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Hanover/Academy Streets Historic District
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Location: Hanover/Academy Streets Historic District, Trenton, Mercer County, New Jersey.

Significance: Typical, small brick rowhouse in the "Old Trenton" neighborhood.

Description: Built between 1860 and 1875, 34 Wood Street is three stories and two bays with a simple wooden cornice and a narrow, unornamented door. It is the left-hand end of a series of three identical rowhouses, each about 12' wide. The windows were probably two-over-two-light, double-hung sash windows with wood lintels and sills. The peak of the shallow roof runs along the middle of the house parallel to the front facade. There is a much later, one story concrete block addition at the rear.

History: 34 Wood Street is a typical if small example of the brick rowhouse that is so common in Trenton and in this particular neighborhood. In 1985, the Hanover/Academy Streets Historic District was nominated to the National Register of Historic Places and was designated a local Historic District. Built between 1860 and 1875, the building has stood empty and deteriorating for at least ten years. A fire has added to the damage creating severe structural problems, including "bowing" and cracking of the front and side walls, the collapse of the chimney and the collapse of some of the interior wood structure. A number of other buildings in the area are slated for restoration as part of a redevelopment project. Since the building is in such poor shape, demolition is planned, and infill housing units will be built on the site and on the adjacent empty lot.

Source: National Register of Historic Places Inventory for the Hanover Academy Streets Historic District, dated 7/12/85. Author: Diane Rosenberg, Planning Consultant.

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