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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Delaware	
COUNTY: New Castle	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	APR 24 1973

1. NAME

COMMON:
Naudain (Arnold S.) House

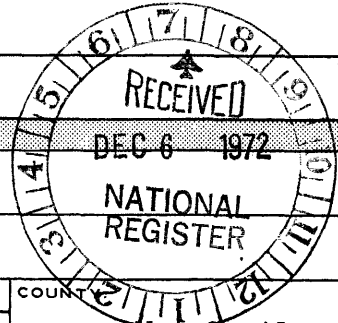
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: S of Middletown Del.
East side of Route 896

CITY OR TOWN: South of Middletown

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	<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 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: Episcopal Church School Foundation

STREET AND NUMBER: Room 1250-2, Wilmington Trust Building

CITY OR TOWN: Wilmington STATE: Delaware CODE: 10

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Public Building

STREET AND NUMBER: Rodney Square

CITY OR TOWN: Wilmington STATE: Delaware CODE: 10

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: New Castle County Plan

DATE OF SURVEY: 1967 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: New Castle County Planning Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Wilmington STATE: Delaware CODE: 10

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input 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

Just off State Route 896, the Naudain house creates a striking impression as it stands alone among the fields. It displays the Early Georgian symmetrical elegance found in so many Delaware houses, in its five-bay, 2½-story center block, which is most probably its earliest section. To the south is a two-story wing that could possibly have been added about the time the house was built. Formerly another wing extended in an easterly direction; the evidence for this addition can be seen on the rear wall. A belt course appears only on the front, or west, wall; segmental arches appear over the first floor and basement windows and doors in the main block. A square-paned transom light surmounts the door which marks the center bay. This feature is repeated over the smaller door in the left bay of the wing. The windows are long and narrow and show evidence of having once been shuttered.

The hipped roof has been rebuilt; there is evidence to show that it was originally of that form. Now pierced only by the two chimneys, it once had several dormers on each side; the openings for these can still be seen in the interior. The gable roof on the wing has been resingled.



The house is now covered with ashlar-scored stucco. Enough of the stucco has fallen away to reveal the Flemish bond brickwork of the west, or front, wall and of the side walls. The rear is laid in English bond and the wing in all-stretcher bond. The presence of

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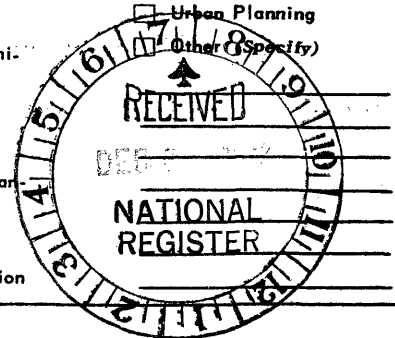
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- 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"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <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

The Naudain House derives its name from one of the foremost families of Appoquinimink Hundred, who owned the house throughout the nineteenth century. Before it came into the hands of Arnold S. Naudain, it was owned during half of the eighteenth century by the Schee family.

The house stands on land that was originally part of a tract called Mountain Neck or Lucasses Neck. This tract was repatented to Edmund Cantwell in 1679. Part of the tract was acquired by James Schee in 1760. He died intestate and the property was divided by the Orphan's Court amongst his wife and five children. Arnold Naudain later bought the property from James Schee's grandchildren and great-grandchildren, in small parcels.

It appears that the Schee and Naudain families were closely interrelated. The Naudains were descended from Elias and Gahel Naudain, Huguenots who fled France because of the religious persecution there. Elias died in England but Gahel and her children continued on to settle in America. She had four children: Arnould, Mary, Elias II and Elizabeth. Arnold Skeer Naudain descended from Elias II through his son Arnold II and his grandson, Elias IV.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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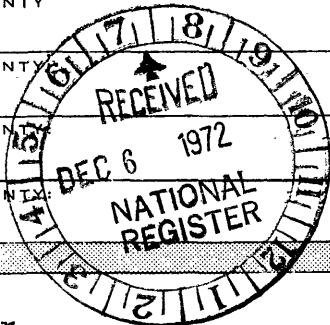
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **3 acres**

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: **Joan M. Norton, Historic Site Surveyor**

ORGANIZATION: **Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs** DATE: **10/12/72**

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: Nov. 21, 1972

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

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

Date: 4/24/73

ATTEST: [Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 4/13/73

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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (continued)---

Delaware Heritage Buildings and Areas in New Castle County
1963 Local
Greater Wilmington Development Council
300 Delaware Avenue, Suite 1320
Wilmington, Delaware



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7. DESCRIPTION (continued)

English bond indicates that the house may have been built quite early in the eighteenth century, since English bond was seldom used in Delaware after mid-century.

The interior, although still describing its original center hall, single-pile plan, has been changed by its various owners. The present tenants have made a number of improvements in an attempt to restore it. The splayed window casings now have six-over-six sash; heating, electricity and plumbing have been renovated. The two first-floor rooms in the main block both once had paneled end walls, but only one of these remains. No attempt has been made to restore the other, although chair rails and crown mouldings have been restored where evidence has shown they once were found. Both downstairs fireplace mantels were missing and these have been replaced with others of the period. Original paneling also marks the stair and the end walls of the two main second-floor rooms. A bathroom has been added at the top of the stairs. From the south end of the house one steps down into the wing which contains a bedroom and bath on the second floor and a kitchen on the first. A narrow winding stair connects the two floors of the wing. Below these steps are the steps which lead to the basement of the main block. Here one can see the brick relieving arches under the fireplaces and a one-foot-thick brick bearing wall.

Before the rear wing was taken off, it held a kitchen, bath, pantry and two bedrooms. Early photographs also show a Victorian front porch with large pillars, and a tin roof. All of the outbuildings that mark a working farm have now disappeared, leaving only an ice house.

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8. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (continued)---

The Schee family descended from Arnauld Naudain.

Arnold S. Naudain was born in 1778, the only son of Elias Naudain IV and Catherine Skeer McComb Naudain. He was brought up on the Naudain farm in Taylor's Bridge. Arnold was married in 1805 to Jemima VanHorne. It appears that they were living in the house near Middletown several years before he began acquiring the land in 1809. He was a self-educated, intelligent and scientific farmer who made many improvements to the property. He was ordained a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church and he eventually retired from farming to devote his time to preaching, though he never accepted any pay for it.

He left his home farm to his son, John M., who had devoted his life to husbandry. John was active in the community and, in 1860, he was elected to the State legislature. His son, Richard L. Naudain, the next owner of the property, was also active in politics, although he was defeated in his bid for a legislative seat. On the farm, he was particularly interested in raising cattle and horses. After his death the property passed out of the hands of the Naudain family.

