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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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| STATE: Delaware | |
| COUNTY: Kent | |
| FOR NPS USE ONLY | |
| ENTRY NUMBER APR 3 | DATE 1973 |

1. NAME

COMMON:
Camden Friends Meeting House

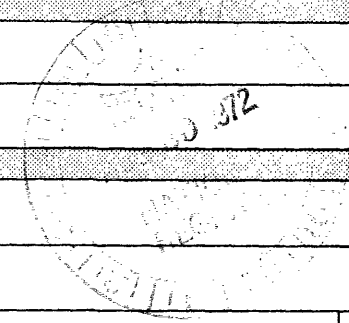
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Commerce Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Camden

STATE: Delaware CODE: 10 COUNTY: Kent CODE: 001



3. CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY (Check One) | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object | <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 | 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:
Camden Monthly Meeting, Society of Friends

STREET AND NUMBER:
Commerce Street

CITY OR TOWN: Camden STATE: Delaware CODE: 10

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

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey, #De1-5

DATE OF SURVEY: 1936 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: D.C. CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

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| 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 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

The Camden Meeting House is a simple, gambrel-roofed structure erected on brick footings. The north gable end serves as the frontage and contains a central entry. The north facade is laid in Flemish bond brick coursing, broken by two windows flanking the entry, two windows on the second level in the gable, and a semicircular attic light containing the date marker.

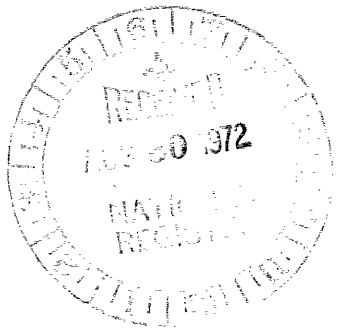
The east and west side walls are laid in common bond of various courses. Two windows, symmetrically placed, break each side facade, and two shed-roofed dormers correspondingly punctuate the roof. Below the roof line along the east and west facades is a box cornice with simple moulding details.

The rear, or south, facade matches the north with two exceptions: the brick coursing, common bond here being used, and the semicircular attic light, now absent.

The interior remains unbroken except by a raised platform along the south wall, and an enclosed entry vestibule and stair, to the north. A drop-leaf interior window provides communication between the vestibule and meeting room.

Above the meeting room is located a school room, illuminated by the dormer windows and gable-end windows. Some of the old desks and equipment still remain from before 1882, when use of the school room was discontinued. Above the school room is located an attic loft filling the remainder of the gambrel.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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) 1805

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

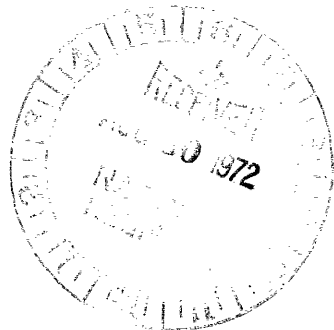
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Laid out in 1783 by Daniel Mifflin, a member of the Society of Friends, the town of Camden has been a center for a considerable Quaker population since that time. In 1800, Camden Meeting was established, the last in Southern Delaware. Twenty-five members of the Society of Friends in the Camden area signed a petition and appointed three trustees to erect a building for worship and education. In 1805 the present Camden Meeting House was erected on land deeded by Jonathan and Patience Humn in 1806. Unlike most meeting houses, the Camden Meeting was built with a gambrel roof and a north gable-end frontage.

In 1828 the Motherkill Monthly Meeting joined the Duck Creek Meeting; the joint meeting became known as the Camden Monthly Meeting in 1830. Meetings were held alternately at Camden Meeting House and Little Creek Meeting House until the latter was suspended in 1865. Since that time, Camden Meeting has remained the only active meeting in lower Delaware. At present, the Camden Monthly Meeting is under the jurisdiction of the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

Adjoining the meeting house is a graveyard, with stones dating to 1837, which is notable for its unusually tall grave markers. The school, located above the meeting room, was active from 1805 until its suspension in 1882.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Scharf, J. Thomas. History of Delaware. Philadelphia: L.J. Richards and Company, 1888. pp. 1133-1134.

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY | | | OR | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES | | |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|----|---|-------------------------|--|
| CORNER | LATITUDE | LONGITUDE | | LATITUDE | LONGITUDE | |
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| 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. Vincent Rogers

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

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 8-24-72

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

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

Date 4/3/73

ATTEST:

for MacFotel
Keeper of the National Register

Date 3/27/73

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WYOMING QUADRANGLE 1956
 DELAWARE—KENT CO.
 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

SE 1/4 WYOMING 15' QUADRANGLE
 SMYRNA 1/4 MI.
 DOVER (STATE CAPITOL) 2.2 MI.

SMYRNA 1/4 MI.
 DOVER (STATE CAPITOL) 2.3 MI.
 32'30"

75°30'
 39°07'30"

75°32'54"

2.6 MI. TO DEL. 8

1.3 MI. TO U.S. 113



Camden Friends Meeting House

NO 7

KENT

DELAWARE

MAGNOLIA 1.9 MI.
 FREDERICA 6.4 MI.

400 000 FEET