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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Public School #29

AND/OR COMMON

Lamborn Library

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

SE corner of Valley Road (RD. 294) and Old Lancaster Pike

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Hockessin

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

One

STATE

Delaware

CODE

10

COUNTY

New Castle

CODE

002

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

__DISTRICT

BUILDING(S)

__STRUCTURE

__SITE

__OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

__PUBLIC

PRIVATE

__BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

__IN PROCESS

__BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED

__UNOCCUPIED

__WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

YES: RESTRICTED

__YES: UNRESTRICTED

__NO

PRESENT USE

__AGRICULTURE

__COMMERCIAL

__EDUCATIONAL

__ENTERTAINMENT

__GOVERNMENT

__INDUSTRIAL

__MILITARY

__MUSEUM

__PARK

__PRIVATE RESIDENCE

__RELIGIOUS

__SCIENTIFIC

__TRANSPORTATION

OTHER: Library

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Lamborn Library Association, Inc., c/o Isabella K. Whitney,

STREET & NUMBER

R.D. #2, Box 112

CITY, TOWN

Hockessin

VICINITY OF

STATE

Delaware

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Public Building

STREET & NUMBER

Rodney Square

CITY, TOWN

Wilmington

STATE

Delaware

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Delaware Cultural Resource Survey, N-3863

DATE

1974

__FEDERAL STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR

SURVEY RECORDS Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs, Hall of Records

CITY, TOWN

Dover

STATE

Delaware

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Lamborn Library is located at the southeast corner of Old Lancaster Pike and Valley Road. Situated in an area which is presently undergoing a transition from farm and hamlet to sub-development and shopping center, the structure sits on a nicely landscaped lot a block from the major roadway in Hockessin, Route 41.

The structure was built in 1870 as a one-room schoolhouse with dimensions of approximately 36 feet by 29 feet. Stone foundation walls 20" thick enclose a basement with floor several feet below grade. Walls above the basement level are 18" thick. A second floor schoolroom was added in about 1890. It was constructed of brick. At that time an eight foot brick extension was added to the west end of the building. This enclosed the stairway to the second floor and created an open, brick, arched portico sheltering the doorway to the first floor schoolroom. A small bell tower pierced the roofline during the time the building served as a school.

The roof is shingled. The gable ends of the building are of wood sheathed in fish-scale shingles. Stick-style detailing forming a sunburst pattern is found at the peak of the roof. The gable end, which is three bays wide, faces Valley Road and forms the facade. A double archway supported centrally by an iron post fills two bays and the staircase the third bay.

The double-hung windows have six-over-six lights, 10" X 16". These are original as are the shutters, blinds, entrance door and hardware. There is a stained glass window in the staircase. The staircase windows form an interesting contrast to those in the rest of the building.

The building has received stucco at the first floor level and white paint on the entire exterior. The interior plaster is applied directly to the masonry; the deep window jambs are rounded. No other interior features survive.

In the last several decades the building has been altered to allow for the installation of an apartment on the second floor, a modern kitchen in the basement, electrical wiring, a plumbing system, a hot water heating system, and the addition of a first floor fireplace with exterior brick chimney on the east wall. Originally, heat was obtained through the use of stoves.

Despite the changes the building has undergone in its history, it has retained a simple character which makes it architecturally pleasing. All of the modifications made have allowed the building to serve better its functions within the community.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1870 ; 1890

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Lamborn Library building has served the field of education in Hockessin since the time of its construction. Built in 1870, the structure served as Public School #29 until 1932. Hockessin had had a school structure since before 1849. The earlier structure was located at the intersection of Valley Road with the Old Wilmington Road. It is uncertain why this structure was abandoned. The new school was built as a one-room structure; an upper story was added in 1880-93.

Its significance in education was perpetuated by a public-spirited citizen, Mr. Levis Lamborn, who left a small trust fund to establish a library, reading room and lecture hall. In recognition of Mr. Lamborn's generosity, the old school building was renamed the Lamborn Library. In accordance with Mr. Lamborn's wishes, the library has been in constant use since 1934. With the advent of the bookmobile, its library function diminished to the point of being virtually extinct. In its place, social and humanitarian activities which served the community were held in the building. It became the regular meeting place of such groups as the Community Club, garden clubs, Girl Scouts, Greater Hockessin Area Development Association, North Mill Creek Association, Lions Club, Friends of the Library, Story Hour and senior citizens groups. All of these organizations used the building at no charge.

At the present time, the building is being returned to use as a library. New Castle County has agreed to open a branch of its library system in the building. Ownership of the building will remain in the hands of the Lamborn Library Association who will assure the building's continued service to the community.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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- Rea and Price, Map of New Castle County, 1849.
- Scharf, J. Thomas. A History of Delaware, 1609-1888. Philadelphia: L.J. Richards and Co., 1888.
- New Castle County School District Records, P.S. #29. (1899-1919) MSS.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY under 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	18	440000	4404370	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The frontage of the nominated area extends 100 feet on Valley Road to meet with Old Lancaster Pike. It extends east 75 feet on Old Lancaster Pike. From Old Lancaster Pike the southeastern boundary runs 100 feet to connect with its southwestern boundary which continues 75 feet to Valley Road.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Mrs. Douglas M. Gay, Past President

ORGANIZATION

Lamborn Library Association

DATE

July 8, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

R.D. 1, Box 445

TELEPHONE

(215) 444-4416

CITY OR TOWN

Hockessin

STATE

Delaware

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

[Signature]

TITLE

SHPO

DATE

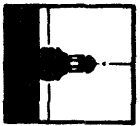
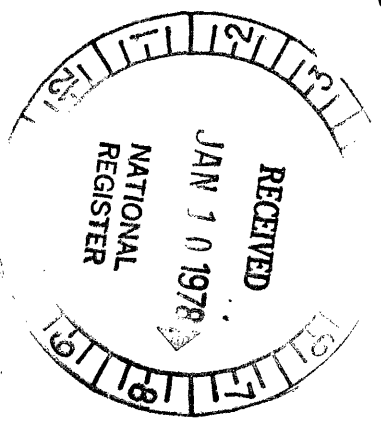
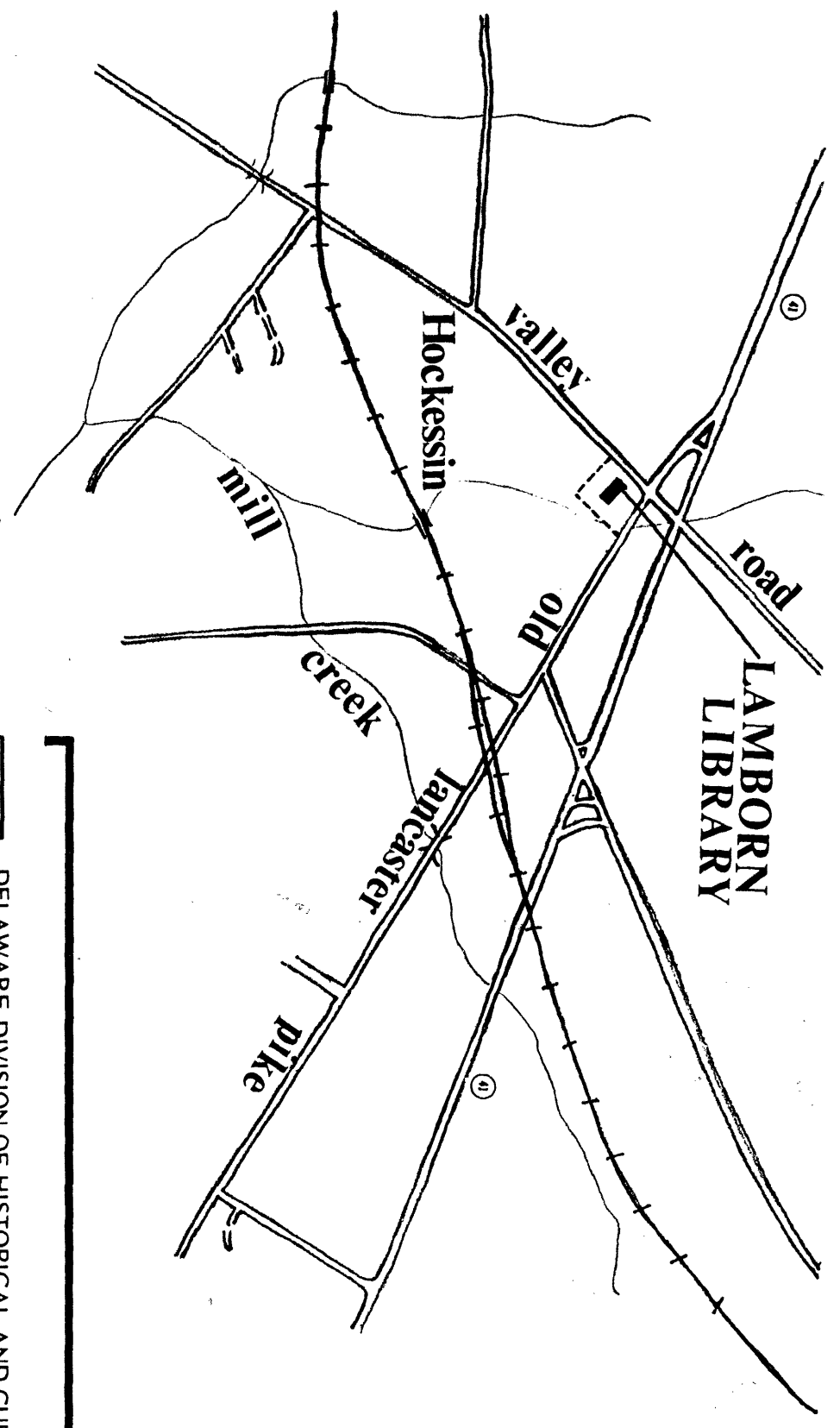
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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
 ATTEST *[Signature]*
 KATHLEEN COSTE
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 5-22-78
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
 DATE 4-26-78



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