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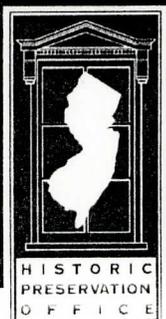
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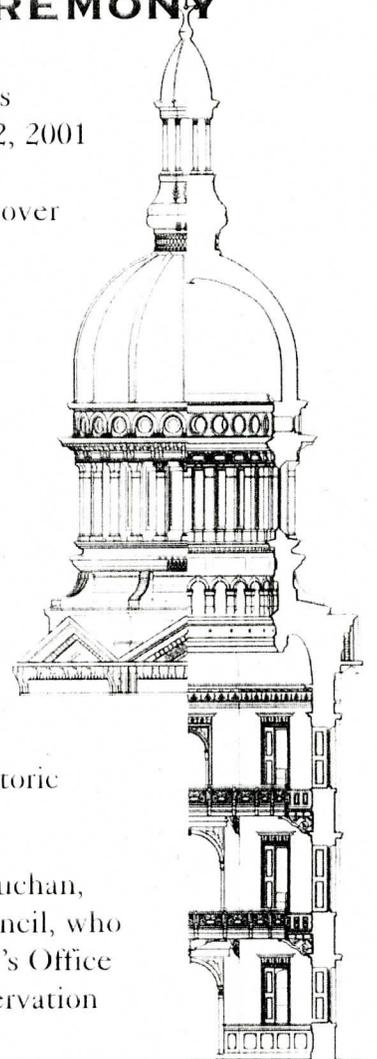
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## 2001 HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS PRESENTED IN STATE HOUSE CEREMONY

**T**he 2001 Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony was held Saturday, May 12, 2001 at the New Jersey State House in Trenton. Keynote speaker Russell Keune addressed over 180 invited guests in the recently restored Assembly Chambers.

Mr. Keune, a longtime historic preservation architect, was instrumental in the early development and implementation of the federal historic preservation program under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. Mr. Keune presented an engaging retrospective of the now 35 year old Historic Preservation movement. His remarks focused on the state of historic preservation prior to 1966, and the major changes brought about by the National Historic Preservation Act.

The awards were presented by Mr. Al Buchan, Chair of the New Jersey Historic Sites Council, who also read a proclamation from the Governor's Office declaring May 13-19, 2001 as Historic Preservation Week.



### THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE...

is committed to enhancing the quality of life for the residents of New Jersey through the preservation and appreciation of our collective past.

Our mission is to assist the residents of New Jersey in identifying, preserving, protecting and sustaining our historic and archaeological resources through the implementation of the state's historic preservation program.

# Category A:

## **INDIVIDUALS, ORGANIZATIONS & AGENCIES**

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### **WHITESBOG PRESERVATION TRUST: ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM**

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#### **PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP, BURLINGTON CO.**

The history of Whitesbog Village, located in the New Jersey Pine Barrens, begins with Colonel James A. Fenwick's work to develop cranberry agriculture in 1857. Later inherited by Joseph Josiah White, Fenwick's son-in-law, the property was expanded to 3000 acres, when it became known as White's Bog, or Whitesbog. Although its origins were associated with cranberries, Whitesbog is also known for Elizabeth C. White's collaborative work with Dr. Frederick Coville of the U.S.D.A. in cultivating blueberries in the early 1900s.

The Whitesbog Preservation Trust has been working to preserve the buildings and grounds at Whitesbog for the past eighteen years. Recognizing that the personal accounts and memories of those who lived and worked at Whitesbog were equally important to understanding the history and significance of this resource, the Trust initiated an ambitious oral history program.

The Oral History Committee was formed, and began compiling information about the residents and workers at Whitesbog in the years prior to its incorporation into Lebanon State Forest in 1967. A Whitesbog Reunion was held in June of 2000, where many of the 40 attendees were interviewed and recorded on videotape. Ultimately, ten hours of broadcast quality video was compiled with financial assistance from the NJ Council for the Humanities.

These taped interviews were developed into a twenty-one minute documentary, *Voices of Whitesbog*, which provides personal accounts of daily life at the farm. Some accounts date back to the 1920's, and include descriptions of what it was like to harvest cranberries by hand, life at the General Store, or how Elizabeth White entertained children at her home.

#### **PROJECT PERSONNEL:**

\* William C. Bolger, Oral History Program Chair; David Orleans, Thomas B. Darlington, and Janet Robbins, Board Members; Christian Bethmann, NJDEP, Div. of Parks and Forestry; Bruce Atkinson, Trust Volunteer; Natural Art Films, Video Production.

#### **INTERVIEWED RESIDENTS/WORKERS (APPEARING IN VIDEO):**

\* Patricia Haines Armstrong, Edith King Barker, Susan Haines Conover, Tom Darlington, Philomena DiNaro, Rocelle Gallo, Evelyn Greenwood, Fred Haines, Isaiah Haines, Earl Humphries, Dick Hutton, James "Buddy" Jefferson, Nancy Greenwood Lawrence, Frank Mellace, Gus Mellace, Joseph Mellace, Betsy Mancuso, George Murphy, Dave Preiksats, Eleanor Smith, June Vail.

