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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Delaware	
COUNTY: Kent	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER MAR 1 1973	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Tyn Head Court (Wethered Court)

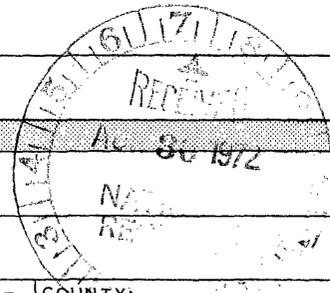
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
E of Dover on South Little Creek Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Dover

STATE Delaware	CODE 10	COUNTY: Kent	CODE 001
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Ernest Zimmerman

STREET AND NUMBER:
R.D.3, Box 115, South Little Creek Road

CITY OR TOWN: Dover	STATE: Delaware	CODE 10
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Recorder of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER:
The Green

CITY OR TOWN: Dover	STATE: Delaware	CODE 10
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Wethered Court, a three-bay gambrel-roofed structure, is constructed of brick and completely stuccoed.

The front, or west, facade is distinguished by a shallow box cornice with simple moulding, and a bevelled water table. Three shed-roofed dormers punctuate the roof. Minor details include a rectangular light over the entry, and segmental arch supports over the basement windows.

The rear, or east facade, matches the front with the exception of the absences of a water table and entry over-light. In addition, the roof is pierced by only two dormers, located over the center and south bays.

The north facade is marked by two windows, assymmetrically placed.

The south facade retains evidence of a lower wing, originally flush with the east facade. Two windows, both on the first floor, remain; the east window is modern and occupies the position of the portal connection to the south wing.

The first floor of Wethered Court is disposed into two rooms with a north hall. An open stair occupies the northeast corner, and two interior doors are located on the south partition wall. Of the original detailing, a chair rail along the south wall remains.

The east room has been obscured by the addition of modern kitchen appliances and cabinetry. The west room, however, retains its chair railing and crown moulding. A corner fireplace, now sealed, is complete with bracketed mantel and breast paneling; a cupboard also remains in the southwest corner.

The second floor is a mixture of remaining original woodwork and recently added paneling. It is presently divided into a central hall with three chambers and a modern bathroom.

The basement is contained by common bond brick foundation walls. To the south are located two corner fireplaces, which adjoin a supporting partition wall. The floor remains unfinished.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Prior to 1680 under the government of the Duke of York, Griffth Jones and John Glover took up a 650-acre tract called Tyn Head Court. In 1681 Jones and Glover, now prominent men in the area, were given patents to the land by William Penn's government.

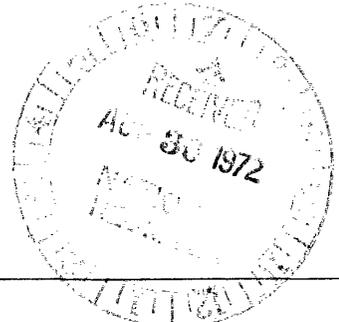
Later, Robert French acquired the Tyn Head tract of 700 acres, and willed it to his daughter Catherine in 1713. Catherine married John Shannon and split the tract between their two daughters Mary and Ann. Ann Shannon married Major John Patton, an officer during the Revolutionary War, who was captured by the British in 1780 at Camden, South Carolina. The Patton tract included a frame house, no longer standing.

Mary Shannon married James Sykes, a Lieutenant in Caesar Rodney's Company, and later a delegate to the Continental Congresses of 1777 and 1778. James Sykes was also a delegate to the State Constitutional Convention. On the Sykes tract, the present brick, gambrel-roofed house was erected sometime before 1740.

The Sykes tract and house were inherited by their daughter, Mary, who married John Wethered. Thus, the property became known as Wethered Court.

In 1816 Wethered Court was bought by William Heverin, a shipowner, grain merchant, and farmer. Heverin added a lower brick wing to the south of the main portion of Wethered Court; the wing contained a kitchen with servants quarters above.

William Heverin sold Wethered Court in 1871. Since that time the house has been occupied by various farmers and tenants. The south wing was removed in 1954.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	39	09	16
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	75	28	36
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 5

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Mr. Vincent Rogers

ORGANIZATION: Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs DATE: 7/10/72

STREET AND NUMBER: Hall of Records

CITY OR TOWN: Dover STATE: Delaware CODE: 10

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Dr. E. Berkeley Tompkins
 Title State Liaison Officer
 Date 8-24-72

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert H. Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 3/1/73

ATTEST:
[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 2-27-73

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