

Manor House Living Available for Resident Caretaker at Historic Home

Tulipwood
1165 Hamilton Street
Somerset, NJ 08873



The Meadows Foundation is a non profit corporation founded 32 years ago to save one historic Dutch house. It has since grown to five Historic homes, each with its own Resident Caretaker's apartment. Located in the Somerset Section of Franklin Township, these homes are all listed on the New Jersey & National Historic Registers. They vary in age from 117 years to 279 years. Their styles vary from Dutch Frame to Italianate and Dutch Revival. Each apartment is distinctive to its historic site. Some are in a neighborhood setting and others in a country setting. These historic structures are open to the public on a regular basis as well as for special events throughout the year. Of course, the private apartments are not open to the public.

If you enjoy history and are handy at dealing with the problems of living in your own residence, this might be an opportunity for you to put the "Care" in Caretaker. Each Resident Caretaker must look upon their historic site as they would their own property. These historic homes are a part our National Heritage and irreplaceable. By taking up residence in an historic house, you become a part of its history. As Resident Caretaker you would become one of the Meadows Foundation's ambassadors to the public.

There is a monthly housing fee, comparable with current rents for commercial apartments which includes all utilities. Resident Caretakers will receive a monthly stipend for defined responsibilities for living on this historic site. This would **not** be deducted from the housing charge, but paid to the Resident Caretaker. In effect, you are the "Super" and must deal with any problems that may occur at your site. You would be an employee not a tenant. You would not be entirely on your own either, as there is a House Committee and Chairman for each house. If you are interested in living in an historic home and are particularly skilled at maintaining or repairing things, there may be opportunities to receive income to off-set the housing fee. This would entail taking on clearly defined small projects at your site. As with all historic buildings, there would be some restrictions, e.g., no flames of any kind, no smoking, no pets etc.

One position and residence is currently available. This unusual residence is in the Tulipwood occupying part of the second floor. There are two entries with security pad. The second floor is reached by an open stairway to a large living room with three large windows, two to the East and one the South which looks out over the front yard. The back wing has a bathroom, two bed rooms, kitchen, large storage cabinets and closet. There are options for one or two more rooms at an additional cost. There is parking in back at the side of the house. If you have an interest and would like to see this historic site and residence, call (732) 846-3345 and ask about becoming a Meadows Resident Caretaker. During your visit, we can furnish you with a packet of more detailed information. You can learn more about the Meadows Foundation at: www.themeadowsfoundation.org

