

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

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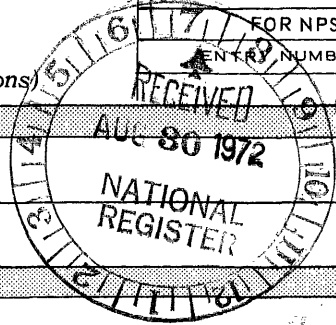
STATE:
Delaware

COUNTY:
New Castle

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1. NAME

COMMON:
Hockessin Friends Meeting House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Corner of Routes 275 and 254, at the southern terminus of Meeting House Rd.

CITY OR TOWN:
Hockessin

STATE: Delaware CODE: 10 COUNTY: New Castle CODE: 003

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	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	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"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Hockessin Monthly Meeting of Friends

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Hockessin STATE: Delaware CODE: 10

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Hall of Records

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Dover STATE: Delaware CODE: 10

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1958 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: D.C. CODE: _____

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

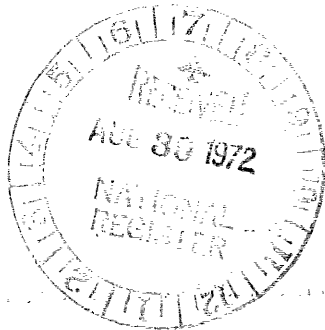
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Hockessin Friends Meeting House is a single-story white plastered stone building. The cornice is projected some distance from the roof and has a crown moulding at the roof line. Beneath the peak of the roof is a stone inscribed "1738". The exterior is in excellent condition; furnishings and hardware are old, but not original. The pent over the south door is old, but not original. Frame and stone wings are attached. In the yard are two stone mounting blocks along the drive that encircles the building. In the rear is a stable and a frame storehouse.

The cemetery, across the road, is surrounded by a stone wall and iron fence.

Across Meeting House Road is a stone house with a stone inscribed "SH 1817."



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1738

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 checked="" 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

By the late 1730's, the community of Friends near Hockessin was numerous enough to petition the neighboring Newark and Kennett meetings for the establishment of a separate meeting. Henry Dixon, Thomas and Hannah Dixon, and William and Catherine Cox were early members of a first and weekday meeting established in 1737. A year later, the group erected a meeting house on land deeded by the Dixon and Cox families, which may have been part of the tract called Ocassa, William Cox's farm, whence came the name "Hockessin."

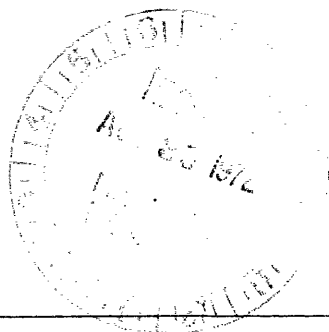
In 1745, the members enlarged their meeting house with the addition of a structure at the rear. The meeting house and one at Centre, served alternately as the meeting site for the Centre Monthly Meeting. These two meetings continued jointly until they separated in 1787. Newark and Kennett meetings were the parent bodies of Centre and Hockessin, and continued to supervise them until business meetings were established at Hockessin in 1808.

William Cox was important in the industrial history of Mill Creek Hundred. In 1730, he joined with four partners to build a gristmill on a seat that became the nucleus of the later Garrett snuff mill.

The Revolutionary War touched the meeting house on the night of September 9, 1777, when Lord Cornwallis stationed troops there.

Although the exterior trim was renewed during the nineteenth century, and the interior modernized, the meeting house retains most of its original features.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Scharf, J. Thomas. History of Delaware, 1609-1888. Vol. II. Philadelphia: L.J. Richards & Co., 1888.
 Weslager, C. A. The Garrett Snuff Fortune. Wilmington: the Knebels Press, 1965
 Weslager, C. A. 140 Years Along the Old Public Road. Wilmington: Historic Red Clay Valley, Inc., 1960.

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	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	0 ' "	0 ' "		39° 47' 35"	75° 41' 30"	
NE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SW	0 ' "	0 ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 5

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Graydon Wood and Rosemary Troy

ORGANIZATION: Div. of Historical and Cultural Affairs DATE: 6/28/72

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 State Liaison Officer
 Date 8-24-72

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

Robert M. Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
 Date 3/20/73
 ATTEST: [Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date 3-13-73

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