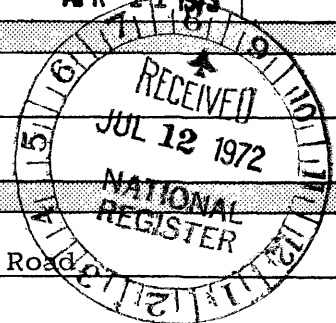


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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Delaware	
COUNTY: New Castle	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	APR 11 1973



1. NAME

COMMON:
Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church

AND/OR HISTORIC:
McKenna's Church

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Corner Mill Creek Road and McKenna's Church Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Newport

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
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 type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" 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:
Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church

STREET AND NUMBER:
500 McKenna's Church Road

CITY OR TOWN: Newport STATE: Delaware CODE: 10

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Hall of Records

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Dover STATE: Delaware CODE: 10

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
A List of Delaware Heritage Buildings and Areas

DATE OF SURVEY: 1963 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Greater Wilmington Development Council

STREET AND NUMBER:
300 Delaware Avenue, Suite 1320

CITY OR TOWN: Wilmington STATE: Delaware CODE: 10

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
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	(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

Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church is a white stuccoed stone building that stands on a hill by its old cemetery. The first church on this site was built in 1761, and demolished in 1853 when the present edifice was built. This church is a two-story structure, originally rectangular in plan, but now enlarged to create an irregular cruciform plan. The principal exterior embellishment is a colonnaded porch that features a fanlight and an enclosed vestibule. A date stone, marked "WM 1761", from the original church is mounted in the south wall of the present building. Additions to the rear have not detracted from the original appearance of the church.



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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) **1853**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

During the early years of the eighteenth century, large numbers of Scotch-Irish Presbyterians entered America through the ports of Philadelphia and New Castle, whence they spread out to settle the cheap lands on the frontier. Several of their churches were established in Mill Creek Hundred during the first quarter of the eighteenth century. There is evidence that Presbyterian services were being held at Red Clay Creek by 1713; the present congregation was formally established in 1722.

The first Red Clay Creek Church was built on the present site in 1761, under the direction of William McKennan; he held this pastorate from 1755 until 1809, long enough for the church to become known by his name. Until 1761, he also served the White Clay Creek Church. Thomas Love was pastor from 1825 until 1862; during his pastorate, in May 1853, the old church was demolished and the present church was built. Some of the materials from the 1761 church, including the date stone, were salvaged for use in the present structure.

Captain William McKennan, son of the pastor, was a Delaware hero of the Revolutionary War.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Blake, John D. "History of the Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church Prepared for its two-hundredth anniversary, October 19, 1922."
 Scharf, J. Thomas, History of Delaware, 1609-1888. Philadelphia: L. J. Richards and Company, 1888.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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SW	0 ' "	0 ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **One**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Mr. Graydon Wood and Rosemary Troy, Historic Site Surveyors

ORGANIZATION: **Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs** DATE: **June 8, 1972**

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 **E. Berkeley Tompkins**
Dr. E. Berkeley Tompkins

Title **State Liaison Officer**

Date **6-30-72**

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

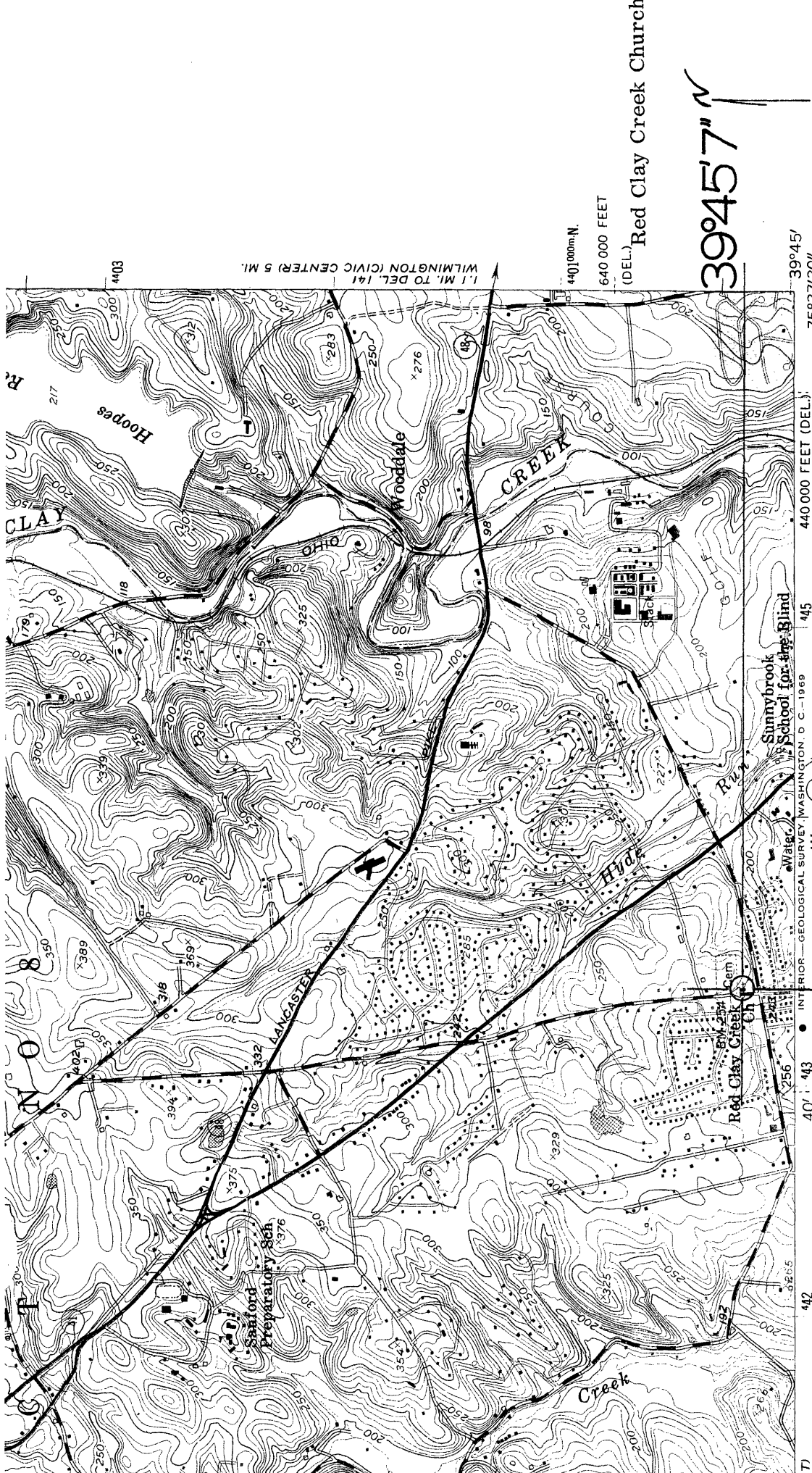
Robert W. Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date **4/11/73**

ATTEST:
G. J. [Signature]
 Keeper of the National Register

Date **4 4 73**

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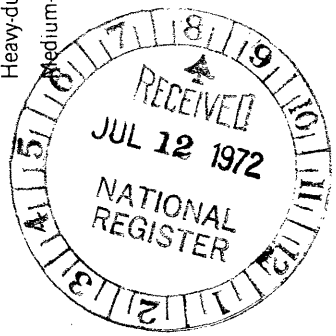
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Red Clay Creek Church

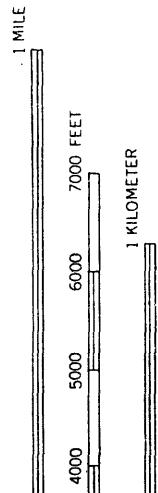
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- Heavy-duty —————
- Light-duty —————
- Unimproved dirt - - - - -
- U. S. Route State Route



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KENNETT SQUARE, PA.—DEL.
SW/4 WEST CHESTER 15' QUADRANGLE
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1954

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