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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
	MAR 20 1973

1. NAME

COMMON:
Huguenot House

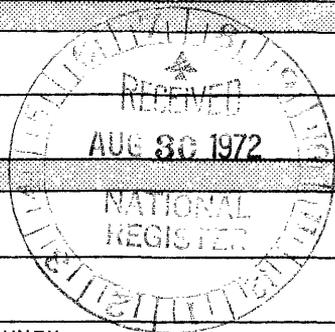
AND/OR HISTORIC:
Homestead Farm, Naudain House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Route 9

CITY OR TOWN:
Taylors Bridge

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input checked="" 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) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mrs. Paul Nowland

STREET AND NUMBER:
P. O. Box 3758

CITY OR TOWN: Greenville 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:
Historic American Buildings Survey #Del-77

DATE OF SURVEY: 1937 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:
Washington

CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: D.C. CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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The Naudain House, located outside the village of Taylor's Bridge, is a four-bay brick structure with a lower brick wing to the west. A division line in the brickwork on the north and south facades indicates that the house was originally a three-bay, side-hall structure, to which another bay and the lower wing were added.

The original, or east, end of the house contains a parlor with panelled east wall and a hall with an open stair in its southeast corner. Upstairs a north bedroom is situated above the entry hall and separated from the second floor hall by beaded field panelling. The east bedroom, with its panelled east wall, has been divided into several smaller rooms by recently added partitions. The second story detailing is simpler than that of the first floor, and does not contain the box details under the windows.

To the west of the hall at an early date a dining room on the first floor and a bedroom on the second were added. Through both rooms communication with the lower wing is provided.

The attic remains unfinished and a basement supports only the eastern, or original, three-bay portion. The basement is laid in English bond. An arched chimney support remains in the east foundation wall of the original section.

On the exterior the north facade is laid in Flemish bond with glazed headers, and in English bond below the beveled water table; the basement windows are surmounted by segmental arches. A remaining belt course, exposed beam ends, and several courses of three-course common bond, evidence either a gallery porch or a pent eave that stretched along the north facade. Located in the west center bay, the north portal is surmounted by a rectangular light and protected by a cantilevered shed roof that may be a surviving segment of the pent eave.

The roof on the south facade, like the north, contains no dormers and is terminated by the chimney stacks at the east and west gable walls. The south wall is laid in three-course common bond, and resembles the north facade with its beveled water table and exposed beam ends. In contrast, however, the east center bay contains no fenestration.

The east and west gable walls are laid in three-course common bond. The east facade, which has been stuccoed, contains two symmetrically placed circular windows in the gable, as opposed to rectangular gable windows in the newer west facade.

The lower wing shows evidence of having been almost completely rebuilt at least twice. A patch of early Flemish-bond brickwork survives where this wing joins the northwest corner of the main house.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) c. 1735

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<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 Huguenot House remains in the hands of descendants of Elias Naudain, the man who is thought to have built it before 1735. Naudain was a French Huguenot who was born in Tremblade, France, in 1681. In 1685 he was carried to England by his family, who were forced to leave their homeland because of religious persecution. After his father's death in 1686, Elias Naudain's mother brought her children to America, where she married Jacob Ratier and settled in Narragansett. In 1691, Ratier moved to New York, where he practiced maritime trades. The next few years of young Naudain's life are not recorded, but by 1715, he had settled on the Appoquinimink and was an elder in the Presbyterian Church. Naudain may have been living on the farm at Taylor's Bridge as early as 1711, for he tried to obtain title to it in that year; not until 1735 did he buy the farm on which he had been living.

Upon his death in 1749, Elias Naudain left the farm to his eldest living son Andrew, who died intestate in 1769. Andrew's widow remarried, and the farm passed to his son Elias, who died in 1801, leaving several heirs among whom the property was divided.

The Naudain family prospered and increased, until by the end of the eighteenth century several of its members were among the leading citizens of St. Georges and Appoquinimink hundreds. The owners of this house served in various local offices, and their relatives held nearly every important public office in the county at one time or another.

Their house, little changed in its basic structure, remains an excellent example of the prosperous farmer's residence of pre-revolutionary Delaware.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Mary Campbell Cary, "The Naudain Homestead House, Taylor's Bridge, Delaware, unpublished winterim paper, University of Delaware 1972 (Manuscript at the Corbit-Sharp House, Odessa, Delaware).

Nowland Papers, microfilm at the Hall of Records, Dover, Delaware

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
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		39	24	00
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "		75	37	00

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 5

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:
Miss Rosemary Troy and Mr. Vincent Rogers

ORGANIZATION: Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs DATE: 7/15/72

STREET AND NUMBER:
Hall of Records

CITY OR TOWN: Dover STATE: Delaware CODE: 10

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 Director, Div. of Historical and Cultural Affairs

Date 8-24-72

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

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

Date 3/20/73

ATTEST: [Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date 3-13-73

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