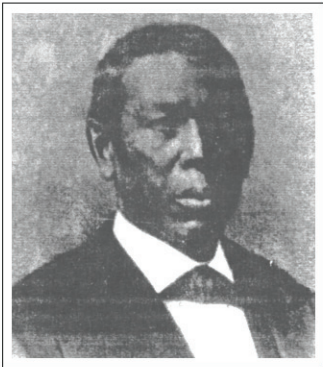




# James Still Office Preservation Plan

Medford, NJ

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KSK completed a Preservation Plan for one of South Jersey's most significant, but least studied, historic sites, the office of Dr. James Still. Still became well known as the "black doctor of the Pines" and was held in high esteem by many - both black and white. Born in 1812 to former slaves, he lived an uncommon life for a black man in the slave-holding state of New Jersey. Early events in his life fostered a desire to practice medicine; however, because of his race and family poverty, he received little formal education. Still was self-taught in the healing power of plants and herbs. His practice was so successful that he eventually became the third largest landowner in Medford Township.

The Preservation Plan was a comprehensive effort directed by KSK. The final plan includes an assessment of existing physical conditions and historic architectural features, a structural condition assessment, finishes analysis, and an evaluation of the archaeological potential of the site. Because of Still's extensive use of herbs and other plants, an analysis of the landscape was undertaken to determine the survival of landscape features, and also to explore options for public access to the site with minimal disturbance to the historic site, including areas potentially within archaeological resources. The Preservation Plan includes prioritized recommendations for restoration of the Still Office and further study of the landscape.

