



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

The attached property, Swanwyck, in New Castle County, Delaware, reference number 77000387, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places by the Keeper of the National Register on 3/17/1977, as evidenced by the FEDERAL REGISTER/WEEKLY LIST notice of Tuesday, February 7, 1978, Part II, Vol.43, No. 26, page 5184. The attached nomination form is a copy of the original documentation provided to the Keeper at the time of listing.


Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places

9/8/2008
Date

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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

SWANWYCK

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

65 Landers Lane

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

New Castle

VICINITY OF
CODE

One

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Delaware

10

COUNTY

New Castle

CODE

002

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Asbury United Methodist Church

STREET & NUMBER

Basin Road and Dupont Highway

CITY, TOWN

New Castle

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

Historic American Buildings Survey, No. Del-4B

DATE

1936

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Library of Congress

CITY, TOWN

Washington, D. C.

STATE

77 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 type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A product of the Regency period, Swanwyck is a two-story, three-bay structure, covered by stucco laid over brick and encircled by an elaborate belt course. Lower wings of more recent periods have been added to the north and west.

Framed by rectangular lights and covered by a portico, the dual-door center entry permits access to a center hall. The hall, backed by an open-hung stair, connects with rooms to the north and south within a basic rectangle and with one to the west beyond the stair. The south room features a marble-faced mantel, panelled closets into the side of the chimney breast, and dual doors giving egress to the south. The rear, or west, room is panelled below the chair rail and contains a fireplace with marble-faced opening; again, dual doors open to the outside. The north room has been altered by the installation of kitchen facilities. All interior portals on the first floor are arched.

The second floor arrangement is patterned on the first. However, the center hall has been obstructed by a partition enclosing the stairway and closets at the east end of the hall. In addition, the north room has been divided into a hallway, bath, and bedroom.

In the basement, the foundation walls are of stone rubble construction, with brick supporting walls laid in common bond. One fireplace remains at the base of the south chimney. The entire structure is hip-roofed with ceramic roofing tiles.

The staircase detailing, the pine floors, the plaster cornices in the main rooms, the wainscot, and most of the other interior details survive intact. About three acres of the original farm remain undeveloped to serve as a setting.

The only major changes to the main house are the conversion of some French doors into windows and the removal of the rear porch. When the French doors were removed, their interior trim was left unaltered. There are ample records to allow an adequate restoration of the porch.

The late Albert Kruse, FAIA, who surveyed the property for the Historic Preservation Section, reported that the house "could be restored beautifully and faithfully." The late Harold Donaldson Eberlein had reported that the house had been irreparably altered, but Mr. Kruse disagreed.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
___ PREHISTORIC	___ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	___ COMMUNITY PLANNING	___ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	___ RELIGION
___ 1400-1499	___ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	___ CONSERVATION	___ LAW	___ SCIENCE
___ 1500-1599	___ AGRICULTURE	___ ECONOMICS	___ LITERATURE	___ SCULPTURE
___ 1600-1699	X ___ ARCHITECTURE	___ EDUCATION	___ MILITARY	___ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
___ 1700-1799	___ ART	___ ENGINEERING	___ MUSIC	___ THEATER
X ___ 1800-1899	___ COMMERCE	___ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	___ PHILOSOPHY	___ TRANSPORTATION
___ 1900-	___ COMMUNICATIONS	___ INDUSTRY	___ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	___ OTHER (SPECIFY)
		___ INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1813-1819 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Swanwyck has been called one of the most distinguished examples of Regency domestic architecture in the country. Its designer, Peter Bauduy, was an amateur architect, preparing a house for his newly-married daughter.

Peter Bauduy was born Pierre de Bauduy de Bellevue, in Bordeaux, France, in June of 1769. As a child he was taken to Santo Domingo, but returned to France to enter the military service at age 17. He resigned his commission as lieutenant after the fall of the Bastille and returned to Santo Domingo. In 1790, Bauduy married Juliette Le Bretton des Chapelles, a schoolmate of Napoleon's Empress Josephine.

Wilmington became Bauduy's home after a slave insurrection in 1791 caused him to flee Santo Domingo. Peter Bauduy anglicized his name at the time he applied for citizenship.

Bauduy, as a leader of the French community in Wilmington, met Eleuthère Irénée du Pont in 1801, and joined in his business plans. Bauduy arranged for a purchase of land along the Brandywine in 1801 from Jacob Broom, a signer of the Constitution. Du Pont returned the favor by providing Bauduy with stock to start a flock of merino sheep. The two men cooperated in operating a woollen mill on the Brandywine in 1811; the next New Year's Day, President Madison dressed in a suit fashioned from the first piece of cloth from their mill.

Bauduy's prosperity led him to purchase an estate south of Wilmington in 1805. Four years later he built his home, Eden Park. Cora Marie Bauduy married Jean Pierre Garesche in 1813. Between that year and 1819, her father designed Swanwyck for her. Wilmington lost a valuable citizen in 1819 when Peter Bauduy left for Cuba.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Journal Every Evening, February 20, 1937, p. 7.
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 Pursell, Carroll W. "Peter Bauduy and His Shepherd's Dog, 1814: A Note." Delaware History, Vol. X, No. 2 (October, 1962).

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one

UTM REFERENCES

A	18	161500	4392450	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

Vincent Rogers, Rosemary Troy, and Edward F. Heite

ORGANIZATION

Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs

DATE

February 13, 1974

STREET & NUMBER

Hall of Records

TELEPHONE

678-4564

CITY OR TOWN

Dover

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

TITLE

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
 ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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New Castle

VICINITY OF

COUNTY New Castle

STATE Delaware

3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE United States Geological Survey, Wilmington South

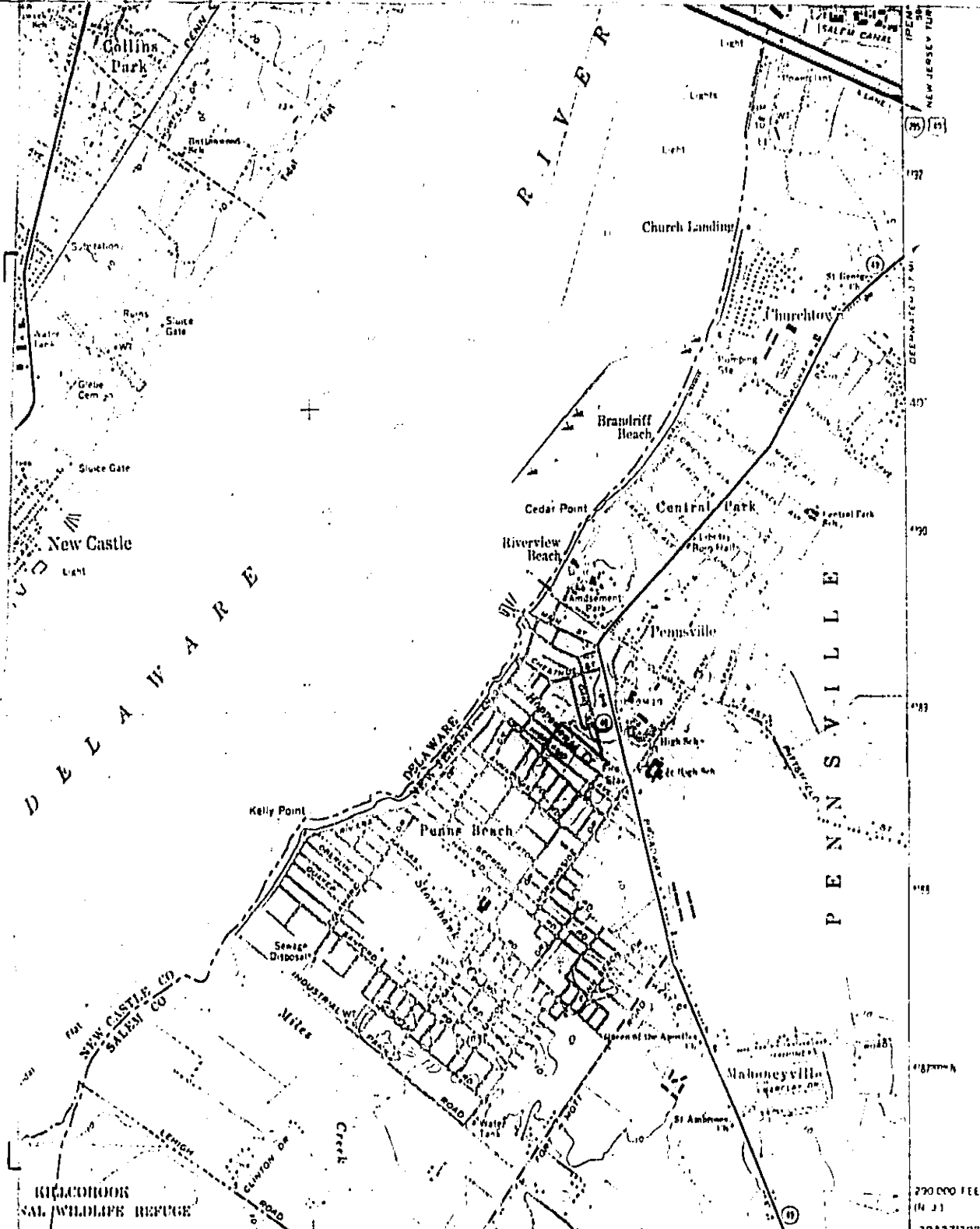
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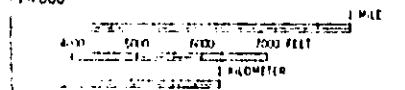
4 REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES



75° 30' 00" WEST LONGITUDE
39° 37' 30" NORTH LATITUDE



VERTICAL DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER
HIGHER LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER
APPROXIMATELY 5.6 FEET



ALL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy duty —————
- Medium duty - - - - -
- Light duty - - - - -
- Unimproved dirt
- Interstate Route
- U.S. Route
- State Route

WILMINGTON SOUTH, DEL. - N. J.
NE/4 WILMINGTON 15 QUADRANGLE.
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1967

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE DELAWARE

Date Entered MAR 17 1977

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Swanwyck	New Castle New Castle County

Also Notified

Hon. William V. Roth, Jr.
Hon. Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
Hon. Thomas B. Evans, Jr.

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