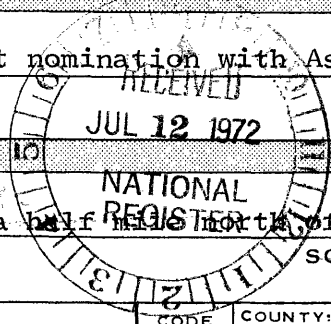


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Delaware	
COUNTY: New Castle	
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1. NAME

COMMON:
Wooddale Bridge (Joint nomination with Ashland Bridge)

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Over Red Clay Creek, a half mile north of Rt. 48 and a half mile

CITY OR TOWN:
Wooddale south of Rt. 258

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"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
State of Delaware, Department of Highways and Transportation

STREET AND NUMBER:
Highway Administration Building

CITY OR TOWN: Dover 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)					
	<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

Wooddale Bridge is almost identical to the Ashland Bridge, and appears to have been built by the same craftsmen. It differs from the Ashland Bridge in such details as dimensions (It is approximately 72 feet long, five inches more vertical clearance, and is about a foot higher from the roadway to the peak of the roof.), but is nearly identical in structure and decoration.

The clearance of Wooddale Bridge, not stated on the sign above as at Ashland, is about 11 feet 8 inches; the overall height is about 16 feet. Like the Ashland bridge, Wooddale is painted red, but with white facings.



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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)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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 | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The date of Wooddale bridge is unknown, but some local residents believe that it was built before 1850.

(For background information, see the nomination for Ashland Bridge.)



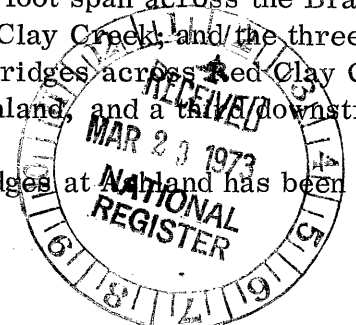
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Covered bridges once were common in northern New Castle County, but only the Wooddale and Ashland bridges remain. Sketches and specifications for covered bridges survive from the eighteen-twenties in New Castle County records, but neither of the Red Clay Creek bridges has been identified among the known covered bridges of that period. Because these two structures bear no date-stone or other markings, it may be impossible to determine their construction dates.

In 1965, the following statement of significance was filed in HABS report number DEL-162:

Originally there were over thirty-five covered bridges in Delaware; by 1937 they had been reduced to five: Smith's Bridge, a 136-foot span across the Brandywine; Yeatman's Bridge, 86 feet long, across White Clay Creek; and the three along Red Clay Creek. Now only the three covered bridges across Red Clay Creek remain in Delaware: one at Wooddale, another at Ashland, and a third downstream from Ashland.

Since the 1965 HABS report was filed, one of the bridges at Ashland has been destroyed, leaving only two Delaware covered bridges.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Morning News (Wilmington), January 31, 1934, p. 8

Allen, Richard Sanders. Covered Bridges of the Middle Atlantic States.
Brattleboro: Stephen Greene Press, 1959.

Measured drawings, Archives Collection, Hall of Records, Dover.

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		
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SE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SW	0 ' "	0 ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

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:
Mr. Edward F. Heite

ORGANIZATION: Historic Registrar DATE: June 8, 1972

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 State Liaison Officer

Date 6-30-72

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

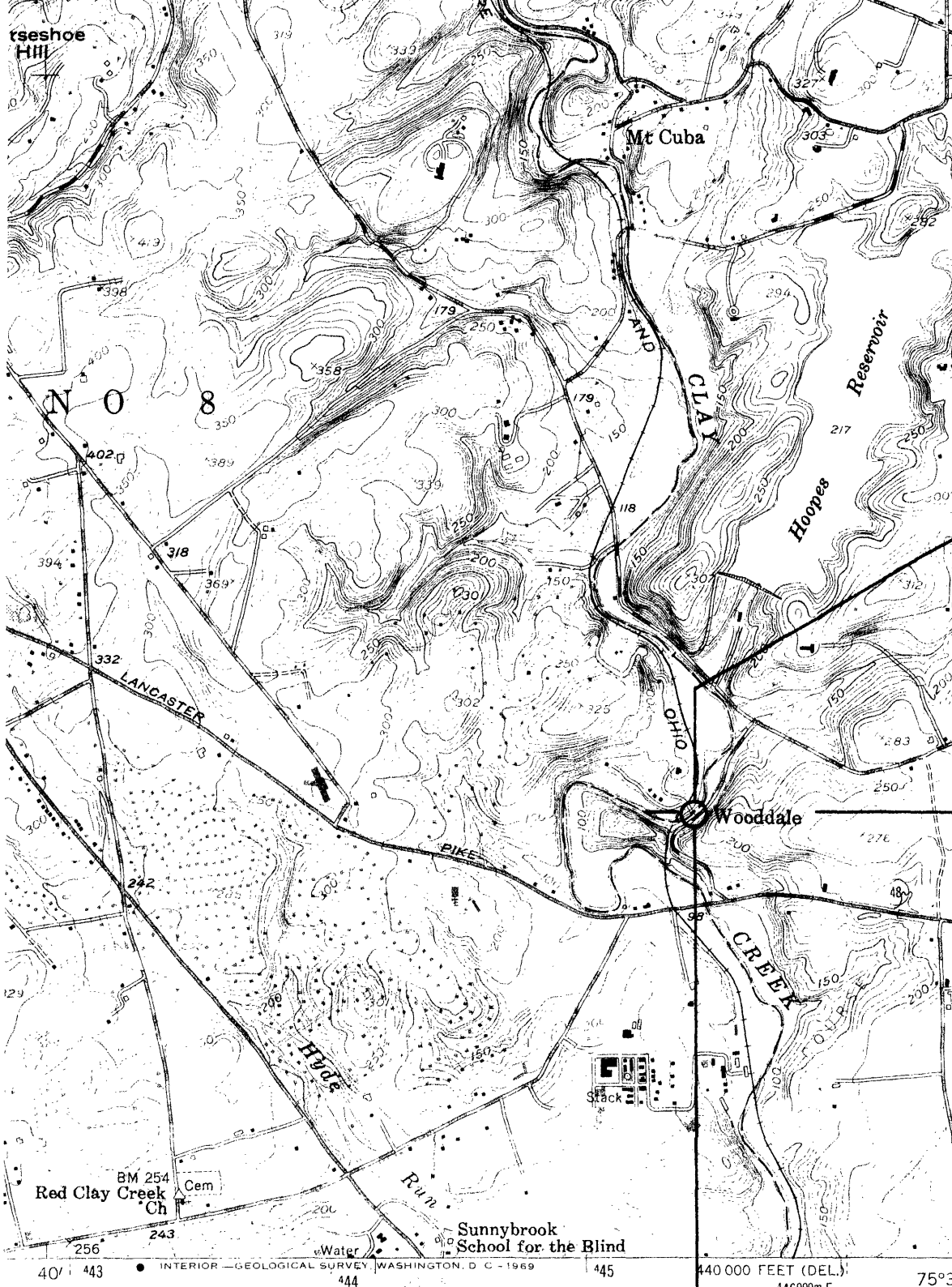
Robert M. Utley
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 4/11/73

ATTEST: [Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date 4 4 73

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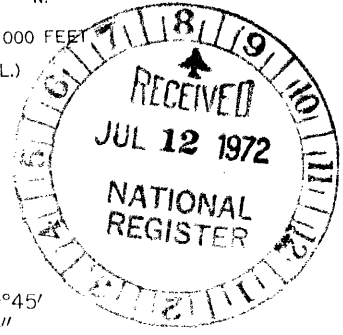
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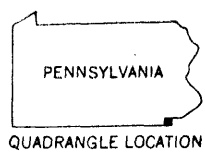


(WILMINGTON SOUTH)
586.3 ft NE

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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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



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