Yorkship Village (Fairview) Camden, New Jersey TOUR MAP & BROCHURE



By The Yorkship Village Historic Society of Fairview Working With The Camden City Redevelopment Agency

- (A) YORKSHIP SQUARE Original construction 1918. Planned by architects as focal point.
- (B) MEMORIAL MONUMENT -Installed for WWII veterans in 1946. Plaque for Korean & Vietnam Wars.
- (C) MEMORIAL TREE Evergreen tree, planted in the memories of Mae Shultz - community activist and accomplisher.
- (D) 3-STORY HOTEL 1918 -Corner Alabama Road and Yorkship Square.
- (E) 2-3 STORY APARTMENT -Building's original construction 1918. (F) 2-STORY BUSINESS **BUILDING** - Original construction 1918. 2nd floor

renovated to original by owner.

- (G) 2829-2839 YORKSHIP RD. -Notable porch column architecture.
- (H) LUTHERAN CHURCH -Original church built 1924 - on site. New

church, at location, built 1959.

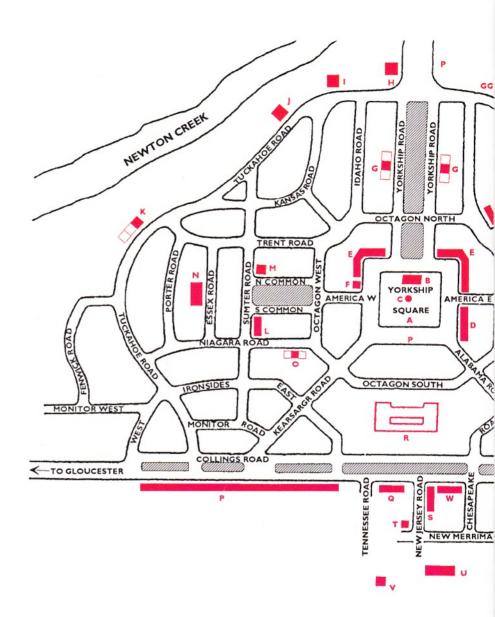
- (I) 2805 TUCKAHOE ROAD Pre-Yorkship Village, era 1900.
- (J) 2851 TUCKAHOE ROAD -Notable original frame house - 1918. (K) 3001 TUCKAHOE ROAD -Site
- of National Garden Award.
- (L) NEWEST VILLAGE HOUSE -Built 1991. Sumpter & Niagra Roads. Architecturally similar to original.
- (M) BAPTIST CHURCH -Sumpter & Common Roads. Built 1918.
- (N) FIRST SCHOOL HOUSE -3025, 3027, 3029 Essex Road. Built 1918.

Used until Yorkship School built.

- (O) NICHOLAS VIRGILIO World renowned poet's home at 1092 Niagra Road.
- (P) WORLD WAR II HOUSES -Built during and after war for shipyard workers & veterans of WWII
- (O) AUTO REPAIR BUILDING -Corner Collings & Tennessee Rds.
- Original maintenance garage 1918. (R) YORKSHIP SCHOOL -
- (Fairview) Elementary School 1920. Addition constructed 1922.
- (S) I.C.A.C. SOCIAL CLUB -1250 Collings Road. Founded 1928. Independent Citizens Athletic Club
- (T) FRANCIS X. MCGRAW -

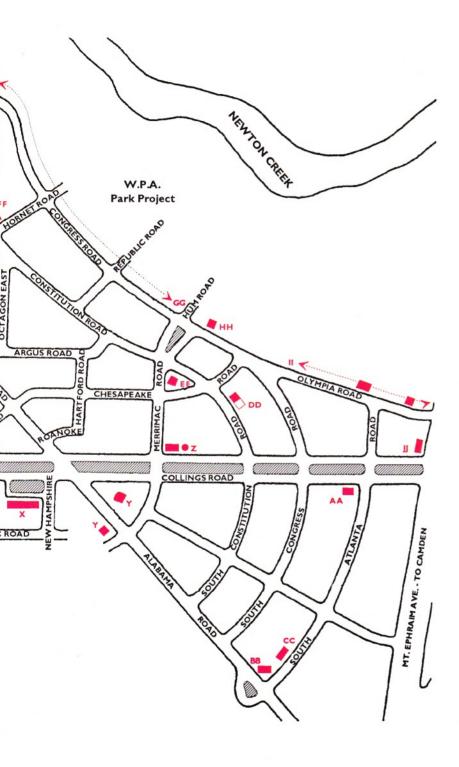
Memorial monument WWII Medal of Honor Awarded. Fairview resident.





TOUR GUIDE

Enter Yorkship Village from either end of Collings Road. Proceed to (Z) and (AA) to (JJ), referring to text on the side of the map as you flow you with the one-way streets. This tour can either be accomp Areas where you can find parking are marked on the map with a (F



o Yorkship Square [Point (A)]. Follow the guide map from (A) to go, to the points marked on the map. Following the guide will lished by vehicle or by walking (or a combination of both).

(U) MALANDRA HALL -End of New Jersey Rd. Built in 1941 as Union Hall for New York Shipyard. MAE SHULTZ MEMORIAL PARK

End of Malandra Hall. Monument dedicated to community achiever.

(V) 1775 FARMHOUSE SITE -

Vicinity of hockey rink, was devastated by fire in 1976. Original Sharp family.

(W) OLD MOVIE HOUSE -1276

Collings Rd. Built in 1918 as gymnasium for school. Later served as bowling alley, then skating rink.

(X) ROW STORES -1876-1898 Collings Rd. Original - 1918.

(Y) SAINT JOAN OF ARC -Collings

& Alabama. Original church constructed

1923. Now is a school. Present church at Merrimac Rd.

(Z) FAIRVIEW LIBRARY -1503

Collings Rd. Original 1918 house.

NICHOLAS VIRGILIO **MEMORIAL**

Tree planted on library property.

(AA) 1594 COLLINGS ROAD -

Notable single structure. Built 1918. (BB) 3214 ALABAMA ROAD -

Original 1918 construction. Built for shipyard management family.

(CC) 3157 ATLANTA ROAD -

Notable structure. Former home of Judge Angelo Malandra.

(DD) 3014 CONSTITUTION ROAD

Built 1918. Return of top porch rail. (EE) METHODIST CHURCH -

Constructed 1924. Additions 1940 & 1959.

(FF) 2818-20 CONSTITUTION RD. -Original 1918 stone architecture.

(GG) 2700 - 2900 CONGRESS RD. -

Not part of original village. Note varying architecture - Late 1920s-70s.

(HH) 2952 CONGRESS ROAD -Original 1918 stucco - renovated

1990.

(II) OLYMPIA ROAD - Notable architecture of this area.

(JJ) AMERICAN LEGION - Post 71 2992 Mt. Ephraim Ave. Built 1918.

END OF TOUR

Restaurants, fast food and other shopping available on Mt. Ephraim Avenue

YORKSHIP VILLAGE

Yorkship Village (known as Fairview today) is, historically, the nation's first federally-funded planned community. Yorkship Village was acknowledged historically significant in 1974 by acceptance on the National and New Jersey State Registers of Historic Places.

During the First World War, fighting ships were constructed in the *New York Shipyard* at an ever-increasing rate. As more and more shipyard workers came into the area to live, a housing shortage developed. The U.S. Government contracted for more housing and assembled Urban Planners to layout the village. These same planners that researched the architecture of Europe and were eager to test their newfound ideas, were put to the task.

The concept of a planned community came from Europe in 1918. The architectural theory was to incorporate the ingredients that made the ideal *self-contained community*. Architects also used the experience of studies about the expansion of urban housing and the need to provide a *garden environment*. These studies about European architecture were used to plan *Yorkship Village as a garden section of the city*.

Subsequently, *Yorkship Village* was the creation of architects that resulted in a newly constructed village, reminiscent of an old English village, that appears to reach back further in history, yet utilizes the innovative planning concepts of that era.

Fairview today looks much as it did when the original construction was completed in 1918-1919. As you tour through the town, take note of some of the significant architectural features as indicated below:

- (1) Varying structural designs, all under the umbrella of the Colonial Revival Style, providing unification of the Village, yet permitting individual and different types of construction.
- (2) Two-story construction, keeping the village to human scale.
- (3) Arrangement of buildings to one another, an effort to change the monotonous parallel lines of row homes that were common during the era of construction.
- (4) Winding streets, affording an ever-changing vista for travelers.
- (5) The garden effect: placement of trees on public and private land; commons with areas of grass in the center islands of streets and on areas, in front of houses, that are set back from the street.
- (6) Inclusion of churches, schools, stores, apartments, a hotel, community gymnasium (used as a Town Hall), and athletic fields the complete self contained community.
- (7) A town square (Yorkship Square), the focal point of the village with a park for the garden area and planned stores that serve as the center of attraction for the villagers.
- (8) Varying brickwork patterns, probably the result of the bricklayers showing off this may be relevant because the armistice of World War I was signed on November 11, 1918 and
- construction of the village was still at a high peak). Take note of the gable ends on some of the brick houses to see the individualized brick work patterns that are set in circles and squares.
- (9) Architecture, including: two bedroom rowhouses, semi-detached two and three bedroom houses, and larger single homes. Types of construction varies with most structures built of solid brick walls. Also included are stucco exterior over firebrick and frame houses.
- (10) Noteworthy is the fact that the larger, single (unattached) houses were intended for supervisory staff of the New York Shipyard.

DIRECTIONS TO YORKSHIP VILLAGE(FAIRVIEW) From North-South Freeway & I 676:

Get Off At Exit 1 (Collingswood, Gloucester City). Travel Towards Collingswood On Collings Rd. Turn Left On Kearsarge Rd. To Yorkship Square.

From RTE 1 30 & Mt. Ephraim Ave.:

Turn On Collings Rd., Going West. Turn Right On Alabama Rd. To Yorkship Square.

