

WHO WE ARE

The Friends of the William Green Farmhouse were founded in 2000 to restore and preserve this National Register building. The Friends became a 501(c) (3) non-profit corporation in 2004.

OUR MISSION

The Friends of the William Green House have worked with TCNJ since June 2000 to find funding for the stabilization and restoration of this historic landmark.

TCNJ has recently stabilized the exterior of the building. We need your help to fund a full exterior and interior restoration to save this national treasure.

DONATIONS

Help us to preserve the farmhouse as a key piece of national, state, and local history. The College is actively working with the Friends to raise funds for a full restoration. This phased restoration will enable this historic treasure to be a key part of the TCNJ campus.

CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE USED TO HELP STABILIZE, RESTORE, FURNISH, AND MAINTAIN THE HOUSE.

Make your tax deductible donation payable to:

"Friends of the William Green Farmhouse"

or

"The College of New Jersey Foundation" (TCNJ Foundation)



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WILLIAM GREEN HOUSE

This historic treasure, dating from ca. 1730, is located on the campus of The College of New Jersey in Ewing Township, NJ. An earlier house, to which the current house was attached, stood on the site circa 1700. Its roofline is preserved and visible from the 1830 portion of the house.

The house today mirrors the area's architectural history with sections from three distinct building periods.

Circa 1717 to 1730 section: The oldest remaining section, is the southeast segment of the building. This was originally a 2 ½ story brick house. The fine Flemish bond brickwork of this section is similar to that used in the 1719 Trent House in Trenton. Its interior preserves original 18th-century detailing.



Circa 1750 to 1790 section: The second oldest section, added as the Green family grew, is located behind the oldest portion. It forms the northeast segment of the house and added four rooms and a stair hall.

Circa 1830 section: The third building stage, a two-room-deep brick addition to the west, nearly doubled the size of the house.

THE GREEN FAMILY

WILLIAM GREEN was a yeoman and an early Hunterdon County judge. He and his wife, Joanna Reeder, came to Ewing from Newtown, NY around 1700. The offspring of their 11 children were prominent farmers and citizens in the Ewing, Trenton, and Lawrence area.

WILLIAM GREEN JR., the Green's third-eldest son, was a corporator of Ewing Presbyterian Church; he inherited the house and half the farm in 1722.

ENOCH GREEN, William Green Jr.'s eldest son, was valedictorian of the Princeton University Class of 1760. He served as a chaplain in the Revolutionary Army. On December 2, 1776, he died of camp fever while serving his country.

WILLIAM GREEN III, Enoch's brother, next to own the house, was a deacon of the Ewing Church and a member of the Hunterdon militia, eventually reaching the rank of ensign.

WASHINGTON'S TROOPS SLEPT HERE
Historic documents state that at various times during the American War, the Light Horse of Washington's Army billeted on the Green plantation.

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RESTORATION EFFORT

For over 30 years, various groups have supported the drive to restore the Green farmhouse. Efforts included a funding drive in the mid-1970s and the formation of a TCNJ preservation group in the 1980s. TCNJ and the Friends have tried different avenues to tap funding resources without success, and are now reaching out to the community for support. The Friends and TCNJ are working actively toward restoring the house and integrating its function into the College's planning process.

SUCCESSFUL STABILIZATION

In 2007, TCNJ funded a mothballing and stabilization of the house to ensure that no further deterioration occurs while funds are being raised.



The William Green House, listed on the state and national Registers of historic places, is a significant example of colonial farmhouse architecture.

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