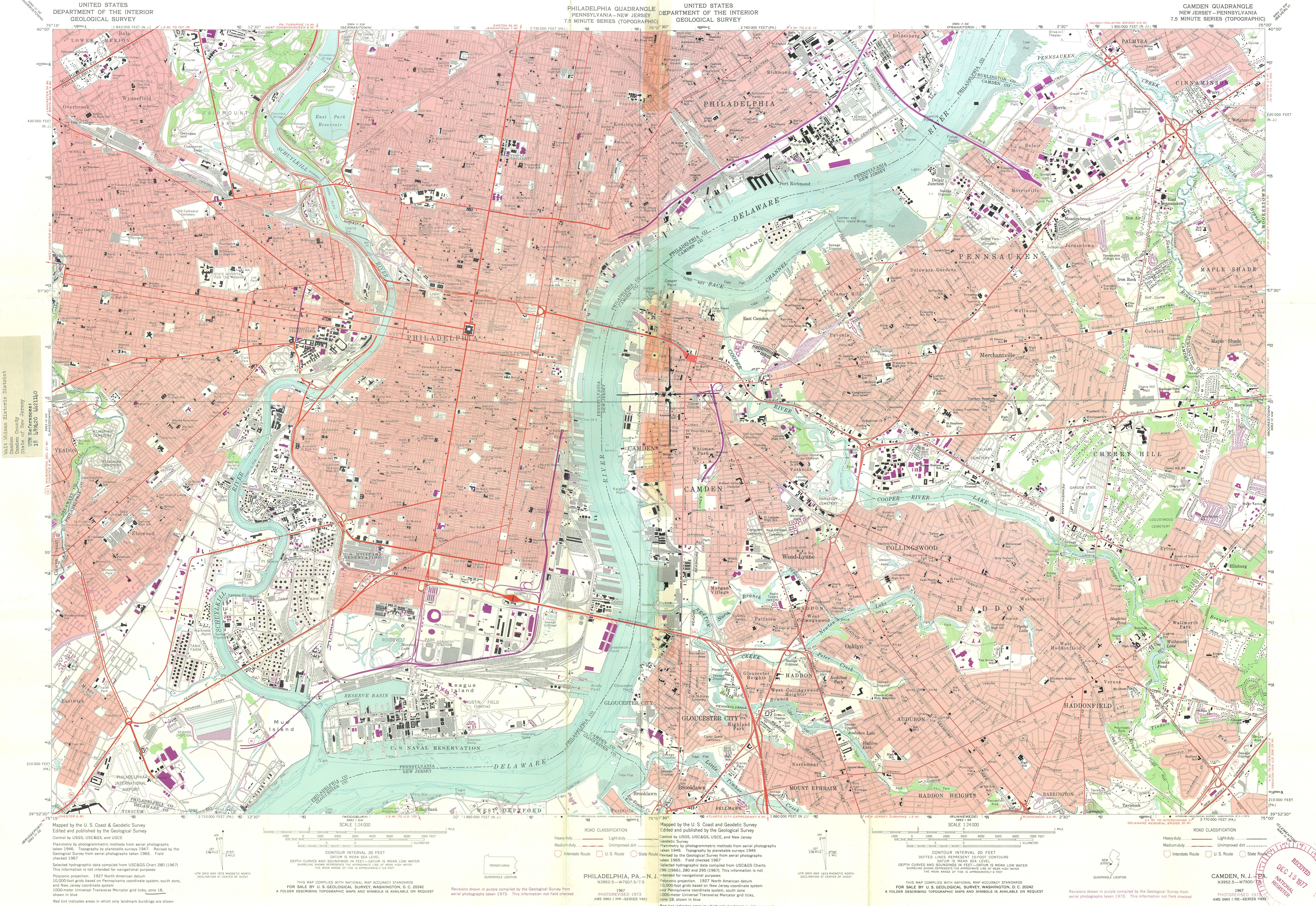
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CAMDEN

NEW JERSEY

CITY OF CAMDEN BUREAU OF ENGINEERING

Revised as of this date JAN 1 1976







State of New Jersey

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

TRENTON 08625

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

September 14, 1970

Mr. William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
National Park Service
801 19th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Mr. Murtagh:

I am pleased to nominate the following historic and architectural sites in New Jersey to the National Register of Historic Places:

Absecon Lighthouse	Morven
Allaire, Deserted Village	Old Barracks
Atsion Village	Old Dutch
Batsto Village	Oxford Furnace
Barnegat Lighthouse	Proprietary House (The Westminster)
Boxwood Hall	Rockingham
Dey Mansion	Somers Mansion
Douglass House	<u>Speedwell Village</u>
Hancock House	Von Steuben House
Indian King	<u>Twin Lights (Navesink Lighthouse)</u>
Marshall House	<u>Wallace House</u>
Merriam House	<u>Walt Whitman District</u>

These historic sites have received unanimous approval of the State Review Committee which met on August 14, 1970. Should you want any information concerning these applications, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard J. Sullivan".

Richard J. Sullivan
Commissioner





State of New Jersey

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

DIVISION OF PARKS AND FORESTRY
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO
P. O. BOX 1420
TRENTON, N. J. 08625

December 19, 1977

Dr. William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
National Park Service
U. S. Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

As owner of #328 and #330 Mickle Street, Camden, nominated for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places as the Walt Whitman micro-district, the Division of Parks and Forestry in the Department of Environmental Protection, State of New Jersey, waives all right to comment on this nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alfred T. Guido".

Alfred T. Guido
Acting Director

ATG/JWB/mw

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INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE ATTACHED

EXHIBITS OR MAPS ATTACHED

PHOTOGRAPH ATTACHED

DATE REC'D

INITIALS

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE NEW JERSEY

Date Entered JAN 20 1978

Name

Location

Walt Whitman Neighborhood

Camden
Camden County

Also Notified

Hon. Harrison A. Williams, Jr.

Hon. Clifford P. Case

Hon. James J. Florio

Regional Director, North Atlantic Region

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. Rocco D. Ricci
Acting Commissioner, Department of
Environmental Protection
P.O. Box 1420
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

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1/24/78