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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 MAR 28 1973	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Liston House

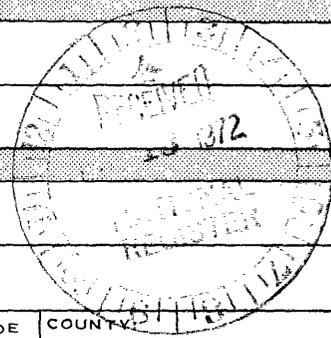
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Delaware Route 453

CITY OR TOWN:
Taylor's Bridge vic.

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 Public Acquisition: <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) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Shell Oil Company

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Public Building

STREET AND NUMBER:
Rodney Square

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:
Wilmington Delaware 10

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

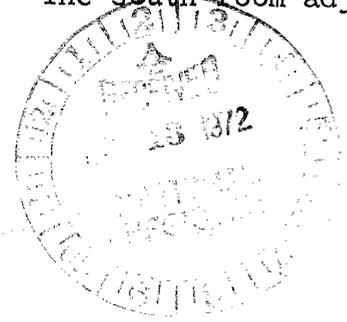
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The Liston House is a brick, three-bay, gambrel-roofed structure with a subsidiary frame wing on axis to the south. Two chimneys pierce the roof line at the north and south walls of the main structure.

The east, or front, facade is laid in Flemish bond with fire-glazed headers. The roof is punctuated by two shed-roofed dormers. The facade is distinguished by a beveled water course that drops under the center bay to accommodate the entry. The entry portal is surmounted by a rectangular light, and is covered by a porch of recent origin which stretches along the front facade. Below the water course in each side bay, a segmental arch defines a basement window.

The north facade is an integral brick wall with a gambrel gable. The west facade is quite similar to the east in its disposal. Laid in common bond brick coursing, the north and west walls are belted by a squared water course.

The interior of the Liston House is composed of two major rooms. The north room, the larger, is accessible through the entries to the east and west, and communicates to a similarly disposed upper floor by a stair to the side and front of the chimney. The south room adjoins the lower wing.



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4. SIGNIFICANCE

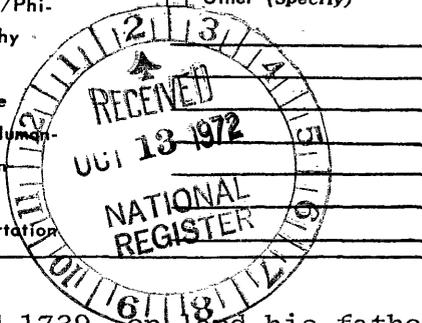
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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) 1739

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Edmund Liston built his house around 1739 on land his father, Morris Liston, had bought sometime before 1702. In that year, the elder Liston received a patent from the government of William Penn, but he was mentioned earlier, in 1680, as owning land adjacent to the land Ephraim Herman bought from an Indian named Mechaeksit. There is also a confirmation of land on Cedar Creek to Morris Liston in the Duke of York Record, dated 1675.

The position of Liston's house, near the water's edge, was a precarious one, especially in the first half of the eighteenth century when privateers prowled the waters of Delaware Bay. On the morning of July 12, 1747, "a Company of Foreigners, Spaniards, to the number nineteen" disembarked near his home, ransacked it, seized a Negro girl, and forced Liston at gunpoint to accompany them to the home of his neighbor James Hart, where the plundering was repeated.

Liston and Hart took their case to the Provincial Council of Pennsylvania, demanding that the government guarantee its citizens security. Governor Thomas, executive of Pennsylvania and of the three Lower Counties, was in England, so the Council was forced to consult members of the Pennsylvania Assembly. Their disagreement over tactics revealed growing tensions in the colony between the beliefs of the Quaker ruling faction and the exigencies of governing a colony

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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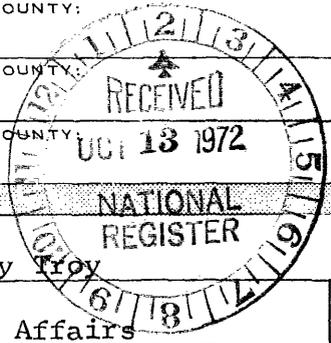
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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
NW	0 ' "	0 ' "		39°	24'	18"
NE	0 ' "	0 ' "		75°	32'	35"
SE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SW	0 ' "	0 ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: One acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Mr. Vincent Rogers and Miss Rosemary Troy

ORGANIZATION:
Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs

DATE:
June 1972

STREET AND NUMBER:
Hall of Records

CITY OR TOWN:
Dover

STATE:
Delaware

CODE:
10

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION	NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION
<p>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:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u>Dr. E. Berkeley Tompkins</u></p> <p>Title <u>Director, Div. of Historical and Cultural Affairs</u></p> <p>Date <u>10-6-72</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>Robert M. Utley</u> Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date <u>3/26/73</u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u>W. Bradford</u> Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date <u>3/21/73</u></p>

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8. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (continued)---

during the period of Continental wars.

Two ships were setting sail for England on July 22, ten days after the incident in Delaware. The Council agreed that:

"... accounts of the several Publick Matters that had been before the Council since the departure of Governor Thomas, particularly those relating to . . the late bold Act of the Spanish Privateer in Plundering Liston's and Hart's Plantations shou'd be transmitted to the Proprietaries."

The message emphasised the concern of the people for their defense in the face of such attacks, and the concern of the Council itself over its lack of authority to pass laws.

The Assembly of Pennsylvania was less concerned. The answer the members sent to the Council held that:

... the Defense of the Province hath been a matter already much controverted. And were we under no Restraint from the Principles profess'd by most of us, it would not be a easy Task to persuade us that the measures which have been proposed for the Defense of the Province, either by erecting fortifications or building Ships of War, would be of any real use to the Province."

The Assembly maintained that the surrounding colonies, as well as the difficult navigation on the Delaware, formed a buffer zone for Pennsylvania. Inhabitants of more exposed areas were living at their own risk.



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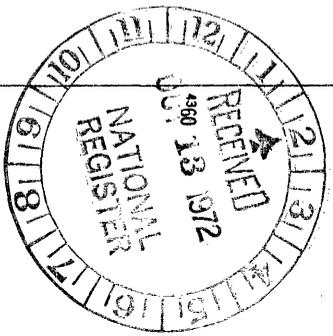
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NEW CASTLE CO

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LISTON
HOUSE

510 000 FEET
(DEL.)

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Thoroughfare canal

C E D A R

S W A M P

Collins Beach 2 (C)

Collins Beach

Thoroughfare

Neck

Delaware Pt
Tower (E)

4559000 N.

3230' DEAKYNEVILLE 0.4 MI.

470000 FEET (DEL.)

INTERIOR GEOLOGICAL SURVEY WASHINGTON, D. C. - 1969
4560000 E.

39°22'30"
75°30'

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

USCG&GS T-8735

Taylor's Bridge Quadrangle, 1948