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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	DATE
	JUN 4 1973

1. NAME

COMMON:  
Jehu Reed House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
U.S. Route 113 and Delaware Road #18

CITY OR TOWN:  
Little Heaven

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"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	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"/> 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 type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
Charlotte M. Pardee

STREET AND NUMBER:  
U.S. Route 113 and Bowers Beach Road

CITY OR TOWN:  
Little Heaven

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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
Kent County Court House

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:  
Survey of Delaware Historic Sites and Buildings, No. K-137

DATE OF SURVEY: 1972  
 Federal  State  County  Local

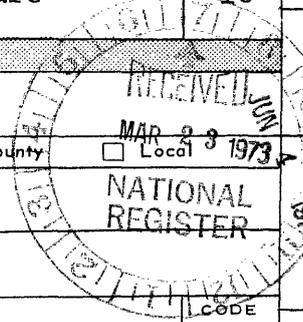
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Historic Registrar's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Hall of Records

CITY OR TOWN:  
Dover

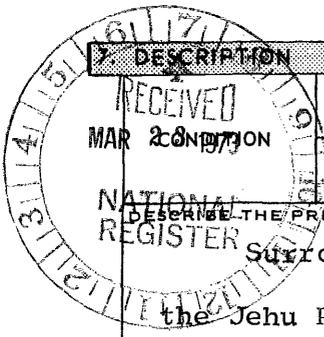
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DESCRIPTION		(Check One)					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed		
(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

Surrounded by a generous tree cover and an elevated lawn mound, the Jehu Reed House stands as a good example of an eighteenth century house that received alterations during the prosperous middle years of the nineteenth century in Delaware. The house is built entirely of brick and is presently three stories in height.

The five-bay frontage results from the addition of two bays to the south of the entry. The north three bays on the first two floors are laid in Flemish bond with glazed header pattern, while the remainder of the facade is laid in a seven-course common bond. A Victorian porch with decorative ironwork covers the first floor; the entry is a dual-door opening surmounted by a semi-circular light. Other nineteenth-century details include a flat hip roof, bracketed cornice, and pairs of lancet windows in the third story.

Remains of the original house are discernible on the first two stories of the north wall, as well as on the north end of the facade. The original windows are spanned by segmental arches. A belt course stretches around the corner of the facade and across the north elevation.

To the north of the hall is the original portion, containing two rooms with corner fireplaces; the mantels have been replaced. The plan, complete with fireplaces, is repeated on the second floor. On the first floor, the hall is flanked by one large south room which has been divided into two rooms by the present occupants. The second story contains two rooms to the south of the hall, and a small room to the east. An enclosed stair leads to the third floor, which

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**4. SIGNIFICANCE**

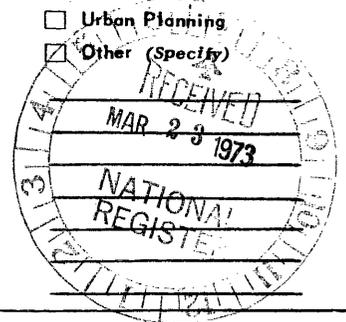
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian |  16th Century |  18th Century |  20th Century  
 15th Century |  17th Century |  19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1771 built; 1868 remodeled

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             |
| <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Jehu Reed House, home of an early pioneer in scientific agriculture, survives as an example of a house that was enlarged and improved to conform to changing tastes and economic status.

In 1685 a tract of land called "Bartlett's Lot" was taken up by Nicholas Bartlett, Samuel Burberry, and John Newell. John Newell obtained most of the tract, which descended to his son, also named John. John Newell (II) sired Henry Newell, who "settled on his father's place." Henry Newell married Margaret Wilson and erected a house in 1771. Because Henry died without a son, the property was willed to his three daughters.

Ann Newell bought her two sisters' property rights and married Elias Sipple in 1786. The daughter of this union, Margaret Sipple, married Jehu Reed in 1827. By 1829 Jehu Reed was known for his intelligent farm practices, and helped spread the acceptance of "scientific farming" throughout the state. He is said to have been the first in Kent County to introduce the cultivation of peaches on budded trees. In addition to his peach industry, Jehu Reed raised silkworms, fed by his own mulberry trees.

In 1858 Jehu M. Reed, son of Jehu Reed and Margaret Sipple, bought the Reed Farm. He expanded the farm activities to include

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Eberlein, Harold Donaldson and Hubbard, Cortlandt V.D. Historic Houses and Buildings of Delaware. Dover: Public Archives Commission, 1962. p. 81.

Scharf, J. Thomas. History of Delaware. Philadelphia: L.J. Richards and Co., 1888. pp. 1150-52.

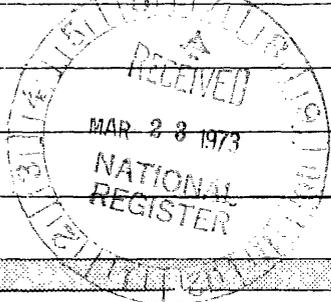
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Five

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: 10/16/72

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Hall of Records

CITY OR TOWN: Dover      STATE: Delaware      CODE: 10

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION      NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

<p>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:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/>      State <input type="checkbox"/>      Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u>Dr. E. Berkeley Tompkins</u></p> <p>Title <u>Director, Div. of Historical and Cultural Affairs</u></p> <p>Date <u>3-15-73</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>Robert W. Utley</u> Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date <u>6/4/73</u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u>Wm. H. ...</u> Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date <u>5 24 73</u></p>
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7. DESCRIPTION (continued)---

has been divided into six separate rooms. For some time the third floor had been used as a tourist accommodation.

To the rear of the main house block is a lower, three-bay wing, containing the kitchen and servants' quarters.



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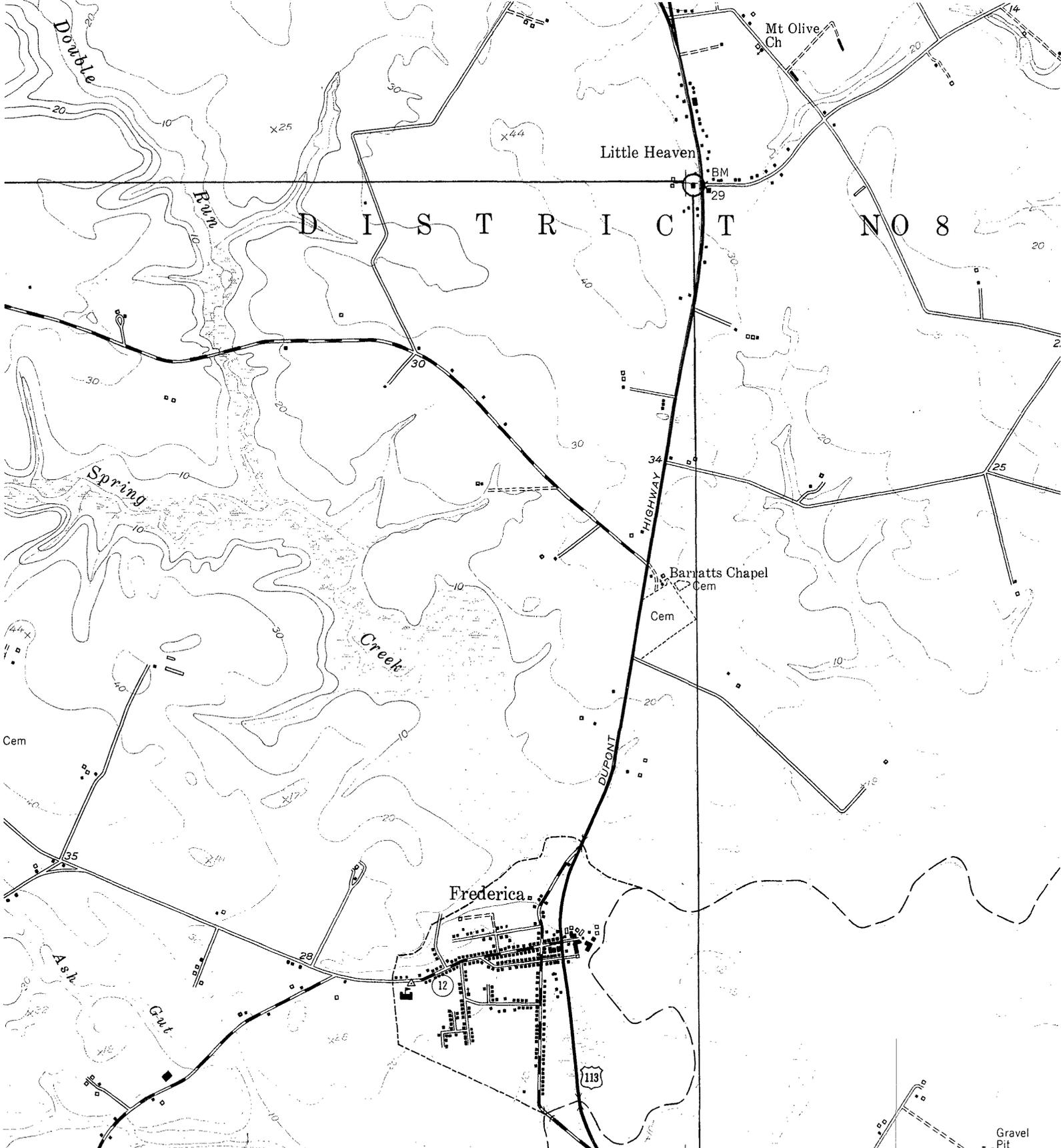
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the cultivation of other fruits and some vegetables. Prompted by prosperity of the farmlands, Jehu M. Reed enlarged the eighteenth-century farmhouse to accomodate his style of living. Rather than obliterate the original house, however, Reed incorporated it into the fabric of his Victorian plantation house.

The farm continued in the possession of the Reed family until the early portion of the twentieth century, when it was bought by Arley Magee, a Dover lawyer and Judge of the Court of Common Pleas. Since then the house has changed ownership several times.





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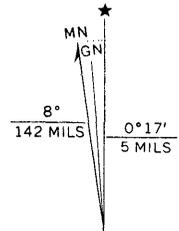
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JSC&GS and USGS

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 Topography by planetable surveys 1946. Revised 1956

compiled from USC&GS chart 1218 (1955)

projection. 1927 North American datum  
 grid based on Delaware coordinate system



UTM GRID AND 1956 MAGNETIC NORTH

Jehu Reed House  
 27°27'11"

SCALE

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CONTOUR INTERVAL IS METERS  
 DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL  
 CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET

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