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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Delaware	
COUNTY: New Castle	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	NOV 27 1973

1. NAME

COMMON:  
Dilworth House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
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CITY OR TOWN:  
Port Penn

STATE Delaware	CODE 10	COUNTY: New Castle	CODE 003
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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"/> 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:  
Mrs. Alden V. Keene

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
Port Penn

STATE: Delaware	CODE 10
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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
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  Local

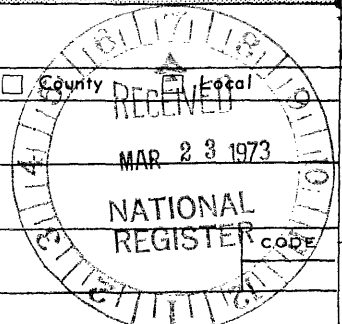
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:	CODE:
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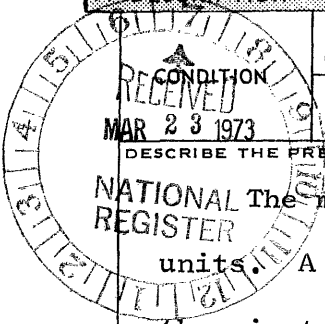
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7 DESCRIPTION

(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

The main portion of the house consists of two separate 2½-story units. A frame wing was added to the rear during the second half of the nineteenth century. Major alterations to the main body of the house include a rear stair in the west portion and a bathroom in the east portion. Some floorboards, beams, and paneling remain, but the interior has been remodelled several times.

The most impressive feature of the Dilworth House is the brickwork. The west gable wall is laid in Flemish bond with diapering. It features both a stepped belt course between the first and second floors and a band course at the eave line. The south frontage is laid entirely in Flemish bond with glazed headers. The rear wall and foundations are laid in English bond.

The house was built in two sections, each three bays wide with a central door; a seam in the brickwork of the south facade marks the division line between the east and west sections. The water table on the west portion is bevelled and stepped up at the entry; the east portion has a quarter-round water-table. Stretching across the facade is a belt course, two bricks wide, which is broken by the second-story windows.

Although the fenestration of the first floor is regular, the second story is marked by only three windows, asymmetrically placed. The gable-end windows were added or enlarged after the house was built. All the original windows are surmounted by brick segmental arches.

To the east of the house are remains of an underground chamber, possibly a root cellar. An arched opening, now sealed, is located

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**6. 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 checked="" 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)

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| <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 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 Dilworth House is a rare surviving specimen of an early Delaware yeoman's house. It features some of the finest diapered brickwork in Delaware.

In 1675, Edmund Cantwell surveyed for Patrick Carr a 200-acre tract between St. George's and St. Augustine creeks. In 1679, the tract passed to Olla Jansen, who probably built the west portion of the present house. The east portion probably was built early in the eighteenth century.

The farm passed through several hands until 1792, when it was bought by Robert Crow, who sold it to William Hill, who left it to his daughter Elizabeth, wife of John Alrichs Dilworth.

The farm later passed from John and Elizabeth Dilworth to John Ducha Dilworth, and then to a third John Dilworth.

This John Dilworth served in both houses of the Delaware legislature. In 1860, he turned the farm over to his brother, Thomas F. Dilworth, who added to the tract.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Conrad, Henry C. History of the State of Delaware. Wilmington: The Author, 1908. pp. 541-542.  
 New Castle County Deed Book N-2, p. 460.  
 Scharf, J. Thomas. History of Delaware. Philadelphia: L. J. Richards and Company, 1888. pp. 982-983.

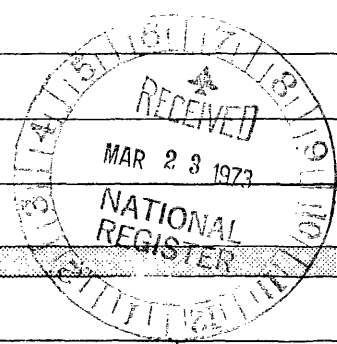
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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		
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NE	0' 0" 0"	0' 0" 0"		75°	36'	16"
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SW	0' 0" 0"	0' 0" 0"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **Five**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Mr. Vincent Rogers, Historic Site Surveyor**

ORGANIZATION: **Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs** DATE: **August 1972**

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 Dr. E. Berkeley Tompkins  
 Title Director, Div. of Historical and Cultural Affairs  
 Date 3-15-73

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Robert M. Utley  
 Associate Director, Professional Services

Date 11/27/73

ATTEST:  
Robert M. Utley  
 Acting Keeper of The National Register  
 Date 11-9-73

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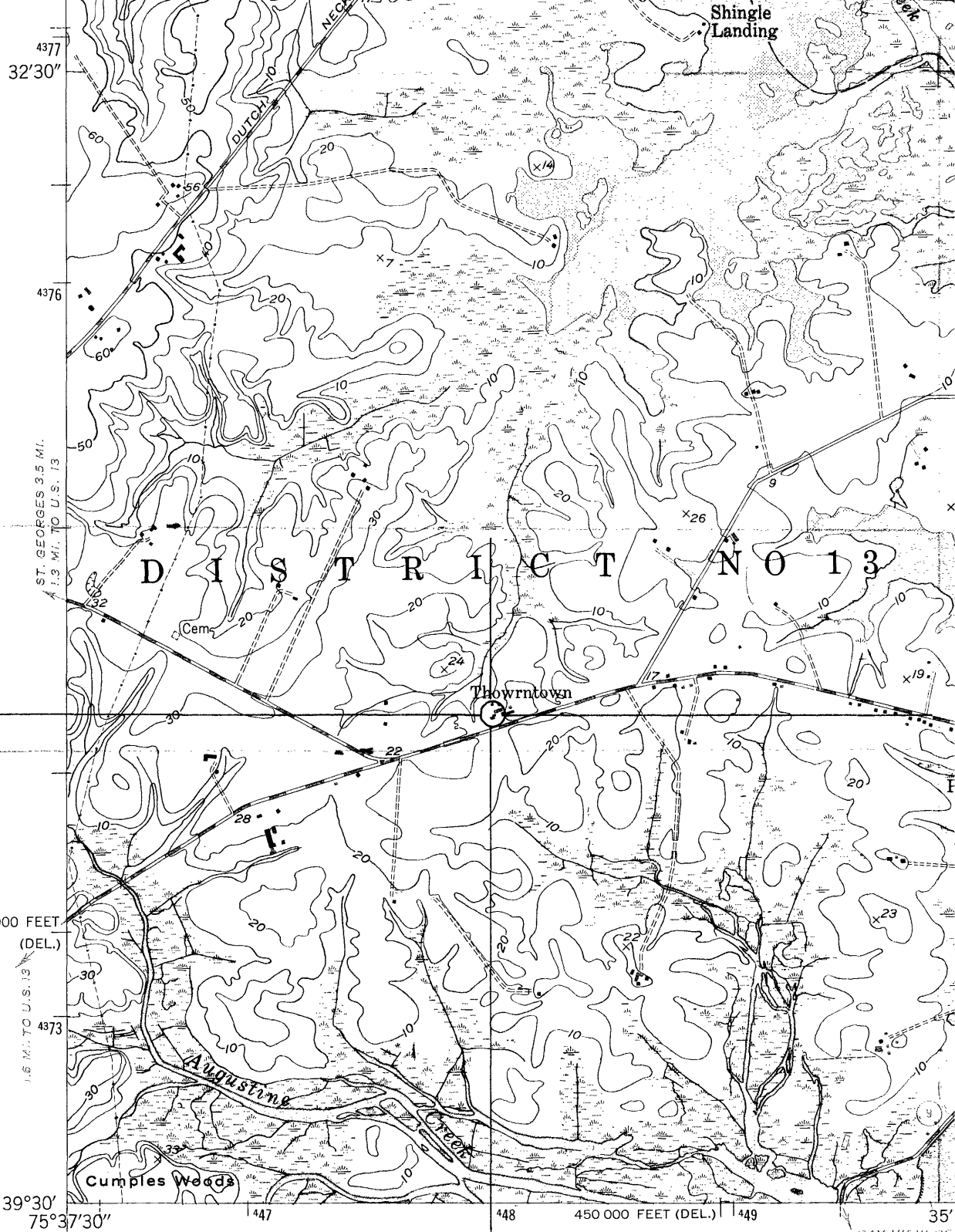
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7. DESCRIPTION (continued)---

in the west end of the front basement wall; it may have provided access to another root cellar.



United States Geological Survey Topographic Map, Delaware City 7.5' quadrangle 1948, photographically revised 1970



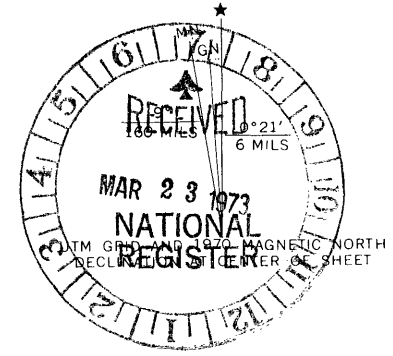
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Mapped by U. S. Coast & Geodetic Survey  
Edited and published by the Geological Survey  
Control by USC&GS (C) and USED (E)  
Culture and drainage in part compiled from  
aerial photographs taken 1946  
Topography by plane-table methods 1946. Field check 1948  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grids based on Delaware and New Jersey  
coordinate systems  
No distinction is made between dwellings, barns,  
commercial and industrial buildings  
Unchecked elevations are shown in brown  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 18, shown in blue



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