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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Hazel Glen
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER *W of Port Penn on Rt 2*
On State Road 420, about .3 west of its intersection
CITY, TOWN with Road 2 Port Penn
STATE Delaware
VICINITY OF
CODE 10
COUNTY New Castle
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT One
CODE 002

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mrs. Caroline Upham Hughes Keene
STREET & NUMBER R.D. #1, Box 109
CITY, TOWN Middletown
VICINITY OF
STATE Delaware 19709

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Public Building
STREET & NUMBER Rodney Square
CITY, TOWN Wilmington
STATE Delaware

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Delaware Cultural Resource Survey, N-148
DATE 1972
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Division of Historical & Cultural Affairs
CITY, TOWN Dover,
STATE Delaware 19901

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> _EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> _DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> _UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> _RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> _MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> _FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> _UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Hazel Glen is located 2.2 miles west of Port Penn on the south side of Road 420. Stylistically, it falls into the Italianate-Revival tradition.

Block-like massing and fine classic detail characterize this mid-nineteenth century dwelling. The three-story structure has a five-bay facade. It is basically L-shaped in plan with a brick wing to the rear. There is a frame, enclosed porch attached to the east wall of the wing. Another frame enclosed porch has been added to the rear of the main block and a modern one-story frame porch has been added to the west wall of the house. Due to deterioration; the original entry porch was replaced with an exact duplicate. The walls of the brick portion of the house are seventeen inches thick and rest on a stone rubble foundation of four-and-a-half feet. The facade is laid in mechanical bond; the other walls in common bond. The frame porches are sheathed in wood siding. The low hipped roof appears to be flat. It was originally surmounted by a cupola which became structurally unsound and was removed in the 1930's. The projecting eaves carry a simple box cornice with an unadorned bed mould. This cornice is also present on the three-story porches. The partially exterior chimney on the east wall of the central block breaks the cornice line. The chimney on the west wall is a reconstruction. The original interior chimney was destroyed by fire in the 1930's.

The fenestration in the house is very symmetrical. The windows on the first two floors of the brick sections are taller than those on the upper floors. There are stone sills and lintels on all of the windows in the brick portion of the house. Double-hung, two-over-two sash are found on the main block with double-hung, six-over-six sash on the wing. All of these sash are set rather deeply into the reveals. Shutters formerly flanked the windows. These have been removed at an undetermined date but their presence is indicated by the shutter hinges and shutter dogs still found at the window openings. Fenestration on the east porch consists of triple windows which have double-hung, six-over-six light sash. On the south porch, the windows have double, single-pane sliding sash. Jalousie windows are found on the modern, brick, first-floor extension of this porch.

The outstanding feature on the exterior of the house is the front entry porch. It is three bays wide and one-story wide. The flat roof is supported by fluted Ionic columns with an Ionic entablature. The architrave of the door consists of fluted Doric pilasters which support a plain entablature with dentil moulding. Within the door frame is a double French door surmounted by a single pane transom. The door hardware is original.

The interior of Hazel Glen has been modified from its original single-pile, center-hall, stacked plan. Originally the first floor of the main block contained a center stair hall with a parlor to the right and a living room to the left. The dining room and kitchen were located in the wing. The second and third floors of the main block each contained two large bedrooms. The wing contained several rooms for the family on the second floor and servants quarters on the third floor. Presently, the parlor has been lengthened by the addition of an enclosed porch at the rear of the house. The former living room is currently used as a dining room while a modern kitchen is in the location of the original dining room. On the second floor of the wing, partitions have been moved which change the original configuration of the rooms. The porch on the east side of the house has been expanded by the addition of a third story. The original marble mantels in the two main first floor rooms were removed to two of the bedrooms; they were replaced with eighteenth century reproductions. Despite the alterations to the plan and the modernizations mentioned

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above, there is a good deal of original material still in place. The window and door architraves are surmounted by a finely-detailed, Greek Revival, pediment-type motif. The staircase has turned mahogany balusters and turned newels. The original six-inch wide pine floors are also still in place.

Hazel Glen is located in a landscaped park which retains many of its original plantings. It sits back from the road about 150 feet. The vista from the road to the front entry of the house provides the finest view of the house. The setting of the house is a reflection of mid-nineteenth century tastes in landscape design. Behind the house are several farm buildings. Many of these buildings are presently used in connection with the kennels which the present owners operate. Included within the nominated area is the house and the landscaped lawn in front of it. None of the outbuildings is included.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1849 & 1856 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Hazel Glen, an Italianate Revival house of some architectural note, symbolizes the prosperity brought about in the Port Penn area through the cultivation of peaches.

One of a series of large plantation houses built in southern New Castle County, Hazel Glen was constructed on a 400-acre farm, much of which was devoted to the cultivation of peaches. The peach growers of the mid-nineteenth century chose to express their increased wealth in their houses. Peach prosperity houses combined stylistic elements of the Georgian, Federal, Greek Revival and Italianate to form a highly eclectic style of architecture.

Built sometime between 1849 and 1868, Hazel Glen provides an interesting early example of the Italianate-Revival style. It is unusual for its narrow central block which is single pile rather than the more common double-pile. Notable architectural details include the exterior entry porch and the interior window and door architraves, both designed in the Greek-Revival style. The landscaped park also speaks to the significance of outward representations of wealth.

Hazel Glen was built on land owned by Joseph Cleaver, a prominent and wealthy grain merchant in Port Penn. The date of construction is uncertain. It is not shown on the Rea and Price 1849 map of New Castle but is present by the time of Cleaver's death in 1858 when a survey of his land holdings shows the structure. On Beer's 1868 map, Joseph Cleaver, Jr. is noted as owning the property. Joseph Jr., who is listed as a farmer in 19th-century biographical sketches, was probably the first resident of the house. The house descended in the Cleaver family until the late 1930's when it was purchased by the present owner. The fact that the house remained in the hands of the Cleaver family for so long shows their ability to adapt, and to diversify their farming interests after the failure of the peach industry in the late-nineteenth century.

Though not directly connected with the house or the history of the farm, it is interesting to note that the Port Penn Range Rear Light was located very near the house from the time of its construction in 1877 until the channel was redredged and the rear light moved in 1906.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY About 7/10 of an acre
 UTM REFERENCES

A	1, 8	4 4 7 0 6 0	4 3 7 3 2 0'	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The nominated is a rectangle of approximately 145' by 200'. The west boundary is Road 420; the north and south boundaries are the fence lines along the sides of the landscaped park; and the east boundary is an imaginary line drawn about twenty feet from the rear of the wing of the house. None of the outbuildings to the rear of the house are included.

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 / TITLE Abby S. Rosenberg, Student, University of Delaware and
Joan Norton, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION	DATE
<u>Division of Historical & Cultural Affairs</u>	<u>Dec. 1977</u>
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
<u>Hall of Records</u>	<u>(302) 678-5314</u>
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
<u>Dover</u>	<u>Delaware 19901</u>

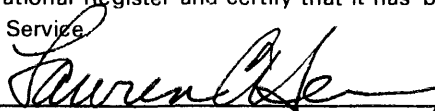
12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE



TITLE Director, Division of Historical & Cultural Affairs DATE May 11, 1978

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

June 15, 1978

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 11-20-78
 KEPT ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST Wm. A. Beers
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE Nov. 17, 1978

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