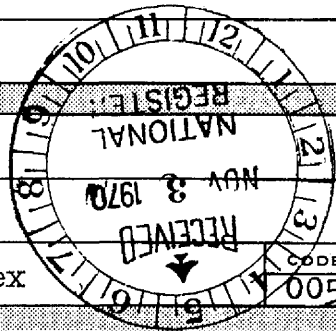


NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: DELAWARE  
 COUNTY: SUSSEX  
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 DATE: 11/20/70



1. NAME  
 COMMON: THE MAULL HOUSE  
 AND/OR HISTORIC: THE THOMAS MAULL HOUSE

2. LOCATION  
 STREET AND NUMBER: 542 Pilottown Road  
 CITY OR TOWN: Lewes  
 STATE: Delaware CODE: 10 COUNTY: Sussex CODE: 005

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	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"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" 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"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY  
 OWNER'S NAME: Colonel David Hall Chapter, NSDAR  
 STREET AND NUMBER:  
 CITY OR TOWN: Lewes STATE: Delaware CODE: 10

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION  
 COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Recorder of Deeds, Court House, Georgetown, Del.  
 STREET AND NUMBER: The Circle  
 CITY OR TOWN: Georgetown STATE: Delaware CODE: 10

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS  
 TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey  
 DATE OF SURVEY: July & Aug. 1936  Federal  State  County  Local  
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress  
 STREET AND NUMBER:  
 CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: D.C. CODE: 11

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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)		
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

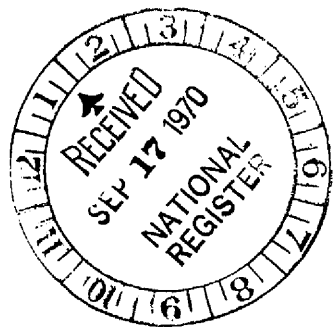
The Maull House is the oldest Lewes building in its original location and with the least alterations. It is a gambrel-roofed, cypress shingled one and one-half storey dwelling with an attic. It seems to follow the "Quaker Plan" of Penn and was built at a time when several Quaker families lived in the Pilottown area, including the Claypooles, Fishers, Miers, Wynnes and Rowlands.

A rear wing was added about 1890. At this time an older wing to the north was removed. It was a one storey section, with attic and gambrel roof.

Restoration work so far has revealed that this 30' by 16' structure was built at one time instead of two as previously believed. The sills and plates are each one timber and the joist and rafter for the partition are part of the original bracing. There are gunstock corner posts and the main studs have consecutive Roman numerals at the plate. The paneling and moldings are generally intact although some of the upstairs paneling was moved when the rear wing was added. The back of the house has old, beaded weatherboarding.

In the main room downstairs the smaller fireplace was removed to reveal a very large fireplace with a huge oak lintel and bricks in a herringbone pattern forming a fireback. Evidences were found that the original paneling over this fireplace may have been a very simple type at first, with the present paneling being installed later and the shelf a much later addition. When the flooring was removed downstairs a brick hearth level with a hard dirt floor was found one foot below the sills.

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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) about 1730-1740

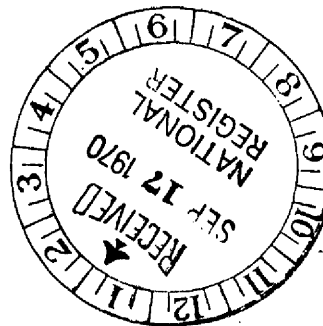
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This property was purchased by Luke Shields (Sr.) from Samuel Paynter, carpenter, in 1741 for 90 pounds and included the house. Further research is being undertaken. Luke Shields, a pilot, married the widow of John Maull, also a pilot and Luke's neighbor, who died in 1753. No doubt the Maull children were brought up in this house. It did not come into the actual possession of the Maulls until 1836 when Thomas S. Maull, great grandson of the above John Maull, bought it at a Sheriff's sale. The early Maulls were pilots, shipcarpenters and farmers. In later years some continued in these occupations and others entered various professions. Dr. Joseph Maull was Speaker of the State Senate and, upon the death of Governor Thomas Stocton on March 2, 1846, became governor until he died on May 3, 1846. An interesting episode in the memoirs of the Maulls was the visit of Jerome Bonaparte and his bride, Betsy Patterson, when they were shipwrecked off Lewes in 1803 and were entertained by the Maulls.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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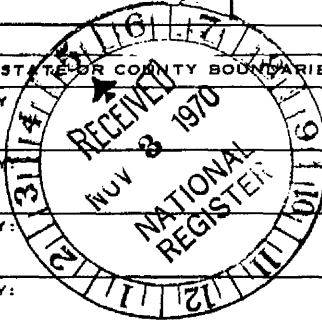
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: .22

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: Mrs. David Anthony Potter Treasurer

ORGANIZATION: Colonel David Hall Chapter, NSDAR DATE: July 22, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER: 364 Pilottown Road

CITY OR TOWN: Lewes 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: Leon deValinger, Jr.

Title: State Archivist & State Liaison Officer

Date: July 29, 1970

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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

Ernest Allen Connelly  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: Madford  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: Nov 9, 1970

