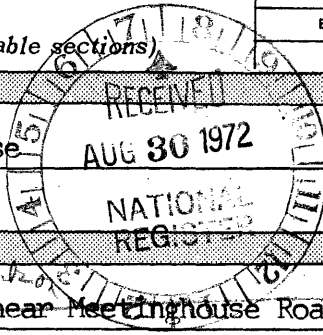


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Delaware	
COUNTY: New Castle	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	APR 3 1973



1. NAME

COMMON:
Mill Creek Friends Meeting House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: *6 miles W of Newark, Del.*
East side of Landenburg Road, near Meetinghouse Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Corner Ketch Newark, Del.

STATE Delaware	CODE 10	COUNTY: New Castle	CODE 003
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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 type="checkbox"/> 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	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mill Creek Friends Meeting

STREET AND NUMBER:
East side of Landenburg Road, near Meetinghouse Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Corner Ketch

STATE: Delaware	CODE 10
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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
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey, Del-161

DATE OF SURVEY: 1965
 Federal
 State
 County
 Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE: D.C.	CODE 10
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input 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

The Mill Creek Meeting House built in 1840 and 1841 is a low one-story structure of grey-black native field stone with a pitched roof. The rectangular building, 39' x 30', has a small wooden shed attached to the stuccoed east end and a roofed concrete porch deck, 25' x 7'; along the front. The front south facade has two six-panel wooden doors, and four windows with six-over-nine, double-hung wooden sash. The doors and windows on the front are symmetrically disposed and visually reinforced by a brick chimney at each end of the building. The roof has a wooden cornice decorated with a cyma recta, bead, cyma reversa and box. A date stone is found beneath the west peak, but the inscription is not legible. A cemetery surrounded by a wrought iron fence lies to the east of the meeting house while a driveway circles the building.



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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1840, 1841

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---|---|--|
| <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 checked="" 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"/> 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

In 1838, thirty-three Friends from Mill Creek Hundred petitioned the New Garden Monthly Meeting for permission to hold their own worship service. For a time, the group gathered in the home of one of their number, James Thompson. Three years after their formation, the Mill Creek Meeting constructed a stone meeting house. The one-story house, measuring thirty by forty feet, cost the group eight hundred dollars.

From the time of earliest settlements, most members of the New Garden Monthly Meeting were citizens of Pennsylvania, although some were Delawareans. New Garden and West Grove, the principal component groups in the monthly meeting, both split into an Orthodox faction, and a more liberal Hicksite contingent, at the separation of 1827. The schism remained until the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting united in 1955.

Mill Creek Friends Meeting continued as a Preparative Meeting under the Hicksite Branch of the New Garden Meeting. A period of inactivity ended in 1954 when it was re-opened as a Monthly Meeting of the Western Quarterly Meeting.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Scharf, J. Thomas. History of Delaware: 1609-1888. Philadelphia: L. J. Richards & Co., 1888.

Standing, Herbert C. "Reference Sources Pertaining to the History of the Society of Friends in the State of Delaware." Typescript. Drexel Institute of Technology, June 1969.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 5

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

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Mr. Graydon Wood and Miss Rosemary Troy

ORGANIZATION: Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs DATE: 7/18/72

STREET AND NUMBER:
Hall of Records

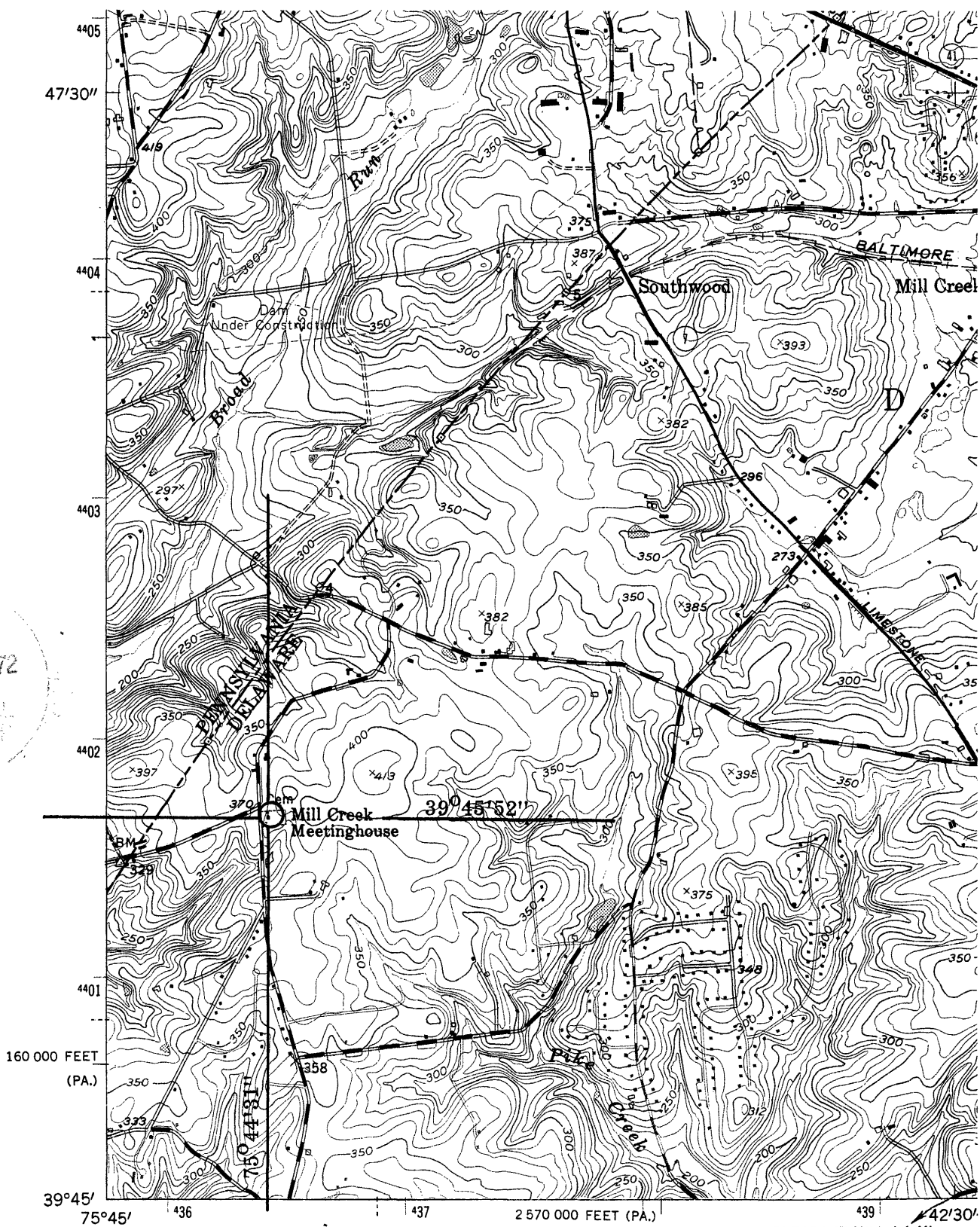
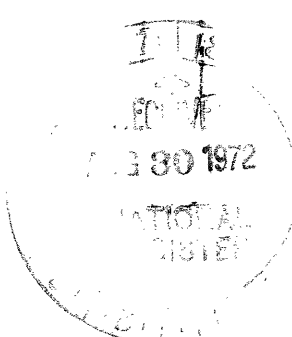
CITY OR TOWN: Dover STATE: Delaware CODE: 10

12. 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>E. Berkeley Tompkins</u> Title <u>State Liaison Officer</u> Date <u>8-24-72</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>4/3/73</u></p> <p>ATTEST: <u>[Signature]</u> Keeper of The National Register Date <u>3/23/73</u></p>
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North



(NEWARK WEST)
5863 III NE

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 Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Pennsylvania Highway Department
 Topography from aerial photographs by photogrammetric methods.
 Aerial photographs taken 1950. Field check 1954
 Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
 10,000-foot grids based on Pennsylvania coordinate system,
 south zone, and Delaware coordinate system
 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
 zone 18, shown in blue
 Revisions shown in purple compiled in cooperation with
 State of Pennsylvania agencies, from aerial photographs
 taken 1968. This information not field checked
 Purple tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown

