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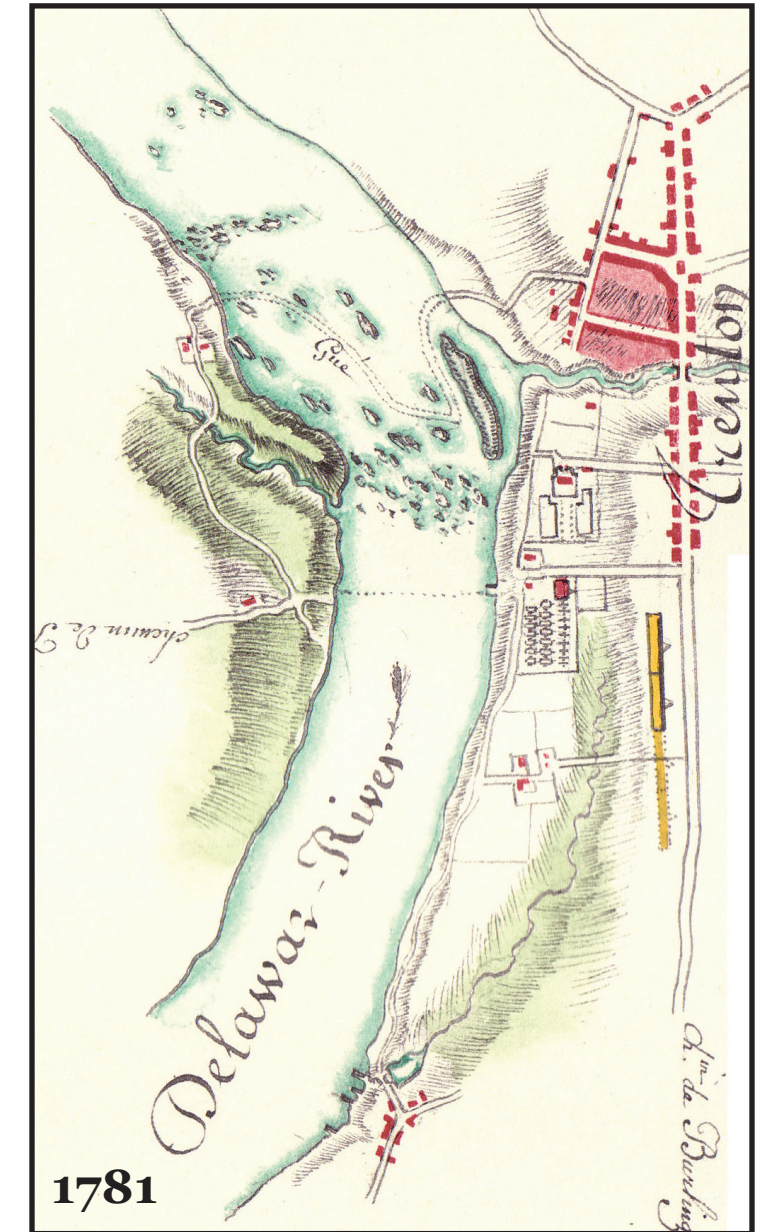
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## INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this project, as expressed in a proposal provided by Hunter Research, Inc. to the Trenton Historical Society in August, 2006, is to develop “a detailed map of property ownership and land use for downtown Trenton north of the Assunpink Creek centered around the year of 1775.” Such a map is viewed as a means of providing a cartographic and historical geographic context for understanding the urban character of Trent’s Town on the eve of the American Revolution and the Battles of Trenton. While many scholars have striven to characterize Trenton during the late colonial and Revolutionary War periods (e.g., Stryker 1878, 1898; Trenton Historical Society [THS] 1929; Toothman 1977; Burrow and Hunter 1996), no systematic attempt has been made prior to this project to relate the historic to the present-day landscape in a detailed or town-wide fashion.

At the outset it was understood that this ambitious goal would likely prove to be an open-ended exercise in historical and archival research. A vast body of property-specific primary documentation exists – land records, surrogates records, tax records, newspaper advertisements, and more – spread among numerous repositories, all of which ideally requires systematic and painstaking study before it can be translated into a cartographic domain. When looking at the history and geography of an entire town, archival research opportunities are literally limitless. As a result, efforts were made to contain the scope of the project, both by limiting the area of geographic coverage and by concentrating research on certain classes of archival documents.

From the standpoint of geographic coverage, the project focused on the historic core of the downtown on the north side of the Assunpink Creek, an area bounded approximately by Petty’s Run on the west, the Trenton Battle Monument to the north and Montgomery Street on the east. As described in greater detail below, the archival research concentrated on the systematic analysis of land records prior to 1775, selective use of other primary source materials (both before and after 1775) and careful reference to key secondary sources (notably: Stryker 1878; THS 1929; Toothman 1977).

What is presented here is most emphatically a work in progress. While much new (and old) information has been compiled and organized in tabular and cartographic form, there are many gaps in the research, many leads that can still be pursued, and these are clearly reflected in the final map product. An especially valuable outcome of the project at this stage, however, is that the map in its current form clearly points the way for future research.

## APPROACH TO HISTORICAL AND ARCHIVAL RESEARCH

The main focus of primary archival research has been land records. As an initial step, printed indexes at the New Jersey State Archives were consulted to identify all colonial conveyances for Trenton Township, Hunterdon County, prior to 1775, as well as other deeds relating to Trenton area properties in Hopewell Township and Burlington

County prior to the formation of Hunterdon County in 1714. The various deeds referenced in these indexes are available on microfilm at the New Jersey State Archives. These documents, typically referenced as “West Jersey Deeds,” were systematically reviewed and copies printed for those properties within or close to the area of study. Out of a total of approximately 500 Trenton Township and other potentially relevant deeds identified in the colonial conveyances at the State Archives, approximately 300 were ultimately tagged as relating to Trenton’s historic downtown area.

Chains of title began to be pieced together for individual properties with the goal being to track transfers of land as closely as possible to 1775. In some instances this proved relatively simple and ownership of specific properties could be pinned down during the 1760s and 1770s, and then picked up again post-1775; in most cases, however, the trail would be more complex with land often passing from one owner to the next through inheritance (and thus frequently unrecorded through a deed) or being progressively subdivided into smaller and smaller parcels.

As the jigsaw gradually filled in, key names were pursued as grantors and grantees in the Hunterdon County deed books, also available on microfilm at the New Jersey State Archives, and in colonial conveyances post-dating 1775. Note, however, that the deed research was all primarily conducted proceeding forward in time, moving from the earlier colonial period toward 1775. No systematic and comprehensive study of post-1775 land records was conducted.

A small cache of colonial manuscripts, including several unrecorded deeds, was located in the Trentoniana Collection of the Trenton Public Library. These materials, totaling approximately 25 documents of interest, were also systematically reviewed and helped clarify some critical land parcels along Petty’s Run and King (Warren) Street. The Ebenezer Cowell Papers, a manuscript collection held by the New Jersey State Archives pertaining to one of Trenton’s notable colonial families, were likewise thoroughly reviewed and produced a few valuable items of information about specific properties. A cursory examination of a group of unrecorded deeds in the State Archives, classified as “NJSA Deeds & Miscellaneous Land Records,” resulted in the identification of a small number of relevant documents.

To a very limited extent, efforts were made to trace the passing down of real property through inheritance, which necessarily required the compilation of some genealogical data concerning Trenton families. Published indexes of wills were selectively consulted as and when specific properties and land owners appeared to merit such treatment; no systematic scouring of surrogates records by property owner name was carried out. Similarly, notices of properties for sale published in newspapers (including sheriffs’ sales), again compiled in extract form in the New Jersey Archives Series, were only selectively examined. Colonial-era surveys of Trenton roads were not rigorously studied, although they were researched cursorily in an effort to establish their approximate courses and widths.

Primary archival research was conducted entirely in Trenton at the New Jersey State Archives with an occasional foray to other local repositories, such as the Trentoniana Collection at the Trenton Public Library. Other potentially useful repositories in the region, such as the Special Collections at the Alexander Library at Rutgers University, the New Jersey Historical Society, the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, the New-York Historical Society and the Hunterdon County Historical Society, have not been visited.

Throughout the process of primary archival research, repeated reference was made to historic maps and various published and unpublished secondary sources in search of background information on specific people and places. While a survey map survives that accompanied the sale of Mahlon Stacy, Jr.'s lands to William Trent in 1714 (Basse's Book of Surveys 1714), there are no detailed colonial-era maps of downtown Trenton. Nevertheless, later 18th-century maps (e.g., Berthier 1781; Cox 1789; Coxe c.1804) and even 19th-century maps are a valuable guide to understanding the evolution of the colonial road network and some of the more enduring historic properties in the town.

Much of the archival ground being covered had been previously trodden by Stephanie Toothman in the course of her conducting doctoral research in the 1970s. Toothman's work, with its many detailed insights on the evolution of Trenton's cultural landscape during the colonial period, has provided an immensely valuable check on the current project and a framework for mapping individual properties. William S. Stryker's *Trenton One Hundred Years Ago*, published in 1878, and the Trenton Historical Society's two-volume *A History of Trenton 1679-1929*, published in 1929, while both occasionally

guilty of errors of fact, yielded much valuable information on individual landowners, their land holdings and patterns and details of land use.

Within the past quarter century, cultural resources investigations conducted in compliance with state and federal historic preservation laws in connection with publicly funded development and construction projects have resulted in some extremely detailed site-specific historical and archaeological studies of portions of downtown Trenton. These studies have provided the current project with a "head start," so to speak, on some portions of the study area. Specifically, studies performed in connection with the restoration and expansion of the New Jersey State House (Hunter Research Associates 1989a), the restoration of the Old Barracks (Hunter Research Associates 1989b) and the redevelopment of the Capital Center (former Dunhams) block (Hunter Research Associates 1989c) supplied ready-made historical analyses from which data for 1775 could be extracted. Finally, published and unpublished histories of some of the major landmarks in the city, notably the Old Barracks (Walker 1912; Mendel Mesick Cohen Waite Architects 1981), St. Michael's Episcopal Church (Schuyler 1926) and the First Presbyterian Church (Hall 1912), have been helpful in providing supporting documentation for the current study.

## MAPPING PROCEDURE

As deeds were reviewed and specific properties were identified as lying within the area of study, basic legal and cadastral information (grantee, grantor, date of transfer, acreage, metes and bounds, archival reference and other salient data) were compiled and plotted out using DeedMapper software. Wherever possible, deed plots for individual proper-

ties were superimposed, appropriately scaled and in the closest approximation to their correct location, over a topographic base map of the City of Trenton imported from AutoCAD. As multiple matching plots for the same property were identified over time, early versions were discarded, leaving only those closest in time to 1775 (either before or after). Painstakingly, a map showing historic property ownership in the downtown began to emerge, lot by lot, although inevitably with many expanses of blank land where no deeds could be identified.

Early on in this process it was recognized that understanding both the routes and the widths of historic roadways would have an important bearing on the pattern of land ownership being assembled using DeedMapper. Thus, road alignments and widths were adjusted on the base map to reflect their historic condition as understood from road surveys and other documentary sources. Several of the main roads, for example, could be documented as being four rods wide; other lesser roadways were two rods or a single rod in width. Somewhat more perilous was the reconstruction of what was held to be the historic course of Petty's Run, a stream that is no longer visible above ground today, but which greatly influenced the growth and layout of the town in the 18th century. With the help of 19th-century maps, and even in some instances the 18th-century deeds, a reasonably accurate drainage configuration was arrived at for Petty's Run.

## PRODUCTS

The following pages present the results of the 1775 mapping project as they presently stand after the initial round of research and mapping activity outlined above. A series of tables summarizes the primary archival research data and offers copious

notes on individual properties, along with references to pertinent secondary sources. At the rear of this document, keyed to the tables, is the map itself, a cartographic depiction of land ownership and land use in Trenton in 1775.

As the inset on the map indicates, the downtown has been divided into six sub-areas – western; southern; west central; central core; eastern; and northern. The tables follow this same organizing principle.

The first series of six tables (one for each sub-area) focuses on property ownership and land use. These tables detail the individual properties known or strongly suspected to have existed in 1775, for which supporting primary archival documentation could be found. Property ID#s are keyed to the sequence of smaller numbers with sub-area prefixes that identify individual lots on the map. Property owners are those individuals identified as the grantee in the pre-1775 primary archival reference. Names shown in parentheses are considered possible alternative owners in 1775 (i.e., because of the discrepancy in date between the archival reference and 1775, an owner may have died in the interim). Property size, wherever possible, is as given in the relevant deed; parenthetically expressed sizes have been generated by DeedMapper. Pre-1775 and post-1775 dates certain with accompanying references represent the primary archival documentation found closest to the year 1775 for each identified property. To the extent that the primary documentation and common sense permit, land use is identified according to the following basic categories: residential; commercial; craftworking; industrial; community; military; and agricultural. In some instances, the term "undeveloped" is applied – in most cases to indicate that a lot does not appear to have been built upon or put to any of the above uses. Undeveloped land may well include gardens, yards, paddocks,

etc. Notes have been added in an effort to clarify specific details or to incorporate property-specific information gleaned from secondary sources.

The following table aims to list the principal buildings in the town – houses, shops, industrial facilities, stores, taverns, churches, schools – along with the barracks and the sites of three markets. The numbering sequence identifying these features of the town is shown on the map as the larger numbers without the prefixes, most of them ranged along the main streets or Petty’s Run. The tabulation of principal buildings, which almost certainly includes several misattributions, is cross-referenced by property ID# and also indicates the secondary sources that provide support for each building identification.

Turning finally to the map itself, the land area (green) and drainage (blue) are depicted as they are believed to have existed in 1775, superimposed on a modern topographic base map. Road names shown are those most commonly used in the 1770s, although most of these had widely used alternative appellations (e.g., Front Street was known as Lower, Water or High Street). Property lines are shown in red and blue: red indicates a property whose bounds are certainly known in 1775; blue indicates a property whose bounds are strongly suspected to have been as shown in 1775, but supporting documentation has not been found on either side of that date. The symbols, explained in the key, indicate the locations of principal buildings as identified in the table noted above. Filled symbols indicate reasonable certainty about a particular building’s location and existence in 1775; open symbols indicate a lesser degree of certainty, although there is some confidence that that the approximate site is correctly located in both space and 1775 time. Three buildings survive today that were in existence

in 1775: the Friends Meeting House (1739); St. Michael’s Episcopal Church (1747-48); and the Barracks (1758). Grey shaded areas show those portions of the downtown that were not fully researched, usually because insufficient relevant primary documentation was found. These areas highlight where further research can be suitably focused in the future.

## CONTRIBUTIONS AND CAVEATS

The map of Trenton 1775 presented here, despite its partially complete state and unfilled researching “holes,” still adds vital cartographic perspective to our understanding of the town on the eve of the Revolutionary War. Among the more compelling outcomes of this exercise in historical geographical inquiry are:

- The clear sense of the intersection of King and Second Streets as the commercial focus or “carfax” of the town
- The dominance of King Street over Queen Street as the town’s principal built-up thoroughfare (a function in large part of the planned community development that followed the Trent family’s subdivision of their land holdings and of the so-called Staniland tract straddling Queen Street never being in Trent family ownership)
- The profound influence of Petty’s Run on the physical growth and industrial development of the town (with a brewery, two tanneries [one

with a bark mill] and an iron and steel-working complex along its course)

- The manner in which the lowlying meadow land south of Front Street prevented expansion of the town alongside the lower sections of the Assunpink Creek and Petty’s Run
- The persistence of relatively large undeveloped lots, probably used for meadows and orchards, to the east of Quaker Lane and Broad Street (to the north of Fourth Street)

Even though such broad patterns of land use and numerous details about specific properties are brought to the fore in this work, countless caveats must be made. There is a margin of error in the mapping of property lines and pinpointing of individual buildings that is difficult to quantify, brought about through irregularities in metes and bounds, the vagaries of historical descriptions, and uncertainty about the actual historical course of roads and streams. There may be as much as a 50-foot margin of error in some of the mapping of properties and buildings.

Many other pitfalls lie in the interpretation of deeds. Such documents frequently recite old information, copying the metes and bounds for properties that have not changed in size, but reiterating the names of neighboring property owners long since dead. This immediately introduces a chronological dislocation into the assembly of a jigsaw puzzle for the year 1775. While deeds will usually accurately identify owners of the particular land parcel being transferred, they tend to be less discriminating about adjoining properties, often naming tenants in place of owners. Confusion often surrounds the

identification of actual occupants of a property – do the people named in a deed truly live there, or do they merely own the property and rent it out?

This is an area where matching up information in secondary sources (e.g., Raum 1871; Stryker 1878; THS 1929) with that derived from primary archival sources is often difficult. Finally, it is not always easy to determine whether or not a particular land parcel includes a building, or what such a building may actually be. Particular care must be given to the use of terms such as “messuage,” “tenement,” “building,” “lot of land,” etc. to ensure that the developed vs. undeveloped nature of a land parcel is properly understood.

## RESEARCH APPLICATIONS

There are several potentially useful applications of the research presented as part of this project. The most obvious application is in the furtherance of heritage tourism and historical inquiry in the city and region. This research will help to improve the content of historic interpretive and heritage tourism products such as signage, brochures and maps. This work will better inform presentations and tours on the city’s history, have value as a teaching aid in schools and colleges, and pique the interest of local historians and residents interested in local history. Ultimately, if pursued further, this work may have lasting academic value and form the basis for scholarly publication and continuing research.

On a more practical level, this material should be of interest and utility to land use planners, environmental planners and land use regulators in the city, highlighting areas where historic resources are and were situated. In this capacity, this work can serve as a first step toward assessing the archaeological potential of the downtown and point to locations where significant buried remains may yet survive.



## FUTURE RESEARCH

As stressed throughout this document, the Trenton in 1775 mapping project is a work in progress. The accompanying tables are dotted with question marks and empty cells; the map itself denotes several areas where only limited research has been undertaken. The cartographic approach can also bear some refinement as deed mapping and other computer mapping (and GIS) software becomes more sophisticated and attuned to the needs of the historical geographer.

In terms of strategies for further archival researching into land records, efforts can certainly be made to trace the chains of title for individual Trenton properties working backwards from the 19th and late 18th centuries to 1775. Also, a systematic effort could be conceivably be made to process Hunterdon County deeds on either side of 1775, although this may be especially time consuming since these documents are first indexed by last name, then by first name, and only then chronologically ordered. Unfortunately, there is no means of accessing these deeds by municipality.

A more productive researching avenue at this juncture would be to cast a wider net in terms of the research materials being examined. Systematic study of property sale notices in newspapers (using the published and indexed newspaper extracts) and wills (using both published and indexed abstracts and other indexes of wills) would undoubtedly help to fill in many of the blanks in land ownership and throw up other relevant land use information. The division of real property following the death of an individual landholder is one area of research into surrogates' records that may be especially helpful. Somewhat smaller and more manageable primary sources that may be of assistance include Hunterdon

County and Trenton Township road surveys and the earliest round of tax ratable assessments for Trenton from the late 1770s.

Another approach would be to focus on specific families who are known to have been major landholders in the town. Many of these families may be well represented in the archival record through collections of family papers, while others may have been subject to court proceedings which involved the break-up of real estate holdings (in which case court records may be of assistance). A provisional list of families that merit closer scrutiny includes the following: Allen (John, William); Anderson/Andrus/Andrews (Eliakim, Enoch, Ephraim, Joshua); Barnes (John, Thomas); Beakes (Nathan, Stacy); Biles (Benjamin); Bond (Elijah); Cadwalader (Thomas); Coxe (Daniel); Dagworthy (John); DeCou (Isaac, Joseph); Furman (Moore); Henry (Samuel); Higbee (Joseph); Hunt (Abraham); Morris (William); Peace (Isaac, Joseph); Reed (Andrew, Joseph); Tucker (Samuel, William); Yard (Archibald William, Benjamin, John, Joseph, William). In addition to the New Jersey State Archives and the Trenton Public Library, among those repositories that most merit visiting for family-based research are the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, the Burlington County Historical Society, the Hunterdon County Historical Society, Special Collections at the Alexander Library at Rutgers University, the New Jersey Historical Society and the New-York Historical Society

Finally, another viable strategy for pursuing additional research would be to concentrate on the grey shaded areas on the map and proceed around the town on a block-by-block basis, taking a given area to the same level of research detail as was achieved for the Capital Center (Dunhams) block. In particu-

lar, the block bounded by Second (East State), King (South Warren), Front and Queen (South Broad) deserves this level of treatment.

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TRENTON IN 1775 - PROPERTY OWNERSHIP AND LAND USE (WESTERN SECTION)

Property ID#	Property Owner	Property Size	pre-1775 date certain	Reference	post-1775 date certain	Reference	Land Use	Notes
Pennington Avenue to Bank Street, north to south								
W1	Elijah Bond	4.25 acres	1744	Deed WJ EF 439			?residential &	?house lot; Lot No. 1 of 1744 subdivision; ?house of Josiah Appleton
W2	?	(0.31 acre)					?	Lot No. 5 of 1744 subdivision
W3	John Coxe	0.25 acre	1744	(Deed WJ EF 411)			?	Lot No. 4 of 1744 subdivision
W4	Stacy Beakes	0.25 acre	1744	Deed WJ EF 411			?residential	?house lot; Lot No. 3 of 1744 subdivision; ?house of Isaac Brearley (could
W5	Nathan Beakes	0.25 acre	1744	Deed WJ EF 414			?	Lot No. 2 of 1744 subdivision
W6	Samuel Tucker	(0.2 acre)	1744	(Deed WJ EF 414)			residential	house lot; adjoins south side of Lot No. 2; house of Samuel Tucker (Stryker 1878)
W7	Andrew Reed	2.25 acres + 27 perches (area incl. W8-W12)	1758	Deed WJ U 37			?agricultural	larger lot began to be subdivided by Andrew Reed in 1758; rear portion of lot probably in agricultural use
W8	?	?	1758	(Deed WJ U 44)			?residential	?house lot; hypothesized from W10; subdivided from W7; ?double house of Samuel Bellerjeau, innkeeper, and Jacob Benjamin, merchant (Stryker 1878); may be stone house offered for sale by Andrew Reed in Pennsylvania Journal, 3/18/1764 (Toothman 1977:183)
W9	?	?	1758	(Deed WJ U 44)			?residential & agricultural	?house lot; hypothesized from W10; subdivided from W7; ?double house of Samuel Bellerjeau, innkeeper, and Jacob Benjamin, merchant (Stryker 1878); may be stone house offered for sale by Andrew Reed in Pennsylvania Journal, 3/18/1764 (Toothman 1977:183)
W10	Joseph Reed	6,300 square feet	1758	Deed WJ U 44			residential	house lot subdivided from W7; ?house of Charles Axford (Stryker 1878); possible site of King of Prussia Tavern (Toothman 1977:270)
W11	?	?	1758	(Deed WJ U 44)			?residential & commercial	?house lot with store; hypothesized from W10; subdivided from W7; ?spirits shop of Polly Brown (Stryker 1878)
W12	?	?	1758	(Deed WJ U 44)			?	hypothesized from W10; subdivided from W7
W13	Stacy Potts	2.25 acres + 27 perches	1769	Deed WJ AC 112			?industrial	?part of tannery
W14	Stacy Potts	(2.44 acres)	1766	Deed WJ Y 435	1785	Deed HC 1 85	industrial	tanyard lot; tannery of Stacy Potts (Stryker 1878; Toothman 1977:253-255)
W15	Stacy Potts	0.5 acre	1766	Deed WJ Y 435	1785	Deed HC 1 85	residential	house lot; frame house of Stacy Potts (Stryker 1878; THS 1929:139-140, 191, 323, 452; Toothman 1977:200-203)

Bank Street to West Hanover Street, counterclockwise from northwest corner								
W16	Daniel Coxe	2.25 acres	1763	Deed WJ T 13				
W17	Daniel Coxe	1.5 acres + 11 perches	1764	Deed WJ U 69			?	
W18	Joseph DeCou (Isaac DeCou)	0.125 acre	1744	Deed WJ GH 394			residential	house lot; property inherited by Isaac DeCou from Joseph DeCou (Stryker 1878; THS 1929:606; Toothman 1977:132, 148-149)
W19	David Howell	0.125 acre	1744	Deeds WJ GH 394			?	David Howell probably deceased by 1775
W20	Ruth Biddle	?	1764	(Deed WJ U 69)			?	Ruth Biddle referenced as owning property east of Daniel Coxe in 1764; probably bordered west side of King (Warren) Street
W21	Thomas Barnes	?	1764	(Deeds WJ T 13 & WJ U 69)			residential & commercial	house lot with apothecary shop; Thomas Barnes referenced as owning property north and east of Daniel Coxe in 1764; he also owned property southeast of Daniel Coxe and south of Captain Rutherford in 1763 (Deed WJ T 13); Barnes resident here in mid-1770s (Stryker 1878)

W22	Captain Rutherford	?	1763	(Deed WJ T 13)			?residential	?house lot; Captain Rutherford referenced as owning property to east of Daniel Coxe and north of Thomas Barnes in 1763; ?site of house occupied by Rebecca Coxe in 1770s (Stryker 1878)
W23	Ann Pidgeon	?	1763	(Deed WJ T 13)			?	Ann Pidgeon referenced as owning property to east of Daniel Coxe and north of Captain Rutherford in 1763
W24	Peter Merrill	?	1763	(Deed WJ T 13)			?	Peter Merrill referenced as owning property east of Daniel Coxe and north of Ann Pidgeon in 1763

West Hanover Street to West State Street, counterclockwise from northwest corner								
W25	Joseph DeCou (Isaac	0.25 acre + 6 perches	1741	Deed TPL MS 20			industrial	tanyard lot with bark mill; property inherited by Isaac DeCou from Joseph
W26	John Allen	?	1762	(Deed WJ R 364)			?	John Allen referenced as owning property next to River Road and north of Daniel Coxe in 1762
W27	Daniel Coxe	(2 acres)	1762	Deed WJ R 364 (& Deeds WJ EF 159, WJ EF 326, WJ H 85	1779	Deed WJ AT 169	residential	house lot with adjacent land; Trenton home of Coxe family; confiscated in 1779 and later home of Moore Furman and then the Governor's House (Stryker 1878; THS 1929:141-142, 208-209; Toothman 1977:178)
W28	Alexander Chambers	0.25 acre	1740	Deed HC 1 504			residential &	house lot with store (Stryker 1878)
W29	James Bell (?Peter Gordon)	(0.15 acre)	1743	(Deed WJ EF 326)			?residential	?house lot; James Bell probably deceased by 1775; ?house on this lot (or W30) occupied by Peter Gordon in 1770s (Stryker 1878)
W30	Adam Hoops	(0.15 acre)	1765	Deed WJ U 479	1795	Deed WJ AT 438	?residential	?house lot
W31	David Cowell	0.25 acre	1768	Deed WJ AI 542	1789	Ebenezer Cowell Papers, box 2, folder 14	residential	house lot; house on lot by 1742; possibly three houses owned here by Cowell by 1789
W32	Joseph Reed (Abraham Hunt)	0.25 acre	1772	Deed WJ AE 196			residential & commercial	House lot with store; owned by Joseph Reed in 1772, but in hands of Abraham Hunt by 1776; brick house and frame house/store on lot (Stryker 1878; THS 1929:108, 132-134, 338-339; Toothman 1977:194-195)
W33	Joseph Higbee	?	1772	(Deed WJ AE 196)			residential	house lot; Joseph Higbee referenced as owning property to north of Joseph Reed; house of Joseph Higbee (Stryker 1878)
W34	John Allen	?	1744	(Deeds WJ DD 304 & WJ GH 394)			?residential	?house lot; John Allen referenced as owning property to south of Joseph DeCou in 1744; probably a separate lot from W17; ?site of house occupied by Col. Isaac Smith, physician, in 1770s (Stryker 1878; THS 1929:136)
W35	Benjamin Yard	15,000 square feet	1773	Ebenezer Cowell Papers, box 1, folder 38			industrial	slaughter house lot (may have been part of W36)
W36	John Cochran	?	1764	(Deed WJ U 69)			?	John Cochran referenced as owning property to south of John Allen in 1764



**TRENTON IN 1775 - PROPERTY OWNERSHIP AND LAND USE (SOUTHERN SECTION)**

Property ID#	Property Owner	Property Size	pre-1775 date certain	Reference	post-1775 date certain	Reference	Land Use	Notes
<b>State House to South Broad Street, west to east</b>								
S1	Stacy Potts	6 acres 14 perches	1769	Deed WJ AB 91			agricultural	meadow lot; Lot Nos. 3, 5, 6 & 7 of subdivision of Joseph Peace estate lands by creditors in 1767-69
S2	John Pemberton & Stephen Sewell	(0.21 acre)	1770	(Deed TPL MS 108)	1782	Deed TPL MS 108	industrial	steel furnace lot (Toothman 1977:249-253; Hunter Research Associates 1989a; Hunter and Porter 1990)
S3	Benjamin Yard	(0.3 acre)	1745	(Deed WJ 261)	1809	Deed HC 16 97	industrial	plating mill lot (Toothman 1977:249-253; Hunter Research Associates 1989a; Hunter and Porter 1990)
S4	Colony of New Jersey	(1.03 acres)	1758	Walker 1912:11			military	Barracks Lot (Stryker 1878; THS 1929:299-308; Toothman 1977:206-209; Mendel Mesick Cohen Waite Architects 1981; Hunter Research Associates 1989b)
S5	Isaac Peace	0.25 acre + 35 perches	1761	Deed WJ AS 189	1834	Deed HC 65 227	residential	house lot; house on lot pre-1775 (Hunter Research Associates 1989a)
S6	Josiah Appleton	0.25 acre	pre-1745	(Deeds WJ E 16 & HC 24 77)	1779	NJ Will 1084J	residential	house lot; house on lot pre-1775 (Hunter Research Associates 1989a)
S7	Samuel Bellerjeau	(0.35 acre)	1769	(Deed WJ AB 91)			?residential	?house lot
S8	Henry Bellerjeau (?Samuel Bellerjeau)	0.25 acre	1731	Deed WJ EF 47			?residential	?house lot; Henry Bellerjeau probably deceased by 1775; possibly owned by Samuel Bellerjeau
S9	David Dunbar	0.25 acre	1731	Deed WJ EF 46			?residential	?house lot; David Dunbar probably deceased by 1775
S10	Isaac Peace	0.25 acre	1761	Deed WJ AS 189	1834	Deed HC 65 227	residential	house lot; tenant dwelling occupied by Rachel James in 1761
S11	Isaac Watson	0.25 acre	1761	(Deed WJ AS 189)	1834	Deed HC 65 227	?undeveloped	Isaac Watson referenced in 1761 as owning property to west of Isaac Peace (but was deceased by then); owned by Isaac Peace estate in 1834
S12	Isaac Peace	0.25 acre	1761	Deed WJ AS 189	1834	Deed HC 65 227	residential	house lot; tenant dwelling occupied by George Brown in 1761
S13	Thomas Oakley	?	1761	(Deed WJ AS 189)			?residential	?house lot; Thomas Oakley referenced as owning property to east of Isaac Peace in 1761 (but may have been deceased by then); ?site of house of Daniel Yard (Stryker 1878)
S14	Isaac Peace	(1.4 acres)			1834	Deed HC 65 227	undeveloped	?meadow lot; probably acquired by Isaac Peace in late 18thc; probably part of Lot No. 4 of subdivision of Joseph Peace estate lands by creditors in 1767-69
S15	Abraham Hunt & Moore Furman	?			1778	(Deed HC 17 238)	commercial	probable lumber yard in 1775
S16	Joseph Yard (or his estate)	(0.3 acre)	1727	(Deed HC 17 238)	1778	Deed HC 17 238	?residential & commercial	?house lot; ?site of house and bakery of Mrs. Yard (Stryker 1878)
S17	Isaac Allen	5.5 acres	1767	Deed WJ AV 317			agricultural	meadow lot; Lot No. 2 of subdivision of Joseph Peace estate lands by creditors in 1767-69
S18	Samuel Tucker	?	1767	(Deed WJ AV 317)			?	Lot No. 1 of subdivision of Joseph Peace estate lands by creditors in 1767-69
S19	John Barnes	1.25 acres	c.1760	Toothman 1977:197	1779	Deed HC 1 53	residential & industrial	house lot with distillery; stone house and distillery on lot c.1775 (Stryker 1878; THS 1929:143-144, 169; Toothman 1977:197)

TRENTON IN 1775 - PROPERTY OWNERSHIP AND LAND USE (WEST CENTRAL SECTION)

Property ID#	Property Owner	Property Size	pre-1775 date certain	Reference	post-1775 date certain	Reference	Land Use	Notes
Block bounded by Barrack Street, West Front Street, South Warren Street and West State Street, counterclockwise from NW corner								
WC1	Benjamin Yard	0.125 acre	1761	(Deed WJ T 241)			residential	house lot; Benjamin Yard referenced as owning property to west of Clotworthy Reed in 1761; site of Benjamin Yard's house (Stryker 1878)
WC2	Samuel or Benjamin Yard	0.125 acre			1795	(Deeds WJ AV 393 & HC 17 30)	?	Benjamin Yard acquired lot of uncertain size at northeast corner of Front and Willow Streets from Samuel Yard in 1795
WC3	Samuel or Benjamin Yard	?			1810	(Deeds WJ AV 393 & HC 17 30)	?	
WC4	Moore Furman	(0.14 acre)	1764	NJSA Deeds & Misc. Land Records			?	referred to as Lot No. 5 in the plan; fronted on to Front Street; bounded by Samuel Henry to west, George Davis to east and Andrew Reed to north
WC5	George Davis	?	1764	(NJSA Deeds & Misc. Land Records)			?	
WC6	Lawrence Mullin	?			1779	(Deed WJ AV 91)	?	property abuts alley
WC7	Conrad Kotts	(0.29 acre)	1763	Deed WJ AB 43	1811	Deed HC 2 13	residential & craftworking	house lot with shop; house occupied by Conrad Kotts in 1770s (Stryker 1878; THS 1929:304); ?tailor's shop on premises
WC8	Archibald William Yard	(0.17 acre)	1766	(Deed HC 7 543)	1798	Deeds HC 7 543 & WJ AT 531	?	
WC9	Archibald William Yard	0.25 acre	1760	Deed HC 18 7	1811	Deed HC 18 9	residential	house lot; dwelling on lot in 1760; house occupied by Archibald William Yard in 1770s (Stryker 1878)
WC10	Samuel Henry	3,696 square feet			1779	Deed WJ AV 91	residential	house lot; small wood house; ?tenant dwelling; possible site of house of Polly Hawkins (Stryker 1878)
WC11	Samuel Henry	(0.38 acre)	1760	THS 1929:319	1780	THS 1929:319	residential	house lot; stone house with garden at west end of property (THS 1929:319)
WC12	Joseph Reed	25 perches	1772	Deed WJ AE 196			?residential	?house lot; this lot or WC13 possibly the site of house occupied by Davies or Pike in 1770s (Stryker 1878)
WC13	Daniel Coxe	(0.16 acre)	1772	(Deed WJ AE 196)			?residential	?house lot; Daniel Coxe is referenced as owning lot to west of Joseph Reed in 1772; this lot or WC12 possibly the site of house occupied by Davies or Pike in the 1770s (Stryker 1878)
WC14	David Cowell	25 perches	1768	Deed WJ AI 542	1789	Ebenezer Cowell Papers, box 2, folder 14	(residential)	lot with potash house and stable linked to Cowell property across street (W31)
WC15	Clotworthy Reed (or estate)	(0.13 acre)	1761	Deed WJ T 241	1789	Deed WJ AT 436	?residential	?house lot

TRENTON IN 1775 - PROPERTY OWNERSHIP AND LAND USE (CENTRAL CORE)

Property ID#	Property Owner	Property Size	pre-1775 date certain	Reference	post-1775 date certain	Reference	Land Use	Notes
Battle Monument to Perry Street, north to south								
C1	Widow Mary Case or Joseph Cowell	21 perches	1772	Deed HC 21 28	1788	(Deed WJ AQ 543)	residential	house lot; house on lot by 1772; Joseph Cowell referenced as owning property adjoining to north of C2 in 1788; Cowell was son-in-law of Mary Case
C2	Nathan Beakes, Sr.	31 perches	1748	Deed WJ Z 387	1778	Deed WJ AQ 543	undeveloped	no mention of buildings; inherited by Nathan Beakes, Jr. c. 1775 as per deed of 1788 (Nathan Beakes, Jr. to Joseph McCully); later site of McCully pottery
C3	Cornelius Doud or Joseph Phillips	?	1772	(Deed WJ Z 387)	1788	(Deed WJ AQ 543)	?	Cornelius Doud referenced as owning property adjoining to south of C2 in 1772; Joseph Phillips in 1788
C4	Stacy Potts	(0.25 acre)	1773	Deed WJ AH 342			residential	house lot; dwelling house noted in 1773; ?tenant dwelling; borders north side of Petty's Run; ?site of double house occupied by John Plaskett and Richard Norris, staymaker, in 1770s (Stryker 1878)

Perry Street to East Hanover Street, counterclockwise from NW corner								
C5	William Plaskett or John Plaskett	(0.62 acre)	1734	Deed WJ E 256	1779	(Deed WJ AT 456)	?residential	?house lot; brick building belonging to John Plaskett referenced in 1779
C6	William Plaskett	0.125 acre	1734	Deed WJ E 256	1779	Deed WJ AT 456	residential	house lot in 1779; ?site of frame house occupied by Pontius D. Stille (also operated as a tavern in the 1760s) (Stryker 1878; Toothman 1977:185, 200, 202, 204, 269)
C7	St. Michael's Episcopal Church	0.5 acre	1748	(Deed WJ EF 448)			community (religious)	churchyard lot; church erected 1747-48 on land acquired from John Coxie between 1743 and 1747 (Schuyler 1926; THS 1929:402-406)
C8	Hezekiah Howell	?	1758	(Deed WJ AK 676)			residential & craftworking	house lot with blacksmith shop; Hezekiah Howell referenced as owner of property adjoining Thomas Cadwalader to the north in 1758; Hezekiah Howell was a blacksmith; Aaron and Ellet Howell occupied this property in the 1770s (Stryker 1878)
C9	Thomas Cadwalader	0.25 acre	1758	Deed WJ AK 676			?residential	?house lot; ?tenant dwelling
C10	Micajah How	0.25 acre	1772	Deed TPL MS 66	1784	THS 1929:191	residential	house lot; How was a judge and sheriff in Hunterdon; Richard Henry Lee stayed here in 1784 before he was elected President of the Continental Congress (Stryker 1878; THS 1929:191, 608)
C11	James Cummin, Jr.	0.125 acre	1769	(Deed WJ AL 336)	1780	Deed WJ AL 336	residential	house lot; house on lot in 1743 (Deed WJ EF 468); site of house occupied by George Ely in 1770s (Stryker 1878)
C12	Joseph Paxton, Jr.	<0.25 acre	1740	Deed WJ EF 443			residential & commercial	house and store lot; property adjoining to east references Paxton's corner in 1770 (Deed AF 236); site of house and office of Dr. Woolsey and store of David Pinkerton in 1770s (Stryker 1878)
C13	Benjamin Smith	0.5 acre + 12 perches	1770	Deed WJ AF 236			residential & commercial	house and store lot; large stone house and store and other buildings on lot in 1770 (Stryker 1878; Toothman 1977:185)
C14	Nathan Beakes	37.5 perches	1757	Deed WJ Z 392	1794	Deed HC 7 484	residential	house lot; dwelling house on lot in 1757; ?tenant dwelling
C15	Nathan Wright	?	1757	(Deed WJ Z 392)			residential	house lot; house of Nathan Wright referenced on property adjoining Nathan Beakes to north in 1757
C16	Pontius DeCou Stille	?			1810	Deed HC 18 468	?undeveloped	possibly acquired by Stille from George Merchant; portion of lot excepted for lot and dwelling of Luke Brown
C17	Luke Brown	17 rods			1806	Deed HC 12 228	residential	house lot; excepted from two lots owned by Pontius D. Stille in 1810 (Deed 18 468); ?site of house of John Yard in 1770s (Stryker 1878)
C18	Pontius DeCou Stille	0.25 acre			1810	Deed HC18 468	?undeveloped	portion of lot excepted for lot and dwelling of Luke Brown
C19	Ephraim Anderson	0.75 acre + 28 perches			1791	Deed HC 1 447	?residential	?house lot; possibly in hands of George Merchant in late 18thc



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C20	John Dippolt (Teapolt)	?			1791	(Deed HC 1 447)	?	John Dippolt (Teapolt) referenced as owning land to west of Ephraim Anderson in 1791
C21	William Patterson	?			1791	(Deed HC 1 447)	?	William Patterson referenced as owning land to west of Ephraim Anderson in 1791
C22	Josiah Appleton	?			1791	(Deed HC 1 447)	?	Late Josiah Appleton referenced as owning land to north of Ephraim Anderson on west side of Queen Street in 1791

East Hanover Street to East State Street, counterclockwise from NW corner								
C23	Israel Morris	c.13,000 square feet	1775	NJ Will 1174J	1778	Deed WJ AL 77	undeveloped	house built on lot between 1775 and 1778 (Hunter Research Associates 1989c)
C24	Thomas Smith	0.5 acre	1774	Pennsylvania Gazette, 3/30/1774	1778	(Deed WJ AL 77)	residential & commercial	house and store lot; two frame dwelling/store structures and outbuildings in 1774; office of New Jersey Gazette located here in 1778 (Hunter Research Associates 1989c)
C25	William Clayton	c.18,000 square feet	1774	Pennsylvania Gazette, 3/30/1774	1779	NJ Will 1090J	residential & commercial	house and store lot; dwelling/store structure; Clayton was a hatter; possibility that market was on rear part of property (THS 1929:316, 338; Hunter Research Associates 1989c)
C26	John Johnston	c.12,650 square feet	1771	Deed EJ G3 78	1778	New Jersey Gazette, 3/18/1778	residential & commercial	house and tavern lot; brick dwelling/tavern structure; tavern operated by Rachel Barnes Stille 1773-78; tavern known as the Royal Oak 1768-73; also known as the Ligonier or Black Horse Tavern prior to this (THS 1929:315-317; Toothman 1977:182; Hunter Research Associates 1989c)
C27	Robert Singer	c.5,000 square feet	1773	Deed WJ AB 39	1779	Tax Ratables	residential & commercial	house and store lot; stone dwelling/general store structure (THS 1929:316; Toothman 1977:231-233; Hunter Research Associates 1989c)
C28	William Morris (or estate)	c. 0.25 acre	1775	NJ Will 1174J	1783	Deed HC 1 42	residential	house lot; house occupied by Mary Dury, sister of William Morris in 1775 (Toothman 1977:141-143; Hunter Research Associates 1989c)

Property ID#	Property Owner	Property Size	pre-1775 date certain	Reference	post-1775 date certain	Reference	Land Use	Notes
East State Street to East Front Street, counterclockwise from NW corner								
C29	Moore Furman	(0.13 acre)	1764	(Deed HC 1 127)	1776	(Deed WJ AL 124)	commercial	store lot; Moore Furman is referenced as owning property to north of C30 in 1764 (THS 1929:338)
C30	Moore Furman	0.25 acre	1764	Deed HC 1 127	1776	(Deed WJ AL 124)	?residential & commercial	?house and store lot (THS 1929:338)
C31	County of Hunterdon	(0.25 acre)	c.1720	THS 1929:77	1805	Deed WJ AV 223	community (judicial)	courthouse lot; site of County Courthouse and prison; no deed of acquisition survives; land given by William Trent; Declaration of Independence read on the courthouse steps on July 8, 1776 (THS 1929:77-78, 296-297; Toothman 1977:123, 125, 206)
C32	Abraham Hunt	?			1805	(Deed WJ AV 223)	?	Abraham Hunt referenced as owning land south of courthouse in 1805
C33	Hugh Roberts et al. (creditors of Andrew Reed & Charles Pettit)	20,000 square feet	1765	Deed WJ W 329			?commercial	lot extended from Market Street to Lower or Water Street and was bordered on the east by an alley and on the west by George Davis; ?site of Bull's Head Tavern (Stryker 1878; THS 1929:325)
C34	Mary Johnson	0.25 acre	1735	Deed WJ EF 420			?residential	?house lot; fronts on to north side of Front Street to west of William Yard
C35	William Yard (Yard family)	(0.46 acre)	1735	(Deed WJ EF 420)			residential & commercial	house and tavern lot; site of Yard's Inn; William Yard and descendants maintained house and tavern on north side of Front Street until 1770s (Stryker 1878; THS 1929:324; Toothman 1977:267)
C36	Isaac DeCou (?Samuel Tucker)	c.0.125 acre			1779	(Deed HC 37 237)	residential & craftworking	house lot with two houses and shop; Samuel Tucker referenced as owning lot at southwest corner of Second and Queen Streets in deed of 1779 and acquiring this from Joseph DeCou; house and shop occupied by William and Ellet Tucker, hatters, in 1770s; second house occupied by Polly Yard in 1770s (Stryker 1878)
C37	Isaac DeCou	c.0.125 acre	1732	Deed WJ EF 459	1779	Deed HC 37 237	residential	house lot; assumed Isaac DeCou inherited from Joseph DeCou; site of house occupied by William Roscoe in 1770s; property bought by Roscoe in 1779 (Stryker 1878)
C38	Benjamin Yard	c.7,200 square feet			1781	Deed WJ AT 188	?undeveloped	
C39	Sarah Panier	?			1781	(WJ Deed AT 188)	?	Sarah Panier owned property to south of Benjamin Yard (C38) in 1781
C40	Benjamin Yard	?			1781	(WJ Deed AT 188)	?	Benjamin Yard owned property to west of lot (C38) that he owned in 1781
C41	William Clayton	?			1779	(Deed WJ AL 124)	?residential	?house lot; Clayton referenced in 1779 as owning property on the south side of Second Street east of Joseph Reed (Moore Furman); ?site of house occupied by Sylvester Doyle in 1770s (Stryker 1878)

TRENTON IN 1775 - PROPERTY OWNERSHIP AND LAND USE (EASTERN SECTION)

Property ID#	Property Owner	Property Size	pre-1775 date certain	Reference	post-1775 date certain	Reference	Land Use	Notes
Brunswick Avenue to Academy Street, north to south								
E1	Thomas Cadwalader	25 acres	1743	Deed WJ EF 422			agricultural	meadow and orchard lot; barn on lot by 1750; Thomas Cadwalader acquired land through subdivision of James Trent's estate in 1743 (Toothman 1977:147)
E2	?	?	1753	(Deed WJ T 6)			?agricultural	?meadow and orchard lot; Lot No. 1 in subdivision of James Trent's estate; referenced as lying west of Lot No. 2
E3	Ruth Beadles	6 acres	1765	Deed WJ AD 261			?	property lay south of land formerly of James Trent and north of land formerly of William Yard; in 1745, property referred to as "where the brew house is now standing" (Deed TPL MS 25); probable site of brewery
E4	(Yard family)	?	1765	(Deed WJ AD 261)			residential	property referenced in 1765 as formerly being owned by William Yard; site of house of Samuel Bonnal on portion of lot in 1770s (Stryker 1878; Toothman 1977:143)
E5	James Emerson et al. (Methodist Society)	(0.13 acre)	1773	Deed WJ AF 197			community (religious)	frame church building erected in 1773; replaced in 1806 (Stryker 1878; THS 1929:426; Toothman 1977:143)

Academy Street to East Hanover Street, counterclockwise from NW corner								
E6	Joseph Higbee	78.5 perches			1783	Deed WJ AN 102	?residential & craftworking	?house lot with shop; buildings on lot in 1783; ?site of house and blacksmith shop of Joseph and Samuel Lanning in 1770s (Stryker 1878; Toothman 1977:143-144, 175)
E7	William Tucker	?	1762	(Deed WJ AT 103)	1783	(Deed WJ AN 102)	?undeveloped	William Tucker referenced as owning property to west of Trustees of Presbyterian Church in 1762 and south of Joseph Higbee in 1783
E8	Abraham Cotnam	?	1762	(Deed WJ AT 103)			residential	house lot; Abraham Cotnam referenced as owning property opposite Benjamin Smith in 1770 (Deed WJ AF 236); became site of Royal Oak Tavern in 1776 (THS 1929:318; Toothman 1977:144, 271)
E9	Charles Clerk et al. (Trustees of Presbyterian Church)	28 perches	1762	Deed WJ AT 103			residential	house lot; site of Presbyterian parsonage; occupied by Elihu Spencer in 1770s (Stryker 1878)
E10	Benjamin Smith et al. (Society of Friends)	?	1738	THS 1929:392			community (religious)	meeting house lot; stone meeting house erected in 1739 (Stryker 1878; THS 1929:391-392; Toothman 1977:359-360)

East Hanover Street to East State Street, counterclockwise from NW corner								
E11	Joseph Phillips	?	1770	(Deed WJ AW 13)	1802	(Deed HC 486)	?residential	?house lot; Joseph Phillips referenced as owning property to north of Samuel Henry in 1770; ?site of house of John Bellerjeau (Stryker 1878)
E12	Samuel Henry	0.25 acre	1770	Deed WJ AW 13			?undeveloped	?under ownership of Polly Hopkins in mid-1770s (Stryker 1878)
E13	John Porterfield et al. (Trustees of Presbyterian Church)	22,500 square feet	1727	Deed WJ AT 108			community (religious)	churchyard lot; stone church building erected 1726; replaced 1804; brick schoolhouse, first "common school", erected 1753 (Stryker 1878; Hall 1912; THS 1929:414-417, 707-710)
E14	Trustees of Presbyterian Church	(0.25 acre)	1759	Deed WJ AT 111			community (religious)	lot for burials (Hall 1912)
E15	Ephraim Bonham & ?George Eyre	(0.25 acre)	1754	Deeds WJ AL 412 & WJ N 183			?undeveloped	Lot 4 in subdivision of Enoch Anderson's lands in 1743 (Deed WJ N 183); passed to Eyre via Bonham family
E16	Ephraim Bonham & ?George Eyre	(0.25 acre)	1754	Deeds WJ AL 412 & WJ N 183			?undeveloped	Lot 5 in subdivision of Enoch Anderson's lands in 1743 (Deed WJ N 183); passed to Eyre via Bonham family



Property ID#	Property Owner	Property Size	pre-1775 date certain	Reference	post-1775 date certain	Reference	Land Use	Notes
E17	Enoch Anderson	(0.25 acre)	1743	(Deed WJ N 183)			?undeveloped	Lot 6 in subdivision of Enoch Anderson's lands in 1743 retained by Anderson
E18	William Morris	?	1759	(Deed WJ AT 111)			?undeveloped	William Morris referenced as owning property to north of Presbyterian Church

East State Street to Assunpink Creek, counterclockwise from NW corner								
E19	Eliakim Anderson	?	1735	(Deed HC 1 89)			residential	house lot; Eliakim Anderson is referenced as owning property north of Robert & Margaret Hooper in 1781 (although he was likely deceased by then); Eliakim Anderson described as "building" on lot in 1735 (Deed HC 1 89); Trenton Township Minutes for May 15, 1758 note "Eliakim Anderson and John Welsins Stone House's" at west end of Second Street; ?site of Isaac Collins' printing office in late 1770s (Stryker 1878; Toothman 1977:138-139; Hixson 1986)
E20	Robert L. & Margaret Hooper	27.75 perches	1772	NJ Will 819J	1781	Deed HC 1 84	residential	house lot; house of Elizabeth Biles inherited by daughter Margaret Hooper in 1772; ?site of house occupied by Thomas Ryall and Joshua Newbold in mid-1770s (Stryker 1878)
E21	Ephraim Anderson	?			1781	(Deed HC 1 84)	?undeveloped	Ephraim Anderson referenced as owning property to east of Robert & Margaret Hooper in 1781
E22	Robert Waln	6 square chains + 13 perches	1765	Deed WJ AV 130	1782	Deed WJ AK 694	residential	house lot; house and lot referenced in 1782, but only a lot of land in 1765; house assumed to have been erected by Waln between 1765 and 1782; reference to "Ringo's Logg House" is assumed to mean this building stood on the lot adjoining to the south (E23)
E23	Robert Waln	29 acres	1765	Deed WJ AV 129			industrial	Trenton Mills mill tract extending along Assunpink Creek; site of Albertis Ringo's log house, still standing in 1765, is judged to lie within this property on east side of Queen Street immediately south of adjoining lot owned by Waln (E22) (Deed WJ AV 130) (Toothman 1977:130, 143, 197)
E24	Conrad Kotts	(0.61 acre)			1810	Deed HC 17 405	?undeveloped	acquired by Conrad Kotts from Watson Welding in 1772; in SW angle of State and Montgomery Streets; bounded by Benjamin Stevens to west (?citing earlier metes and bounds)
E25	John Rickey	(1.86 acres)	1772	Deed WJ AV 35			residential & commercial	house lot with store (Stryker 1878)
E26	John Welding (?Watson Welding)	?	1772	(Deed WJ AV 35)			residential	house lot; Trenton Township Minutes for May 15, 1758 note "Eliakim Anderson and John Welsins Stone House's" at west end of Second Street; John Welding probably deceased by early 1770s and property inheorted by Watson Welding (Stryker 1878; Toothman 1977:138-139)

TRENTON IN 1775 - PROPERTY OWNERSHIP AND LAND USE (NORTHERN SECTION)

Property ID#	Property Owner	Property Size	pre-1775 date certain	Reference	post-1775 date certain	Reference	Land Use	Notes
Pennington Avenue to Brunswick Avenue, west to east								
N1	Elizabeth & Benjamin Biles	?	1743	(Deed WJ EF 457)			?agricultural	Elizabeth & Benjamin Biles referenced as owners of property to west of Elijah Bond in 1743
N2	Neil Levingston	?	1743	(Deed WJ EF 457)			?residential	?house lot; Neil Levingston referenced as owner of property to south of Elijah Bond in 1743; ?site of house of William Cain in 1770s (Stryker 1878)
N3	Elijah Bond	0.25 acre	1743	Deed WJ EF 457			commercial	tavern lot; Fox Chase Tavern (Stryker 1878; THS 1929:327; Toothman 1977:271)
N4	Joseph Clayton	?	1743	(Deed WJ EF 457)			?agricultural	Joseph Clayton referenced as owner of property to northeast of Elijah Bond in 1743

TRENTON IN 1775 - PRINCIPAL BUILDINGS			
ID #	Building	Lot #	Secondary References
Western Section			
1	House of Isaac Brearley	W3, W4 or W5	Stryker 1878
2	House of Samuel Tucker	W6	Stryker 1878
3	House of Josiah Appleton	W1	Stryker 1878
4	Double house of Samuel Bellerjeau and Jacob Benjamin	W8, W9	Stryker 1878
5	House of Charles Axford; ?King of Prussia Tavern	W10	Stryker 1878; Toothman 1977:270
6	Shop of Polly Brown (spirits)	W11	Stryker 1878
7	Tannery of Stacy Potts	W14	Stryker 1878; Toothman 1977:253-254
8	House of Stacy Potts	W15	Stryker 1878; THS 1929:139-140, 191, 323, 452; Toothman 1977:200-203
9	House of Rebecca Coxe	W22	Stryker 1878; THS 1929:108, 135
10	House of Mrs. Hill (refreshments)		Stryker 1878
11	Metalworking shop of James Wilson and John Fitch (silversmiths, gunsmiths & buttonmakers)		Stryker 1878; THS 1929:108
12	House and shop of Thomas Barnes (apothecary)	W21	Stryker 1878
13	House of Isaac DeCou	W18	Stryker 1878; THS 1929:606; Toothman 1977:132, 148-149
14	House of Col. Isaac Smith	W34	Stryker 1878; THS 1929:136
15	House of James Machett		Stryker 1878
16	House of Joseph Brittain; Indian King Tavern		Stryker 1878; THS 1929:321; Toothman 1977:270
17	Alexander the Great Tavern (John Clunn)		THS 1929:322; Toothman 1977:270
18	Indian Queen Tavern (Isaac Yard)		Toothman 1977:270
19	House of Joseph Higbee	W33	Stryker 1878
20	House and store of Joseph Reed (Abraham Hunt)	W32	Stryker 1878; THS 1929:108, 132-134, 338-339; Toothman 1977:194-195
21	House of Joseph Reed (Abraham Hunt)	W32	Stryker 1878; THS 1929:108, 132-134, 338-339; Toothman 1977:194-195
22	House of Daniel Coxe	W27	Stryker 1878; THS 1929:141-142, 208-209; Toothman 1977:178
23	House of David Cowell	W31	
24	?House of Adam Hoops	W30	
25	?House of James Bell (?Peter Gordon)	W29	Stryker 1878
26	House and store of Alexander Chambers	W28	Stryker 1878
27	Tannery and bark mill of Isaac DeCou	W25	Toothman 1977:148-149, 253-255
28	Slaughterhouse of Benjamin Yard	W35	
Southern Section			
29	House of Josiah Appleton	S6	Hunter Research Associates 1989a
30	House of Isaac Peace	S5	Hunter Research Associates 1989a
31	Colonial Barracks	S4	Stryker 1878; THS 1929:299-308; Toothman 1977:206-209; Mendel Mesick Cohen Waite 1981; Hunter Research Associates 1989b
32	Plating mill of Benjamin Yard	S3	Toothman 1977:249-253; Hunter Research Associates 1989a; Hunter and Porter 1990
33	Steel furnace of John Pemberton and Stephen Sewell	S2	Toothman 1977:249-253; Hunter Research Associates 1989a; Hunter and Porter 1990
34	?House of Samuel Bellerjeau	S7	
35	?House of Samuel Bellerjeau	S8	
36	?House of David Dunbar	S9	
37	House of Isaac Peace (Rachel James)	S10	
38	?House of Isaac Watson	S11	
39	House of Isaac Peace (George Brown)	S12	
40	House of Daniel Yard	S13	Stryker 1878
41	Lumber yard of Abraham Hunt and Moore Furman	S15	
42	House and bakery of Mrs. Yard	S16	Stryker 1878
43	House of John Barnes	S19	Stryker 1878; THS 1929:143-144, 169; Toothman 1977:197
44	Distillery of John Barnes	S19	THS 1929:143-144
West Central Section			
45	House of Benjamin Yard	WC1	Stryker 1878
46	?House of Clotworthy Reed	WC15	
47	?House of Daniel Coxe (?Davies or Pike)	WC13	Stryker 1878
48	?House of Joseph Reed (?Davies or Pike)	WC12	Stryker 1878
49	House of Samuel Henry (?Polly Hawkins)	WC10	Stryker 1878
50	House of Samuel Henry	WC11	Stryker 1878; THS 1929:319
51	House of Archibald William Yard	WC9	Stryker 1878
52	House of Conrad Kotts (tailor)	WC7	Stryker 1878; THS 1929:304
Central Core			
53	House of Mary Case or Joseph Cowell	C1	
54	House of John Chambers		Stryker 1878
55	House of William Tindall		Stryker 1878
56	House of William Smith		Stryker 1878
57	House of John Harden		Stryker 1878
58	House of Mary and Sarah Smith		Stryker 1878
59	House of Jacob Keen		Stryker 1878
60	House of William Patterson		Stryker 1878



ID #	Building	Lot #	Secondary References
61	House of Stacy Potts	C4	Stryker 1878
62	?House of William or John Plaskett	C5	
63	House of William Plaskett (Pontius D. Stille)	C6	Stryker 1878; Toothman 1977:185, 200, 202, 204, 269
64	St. Michael's Episcopal Church	C7	Stryker 1878; Schuyler 1926; THS 1929:402-406
65	House of Hezekiah Howell (Aaron and Ellet Howell)	C8	Stryker 1878
66	Blacksmith shop of Hezekiah Howell (Aaron and Ellet Howell)	C8	Stryker 1878
67	?House of Thomas Cadwalader	C9	
68	House of Micajah How	C10	Stryker 1878; THS 1929:191, 608
69	House of James Cummin (?George Ely)	C11	Stryker 1878
70	House of Joseph Paxton (Dr. Woolsey)	C12	Stryker 1878
71	Store of Joseph Paxton (David Pinkerton)	C12	Stryker 1878
72	House and store of Thomas Smith	C24	Hunter Research Associates 1989c
73	House and store of Thomas Smith	C24	Hunter Research Associates 1989c
74	House and store of William Clayton (hatter)	C25	THS 1929:316, 338; Hunter Research Associates 1989c
75	Market		THS 1929:337-338; Toothman 1977:182, 210
76	Store of Moore Furman	C29	THS 1929:338
77	?House and store of Moore Furman	C30	THS 1929:338
78	Hunterdon County Courthouse and Jail	C31	THS 1929:77-78, 296-297; Toothman 1977:123, 125, 206
79	House of "old colored man"		Stryker 1878
80	House of Luke Brown (?John Yard)	C17	Stryker 1878
81	House of Nathan Wright	C15	
82	House of Nathan Beakes	C14	
83	House and store of Benjamin Smith	C13	Stryker 1878; Toothman 1977:185
84	House of William Morris (Mary Dury)	C28	Toothman 1977:141-143; Hunter Research Associates 1989c
85	House and store of Robert Singer	C27	THS 1929:316; Toothman 1977:231-233; Hunter Research Associates 1989c
86	House and tavern of John Johnston	C26	THS 1929:315-317; Toothman 1977:182; Hunter Research Associates 1989c
87	Market		THS 1929:337-338
88	House of Sylvester Doyle	C41	Stryker 1878
89	Bull's Head Tavern	C33	Stryker 1878; THS 1929:325
90	House of William Roscoe	C38	Stryker 1878
91	House of Polly Yard	C37	Stryker 1878
92	House of Samuel Tucker (William and Ellet Tucker)	C36	Stryker 1878
93	Shop of William and Ellet Tucker (hatters)	C36	Stryker 1878
94	Blacksmith shop of Joshua Newbold		Stryker 1878
95	Sign of the Ship and Castle Tavern		Stryker 1878; Toothman 1977:268-269
96	House of Samuel W. Stockton		Stryker 1878; THS 1929:605
97	Market		Stryker 1878; THS 1929:339
98	Yard's Inn	C35	Stryker 1878; THS 1929:324; Toothman 1977:267

Eastern Section			
99	Brewery	E3	
100	House of Samuel Bonnal	E4	Stryker 1878; Toothman 1977:143
101	Methodist Church	E5	Stryker 1878; THS 1929:426; Toothman 1977:143
102	House of Joseph Higbee (?Joseph and Samuel Lanning)	E6	Stryker 1878; Toothman 1977:143-144, 175
103	Blacksmith shop of Joseph and Samuel Lanning	E6	Stryker 1878
104	House of Abraham Cotnam	E8	THS 1929:318; Toothman 1977:144, 271
105	House of Aaron D. Woodruff		Stryker 1878
106	Presbyterian parsonage	E9	Stryker 1878
107	Friends Meeting House	E10	Stryker 1878; THS 1929:391-392; Toothman 1977:359-360
108	House of John Bellerjeau	E11	Stryker 1878
109	First Presbyterian Church	E13	Stryker 1878; Hall 1912; THS 1929:414-417
110	First Common School	E13	Stryker 1878; Hall 1912; THS 1929:707-710
111	House and store of John Rickey	E25	Stryker 1878; THS 1929:612
112	House of John Welding	E26	Toothman 1977:138-139
113	House of Eliakim Anderson	E19	Stryker 1878; Toothman 1977:138-139
114	House of Robert L. and Margaret Hooper (?Thomas Ryall and Joshua Newbold)	E20	Stryker 1878
115	House of Robert Waln	E22	
116	House of Albertis Ringo	E23	Toothman 1977:130, 143, 197

Northern Section			
117	House of William Cain	N2	Stryker 1878
118	Fox Chase Tavern	N3	Stryker 1878; THS 1929:327; Toothman 1977:271



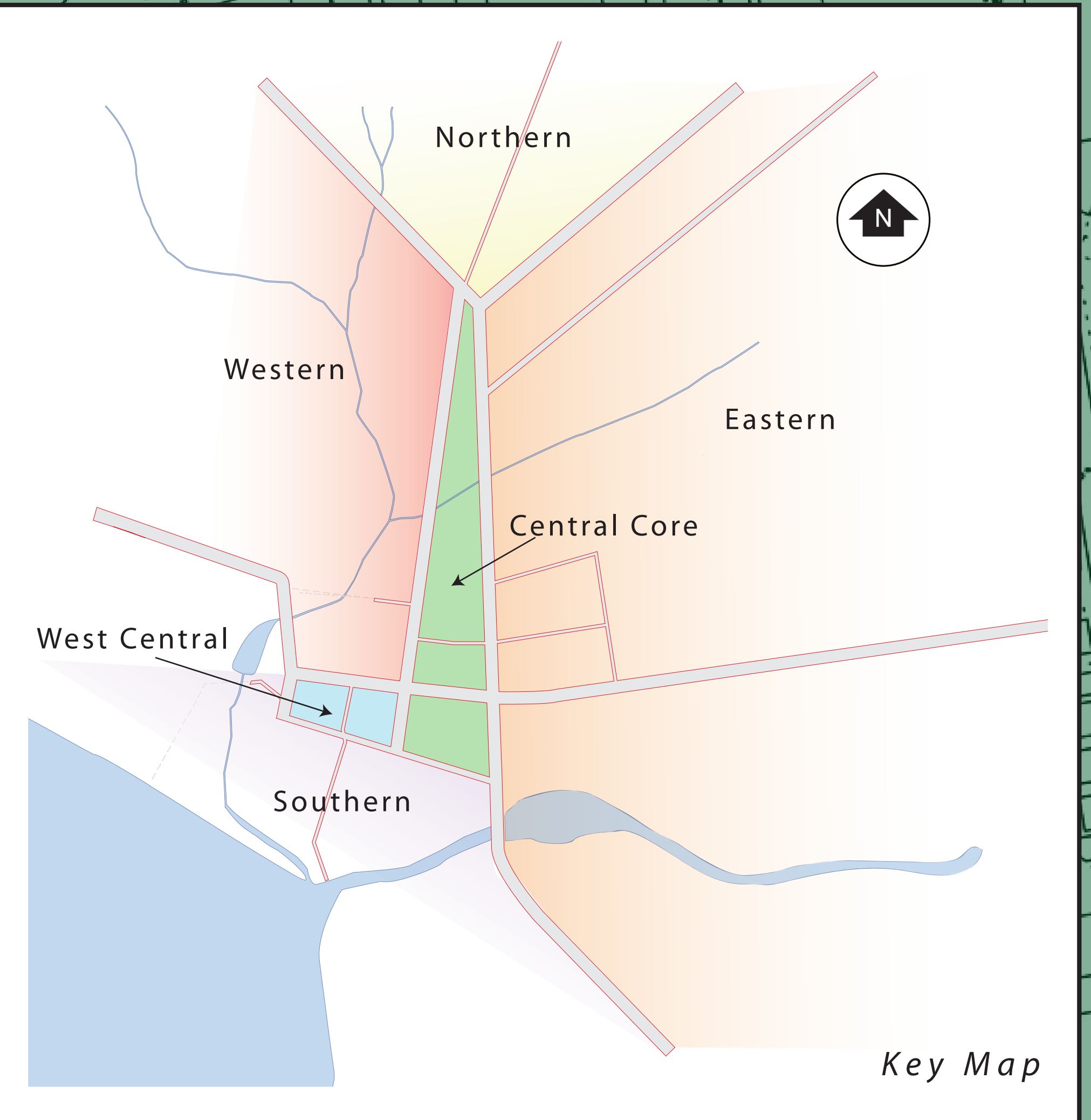
# Trenton in 1775



**Legend:**

	Land in 1775		Property ID# (see table)
	Water in 1775		Area partially researched
	Road		
	Road (projected)		
	1775 property line (definite)		
	1775 property line (probable)		
	Building present in 1775 and surviving today		
	Principal Building ID# (see table)		

Definite	Probable	
		Residential
		Industrial
		Community
		Commercial
		Residential and Commercial
		Craftworking
		Residential and Craftworking
		Military



Key Map

