**Form 10-300**

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**
**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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1. **NAME**
   - **COMMON:**
     - C. A. Nothnagle Log House
   - **AND/OR HISTORIC:**
     - Braman-Nothnagle Log House

2. **LOCATION**
   - **STREET AND NUMBER:**
     - N. W. side Swedesboro-Paulsboro Rd. 0.9 mi. W. of Crown Point Rd.
   - **CITY OR TOWN:**
     - Gibbstown
     - New Jersey

3. **CLASSIFICATION**
   - **CATEGORY (Check One):**
     - District
     - Site
     - Structure
     - Object
   - **OWNERSHIP:**
     - Public
     - Private
     - Both
   - **PUBLIC ACQUISITION:**
     - In Process
     - Being Considered
   - **STATUS:**
     - Occupied
     - Unoccupied
   - **ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC:**
     - Yes:
       - Restricted
       - Unrestricted
     - No
   - **PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate):**
     - Agricultural
     - Commercial
     - Educational
     - Entertainment
     - Government
     - Industrial
     - Military
     - Museum
     - Religious
     - Scientific
     - Transportation
     - Other (Specify)
     - Comments

4. **OWNER OF PROPERTY**
   - **OWNER'S NAME:**
     - Harry Rink
   - **STREET AND NUMBER:**
     - Swedesboro Road
   - **CITY OR TOWN:**
     - Gibbstown
     - New Jersey

5. **LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**
   - **COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:**
     - County Clerk's Office, Gloucester County Courthouse
   - **STREET AND NUMBER:**
     - Broad and Delaware Streets
   - **CITY OR TOWN:**
     - Woodbury
     - New Jersey

6. **REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**
   - **TITLE OF SURVEY:**
     - Historic American Buildings Survey (NJ-10)
   - **DATE OF SURVEY:**
     - 1938
   - **DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:**
     - Library of Congress
   - **STREET AND NUMBER:**
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   - **CITY OR TOWN:**
     - Washington
     - D. C.
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<th>CONDITION</th>
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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

White oak logs, fully dovetailed at corners, miscellaneous mortar caulking, one story with attic, gable roof with asphalt shingles, rubble stone foundations, 3/6 window on south appears to be of early construction as does exterior door, 3/6 window and door on north of later construction. One-room plan with corner fireplace of brick covered by plaster, chimney removed and fireplace capped. Random width floor boards, interior plaster on log walls, attic with later plaster walls on sawn lath, enclosed stairway to attic. Early 19th C. frame addition of two stories with gable roof on northeast.

The site is level ground with house very close to highway, and shed to the south of the house.
### S. SIGNIFICANCE

#### PERIOD
- [ ] Pre-Columbian
- [ ] 16th Century
- [X] 17th Century
- [ ] 18th Century
- [ ] 19th Century
- [ ] 20th Century

#### SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)
- Built ca. 1685

#### AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE
- [ ] Aboriginal
- [ ] Prehistoric
- [X] Historic
- [ ] Agriculture
- [X] Architecture
- [ ] Art
- [ ] Commerce
- [ ] Communications
- [ ] Conservation

- [ ] Education
- [ ] Engineering
- [ ] Industry
- [ ] Invention
- [ ] Landscape Architecture
- [ ] Literature
- [ ] Military
- [ ] Music
- [ ] Political
- [ ] Religion
- [ ] Science
- [ ] Sculpture
- [ ] Social/Humanitarian
- [ ] Theater
- [ ] Transportation
- [ ] Urban Planning
- [ ] Other (Specify)

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Nothnagle Log House is one of the few remaining log houses of a type once prevalent in the Delaware Valley. The full dovetailing at the corners is a detail considered by some authorities to be of Finnish origin and is certainly early. The one room plan with corner fireplace, the so-called "Swedish Plan," is also a typical feature of many of the earliest domestic structures in the area.

Although there are a number of seventeenth century log houses remaining in the area, this example of the earliest plan and structure is extremely rare and perhaps unique.
9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES


10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY

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LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1.5 acres

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

STATE: CODE COUNTY:
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: William B. Bassett, architectural historian

ORGANIZATION: John M. Dickey, architect

STREET AND NUMBER: 206A West State Street

CITY OR TOWN: Media

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: Richard J. Sullivan

Title: Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

Date: January 1h, 1972

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

[Signature] Acting Chief Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 4/23/76

ATTEST:

[Signature] Keeper of The National Register

Date: 4/28/76
C. A. Nothnagle Log House
New Jersey Code: 3n
Gloucester Co. Code: 015

6. New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory #1219.1
Circ. 1960 State
Department Of Environmental Protection
Division Of Parks & Forestry
Bureau Of Parks, P. O. Box 1h20
Historic Sites Section
Trenton, New Jersey Code: 3n
08625

Congressional Representation

John E. Hunt, Congressman (1st Dist.)
Clifford P. Case, U. S. Senator
Harrison A. Williams, U. S. Senator
Item 7 Description

This log house is one of only a few existing in the South Jersey area, and is one of the very few that retains 18th and 19th century features without later alterations. This structure is 16 feet by 20 feet and has a loft with low knee walls. The single room on the ground floor has a corner fireplace. Along the same gable wall is a patch in the ceiling boards which appears to have once been access to the left by means of a ladder. The present stair is on the opposite gable wall and is 19th century. The single room was a front entry, door hung on strap hinges and pintles, and a rear door directly opposite. There is a window on the front wall and on the rear walls. In the attic there is a window in both gable ends, one not covered where it abuts the later 2 story addition.

There are numerous additions and extensions to the original log structure, the earliest being a 2 story frame structure, 2 bays wide. The construction as seen from the cellar—massive hem. beams—is characteristic of the first half of the 18th century. Also seen in the cellar is framing for a corner fireplace, which has been removed. Both the log house and the 18th century addition are shown on a signed and dated watercolor of 1797.

In the 1930's, the 2 story section was extended and additions were made to the rear. It was probably at this time that the 18th century portion was extensively altered, changing the floor plan, stair, and removing the fireplace. It was probably at this time or earlier that the log section was closed off and used only for storage. As a result, the log section has not been altered and retains its earlier features.
Item 36 Significance Analysis

This property is said to have been settled in 1636; if so this log structure may well have been built in this period. In the first tax list for Gloucester County, Anthony Neilson, a Swede, is listed for July 1, 1667 as having 100 acres and seven cattle. This would indicate a farm and dwelling.

A deed dated May 20, 1710, is recorded at the County Clerks Office, Jourdary, New Jersey, which Gabriel and Abrham Neilson convey this 100 acres to Samuel Paul. They inherited this from their father, Anthony Neilson, who purchased same from Samuel Jenning's and Thomas Budd on February 1, 1674.

The property had 17th century settlement and with the addition having early 18th century construction features it is quite possible that this first log structure is 17th century.