The 2023 Historic Site Survey Long Hill Township

PRESENTED TO TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
By
HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
and
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Category 1 Significant Historical Value – Historic Buildings – Sites list of buildings with historic

significance. The standards are modeled after those established for the National and State Registry of Historic Places

Category 2 - Significant Historical Value not to be included in building permit Data Base (Usually without buildings or without buildings of historic value) – for example, Stirling Lake.

Category 3 – Razed Sites of The Past to be Remembered – places in Long Hill's history that no longer exist – for example, Main Street in Millington.

Respectfully submitted, Fred Hunt, Sam Cornish HPAC Chairperson LHT Historian

Street Address	Historic Name	Built	Event	Person	Construction	Notes
30 Ave Maria Court	Boyle-Hudspeth- Benson House or Boyle- Hudspeth House	c1750		x	x	Was previously 100 Basking Ridge Road. Located on original Solomon Bolye acreage. Evidence suggests built and lived in by Solomon Boyle II which he farmed. NR# 75001151 Awarded LHT Historical Plaque
15 Basking Ridge Road	All Saint's Episcopal Church	c1904	x	x	x	In 1963 the Ven. George Rath, twenty year rector of All Saints' Church, was elected Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Newark. The core of All Saint's was built in 1904 in a style mixing the English Arts and Crafts and Gothic Revival. The church was enlarged in 1919, and again in 1956, each time matching the style of the 1904 core. In 1974, the church deacon, Nancy Hatch Wittig, was one of the Philadelphia Eleven, the first women priests ordained by the U.S. Episcopal Church. Awarded Historical Plaque 2023
508 Carlton Road	Mills House	c1771	х	х	х	On 1845 Littell Map of Passaic Valley and 1868 Atlas. Date is from TR
158 Central Avenue	First Presbyterian Church	1872	х			A History of the First Pres. Church' by Fletcher Ingalls 1973 Awarded Historical Plaque 2023
59 Cross Hill Road	Taff House	c1909		х		Built by Frederick N. Taff and wife Anna Nash Taff.
110 Cross Hill Road	Millington Academy	C1890		Х		In 1881 Mr. Frederick Nishwitz petitioned the School Board for better educational facilities. He decided to build a private school known as Millington Academy. At the turn of the Century the Academy building was made into two houses 110 and 126 Cross Hill Road. "Passaic Township a short history" by Gwendolyn Thomas

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126 Cross Hill Road	Millington Academy	C1890		X		In 1881 Mr. Frederick Nishwitz petitioned the School Board for better educational facilities. He decided to build a private school known as Millington Academy. At the turn of the Century the Academy building was made into two houses 110 and 126 Cross Hill Road. "Passaic Township a short history" by Gwendolyn Thomas
123 Cross Hill Road	Duane H. Nash House	c1865	x	x	x	Built by Armfield, Duane Nash moved in in 1882, part owner of Acme Harrow company; philanthropist; Owned 200 acre Passaic Valley Stock Farm Awarded LHT Historical Plaque
136 Cross Hill Road	Taff-Kelley House	c1880	x	х	х	Built by Frederick Nishwitz on his land for daughter Wilhelmina Taff and her 2 children Effie Louise and Frederick N. Then owned by other daughter Doretta and husband Fred. Kelley-a well-known architect Awarded LHT Historical Plaque
45 Division Avenue	Runyon Feed Mill	c1918		x		Built by Abram D. Runyon in early 1900's as a feed mill which milled special mixes for local farmers. It is presumed that the location was chosen because of its proximity to the Railroad. The original Mill burned in the 1920's and was rebuilt. The business eventually changed to coal service and was replaced by fuel oil. It was operated by James Moore through the 1950's.
331 Elm Street	Old Elm Street School	c1910	x			date from G.Thomas 2008 Environmental Commission, Application No.: 08-11Z,Elm Street School Associates, LLC,Block 13006 Lot 14

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211	Hickory Tavern Road	Trading Post Antiques/Louis Blatt House	c1750	x	x		On 1868 Atlas. Names assoc. w/house:C. Hoffman,L. Block, Louis Blatt in1845 (MPC 110 Anniv. Booklet) Should change name to more historical owners.
223	Hickory Tavern Road	Meyersville Presbyterian Church	c1846	х			Date assigned is start of congregation. Original church on site was built in 1848 along with adjoining old cemetery-building was moved to 257 New Vernon Rd and new one built in 1895. First burial in cemetery was Anne M. Nishwitz Jan. 25, 1867 Awarded LHT Historical Plaque
38	Hillside Drive	Cammeyer Home	c1880		х		Gillette's equivalent to Nash/Nishwitz
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7	Indian Run	Daniel Carle Carriage	C1890	х	х		Carriage House and worker's house for Daniel Carle/Freeman Farm house (see 1663 Valley Road)
53	Indian Run	Daniel Carle Farm Manager House	C1850		х	x	Farm Manager's house for Daniel Carle/ Freeman Farm. (see 1663 Valley Road)
55	Long Hill Road	Cornish Barn	c1860		х	х	What Cornish? How was he/she associated with the Barn? Ref: Weller Page 82, same barn? That barn indicates built c1860. Owner stated to KR there are roman numerals on beams.

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438 Long Hill Road	Hickory Tavern- Schmidt House	c1734	x		x	Based on two early maps the building was constructed c1822 – c1845 and served as an inn and tavern for guests traveling by stage. In the late 1870's Owen McConville operated a store from the building. In 1906 it was purchased by the Richard Schmidt family. Demolished July 2023. New house being built to replace it.
918 Long Hill Road	Long Hill Schoolhouse	c1813	X			listed on 1868 Beers Atlas-Dist.6 Part of Daniel Cory Tract 1795 (GT). Significant change to exterior
1127 Long Hill Road	Noyes Collinson House	c1927		x	х	Article on house in Charm Magazine Nov. 1927
1143 Long Hill Road	Chaffanjon House	c1870		х	х	"The Villa" Redbud Tree (http://www.longhillnj.info/lht/bigtrees.htm)
1190 Long Hill Road	Torrey's "Hilltop"	c1880		х	х	
1292 Long Hill Road	Sentinel Elms	c1770		х		Pre-revolutionary center section of building was home of Cornelius Ludlow, Colonel in Eastern Battalion of Morris County Militia, and later Morris County Judge. Extensive alterations, Listed in Open Space Element, 5.25 acres, block 14204 lot 71, Ginko 35.67" and Sassafras 23.57"

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1400 Long Hill Road	Einsidler Estate	c1900		x	x	Synthetic siding, Renovated, Colonial Revival 5-bay center hall, hipped roof. Einsidler-water tower supplying Stirling c.1900
1434 Long Hill Road	Boyle-Cooper House	c1760		x		Different resources report different times. One says it was built in 1760 by John Cooper, fifth child of Daniel Cooper. According to a 1760 British map owned by Mr. & Mrs. Charles B. Clancy, the present owners, and a survey map of 1777-78 drawn up by Robert Erskine, Gen. George Washington's Cartographer, this property was the site of "Cooper's Windmill" one of the high spots in the area where large bonfires were lit to signal an immediate assembly of the Colonial Militia. Large barn on property. Accroterian has c1840. TR date is 1840.(KR 2012)House in back is rentedmailbox says #1436. On 1868 Beers Atlas
1500 Long Hill Road	A. Cooper House	c1800		х		Intersection of Long Hill and Carlton
1527 Long Hill Road	Depue	c1900		x		Delia Depue purchased the house in 1903 after the death of her husband, David Ayres Depue, who was the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New Jersey in Newark. Mrs. Depue used the home as a summer residence. She was one of the 13 charter members of the Daughters of the American Revolution and was the regent of the organization from its inception in 1891 to 1897. Upon her death in 1904, the home was passed on to her son, Sherred Depue, who was an attorney and help the office of assistant United States District Attorney.
1552 Long Hill Road	Walnut Hull	c1735		х		The Cooper Family. oldest section features a very large fireplace in the dining room with an original cooking crane. The outside of the fireplace displays the rounded contour of the original beehive oven.

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1672 Long Hill Road	Cooper- Thompson House	c1770		х		Mayor Frank Gibson's home, Nov 16, 1972
1690 Long Hill Road	Nicholas Thomas House	c1897		х		Nicholas Thomas build his home c1897 along with an outbuilding for his general contracting and mill workshop. Mr. Thomas built many homes in Long Hill and the surrounding area during that era. In 1927 his son Russell Thomas moved the lumber yard to 45 Division Avenue. Gwendolyn Thomas, his granddaughter who resided in the home for her lifetime became Long Hill's first Town Historian.
1727 Long Hill Road	Compton House	c1740		х		On 1868 Beers-Lived in by William D. Compton b.1842-blacksmith 2022 Awarded Historical Plaque
1767 Long Hill Road	Dunn-Peck House	c1760		х	x	Traditional farmhouse- seen on 1868 and 1887 atlases. According to the Guide to Historic Buildings(acroterion), the oldest Horse Chestnut tree (in NJ?) is in front of 1767 Long Hill Road. Unverified. Acroterion says c1840.
1802 Long Hill Road	Millington Schoolhouse/Old Town Hall	c1850	х		х	NR#12000109 (listed 3/12/12) Awarded LHT Historical Plaque
1891 Long Hill Road	Millington Fire House	c1915	х			The Millington Volunteer Fire Co. was organized in 1913. The current firehouse is on Long Hill Rd. in Millington was built in 1913 and enlarged over the years to accommodate large fire trucks. Awarded Historical Plaque 2022
1931 Long Hill Road	Millington Railroad Station	c1901	х		x	NR#84002767 Part of HD-At the age of 73, Isaac Runyon was killed February 9, 1892 on the Millington train tracks Awarded LHT Historical Plaque

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227 Main Avenue	Stirling Hotel	c1900	x			Stirling Hotel 227 Main Avenue, Stirling The original Stirling House was built in the early 1800's and was located on the corner of Central and Elm. The building burned down in 1905 and Victor Sarrailh built the current Stirling Hotel. Dave Archille and family purchased the building in the 1940's.
247 Main Avenue	Silk Mill House	C1890	x		х	Vernacular wood frame house architecturally consistent and representative of the first phase of homes built by the Stirling Silk Manufacturing Company
223 Meyersville Road	Hillview Farms	c1864	x	х		Originally owned by Knickle Family (German).Src:G Thomas, Only working farm in Long Hill Township. Operated by Edward Kielblock, town councilman, Black Locust 26.75" 223 Meyersville Road was Struck by lightning, August 27, 2000
500 Meyersville Road	Passaic Township Grange #188	c1930	x			Founded in 1909 to help farmers. Established in 1909 to help farmers. Local families, Zanders, Kielblock. Plaque of master Grange is displayed at Grange. Historical Plaque February 2019 Awarded LHT Historical Plaque Grange Doc 1909.jpg
240 Morris Street	Runyon Farmhouse	c1863		х	х	Pre-dates HD-Georgian Farmhouse Richard Runyon Family. built before industrialization of Stirling. G.Thomas says mid-1700s. Remodeled

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353	Morris Street	Joseph Acken House	c1800		x		Pre-dates HD-G Thomas says 1771 owned by Jos. Acken-East Jersey cottage before industrialization of Stirling. TR says 1800 . Historical Society has picture of it from1956
24	Morristown Road	Squier-Turnin House	c1897		х	х	Nicely rehabilitated
197	Morristown Road	Phifer's Farm- MGM Lion	c1887	x	х		Owned by Volney Phifer in the 30s MGM's Leo the Lion grave-real name 'Slats', marked by a pine tree, Listed in Open Space Element, 13.39 acres Block 11203 lot 1
59	Mountain Avenue	Doty-Sharp House	c1868		x	x	Second very large home built on property, molded cornice, On the 1868 Atlas of Morris County, property of S. Doty. In 1887, it was owned by J. Sharp according to Robinson's Atlas of that year.
172	Mountain Avenue	Thompson House	c1758		x		G. Thomas says 1730 owned by Aaron Thompson. Says JD Thompson on 1868 Beers Atlas. Article in historic homes file says 4 generation Thompsons. Look into marriage of William Cauldwell and Elizabeth Thompson. Acroterian says, "Built by Aaron Thompson"
275	Mountain Avenue	Cauldwell- Parrot-Cornish Farm	c1750		х		On Littell 1845 owned by Parrot, on 1868 Beers owned by Cornish Gable roofs, 2 end brick chimneys with corbelled caps. Historical plaque 2018. 1867 Gillette Farm before Cornish Farm.jpg Mountain Ave - taker

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65	New Vernon Road	Little Swamp Farm-	c1868	x		x	Not found on Littlell 1845, owned by Henry Schureman on Beers and Swamp Map, 1868, TR date indicates 1768 (no proof). Owned by Oscar and Minnie Kutcher early 1900's thru just after WWII (Gus Schmidt-neighbor) Acroterion description is not correct. G. Thomas says 1824
360	New Vernon Road	High-Miller House	c1845	х	х	x	2 brick chim. With corbelled caps. Date is from TR but acroterion says mid-19th C. 1845 Littell shows house on lot on east side of road owned by Wm. High possibly the same home owned by Miller in 1868 as shown on Beers. 1887 Robinson shows Miller on West side. Perhaps house was moved.
91	Northfield Road	Millington School	c1935			x	Public Works Admin. (PWA) Project, Grades 1-6 from Millington and some Gr. 5-6 from Stirling Awarded LHT Historical Plaque
101	Oaks Road	Frederick Nishwitz House	c1865	x	x	x	Build by Frederick Nishwitz as a summer home. Nishwitz was a philanthropist and Acme Harrow inventor. He had a factory on 109 River Rd., Hackberry Tree 18" diameter Awarded LHT Historical Plaque
42	Old Mill Road	Boyle-Dunn House	c1750		х	х	Original acreage owned by Solomon Boyle then willed in equal parts to 4 children.Research suggests Sawmill /mill pond were erected on the property soon after 1732 by Solomon I. Early structures were probably built then but research suggests became home c1834 by John Dunn. Awarded LHT Historical Plaque

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47 Old Mill Road	Boyle-Doughty House	c1740		x	x	Original acreage owned by Solomon Boyle then willed in equal parts to 4 children. Research suggests Gristmill erected on the property soon after 1732 by Solomon I. Addition added c1814 for a Post Office and General Store by Solomon Doughty. Early deeds reference the Cottonwood on the property (now a 65" diameter Am. Sycamore) Awarded LHT Historical Plaque
109 River Road	Acme Harrow Factory/Office	c1877				Seen on Robinson's 1877 Atlas of Morris County. Incorrectly dated in TR 109 River Road, Millington The building appears on the 1877 Robinson's Atlas of Morris County. It is believed to be the original farm house of the area. Frederick Nishwitz inventor of the Acme Harrow, which pulverized soil, converted the building to a factory in the late 1800's. Around 1910 he built a new factory on Division Avenue and the River Road building was converted back to a private home.
33 Stone House	NJ Bell (Millington was the last dial- conversion in the state.	c1890	x		x	Last remaining building from Main St.Millington. Office building for Barrett Roofing. It housed the last manual switchboard to be retired by NJ Bell (Millington was the last dial-conversion in the state. The dial office was built close to the old "switchboard in the living room" because that's where all the wires were concentrated.)
Somerset Street	Stirling Firehouse	1953				This Stirling Volunteer Fire Co. was organized in 1913. Between 1913 and 1952 its firehouses were in various garages in Stirling. In 1951 the firefighters purchased a parcel of land in Stirling and began building the present firehouse, which was completed in Sept. 1952. Awarded Historical Plaque February 2022

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433 South Northfield Road	Joshua Davis House	c1764		х	х	Probably built around 1764 by Joshua Davis. The abstract on this property does not go back further than 1784. However, it is believed that it was built 20 years earlier than this date. Walls are brick to the second floor and floor boards are the original 17 inches wide. It was the Moore Family Farm in later years.
48 Sunnyslope	Col.Solomon Boyle House	c1750		x	x	Col. Solomon Boyle (Solomon III) and sister Jane, grandchildren of Solomon I, lived here. Possibly built by Solomon II originally
716 Valley Road		c1900			x	Howel – Cornish House 1860. Gillette named after Rachel Gillette Cornish. Beautifully constructed Queen Anne and remodeled, investigate historic integrity used as a library. Awarded Historical Plaque February 2018 Left Mr and Mrs Cornish Gillette Alonzo Cornish, right plaque.jpg
738 Valley Road	R. Cornish House	c1811		х		Catalpa 45.2" across from Gillette School, A first family of Gillette Longhillhistory.org says once a post office
759 Valley Road	Gillette School	c1935	x			Public Works Admin. (PWA) Project, Grades 1-6 from Meyersville, Gillette and Homestead Park and some Gr5-6 from Stirling. Celebrated Diamond Jubilee in 2010 Awarded LHT Historical Plaque
1576 Valley Road	F. Carl House	c1880		х		seen on 1877 Robinson but not 1868 Beers

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1663	Valley Road	Daniel Carle House aka Freeman Farm	c1803		х	x	Daniel was the grandson of Jacob Carle (Carleton road was named after this family) Historical Society has correspondence calling it the Freeman Farm. (Carriage House assoc. with house at 7 Indian Run 10202_16. Tr says 1850)
1731	Valley Road	Macdonald Farmstead?	c1887			x	where did name come from? See 1732 Valley Rd- there is confusion here. G.Thomas says 1727 VR is Macdonald Farm. Check GIS maps to see if a 1727 existed.
1732	Valley Road	Bird-Cottington House	c1789			x	On 1868 Beers Atlas. Acroterion says early 19th C. Eleanor Turbett called this house the MacDonald Farmstead in a write-up she did in 1988 . See 1731 Valley Rd
1803	Valley Road	Runyon-Armfield	c1900		х	x	see alternate acroterion entry 42, built for daughter in Runyon Family as wedding gift American Beech 66.25" 1932 tax map has Mrs. A.D.Armfield here. She was second wife of William Armfield-first owner (possibly builder) of Nash House at 123 Cross Hill.
1	West Dogwood Terrace	Gillam Farm	c1813	х	х		Was previously 72 Basking Ridge Road. A cannon ball is said to have been found on the property. Original Farmhouse for 120 acre farm.
540	White Bridge Road	White-Meeker House	c1800	х	х		Life rights occupancy awarded Great Swamp

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684 White Bridge Road	Jacob High- Kutcher House	c1793	x	х		figure out real date built acroterion says built date 1793, TR says 1865. G. Thomas says 1763. It was another Kutcher house that was first manse for Meyersville Pres. Church c1860-1889.
715 White Bridge Road	Schmidt House	c1887	х	х		Still standing
1358 White Bridge Road		c1881	х		х	Nicely rehabilitated exterior. Has 2 old, dilapidated barns

Category 2 - Significant Historical Value not to be included in building permit Data Base

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Carlton Road	Island Long Hill & Carlton		х			The island has been unchanged since construction. It marks the entrance to Carlton road, one of the first roads of the township.
1738 Long Hill Road	Stage Coach Stop					Was the site of an Inn that was one of the first stagecoach stops to Elizabeth and Newark. The original building was taken down about 1913. Part of it was moved to 1769 Knollandale.
Main Avenue	Turtle Rock Park Cooper Tombstones (cenotaphs)	c1880				Park was designed and maintained (and possibly donated) by Herbert G. Torrey in conjunction to Stirling Train Depot. Remnant of original Stone fountain (seen in old photographs) still stands. A student contest at Central School in the early 70's named the park. 2018 -2019 Cooper Tombstone were relocated to park after being in storage for ~10 years. A plaque with Cooper history was added near Tombstone (cenotaphs) Tombstone Tombstone plaque.jpg flowering pic.jpg
Meyersville Circle	Meyersville Circle	c1900				Used for annual Christmas Celebration
Meyersville Road	Meyersville Cemetery	c1902		х		Land donated by Frederick Nishwitz in 1888. Dedicated in 1902.(G. Thomas) Burial site of prominent local residents.
Mountain Avenue	Clay Pits	c1878	х			Right next to railroad tracks. Owned and dug by Ritger Excelsior Pottery Factory 1878-1930's. Clay was shipped to factory in Newark by train. Afterwards, the pits were used as the local swimming and ice skating spot.

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Old Mill Road	Bridge foundation Old Mill	c1750				The bridge was destroyed but location is of historic interest. Date added by KR. G. Thomas references the Bridge.
Pleasant Plains Road	Beacon Stone					Stone with plaque explaining Revolutionary War Beacon- at intersection of Long Hill Rd and Pleasant Plains Rd
Stirling Lake	Stirling Lake	c1888	x	x		Made from a series of springs. Blocks of ice were cut from the lake to be used in iceboxes. Used for skating, swimming. Land was donated by Einsidler who lived at 1400 Long Hill Rd (he owned much of upper Stirling. Known for water tower on his property which fed silk mill area.)
West Avenue	Stirling Cemetery	c1902		х		Lot #71 is Presbyterian side of cemetery. Lot #70 is St. Vincent's side

Category 3 - Razed

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438	Long Hill Road	Hickory Tavern- Schmidt House	c1734	x		x	Based on two early maps the building was constructed c1822 – c1845 and served as an inn and tavern for guests traveling by stage. In the late 1870's Owen McConville operated a store from the building. In 1906 it was purchased by the Richard Schmidt family. Demolished July 2023. New house being built to replace it.		
1728	Long Hill Road	Compton's Blacksmith Shop	c1866	х	х		In Disrepair, Blacksmith Shop Built by William D. Compton, the township's first blacksmith. Structure demolished March 2012, site important		
1738	Long Hill Road	Stage Coach Stop					Was the site of an Inn that was one of the first stagecoach stops to Elizabeth and Newark. The original building was taken down about 1913. Part of it was moved to 1769 Knollandale.		
48	Bay Street				х		Was the site of an Inn that was one of the first stagecoach stops to Elizabeth and Newark. The original building was taken down about 1913. Part of it was moved to 1769 Knollandale.		
184	Central Ave	Dorsi's Store	c1890	х	x		1890's-1915 a grocery store owned by Patrick O'Reilly then drug store by Dr.Katherine McGrath until1918. Sourse is article in Hist. Soc files-unreferenced. (184 Central was not originally The Stirling House which was across the street where 306 Elm is now and which burned down in 1905 and not rebuilt.)		
 618	Meyerville Road	Ortman Blacksmith Shop	c1876	х	x		Part of HD-Moved to this spot from across the street c1900-it was directly in front of the Meyersville Pres. Church. Renovated. Historic integrity lost?		