

Historic Structures Report *MORR: 077*
Part III *CRBIB# 000642*

Termite & Powder Post Beetle Treatment
Wick House *327 / 32386*

Morristown National Historical Park

STATUS OF HISTORIC STRUCTURES REPORT

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Morristown
PARK

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Wick House 23

STRUCTURE/BUILDING #

PROJECT: Powder Post Beetle and Termite Control

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Memorandum

To: Director

From: ^{Acting} Regional Director, Northeast Region

Subject: Historic Structures Report, Part III, Termite & Powder
Post Beetle Treatment, Wick House, Morristown NHP

In accordance with the Historic and Prehistoric Structures Handbook,
the subject report has been reviewed in this office and we are pleased
to approve it.

A copy is enclosed for your information and file.

George A. Palmer

Enclosure

cc:
Chief, EDC
Superintendent, Morristown
Programs (Att: Gene Monteleone)

GMFraneys
General
Daily
Area

HISTORIC STRUCTURES REPORT, PART III, TERMITE & POWDER POST BEETLE TREATMENT,
WICK HOUSE, MORRISTOWN NHP

REVIEW SHEET

1. Mr. Golub

Good report - OK
J.

2. Mr. Lukens

Good thing to have this job documented. The suggestion in the last paragraph of Section III on Page 3 regarding future major rehabilitation should be noticed.
JBL 4/19

3. Mr. Christensen

Is a complete rehat. going to be necessary every 30 years? What kind of preventive maintenance are they giving this house? There'd be very little history left here after another complete rehat.

4. Mr. Barnes

OK TB

5. Dr. Nelligan

Recomm OK - mo



IN REPLY REFER TO:
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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Eastern Office, Design and Construction
Philadelphia, Pa. - 19106

March 31, 1965

Northeast Region		Initial and Date
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Reg. Director		
Asst. to Dir. (PA)		
Asst. to Dir. (Dev. Ly.)		
Asst. to Dir. (Res. Adv.)		
Asst. Dir. (Adm.)		
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Spec. Inv. & VS		
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Maintenance		
Master Plan Coord.		
Res. Mgmt. & VP		
Asst. Reg. Dir. (Co-Act)		
Fed'l Agency Assis.		
NPS Studies		
State Assistance		

Memorandum

To: Regional Director, Northeast Region

From: Chief Architect, EODC

Subject: Historic Structures Report, Part III, Wick House
Morristown. Portion for Powder Post Beetle and
Termite Control

The subject report has been reviewed and is recommended for your approval by Chief Hall this date.

The report indicates that some rotting was noted but does not indicate if any steps were taken to arrest this deterioration. A record should be made of points of deterioration for use in a future rehabilitation.

Robert E. Smith
Robert E. Smith

cc:
Assistant Director, Design and Construction
Superintendent, Morristown

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Memorandum

To: Chief, EOSC

From: Regional Director, Northeast Region

Subject: Historic Structures Report, Part III, Wick House,
Morristown NHP, Powder Post Beetle and Termite Control

On February 11 we forwarded you a copy of the subject report re-
questing comments as soon as possible.

An early reply will be appreciated.

(sgd.) Rosaki F. Laj

cc:
Superintendent, Morristown
Mr. Whitcraft

GMFraneys
General ✓
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Area

FEB 11 1965

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NUE

Memorandum

To: Chief, NMPC

From: Regional Director, Northeast Region

Subject: Historic Structures Report, Part III, Wick House,
Morristown NHP, Powder Post Beetle and Termite
Control

Enclosed is a copy of the subject report.

Please let us have your comments on this report as soon as
possible.

(Sgd.) Ronald F. [Signature]

Enclosure

cc:
Superintendent, Morristown
Mr. Whitcraft

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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February 1, 1965

Memorandum

To: Regional Director, Northeast Region

From: Superintendent, Morristown NHP

Subject: Historic Structures Report, Part III,
Wick House, Powder Post Beetle and Termite Control

We are submitting under separate cover the original and five
copies of the above named report.

Francis S. Ronalds
Francis S. Ronalds

Northeast Region FEB 2 1965		Index and Date
Reg. Director		
Asst. to RD (PA)		
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Resource Studies Adv.		
Asst. Dir. Adm.		
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HRP

12/22/64

Memorandum

To: Director

From: Regional Director, Northeast Region

Subject: Historic Structures Report, Part I, Wick House,
Harrisburg HRP

Enclosed for your information is one copy of the subject report.

We understand this project has already been completed. Therefore, in order that there will be a detailed record of just what was done and what was revealed in the way of structural data in the process of removing some of the siding, we are requesting the Park, by copy of this memorandum, to prepare an Historic Structures Report, Part III.

15/ Ronald F. Lee

Enclosure

cc:

Chief, HRC

Superintendent, Harrisburg

P.S. to Park - Please submit HRP for preparation of Historic Structures Report, Part III, and date report may be expected.

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General

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Historic Structures Report

Part III

Termite & Powder Post Beetle Treatment

Wick House

Morristown National Historical Park

Prepared By

**Sherman W. Perry
Supervisory Historian**

APPROVAL SHEET

Recommended (SGD.) FRANCIS S. RONALDS Date 2/1/65
Superintendent

Recommended Robert G. Hall Date 3/31/65
Chief E.O.D.C.

Approved George A. Palmer Date 5/24/65
acting Regional Director

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

FACE SHEET FOR COMPLETION REPORT

Park <u>Franklin D. Roosevelt Historical Park</u>	Region <u>1</u>	Work Order No. <u>1151034</u>
Location in Park <u>Rock House, Jockey Hollow</u>	State(s) <u>New Jersey</u>	Fund Symbol <u>1151034</u>
☒ Contract and/or ☐ Day Labor	County or Counties <u>Morris</u>	Year Programmed
Work Order Title <u>Re-site and Powder Post Beetle Control</u>		PCP No.
		Master Plan No.
		Master Plan Corrected By
		As Built Drawings By
		Date Started <u>8/26/64</u>
		Date Completed <u>12/16/64</u>

DESCRIPTION OF FIXED ASSETS
(For completion by employee in charge of project)

TOTAL COSTS
(For completion by FFO)

Re-site and control of work, see purchase order 1041-34,
dated 8/26/64 for \$1,925.00, under item 6.

TOTAL \$

DISTRIBUTION		THE FIXED ASSET DESCRIBED ABOVE HAS BEEN COMPLETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPROVED DRAWINGS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND AUTHORIZED CHANGES	
No.	To		
1	1041-34	Submitted	Title: Assistant Superintendent Date: 1/22/65
2	1041-34	By:	
3	1041-34	Approved	Title: Superintendent Date: 1/23/65
4	1041-34	By:	
5	1041-34	COSTS VERIFIED	Title: Date:
6	1041-34	BY	

II. Detailed Description of the Work

The Wick House is presently the main feature of the Jockey Hollow area of Morristown National Historical Park. The history of this house is documented in Historic Structures Report, Part I, Wick House, submitted in November, 1964, and approved December, 1964.

During the summer of 1964, it was noticed that damage was being done to the structure by insects. Requests for quotations to treat for termites and powder post beetles were sent to four companies. The purchase order for the work was awarded to Bruce Terminex of East Orange, New Jersey, the only company to supply a quotation.

The work was started in November, and the receiving report was forwarded to the Regional Office on December 16, 1964.

The first part of the project was to remove the siding and shingles from the lower floor to expose the structural members. Difficulty was immediately encountered because of the shape of the nails used to secure the siding to the structural members.

(photo #10). This type nail was made by Mr. Strolley for this job. When the nails were pulled, the hole left in the siding was larger than a normal nail hole.

After the siding or shingles and building paper was removed, the treatment was started. All structural members were drilled as per specifications listed in the purchase order and then the toxicant impregnated under 150-200 p.s.i. (photo #4). Upon

completion of the impregnation of the structural members, all wood surfaces were then sprayed with the toxicant. (photo #5).

Fiberglass insulation, two inches thick, was then installed in the walls of the lower floor. (photo #6). A covering of building paper was then installed and the siding replaced using the old nails. Some new siding was used and a few new shingles were used where old boards or shingles were broken or warped beyond repair.

The new shingles that were added were color blended effectively with the old so that it is most difficult to identify the old from the new.

The new siding that was added to the south side of the house presented a more difficult problem because this is the side that is subject to the longest period of sunshine. A close-up view of the right side of the left window, (photo #11 & 12) shows the contrast in the siding. Photograph #11 was made immediately after the siding was installed. Approximately one month later, photograph #12 was made. Although still noticeable, the new siding is beginning to blend with the old.

No difficulty in blending was experienced on the east or north sides of the house where new siding was used.

The treatment of the exterior of the house did not present any problem as far as the visitor was concerned. However, this was not the situation with the interior of the house. Most of the work had to be done on Monday when the building is normally closed. Even so, as soon as one of the worker's vehicles appeared, visitors would be asking for

admittance. It was necessary to keep a Ranger posted in the area to explain why visitors could not be admitted.

In the basement, all beams were drilled to specifications, impregnated and then the flooring sprayed with toxicant.

The beams that are exposed on the interior of the house were drilled and impregnated and then the 1/4" hole was plugged with a dowel. Generally, the plugs are not visible unless one is looking for them. The walls were then sprayed with Diazinon.

III. Discussion of any New Architectural or Historical Evidence Discovered as a Result of the Work

No new historical evidence was discovered during the project. However, structural decay was noted when the siding was removed from the house. Photograph #3, an overall picture of the south side of the house, shows deterioration of a number of structural members. Photographs #7, 8 and 9, give a close-up view of the condition of the structural members. What could not be photographed was the way the inside paneling was attached to the studs. Much of the paneling was not secure, or, where secured to the studs, the studs were so loose that sections of the paneling could be moved with only the slightest pressure applied to it. Minor repairs were made where possible by nailing paneling to studs.

It is suggested that between five and ten years from this date, a structural rehabilitation of the Wick House be considered if the house is to be preserved.

IV. Enumeration of Additional Research Items Recommended for Future Investigation

Unlike the Ford Mansion, the restoration of the Wick House in 1935 is well documented and extensive reports and memoranda are located in the park files.

V. Enumeration of and Justification for any Changes in the Working Drawings

None

VI. Specifications

The specifications for the job were written into the purchase order, copies included in this report.

VII. Photographs

VIII. Construction Drawings

None

Purchase Order

Mott #34

August 25, 1964

in Files



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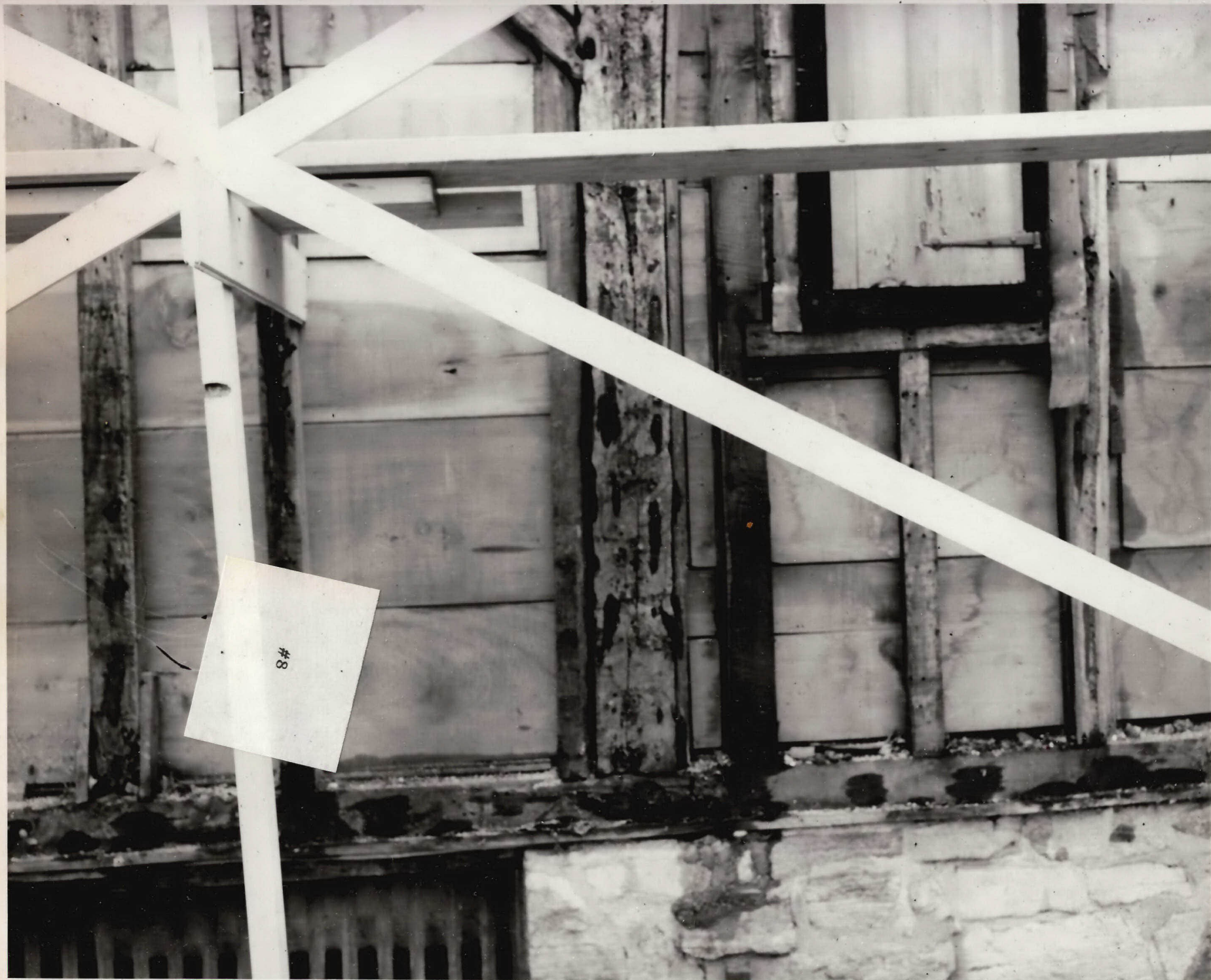
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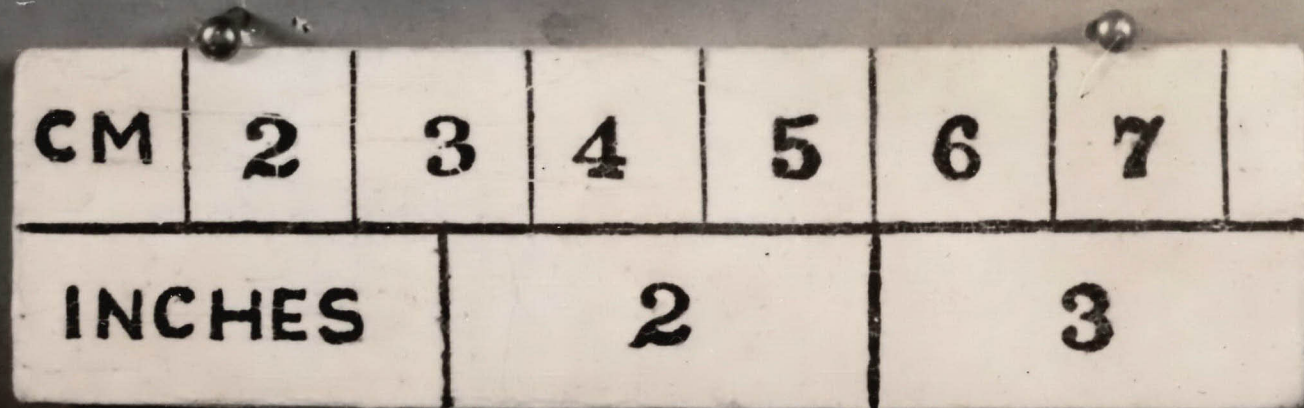


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