



MORRIS COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION

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Seward House

2011	\$8,880	Register Nomination
2012	\$26,280	Preservation Plan
2014	\$17,440	Construction Documents
2014	\$86,360	Stabilization
2017	\$195,960	Phase I Exterior Restoration
2018	\$195,960	Phase II Exterior Restoration
2020	\$220,000	Phase 1C Partial Exterior Restoration
2021	\$11,120	Construction Documents
2021	\$178,640	Partial Exterior Restoration
2022	\$50,560	Construction Documents
2022	\$286,308	Partial Exterior Restoration
2023	\$417,928	Barn Roof Restoration

Grant Recipient: Mount Olive Township

Location: Mount Olive Twp.

The property has been traced to early West Jersey Proprietor ownership-Joshua Newbold. Following acquisition by Samuel Wills of Mendham in 1789 a stone house was built (now the kitchen wing). Around the time of the Civil War, and probably at the time of the wedding of Henry C. Seward the main structure was built. The prominence of the Seward family in the area, and the size and Italianate design of the building makes it the most significant home built in Mt. Olive previous to the 1900's. The local farm was the leader in the area and the Seward formed a dairy cooperative to improve the market availability.

The 2011 grant has provided for the preparation of a National Register Nomination.

A 2012 grant helped prepare a Preservation Plan and Construction Documents for immediate stabilization. The Preservation Plan include structural evaluation, mechanical and electrical evaluation, paint and mortar analysis, code and accessibility review, Maintenance Plan.

The 2014 grant assisted with Phase I stabilization work including closing the openings in cupola, providing window and door enclosures, and ventilating the building.

The 2017 and 2018 grants provided for exterior restoration including structural reinforcement of framing, restoration of slate roof over the kitchen, chimneys, cupola and cornices.

The 2020 grant will assist with restoration of the cut slate roof with built-in gutter, restoration of the cornice entablature and cupola, painting of the wood cornice, and restoration of the brick chimney.

The 2021 grant will provide for exterior restoration including restoration of masonry, stucco, windows, exterior doors.



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A separate grant completed Construction Documents related to partial exterior restoration, restoration of the front wrap-around porch, associated archaeological investigation, and structural upgrades and roof rehabilitation of the barn.

The 2022 grant will assist with exterior building repair including repair and restoration of exterior stucco, restoration of masonry openings, carpentry repairs including doors and windows. A separate grant will provide for completion of Construction Documents related to restoration of interior features, installation of new utilities, installation of new utility systems, and new lighting.

The 2023 grant will provide for the barn's slate roof restoration and structural repairs including structural framing repairs and exterior repairs.