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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

**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 will provide for Phase I stabilization work including closing the openings in cupola, providing window and door enclosures, and ventilating the building. A separate grant will assist with preparing Construction Documents for structural upgrades, roof replacement, and the restoration of cupola and chimneys.