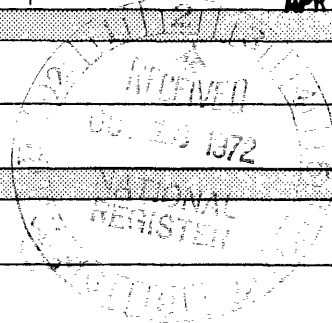


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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1. NAME

COMMON:
Thomas Sutton House, Newberry

AND/OR HISTORIC:
House on Game Preserve

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Delaware Route 79

CITY OR TOWN:
Woodland Beach Wildlife Area

STATE Delaware	CODE 10	COUNTY: Kent	CODE 001
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
State of Delaware

STREET AND NUMBER:
Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control

CITY OR TOWN:
Dover

STATE: Delaware	CODE 10
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Kent County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:
The Green

CITY OR TOWN:
Dover

STATE: Delaware	CODE 10
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:	CODE:
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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located on a State game preserve, the Thomas Sutton House is a two-story brick house, constructed on a single pile, hall and parlor plan. The stuccoed north frontage features a belt course and a simple box cornice. The facade is composed of three bays. The center entry is surmounted by a rectangular light, but the center bay receives no fenestration on the second floor.

To the west is a lower two-story wing that extends the axis of the main house. The wing is composed of two bays on the first floor, but receives only one window on the second.

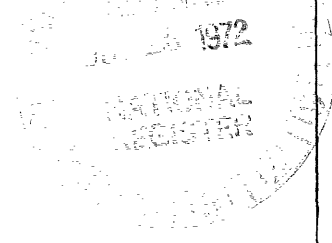
The house is completely stuccoed with the exception of the rear wall, which features five-course common bond brick facing. Segmental brick arches are discernible over the openings. Otherwise, the south, or rear, elevation is similar to the north.

A rear door also gives access to the kitchen in the west wing. Adjoining the kitchen is the larger of the two main rooms in the house. The west room is two bays in width, and communicates with the second floor through an enclosed winding stair.

Like the west room, the east room contains a fireplace and paneled end wall. In this smaller room remain the original crown moulding and chair railing.

The second floor is patterned on the first. The original flooring remains along with the paneled end walls. The only major alteration is a bathroom added in the west wing bedchamber.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <u>Local architectural and historical significance</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Thomas Sutton House is an unusually well-preserved example of a mid-eighteenth-century Delaware farmhouse. The building is located on a point formed by Taylor's Gut and the main branch of Duck Creek. In 1684 this land called "Newberry", was surveyed to Robert Palmatary.

In 1691 Robert Palmatary died and the property passed to his widow Joanna, who later married Thomas Sharp. The Sharps sold Newberry to Robert French in 1697. In 1712 the estate passed to his daughter Ann French, who became the second wife of Nicholas Ridgely of Dover. Ann French Ridgely bore only one child, Mary, who later married Patrick Martin. It was probably during this time of the French and Ridgely ownership that the present house was erected. In 1754 Mary and Patrick Martin took possession of Newberry. Because of financial difficulties, however, they mortgaged the property. When the title to the land was investigated, there was some uncertainty as to the legal ownership, and the court awarded it to David Finney, a nephew of Ann French and grandson of Robert French. David Finney was known for having served as a justice on both the county court and the State Supreme Court.

Between 1770 and 1780 Newberry was divided several times among

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Kent County Deed Records: Vol. 1, Book T, page 3; vol. 1, Book X, page 145; vol. 1, book X, page 149; vol. 2, book D, page 40; vol. 2, book M, page 473; vol. 3, book R, page 159; vol. 4, book I, page 200.
 Orphans Court Records (Kent County), 1815, book G, page 231.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: One

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Mr. Vincent Rogers

ORGANIZATION: Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs DATE: 9/8/72

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 Director, Div. of Historical and Cultural Affairs
 Date 10-6-72

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

Robert M. Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 4/11/73

ATTEST:
[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 4.3.73

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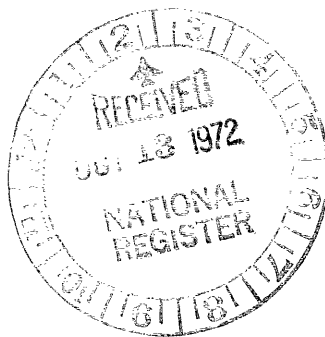
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8. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (continued)---

several owners: Robert McMurphy, John Weldon, Daniel Morris, and David Finney. By 1794 James Robinson had bought most of the original tract of Newberry, along with other adjacent properties. When James Robinson died in 1815, his property was divided among his children. Elizabeth Fortain inherited the house and adjacent land and for the next thirty-eight years the house and land was controlled by descendants of James Robinson.

In 1853 Samuel R. Sutton purchased the house, and passed it to Thomas L. Sutton in 1855. Thomas Sutton, a farmer and merchant in the Smyrna area, held the house for a number of years. Since his death the house has changed ownership several times. It now serves as a residence and office for the personnel of the Woodland Beach Wildlife Area.

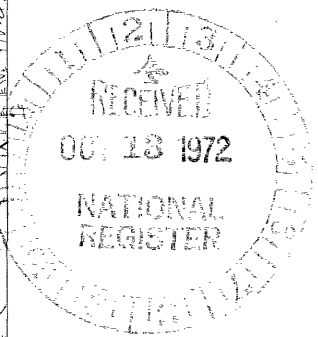
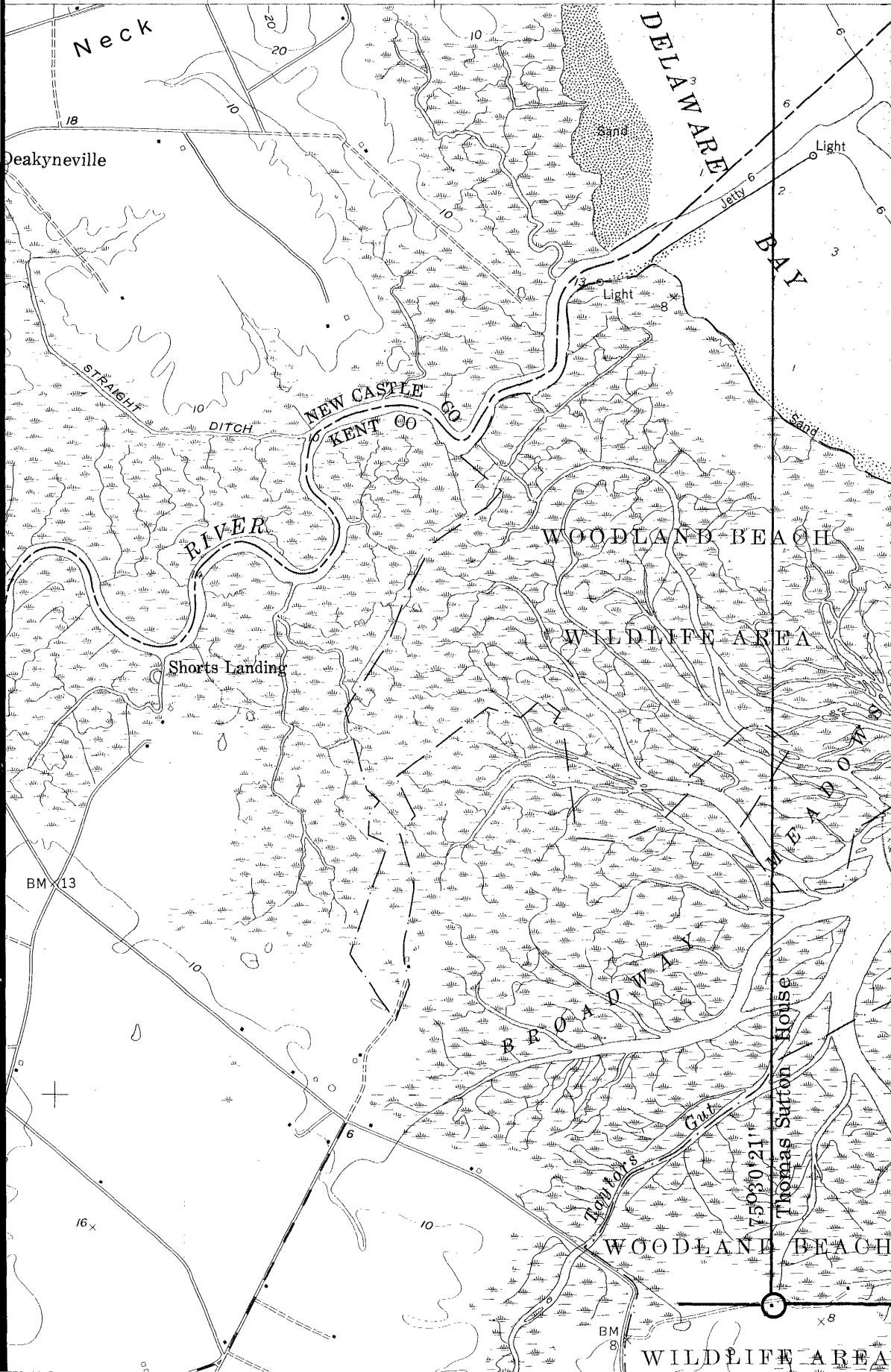


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DELAWARE
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
SE/4 SMYRNA 15' QUADRANGLE

(CANTON)

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FEET



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