

Metuchen-Edison Historical Society

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*Places in Edison and Metuchen That Are On
The New Jersey Register of Historic Places
and/or
The National Register of Historic Places*

The National Register Criteria for Evaluation

The quality of significance in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture is present in districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association and:

- That are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; or
- That are associated with the lives of persons significant in our past; or
- That embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction; or
- That have yielded, or may be likely to yield information important in prehistory, *or history*.

The listings itemize the buildings, structures, sites, objects, and districts listed on the New Jersey Register of Historic Places (SR) and the National Register of Historic Places (NR)

Private Residences:

- 1. Edison: Benjamin Shotwell House. Runyons Lane. Built c. 1775. Placed on the State Register 4/28/1987. National Register 6/4/1987.**
- 2. Edison: Laing House & Barn. 1707 Woodland Ave. “Laing House of Plainfield Plantation”. Placed on the State Register 3/23/1988. National Register 10/27/1988.**
- 3. Metuchen: Ayers-Allen House. 16 Durham Ave. Built 1740. During the Revolutionary War it was a tavern. Placed on the State Register 7/10/1985. National Register 9/5/1985.**

Public Buildings:

- 1. Edison: Homestead Farm at Oak Ridge. Featherbed Lane (Oak Ridge Golf Course). Placed on the State Register 9/8/1995. National Register 10/1995.**
- 2. Edison: Edison Memorial Tower. Christie St. Built in 1937. Placed on the State Register 10/9/1979. National Register 11/30/1979.**
- 3. Metuchen: Borough Hall. Main St. & Middlesex Ave. Built in 1924. Placed on the National Register 6/2001. Demolished by the Borough in April 2002.**
- 4. Edison: Roosevelt Care Center. (Roosevelt Hospital) Parsonage Rd. Built in the 1930's. Place on the State Register 1/9/2002. National Register 3/5/2002.**
- 5. Metuchen: Post Office. Main St. & Woodbridge Ave. Built in the 1930's. Placed on the State Register 6/25/2007. National Register 4/2/2008.**

Eligible Sites

This also includes resources that have received Certifications of Eligibility (COE), opinions of eligibility from the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO Opinion), or Determinations of Eligibility (DOE) from the Keeper of the National Register.

Edison:

Battle of Short Hills/Oak Tree Engagement (SHPO Opinion 3/23/2001)

Camp Kilmer Military Reservation Historic District (SHPO Opinion 9/22/1988)

Edison Facility (Raritan Arsenal) (SHPO Opinion 7/15/1992)

Inch Lines Linear Multi-state Historic District (SHPO Opinion 8/31/1993)

Lehigh Valley Railroad Historic District (SHPO Opinion 3/15/2002)

Menlo Park Veterans Memorial Home (SHPO Opinion 7/20/1994) Demolished.

Port Reading Railroad Historic District (SHPO Opinion 3/15/2002)

St. James Episcopal Church (COE 1/17/1990)

Metuchen:

Old Franklin School House (COE 12/12/1990)

Metuchen Railroad Station (DOE 8/26/1977)

Pennsylvania Railroad New York to Philadelphia Historic District (SHPO Opinion 3/3/2003)

NJ Rt. 27 Bridge over Reading RR (SHPO Opinion 11/19/1999)

Washington Hose Company (ID#4934) 505 Middlesex Avenue (COE: 9/17/2009)