

PH0014053

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Delaware	
COUNTY: New Castle	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	DEC 18 1973

1. NAME

COMMON:  
Continental Army Encampment Site

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Lovering Avenue near Broom Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Wilmington

STATE Delaware	CODE 10	COUNTY: New Castle	CODE 003
-------------------	------------	-----------------------	-------------

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
City of Wilmington

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Public Building, Rodney Square

CITY OR TOWN: Wilmington	STATE: Delaware	CODE 10
-----------------------------	--------------------	------------

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Public Building

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Rodney Square

CITY OR TOWN: Wilmington	STATE Delaware	CODE 10
-----------------------------	-------------------	------------

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

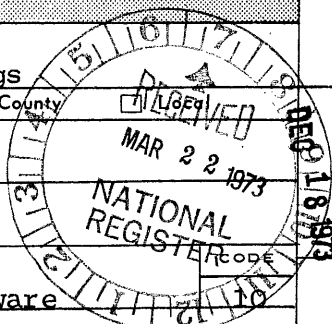
TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Survey of Delaware Historic Sites and Buildings

DATE OF SURVEY: 1972     Federal     State     County

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Hall of Records

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Dover

CITY OR TOWN: Dover	STATE: Delaware
------------------------	--------------------



SEE INSTRUCTIONS

STATE:  
COUNTY:  
ENTRY NUMBER:  
DATE:

FOR NPS USE ONLY

7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The site of the Continental Encampment is now a part of Brandywine Park. The troops camped on the east side of Brandywine, which, at this point, is preserved in its natural setting. An early mill race is still visible on the site, a reminder of the extensive early milling industry on the Brandywine. Only one road has been cut through this part of the park.



SEE INSTRUCTIONS

**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) 1777

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |   |   |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input 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 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

Just before the Battle of Brandywine, Washington and his troops moved into Delaware. It would be the only time that most of the Continental Army would encamp on Delaware soil. Not knowing what Howe's strategy would be, Washington chose to camp first at Wilmington. The diary of Adjutant-General Timothy Pickering reported that on August 26

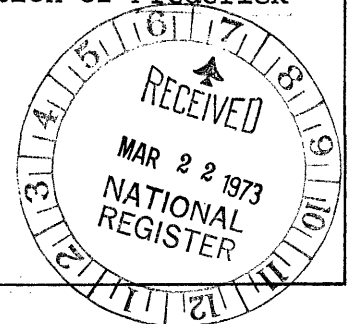
at 4a.m. we marched from our encampment to Brandywine Bridge, near Wilmington, then turning N.N.W. we proceeded a few miles and encamped near the east bank of the creek.

They stayed here a few days while Washington evaluated the situation and then moved to their encampment near Marshalton.

On December 21, 1777, 1500 Delaware and Maryland troops returned to the campsite. These troops, under the command of General William Smallwood, were to prevent occupation of Wilmington by the British and to protect the flour mills on the Brandywine.

The encampment site is now a part of Brandywine Park, a naturalistic city park developed under the direction of Frederick Law Olmsted.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Conrad, Henry C. "Maneuvering for a Battle-Ground." Motor Travel  
(May 1925) p. 19-22 and (June, 1925), p. 19-23.

Delaware Archives, Military. Wilmington: Public Archives  
Commission, 1911.

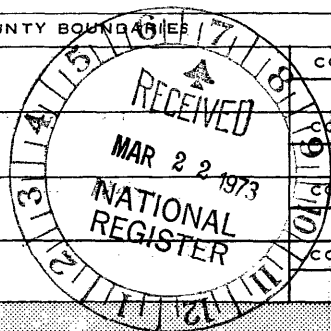
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		39° 45' 30"	75° 33' 21"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **8 acres**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



SEE INSTRUCTIONS

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Joan M. Norton, Historic Site Surveyor**

ORGANIZATION: **Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs** DATE: **1/4/72**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Hall of Records**

CITY OR TOWN: **Dover** STATE: **Delaware** CODE: **10**

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

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 **E. Berkeley Tompkins**  
**Dr. E. Berkeley Tompkins**

Title **Director, Div. of Historical and Cultural Affairs**

Date **3-12-73**

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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

**Ernest A. Connally**  
~~Ernest A. Connally~~  
Associate Director, Professional Services

Date **DEC 18 1973**

ATTEST:  
**Connally**  
Keeper of The National Register

Date **12-13-73**