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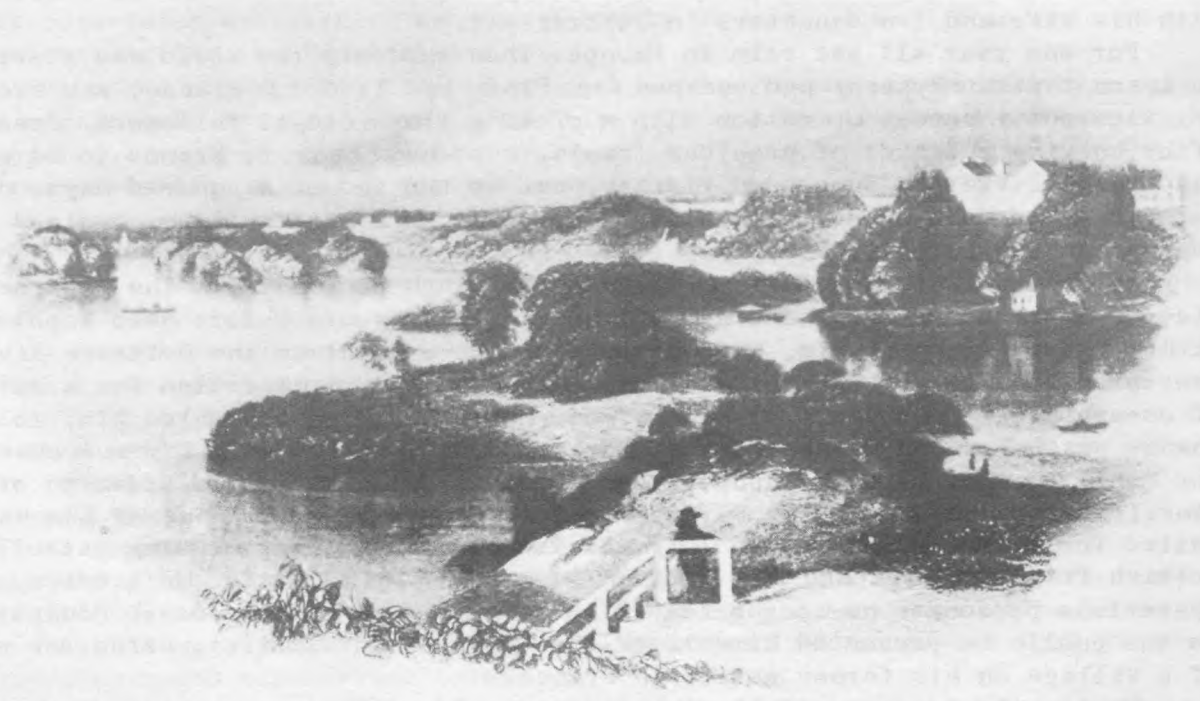
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THE BONAPARTES IN NEW JERSEY

The defeat of Napoleon Bonaparte at the Battle of Waterloo in 1815 sent his brother Joseph, the former King of Spain, fleeing across the Atlantic to exile. On the banks of the Delaware River in Bordentown, Joseph Bonaparte built a magnificent estate where he lived for 17 years. Relatives and sympathizers came to stay with him for long or short intervals, and together they watched the game of European politics and waited for the day when a Bonaparte would return to power and glory in France.

Eldest of eight children--five brothers and three sisters--Joseph Bonaparte was born in 1768 at Corte on the island of Corsica. He was only 19 months older than Napoleon--"The Little Corporal" who was to conquer western Europe and place himself on a throne as Napoleon I of France. Joseph, at the age of 20, began practicing law and entered at once into the political life of Corsica which long had been a hotbed of intrigue and revolt. With the coming of the French Revolution, the Bonapartes, even though they disliked the reign of terror, expressed sympathy for the people's cause and were driven from Corsica by the Royalists.

Settling in France in 1793, the two brothers became officers in the raw



Point Breeze, the estate in Bordentown as it was when owned by Joseph Bonaparte.