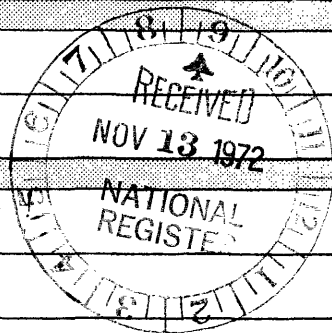


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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Delaware	
COUNTY: Kent	
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1. NAME

COMMON:
Bonwell House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: *East of road on W of Frederica*
on Delaware Route 380 at Andrews Lake

CITY OR TOWN:
Frederica *via.*

STATE Delaware	CODE 10	COUNTY: Kent	CODE 001
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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"/> Occupied <input checked="" 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 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:
Paul Klinger

STREET AND NUMBER:
1708 Main Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Oake	STATE: North Dakota	CODE
58474		

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Kent County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:
The Green

CITY OR TOWN: Dover	STATE: Delaware	CODE 10
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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 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 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

Located near Andrews Lake, the Bonwell House is a four-bay, two-story-plus-attic brick structure with a lower west wing. The frontage faces north, and is laid in Flemish bond brick with five-course common bond below the first floor level and on the west wing. The front, or north, wall is graced by a three-brick-wide belt course and a dentiled cornice; the wing is crowned by a simple box cornice. Two entries, with paneled casings, are located in the center bays of the main house block; one entry is located in the wing.

The gable ends, rear walls, and west wing are all laid in five-course common bond. On the rear, or south, facade, the fenestration does not align into regular bays. One door occurs in the main house block, another in the wing. The rear cornice is simpler in detail.

The interior is divided into two rooms of two bays each in the main portion, and one room constituting the side wing. This wing contains a modern kitchen and an enclosed stair leading to an attic bed chamber. On either side of the stair, doorways communicate with the west room of the main house. Both main rooms contain fireplaces with simple moulded mantels. Remains of a chair rail can be found in the east room, while the west room retains cupboards let into the sides of the fireplace breast.

The disposal of the second floor was originally similar to the first floor. However, recent alterations have divided the two chambers into three plus a rear hallway. A bathroom has also been added in the wing bed chamber. An enclosed winding stair in the east bed chamber still leads to a partially-finished attic.

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SIGNIFICANCE

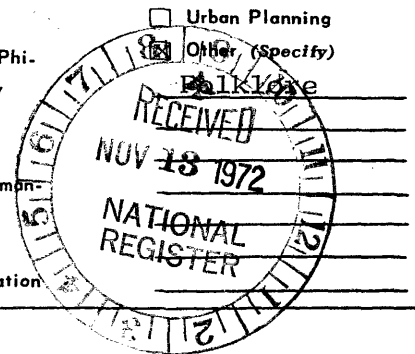
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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Located west of Frederica, the Bonwell House is situated on land which was a portion of a tract of 1,050 acres called "Bishop's Choice." This tract was surveyed in 1681 for Benoni Bishop, who later became a member of William Penn's Assembly. In 1682 the Indian rights were purchased from Saccarachet.

In 1747 James Taylor sold 200 acres of "Bishop's Choice" to John Harper. Of this, Harper sold two and three-quarters acres to George Goforth, who erected a grist mill on the adjoining Bishop's Branch. The land passed from George Goforth to his son Peter. During the period of the Goforth ownership, the present house was erected.

The house became known as the Bonwell House after 1792, when Michael Hall Bonwell purchased the house and property from Peter Goforth. When Bonwell and his wife, Mary, settled west of Frederica, he was said to be the sole builder of grist and saw mills below Wilmington. The Bonwell House soon became the nucleus of a group of mills called the Leamington Mills.

Michael Bonwell sired three sons, all of whom inherited his mechanical facility, adding to the Bonwell family's reputation as mechanics and inventors. The Bonwell House, along with the mills and land, was deeded to the eldest son, George Bonwell.

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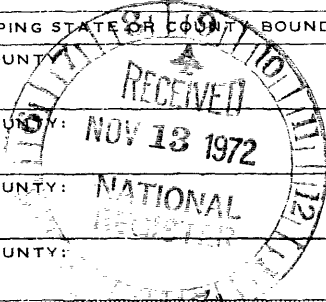
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: One

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. Vincent Rogers

ORGANIZATION: Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs DATE: 8/1/72

STREET AND NUMBER:
Hall of Records

CITY OR TOWN: Dover STATE: Delaware CODE: 10

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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 11-3-72

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

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

Date 3/23/73

ATTEST: [Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 3.14.73

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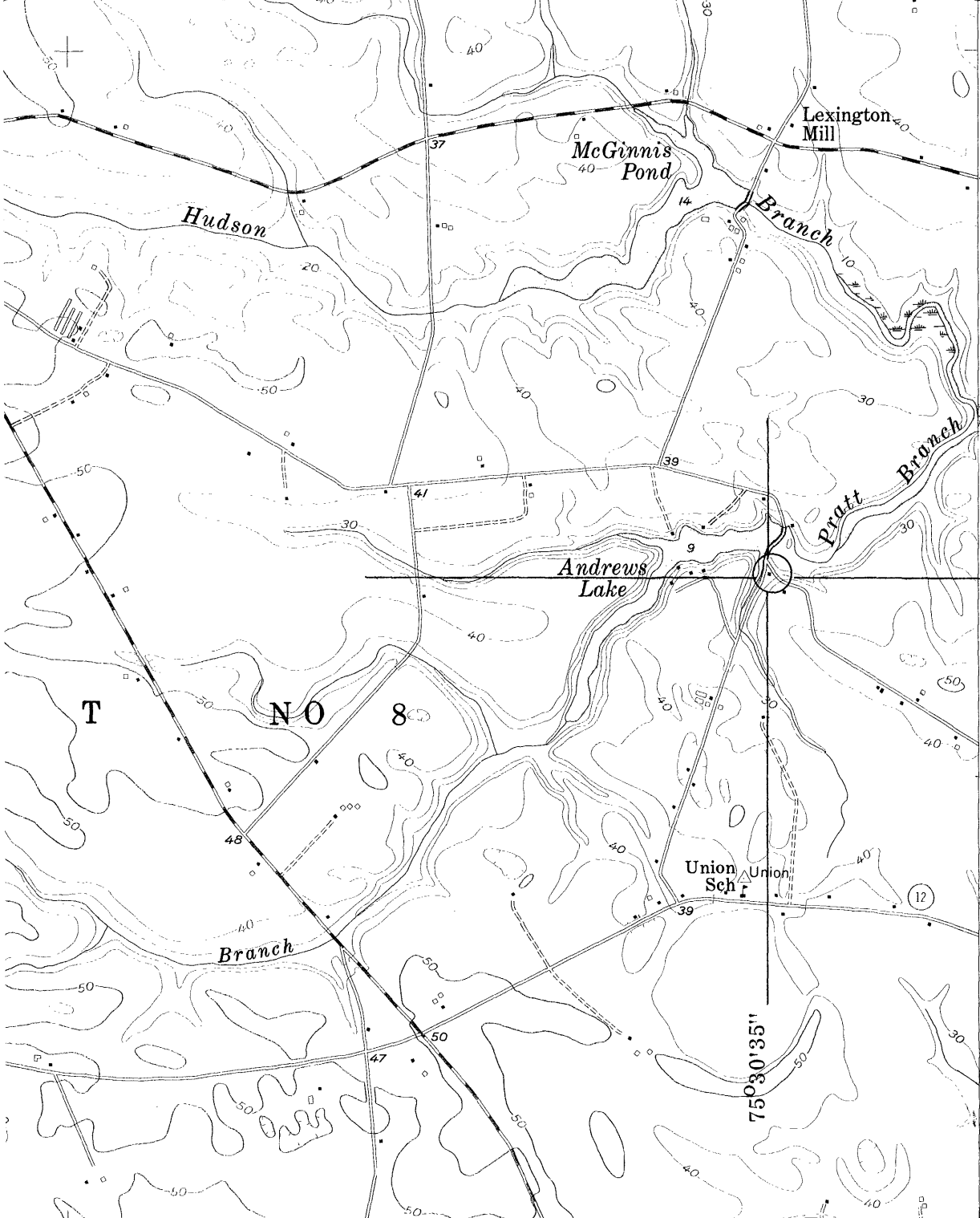
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8. SIGNIFICANCE (continued)----

A curious legend is connected with the Bonwell House. During the eighteenth century, a man called "Quaker Bonwell" (Michael?) was said to have killed a Negro boy who worked in his tannery. As a result, the neighboring white Quaker population refused to bury Bonwell at his death. Even though Bonwell was buried by the local Negro population, a spectre in the form of a large dog is said to haunt the area. The large dog, with flaming red eyes, is known locally as the Fence-Rail Dog, because it is as long as a fence rail.





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FREDERICA 3.5 MI.

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Bonwell House

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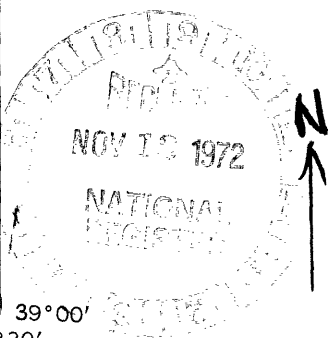
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75°30'



1 MILE

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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



WYOMING, DEL.
SE/4 WYOMING 15' QUADRANGLE
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