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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Sunday School stands much as it did when it was built in 1817. It is a one story stone building measuring 31' x 65'. A bill from 1817 for whitewashing may mean that the random stone construction which is now exposed originally was covered. Several photos (60-90 years old) show the walls as stuccoed. The two end windows are topped by arches as is the main door. The ionic columned portico was probably a later addition as may be the school bell tower centered on the roof. Although they are both shown on the early photos, neither is seen in the drawing of the school house on the 1826 Fairlamb survey. A Xerox of this survey is attached here. The elevation of the school house can be seen in the center of the page, marked by an X.

A small spring house, also of random stone, is on the back, downhill slope of the building and the former frame stable (20'6"  $\times$  30'6") is now used as a garage. The school house although authentic on the outside, is now a private dwelling and the interior is altered.



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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE			

The Sunday School is significant in the Mill area of the Brandywine as being the only means of many workers, old and young, to learn the basics of reading, writing, and "ciphering." Some non-denominational religion was also taught.

This pioneer school was first started in the Siddall Factory (now known as Walker's Mill) on the Brandywine by Siddall's nephew, James, who had been to the original school of this type in England, the Raikes School. At a time when working hours were long, six days a week, 12 to 14 hours a day, and child labor extensively used, this exposure to learning was foreward thinking of the industrialists. Many manufacturers of the Brandywine backed the idea, but Eleuthere Irenee du Pont was the most influential in raising the money and donating the land for the school's final building. The school was finished in 1817 and from the outside looks much as it did then.

Public schools and local churches built in the 1830's and 1840's provided the needs of basic education and worship. The Sunday School ceased its original function at this time, becoming affiliated with Christ Church in 1851. From 1902 to 1921, it was the Hagley Yard office of the E.I. du Pont de Nemours Company. It then became and is a private dwelling.



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