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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Delaware	
COUNTY: New Castle	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 71.4.10.0011	DATE 4/16/71

1. NAME

COMMON:
Buena Vista

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Buena Vista

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: duPont Highway (U.S. 13), west side, 1.5 miles south of junction of U.S. Route 13 and 40

CITY OR TOWN:
New Castle Hundred

STATE Delaware	CODE 10	COUNTY: New Castle	CODE 003
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Acquisition: Private <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Government <input checked="" 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"/>	Government-related <input type="checkbox"/>
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>		State guests <input type="checkbox"/>
Entertainment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

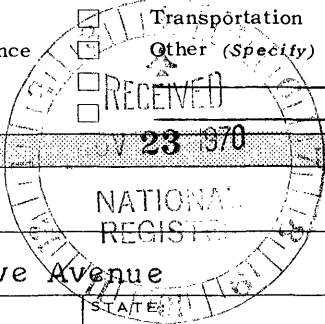
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
Public Archives Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
Hall of Records, Legislative Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Dover

STATE: Delaware	CODE 19901
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Recorder of Deeds, New Castle County

STREET AND NUMBER:
Public Building, Rodney Square

CITY OR TOWN:
Wilmington

STATE: Delaware	CODE 10
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 51.9

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: A List Of Delaware Heritage Buildings And Areas In New Castle Co.

DATE OF SURVEY: 1964 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Public Archives Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
Hall of Records

CITY OR TOWN:
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STATE: Delaware	CODE 10
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7. DESCRIPTION

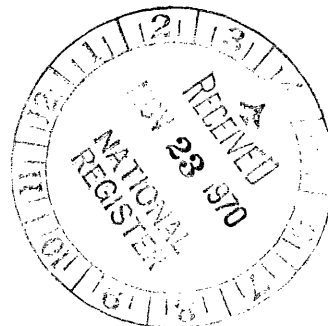
CONDITION	(Check One)				
	Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)	
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>		Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house at Buena Vista is a five bay, two storey brick dwelling erected about 1845-1847. It is in the Greek Revival style, somewhat modified by a skillful but inidentified architect. A verandah across the front features correct Doric columns. Double chimneys at the ends are connected by balustrades. A service wing extends to the west from the north end of the building. In the present century a long wing was added to the south side to provide a large hall and library downstairs and several bedrooms upstairs without alteration of the earlier portion. The original house is now furnished with pieces appropriate to its period, including many possessions of John M. Clayton. It is open for exhibit. The newer portion, furnished basically as Governor Buck left it, is used for meetings of State agencies and for the entertainment of distinguished guests.

The house standing several hundred yards west of the southbound lane of U.S. 13, is approached by a lane shaded by a double line of trees. Immediately about it are lawns and dependencies, and surrounding all, well-tilled fields. As transferred by John M. Clayton shortly before his death to his nephew James C. Douglass, Buena Vista comprised 324 acres, of which 51.9 are now the property of the State of Delaware; the rest is held by the Buck family.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian <input type="checkbox"/>	16th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	18th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	20th Century <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
15th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	17th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	19th Century <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1845-47

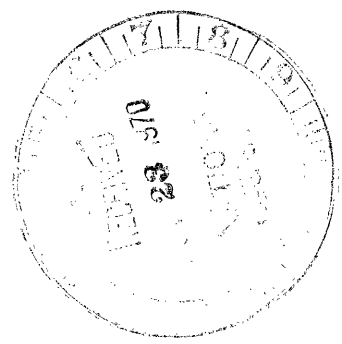
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Invention <input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Art <input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Theater <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Communications <input type="checkbox"/>	Literature <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>		_____
	Music <input type="checkbox"/>		_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Buena Vista is significant primarily as the home of John M. Clayton (1796-1856), its builder, but it also has value as the site of a mid nineteenth century demonstration of the effects of scientific methods of agriculture, and as the home of C. Douglass Buck (1890-1965). John M. Clayton was Secretary of State to President Zachary Taylor 1849-1850, and United States Senator from Delaware 1828-1836, 1845-1849 and 1852-1856. His most notable achievement was negotiation of the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty, but he was also an active, nationally-minded Senator influential in evolving the National Republican and Whig positions on all major issues of those years. He was likewise a distinguished lawyer and judge, and an influential supporter of scientific agriculture after his purchase of the farm he named Buena Vista, which he brought from exhaustion to showplace condition in a few years. His guests there included many of the national figures of the period 1847-1856. Clayton's great-grandnephew, C. Douglass Buck, was Governor of Delaware 1929-1937, and United States Senator 1943-1949. He was importantly connected with the development of the State Highway system. He bequeathed the house at Buena Vista, with sufficient acreage to preserve its setting, to the State of Delaware

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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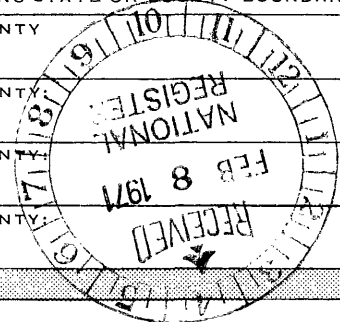
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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 ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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NE	39° 37' 59"	75° 38' 00"		"	"	
SE	39° 37' 51"	75° 38' 06"		"	"	
SW	39° 38' 00"	75° 38' 29"		"	"	

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

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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Leon deValinger, Jr., State Archivist

ORGANIZATION: Public Archives Commission DATE: January 1970

STREET AND NUMBER:
Hall of Records, Legislative Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Dover STATE: Delaware 19901 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 Lea Mickie
Title State Liaison Officer
Date January 29, 1971

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

Grant A. Connally
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

APR 16 1971
Date _____

ATTEST:
William J. Murtagh
Keeper of The National Register
Date MAR 12 1971

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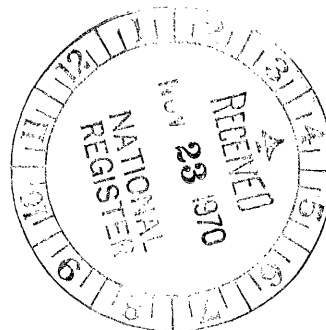
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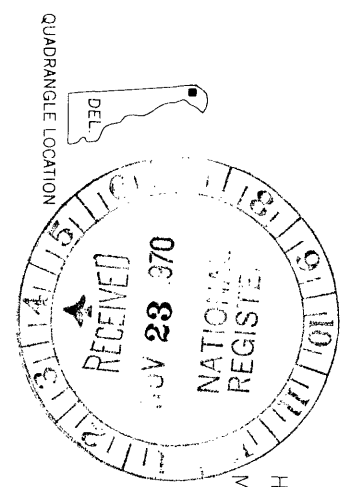
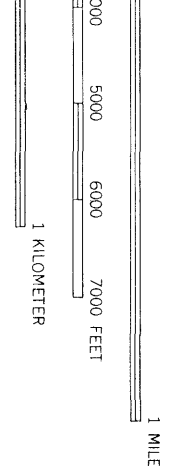
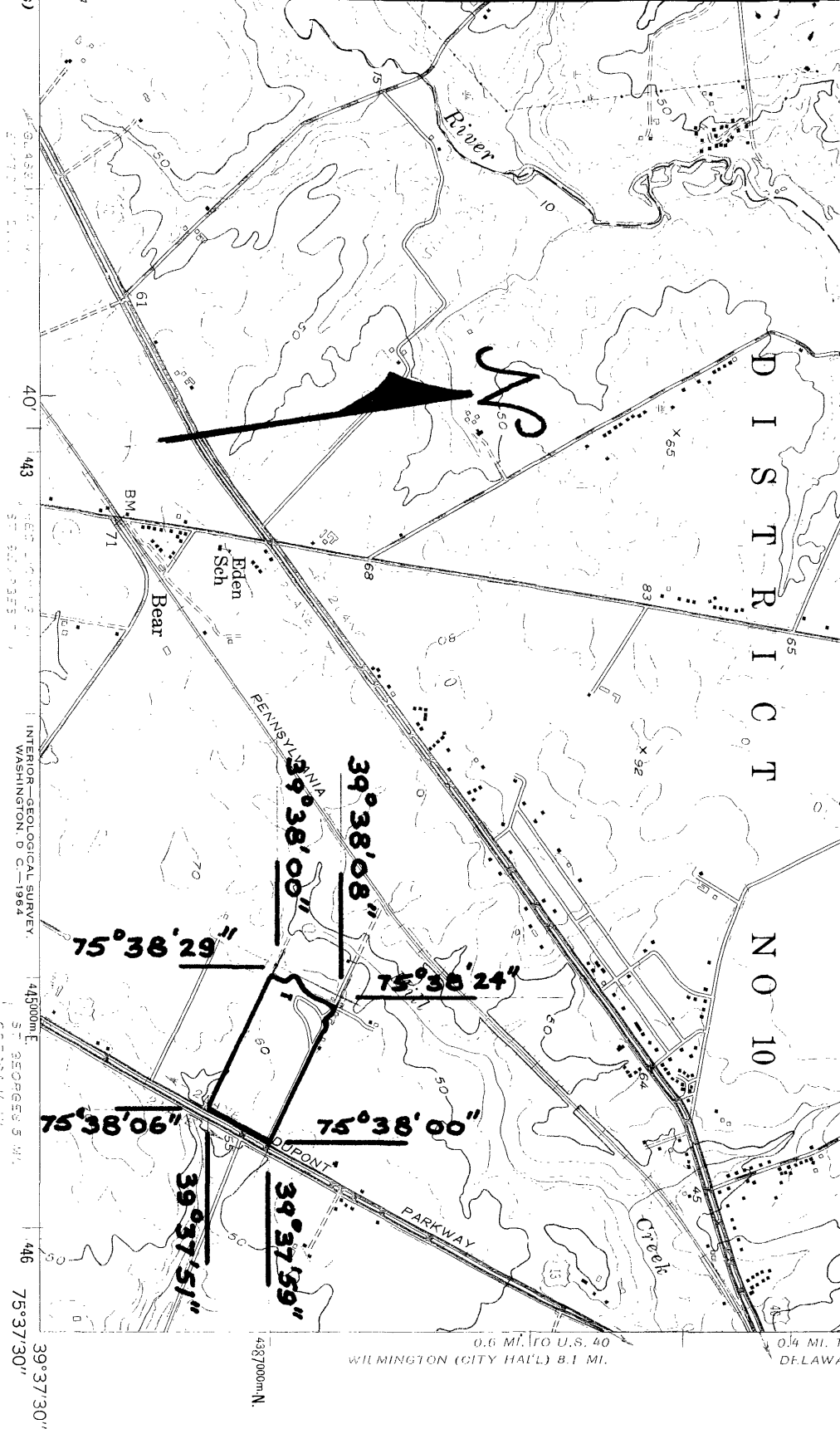
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- ROAD CLASSIFICATION**
1964
- Heavy-duty
 - Medium-duty
 - Light-duty
 - Unimproved dirt
 - U. S. Route
 - State Route

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