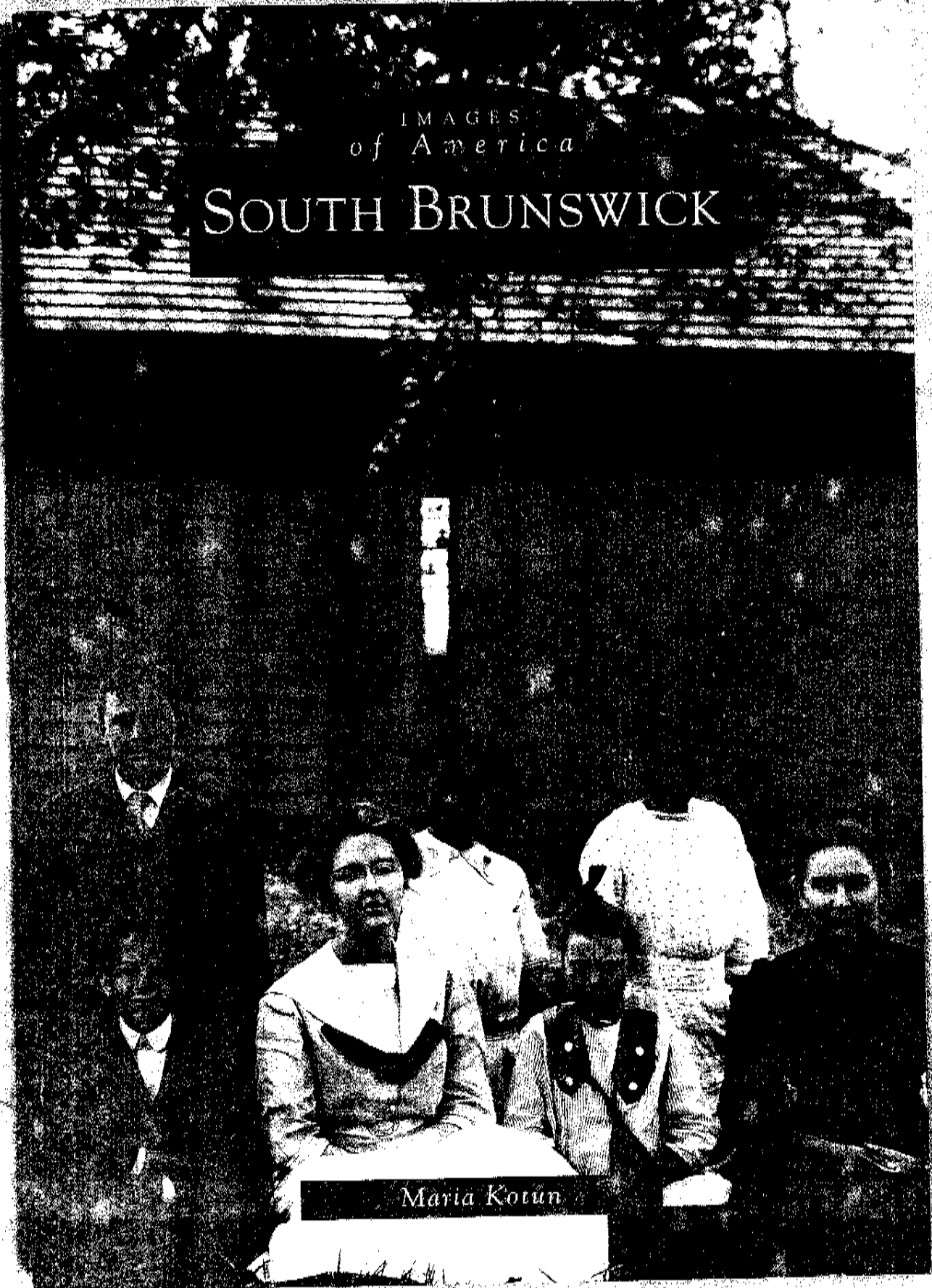
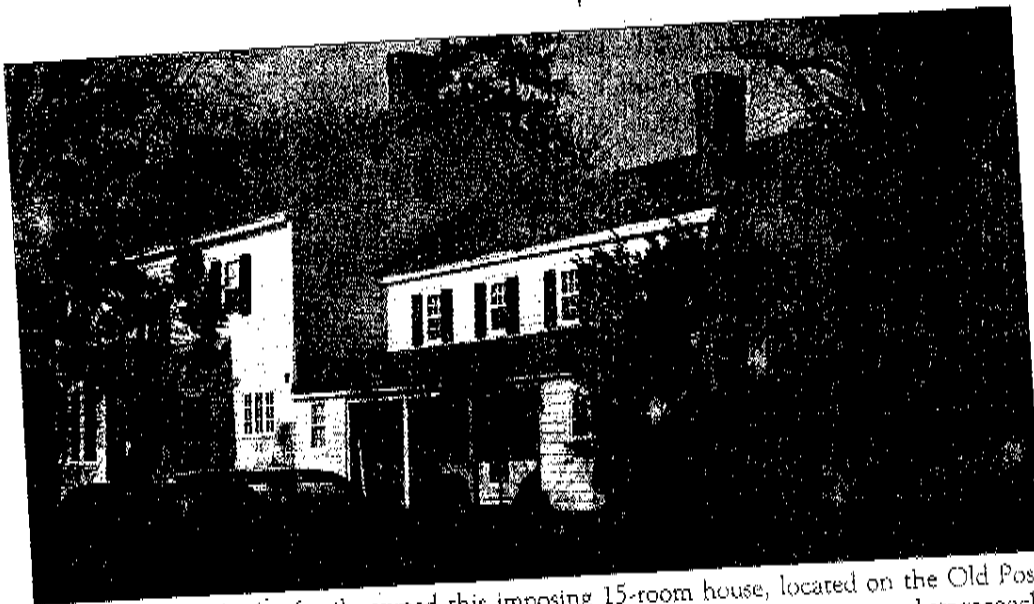


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Members of the Bayles family owned this imposing 15-room house, located on the Old Post Road, now known as Main Street, in Kingston. It is said to have been a tavern and stagecoach stop on the Old Post Road. William Bayles purchased the house and land c. 1850. During this time, he served as a director of the Gulick Stage Line and the Princeton Bank. In 1857 and 1858, he served on the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, representing South Brunswick. In 1876, Alexander Bayles, a farmer, acquired this home. In the 20th century, it was sold to a developer and still stands today.



In 1851, Isaac Chandler Withington sold the Withington Estate, located on Spruce Lane in Kingston, to the state of New Jersey. Gov. George Fort purchased the 75-acre tract on behalf of the state to construct a "House of Refuge"—a shelter for juveniles in need of "correctional reformation." The central portion of the house was built immediately, but a lack of state funds resulted in the project being abandoned. Withington, whose permanent residence was in New York City, purchased the property back for use as a summer retreat. Owners of the Withington Estate in the 20th century have included Joseph Garneau, a wine distributor, and Grace Cook, whose husband was a stockbroker.



This 1891 photograph shows the south side of Old Run Reformed Church. The Evans family (Brooklyn, I Phillips (housekeeper, 1 year-old mother, A. Evans conveyed the house, now occupied as a p



The farmhouse on the road to Dear Franklin Park (it was a mail cartie



Site 51-B: Robert Bayles House, Route 27, South Brunswick Township, New Jersey. View looking south-southwest.

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BUILDING/ELEMENT ATTACHMENT

BUILDING STRUCTURE OBJECT

Common Name: Bayles House

Historic Name: _____

Present Use: No Activity

Historic Use: Residential, permanent

Construction Date: circa 1750 Source: New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Historic Preservation Individual Structure Survey form No. 1221-9. On File,

Alteration Date(s): _____ Source: _____

Designer: _____

Physical Condition: Good

Builder: _____

Remaining Historic Fabric: Medium

Style: Georgian

Form (B): Center Hall

Stories (B): 2.5

Type (B,S): _____

Bays(B): 5

Roof Finish Materials (B,S): Slate

Exterior Finish Materials: Wood, Clapboard

Exterior Description:

This Georgian Residence consists of two parts: a the main block that is a symmetrical 5-bay vernacular Georgian plan with a centrally located entryway door that possesses a classically ordered entrance topped by a transom; and a four-bay addition to the north reflecting the existing block with similar massing and building fabric. There are three interior brick chimney spaced evenly along the length of the house within the roof ridge. Throughout the house are found 6/6 double-hung windows. The house sits atop a stone rubble foundation.

Interior Description:

Access to the interior was not available.

Setting:

The residence is located on the south side of New Jersey Route 27. The property includes a stone smokehouse and a vertical plank barn. It is sited among late-20th century residential developments. The lot is somewhat poorly maintained and the building is currently unoccupied. The lot is bordered at the road by a incomplete row of tall hedges.

Survey Name: South Brunswick Historic Survey

Date: 8/5/2002

Surveyor: _____

Organization: Hunter Research, Inc.

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BUILDING/ELEMENT ATTACHMENT

BUILDING STRUCTURE OBJECT

Common Name: Bayles Shed

Historic Name: _____

Present Use: No Activity

Historic Use: Unclassifiable Activities

Construction Date: circa 1860 Source: Visual Inspection

Alteration Date(s): _____ Source: _____

Designer: _____

Physical Condition: Good

Bullder: _____

Remaining Historic Fabric: Medium

Style: None Vernacular

Form (B): _____

Stories (B): 1

Type (B,S): Shed

Bays(B): 1

Roof Finish Materials (B,S): Slate

Exterior Finish Materials: Wood, Clapboard

Exterior Description:

This shed is topped by a front gable roof with partial returns and features a single entryway on the southern façade and a fixed sash window. The building is sheathed in clapboard, and rests atop a masonry foundation. The shed is located adjacent to a stone smokehouse.

Interior Description:

Access to the interior was not available.

Setting:

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Property Name: Bayles Shed



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BUILDING/ELEMENT ATTACHMENT

BUILDING STRUCTURE OBJECT

Common Name: Bayles Smokehouse

Historic Name: _____

Present Use: No Activity

Historic Use: Food Preservation

Construction Date: circa 1750 Source: Visual Inspection

Alteration Date(s): _____ Source: _____

Designer: _____

Physical Condition: Good

Builder: _____

Remaining Historic Fabric: Medium

Style: None Vernacular

Form (B): _____

Stories (B): 1

Type (B,S): Smokehouse

Bays(B): 1

Roof Finish Materials (B,S): Wood, Shingle

Exterior Finish Materials: Stone, Rubble

Exterior Description:

This front gable stone rubble smokehouse is fitted with a wood door in the gable peak, and a wood entryway door on the northern façade. Both doors are fitted with iron strap hinges.

Interior Description:

Access to the interior was not available.

Setting:

The residence is located on the south side of New Jersey Route 27. The property includes a stone smokehouse and a vertical plank barn. It is sited among late-20th century residential developments. The lot is somewhat poorly maintained and the building is currently unoccupied. The lot is bordered at the road by an incomplete row of tall hedges.

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Property Name: Bayles Smokehouse



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ELIGIBILITY WORKSHEET

Historic Site #

History:

The farm was originally part of the Ormiston Patent and was acquired by the Bayles Family in 1708, remaining in their possession throughout most of the 19th century, and may have been a tavern and stage stop at some point in its history. Former owner W.G. Bayles, in partnership with John Gulick, worked as a director of the Gulick stage line, the Princeton Bank, and the Kingston and Princeton Branch Turnpike, and was highly involved in the transportation and business circles of the Princeton Kingston area. The house appears on the Otley and Keily map of Middlesex County from 1850.

Statement of Significance:

This Bayles Homestead is significant to South Brunswick both for its well preserved architectural integrity, as well as for its strong historical associations with the locally prominent Bayles Family.

Eligibility for New Jersey
and National Registers: Yes No

National
Register Criteria: A B C D

Level of Significance: Local State National

Justification of Eligibility/Ineligibility:

This Residence is eligible for both the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places under Criteria 'A' for its association with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; and under Criteria 'C' for embodying the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction.



Narrative Boundary Description:

This residential building occupies lot 11.01 of tax block 97. The parcel is bordered by New Jersey Route 27 to the north; and numerous residential lots to the west, south and east.

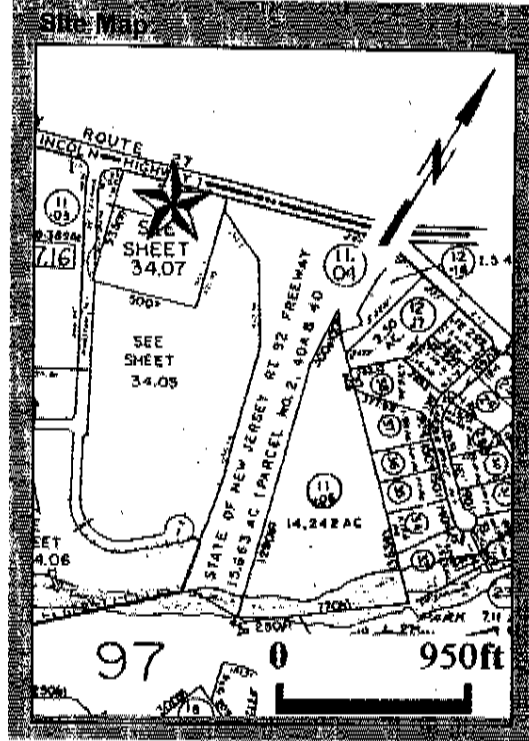
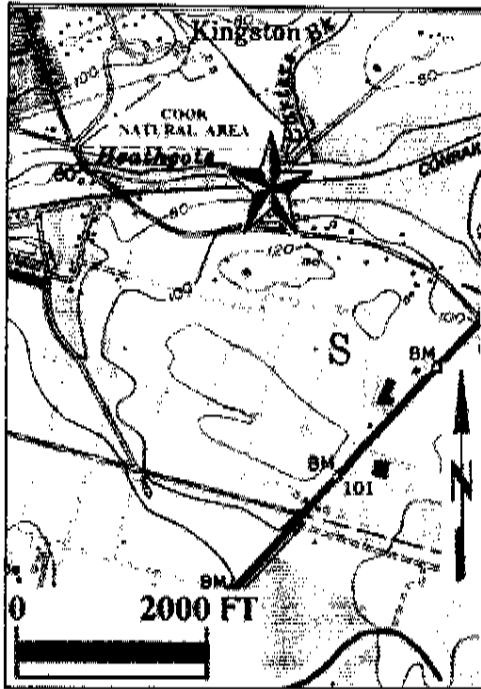
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BASE SURVEY FORM

Location Map:



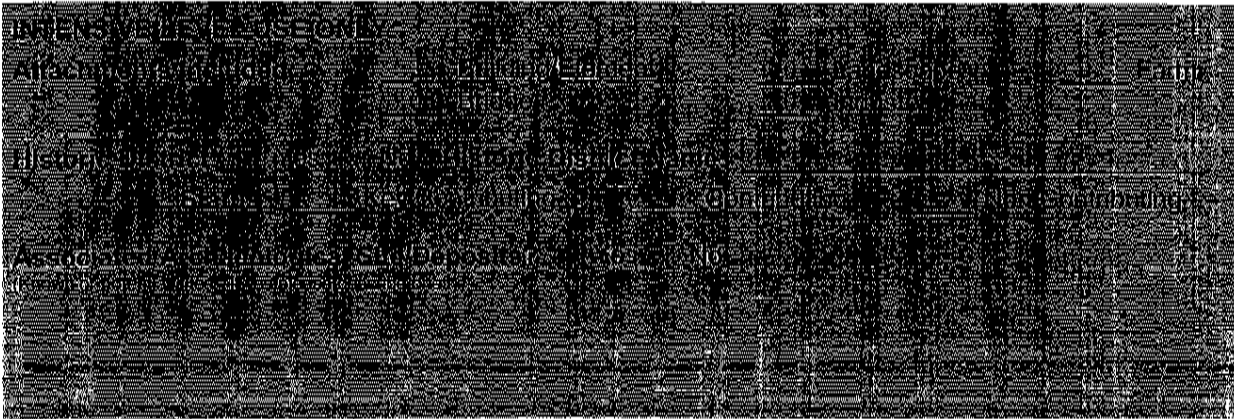
Bibliography/Sources:

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. Historic Preservation Individual Structure Survey form No. 1221-9. On File, NJDEP, Trenton, New Jersey. 1983.

Otley and Keily. Map of Middlesex County, New Jersey. 1850.

Additional Information:

More Research Needed? Yes No



Survey Name: South Brunswick Historic Survey
 Surveyor: _____
 Organization: Hunter Research, Inc.

Date: 2 / 5 / 2002

Survey Number: 51B

Property Name: Robert Bayles House (c. 1790, c. 1820)

Location: Route 27 below Raymond Road, South Brunswick Township, N.J.; Block 97, Lot 11-A

Classification: Buildings

Ownership: Fair Acres Farm, Inc. c/o Alexander Molnar, Raymond Rd., RD #4, Princeton, NJ

Agency Requesting Determination: Federal Highway Administration

Representation in Existing Surveys: Route 95 Freeway Feasibility Study, BEA/NJDOT, March 1981

Description: The Robert Bayles house is a large frame dwelling with slate shingle roof, on a stone foundation. It comprises two side-gable units joined gable-end to gable-end, and is sheathed with wood clapboards. The two-story main block has a center hall, double-pile plan, and five-bay, symmetrical facade. The center entrance features a three-light transom panel, tall single-light sidelights, and molded cornice and pilasters. The wing (off the north gable end) is also two stories, but noticeably smaller and only one room deep. It has a four-bay facade; and window placement and chimney location suggest the northernmost bay was a later construction. Windows on both sections are 9/6 on the first floor, and 6/6 on the second and have paneled wooden shutters. Window surrounds have narrow moldings. The cornice of the wing displays a dentil frieze, while that of the main block has a plain frieze and a molded architrave.

There are three brick chimneys with corbelled caps, one on the wing, one on the north gable end of the main block, and a larger one at the south end that has an exposed brick base but is covered with clapboarding above.

Exterior alterations include a bay window on the north side, and two slant-roofed additions located at the rear of the wing and of the main block. The facade and south elevation remain unaltered. The interior of this house was not investigated.

The Bayles property also includes a variety of outbuildings. A one-room front-gable structure of rubble ashlar traprock is located behind the house, adjacent to a very small wood frame shed. A short distance to the north is a multi-car frame garage, a two-level basement-type barn with vertical board siding, and a drive-in corncrib with vertical slat sides. To the northeast is a frame bank barn on a rubble stone foundation, the interior of which is being partitioned with post and stud construction into a series of rooms. Beyond this barn is a front-gable frame cabin covered with synthetic wall shingles, a large frame barn on a cement-block foundation, and several silos. None of the outbuildings are used for agricultural purposes, and the "farmyard" is heavily overgrown except in the vicinity of the garage and adjacent barn. The yard around the house is also somewhat

overgrown, with tall shrubs both near the front (now blocking access to the main entrance) and along the road.

Significance: The Robert Bayles house is architecturally significant as an example of the full-Georgian house type that with many variations profoundly influenced late 18th and early 19th century traditional architecture in central New Jersey's rural areas. The principal features of the Georgian form - center-hall, double-pile plan, and five-bay symmetrical facade - are combined with early Greek Revival elements, such as the wide cornice frieze and the treatment of the main entrance. Although approaching "high style", the house also retains vernacular qualities, as illustrated in the regionally-distinctive exposed chimney base and the linear massing of the main block and wing. Modern additions have resulted in alteration of the rear elevation, but the principal features of the house, in terms of form, massing, materials and exterior details, remain intact.

Of associated outbuildings, the gable-roofed stone structure may have been associated with domestic activities, although its original use has not been confirmed. The bank barn is the only barn of that type recorded in this survey, but has been extensively altered inside, with loss of much original framing. The other buildings serve largely as reminders of the property's former agricultural function, but do not contribute in a major way to the architectural significance of the property.

This property, along with #51 and probably 51A, was originally part of a large tract assembled by Jediah Higgins, who came to the Kingston area in the early 18th century. Much of the property was inherited in 1772 by Higgins' son Joshua, who in turn bequeathed it to his grandson, also named Joshua, in 1804. In 1814, Joshua Higgins sold the tract to John and William Gulik, and Robert Bayles. Bayles eventually acquired full ownership of the "homestead Higgins farm", where he resided, and which he bequeathed to his sons John G. and Alexander Bayles, in 1846. The 1850 Otley and Keily map of the area shows John Bayles in Franklin Township, at the site of #51, on the west side of Route 27, and Alexander Bayles to the south in South Brunswick Township(#51A).

Alexander Bayles remained in possession of the rest of the Higgins tract, although selling several small parcels in the 1850's and 1870's, until 1894, when it was sold at public auction by order of the Chancery Court. Township tax records provide a "1790 ±" construction date for the house, which probably refers to the northern section. Construction of the present main block, with its Georgian plan and Greek Revival entrance and cornice treatment, was probably accomplished during the occupancy (1814-46) of Robert Bayles.

References: Otley 1850b; Walling 1861; Everts & Stewart 1876b; Middlesex and Somerset County Deeds, New Brunswick and

Somerville; Property record card, So. Brunswick Township Assessor's office.

Proximity to Proposed Action: House is 50-100' from proposed widening of Route 27 below Rt. 92 interchange, Alternatives I, VI.

Effect of Proposed Action: Road widening will likely have an indirect effect on the house by removing the tall hedge that now screens the house from the road and from traffic noise.

Individual Compiling Data: Martha Bowers, Louis Berger & Associates, Inc.

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NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1221-9

HISTORIC NAME: Bayles Homestead
LOCATION: Route 27

COMMON NAME:
BLOCK/LOT 97/11.01

MUNICIPALITY: South Brunswick Township
USGS QUAD: Monmouth

COUNTY: Middlesex
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Easting/Northing

OWNER/ADDRESS: Fair Acres Farm
40 Mohr
Raymond Rd., Princeton, N.J. 08540

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: mid 18th century

Source of Date:

Architect:

Builder:

Style: vernacular Georgian

Form/Plan Type: 5-bay rectangle with 4-bay wing

Number of Stories: 2 1/2

Foundation: rubble

Exterior Wall Fabric: clapboard

Fenestration: 6/6 sash

Roof/Chimneys: gable roof parallel to street, three interior end brick chimneys.

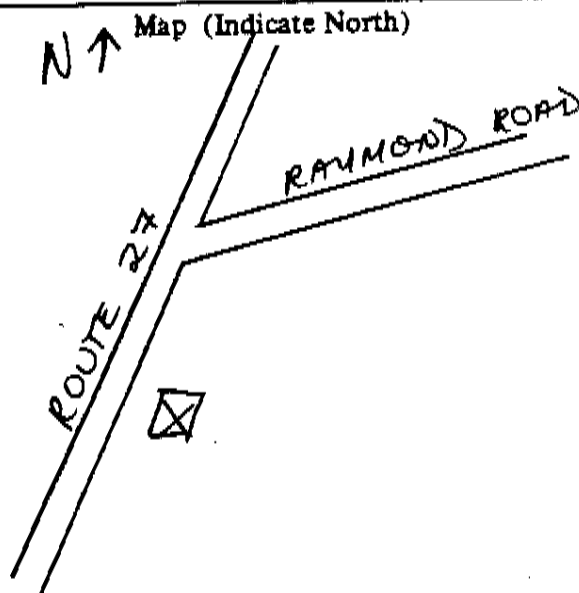
Additional Architectural Description:

There is a transom above the classically-ordered entrance.

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PHOTO

Negative File No. 1221-9



The structure is located on the south side of Rt. 27. The property includes a stone smokehouse and 2 vertical-board barn. It is sited among modern residential developments. Two old Higgins Family cemeteries are said to exist nearby, but could not be located.

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

SIGNIFICANCE:

According to George Baker, late historian of the area, this farm of about 80 acres was originally part of the Ormiston Patent and was acquired by the Bayles Family in 1708, remaining in their possession throughout most of the 19th century. It is said to have been a tavern and stage stop. Structurally, the main block is a symmetrical 5-bay vernacular Georgian plan, with center door and 6/6 windows. The four-bay addition to the north is of related massing and fabric. Interior features are alleged to have survived with good integrity, although an examination confirming this was not possible.

The Bayles Family was one of the most important in the Kingston area. W.G. Bayles, in partnership with John Gulick, worked as a director of the Gulick stage line, the Princeton Bank, and the Kingston and Princeton Branch Turnpike, and was highly involved in the transportation and business circles of the Princeton-Kingston area. Another Gulick Family home (# 1221-L.10) is located nearby, but has been too greatly altered for inclusion to the National Register. However, this Bayles Homestead is significant to South Brunswick both for its architectural integrity and for its strong historical associations.

ORIGINAL USE: tavern and stagecoach stop
 PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent Good Fair Poor
 REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes Possible No Part of District
 THREATS TO SITE: Roads Development Zoning Deterioration
 No Threat Other

PRESENT USE: residential
 COMMENTS: Adjacent condominium development proposed for near future construction.

1850 Map of Middlesex County - J.W. Otley and J. Kelly
 1876 Combination Atlas Map - Everts and Stewart

William H. Baker unpublished manuscripts
 Federal Writers Project, Old Princeton Neighbors (Princeton, 1939)
 Rosemary Blair (local historian) interview by MRK
 Jessie Anderson (area resident) interview by MRK
 Anthony Scassera (former owner) interview by MRK
 W. Woodford Clayton, History of Union and Middlesex Counties (Phila., 1882)
 Minutes of the Princeton Historical Society, Princeton Public Library

RECORDED BY: RPG/MRK DATE: 1978/1983
 ORGANIZATION: Heritage Studies, Princeton, N.J./ S.B.T. Planning Board

SITING AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

Stone smokehouse and 2 vertical board barn

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

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REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes Possible No As part of district
THREATS TO STRUCTURE: Roads Development Zoning Deterioration
 No Threat Other
COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:

1850 map
 Baker
Old Princeton's Neighbors

RECORDED BY: RPG
ORGANIZATION: Heritage Studies, Princeton, N.J.
DATE: 1978/

NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY #
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: Bayles (Bayless) Homestead
LOCATION: Route 27, south side BLOCK/LOT: B97/L11A
MUNICIPALITY: South Brunswick COUNTY: Middlesex
OWNER/ADDRESS: Gertrude Scassera, RD#4, Box 844, Princeton 08540
ORIGINAL USE: tavern and stagecoach PRESENT USE: Residential
USGS QUAD: Monmouth stop

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: probably mid 18th c Source of Data: Baker

Architect:

Builder:

Style: Vernacular

Number of Stories: 2

Foundation: rubble

Form/Plan Type: 5-bay rectangle with
4-bay wing

Structural System: braced frame

Exterior Wall Fabric: clapboard

Fenestration: 6/6 sash

Entrance Location: center, main facade

Roof/Chimneys: gable

Additional Architectural Description:

PHOTO:

MAP (Indicate North)

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BASE SURVEY FORM

Property Name: Bayles Homestead-Robert Bayles House

Street Address: Street #: 4370 Apartment #: _____
(Low) (High) (Low) (High)

Prefix: _____ Street Name: Route 27 Suffix: _____ Type: RTE

County(s): MIDDLESEX Zip Code: 08824

Municipality(s): South Brunswick Township

Local Place Name(s): _____ Block(s): 97 Lot(s): 11

Ownership: _____ USGS Quad: Monmouth Junction

Description:

This side gable Georgian residence is located to the south of New Jersey Route 27 near a large collection of mid-late 20th century homes that were constructed as part of a residential development. The lot is poorly maintained and contains two prominent outbuildings.

Registration and Status

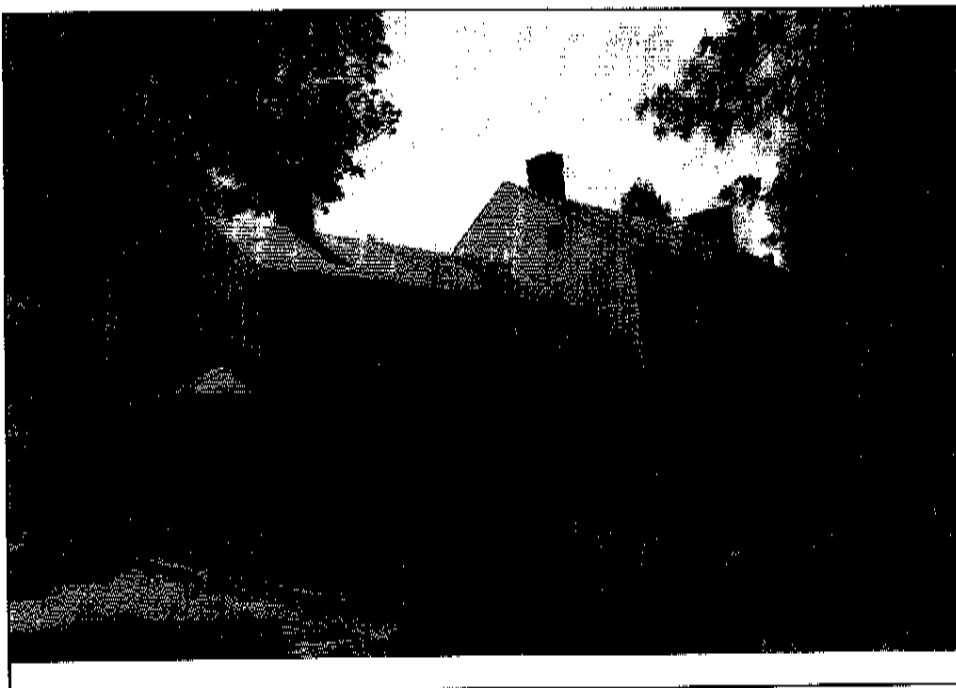
National Historic Landmark _____ SHPO Opinion: 9/3/1986

Dates: National Register: _____ Legal Designation: _____

New Jersey Register: _____ Other Designation: Proposed for Local

Determination of Eligibility: _____ Other Designation Date: _____

Photograph:



Survey Name: South Brunswick Historic Survey

Date: 2/5/2002

Surveyor: _____

Organization: Hunter Research, Inc.