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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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STATE: Delaware	
COUNTY: Kent	
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ENTRY NUMBER MAR 20 1972	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Great Geneva

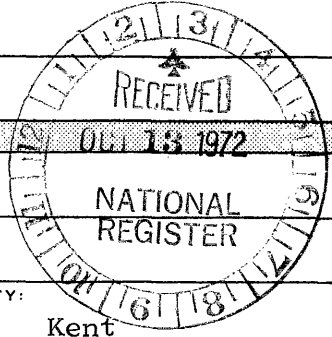
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
about 3 miles S of Dover on
R.D.1, Box 401 (Del. Rt. 356)

CITY OR TOWN:
Dover *via*

STATE: Delaware CODE: 10 COUNTY: Kent CODE: 001



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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input 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) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Don and Ruth H. Concilio

STREET AND NUMBER:
R.D.1, Box 401

CITY OR TOWN: Dover STATE: Delaware CODE: 10

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Kent County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
The Green

CITY OR TOWN: Dover STATE: Delaware CODE: 10

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey, No. Del-139

DATE OF SURVEY: 1960 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:
Washington, D.C.

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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 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

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Located north of the Tidbury Branch of St. Jones River, Great Geneva is a two-story-and-attic brick structure constructed on a hall and parlor plan. The house has a north frontage, laid in Flemish bond. Detailing includes a box cornice, keyed lintels, and a rectangular transom over the center entry.

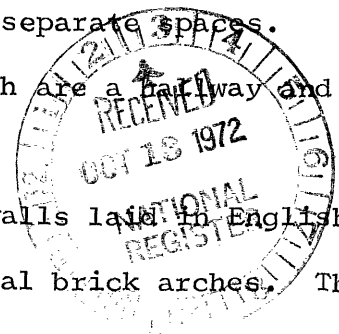
The rear wall is laid in English bond. Two of the three south bays are occupied by doorways, one of which formerly communicated to a rear kitchen. This wing has been replaced by a newer one attached to the west gable wall.

The west gable wall is laid in Flemish bond with glazed headers. The east gable has been stuccoed. It is further obscured by another recent addition containing bathrooms.

Very little original detailing remains on the first floor of the interior. The crown moulding, chair railing, paneled end walls, and cupboards have been added by the present owners. In addition, modern kitchen facilities occupy the southeast room, which was formed by adding a partition wall to the east fireplace breast.

The second floor has fared somewhat better. The west bed chamber contains an original paneled end wall, chair railing, and cornice. The east chamber contains portions of original detailing. The second floor has been rather curiously divided into four separate spaces. To the south are the two bed chambers; to the north are a hallway and anteroom.

The basement, contained by brick foundation walls laid in English bond, contains three fireplaces spanned by segmental brick arches. The



3. SIGNIFICANCE

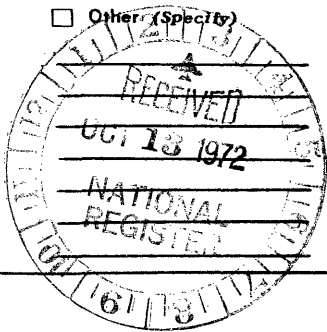
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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 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)
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<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input checked="" 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

Great Geneva was intimately connected with the growth of the community of Friends near Camden, and with the fortunes of the Hunn family.

The Hunns in Delaware are descended from a certain Nathaniel Hunn of Boston. After he died in King Philip's War, his wife, Priscilla, remarried and moved to Kent County, bringing her young children with her.

Jonathan Hunn, the great-grandson of Priscilla Hunn, purchased the tract called Great Geneva before 1765, and probably built his house about the same time. The tract had first been surveyed to Alexander Humphreys in 1683, and passed through several hands before the middle of the eighteenth century. Adjacent to the Great Geneva property is Brecknock, from which Daniel Mifflin took a portion in 1783 to lay out Piccadilly, the present-day Camden, a center for the Society of Friends in Delaware.

Sons, grandsons, and great-grandsons of the house's builder lived at Great Geneva, and continued their activities as Friends, and, during the nineteenth century, as abolitionists. Both Ezekiel and John, grandsons of Jonathan, were ardent foes of slavery. The latter was a friend of abolitionist Thomas Garrett. On his deathbed, John

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Hunn, Ezekiel. "Genealogy of the Hunn Family."
 MacDonald, Betty Harrington. Historic Landmarks of Delaware and the Eastern Shore. Delaware State Society, Daughters of the American Colonists, 1963.
 Massey, George Valentine II. "Priscilla Kitchen, Quakeress of Salem, Mass., and Kent Co., Del., and Her Family." New England Historical and Genealogical Register. CVI (January, 1952)
 Conrad, Henry C. History of the State of Delaware. 3 vols. Wilmington, Delaware: By the Author, 1908.

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	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: One

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 and Miss Rosemary Troy

ORGANIZATION: Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs DATE: 8/23/72

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: Director, Div. of Historical and Cultural Affairs

Date: 10-6-72

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

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

Date: 3/26/73

ATTEST:

[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 3/21/73

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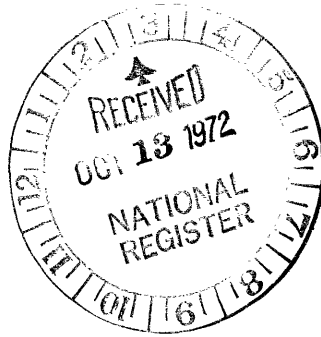
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7. DESCRIPTION (continued)---

water table occurs on the interior, decreasing the wall thickness by one brick course between the basement and first floor. The wall thickness again decreases between the first and second floor.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE (continued)---

is said to have told his son about a diary revealing the story of the Underground Railroad in Delaware. He exacted a promise that it be destroyed. As the son left the sick bed, the father asked, "Son, thee meant to copy that diary before thee destroyed it, is it not so?" The father requested again that the diary be burned. His son, another John, became Delaware's governor between 1901 and 1905.

Another John Hunn, not so closely connected to Great Geneva, although he may have been born there,

trained for the sea, and commanded the privateer SECURITY in Delaware Bay, during the Revolution.

Through him, the Hunns are connected to another prominent Delaware family; his daughter married Caesar Augustus Rodney, nephew of Caesar Rodney.



WYOMING QUADRANGLE
DELAWARE-KENT CO.
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

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DOVER (STATE CAPITOL) 2.2 MI.

SMYRNA 14 MI.
DOVER (STATE CAPITOL) 2.3 MI.
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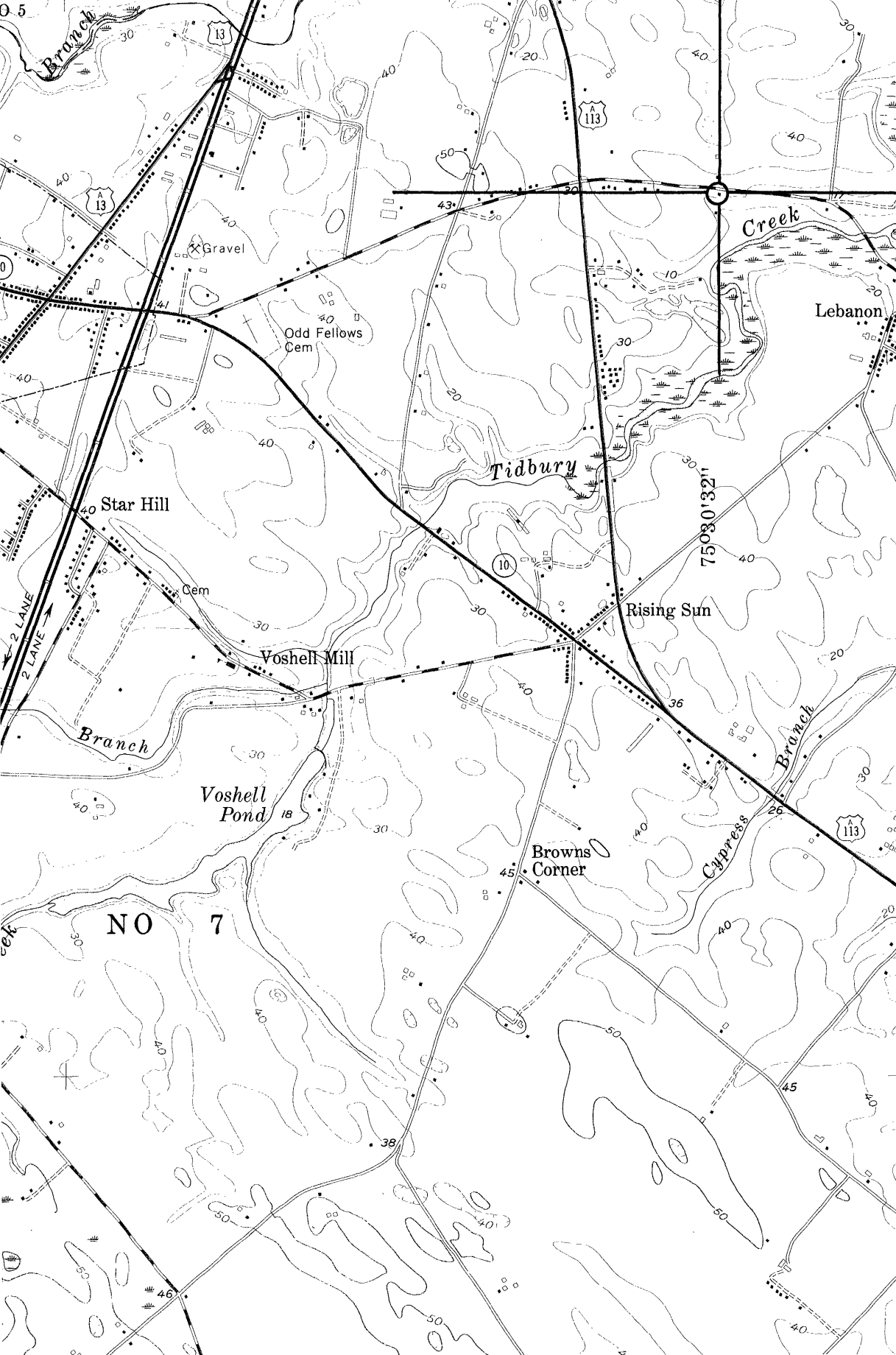
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LITTLE CREEK



1.3 MI. TO U.S. 113
MAGNOLIA
FREDERICA

39°07'03"
Great Geneva



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