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STATE:	Delaware	
COUNTY:	Sussex	
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON:
Pagan Creek Dike

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
On Pagan Creek near New Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Lewes

STATE	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Delaware	10	Sussex	005

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 type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Abandoned

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mr. Samuel Russell

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Lewes

STATE:
Delaware

CODE
10

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

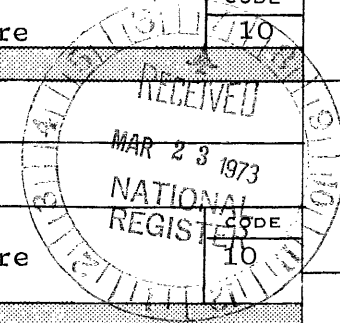
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Sussex County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
The Circle

CITY OR TOWN:
Georgetown

STATE:
Delaware

CODE
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Sussex Society of Archaeology and History records

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Published

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

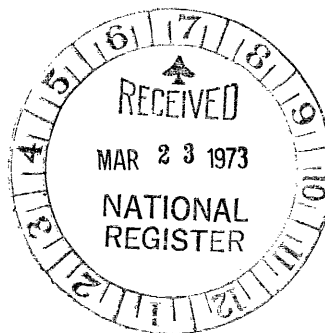
The Pagan Creek Dike is a causeway or road, about 700 feet long, nine to ten feet wide at the top, constructed of clay and loam piled atop a sand footing, which rests on marsh mud. The main channel of Pagan Creek intersects the dike at its south end, where a timber-crib bridge abutment has been found by archaeological investigators. Near the northern terminus of the dike, the fill was partially removed by construction of the Queen Anne's Railroad in 1896.

A northern extension of the center line of the dike intersects an early house site, situated on the West India Fort tract.

In some places, the dike still rises about two feet above the level of the adjacent marsh.

Although the structure has always been known as a dike, it should more properly be called a causeway; during the seventeenth century, the two terms were used interchangeably to describe an earthwork built for drainage or transportation, or both.

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SIGNIFICANCE

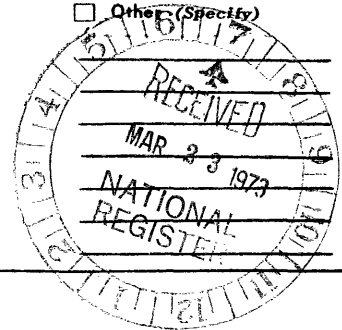
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) Probably before 1670

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 checked="" 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 | |
| <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 checked="" 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

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The Pagan Creek dike is one of the oldest surviving road structures in Delaware. Because it has been abandoned since Colonial times, it has remained virtually unchanged. The dike was apparently built by the Dutch settlers to connect the West India Company fort with the hinterland beyond Pagan Creek. Archaeological sectioning has revealed that the causeway is built in the Dutch, rather than the English, fashion, with a sand foundation.

The fort had been granted under Dutch rule to Peter Alrichs, who was authorized by the Dutch West India Company to exercise its trading monopoly with the Indians at Zwaanendael. After the Dutch government fell, Alrichs lost his monopoly and Helmanus Wiltbanck moved to obtain title to the fort land. Because Lewes lay in the zone disputed by the Maryland Colony and the Duke of York's government, Wiltbanck filed a Maryland claim for the fort site in 1670. The Duke's government confirmed Wiltbanck's claim in 1672. Wiltbanck once owned the land on both ends of the dike, for he eventually obtained title to the Tower Hill tract on the opposite bank.

By 1773, the dike was already an old landmark and was no longer used as a road.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Marine, David. "Duke of York Patents on Pilot Town Road."
The Archeolog, vol. VII, no.2 (September 1955), pp. 1-4.
 Marine, David. "Further Work on the Pagan Creek Dike (Near Lewes)."
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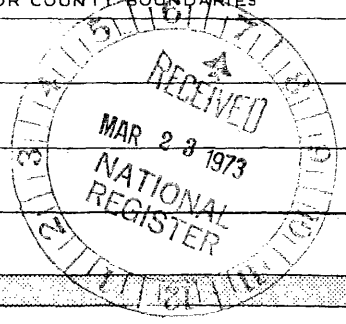
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	0	'	"	0	'	"	38	46	16
NE	0	'	"	0	'	"	75	09	53
SE	0	'	"	0	'	"			
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than 1 700' X 15'

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Edward F. Heite, Historic Registrar

ORGANIZATION: Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs DATE: 1/2/73

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
E. Berkeley Tompkins

Title Director, Div. of Historical and Cultural Affairs

Date 3-15-73

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

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

Date 6/18/73

ATTEST:
[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

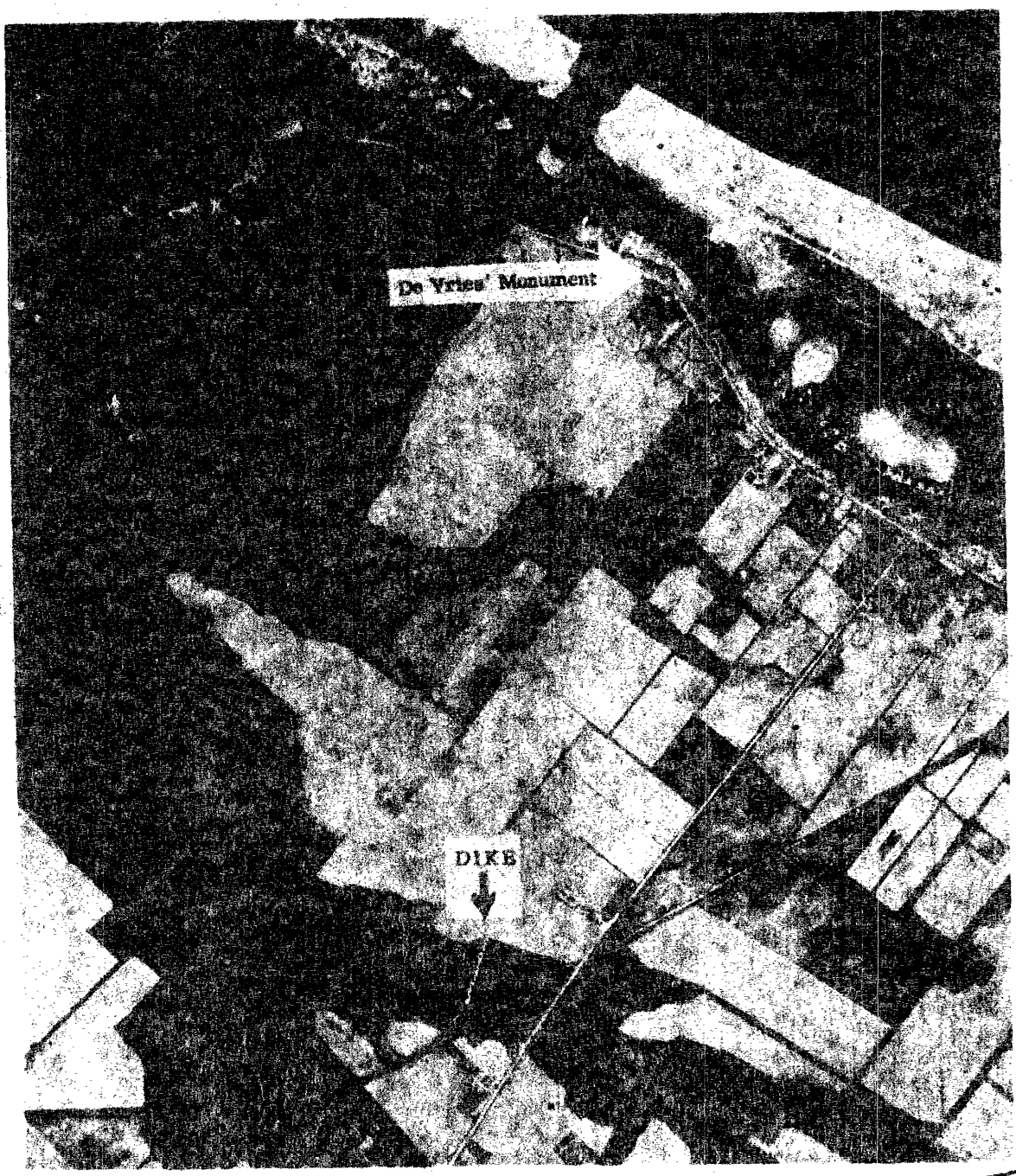
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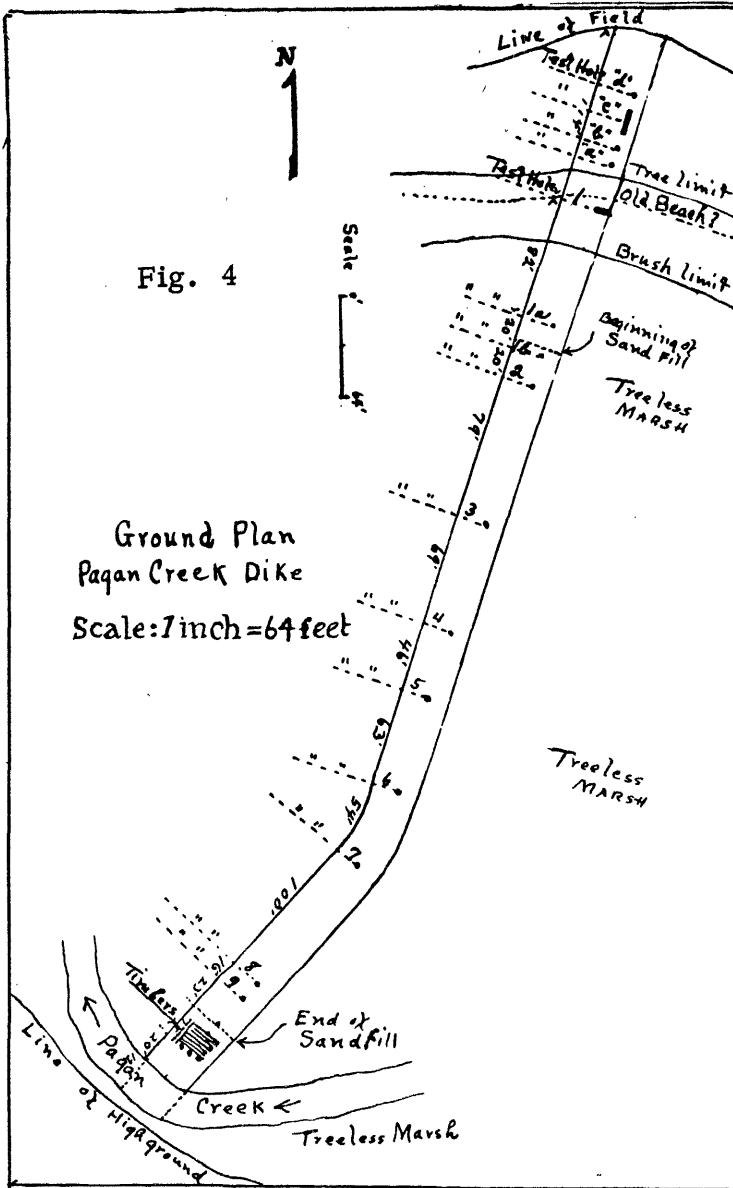
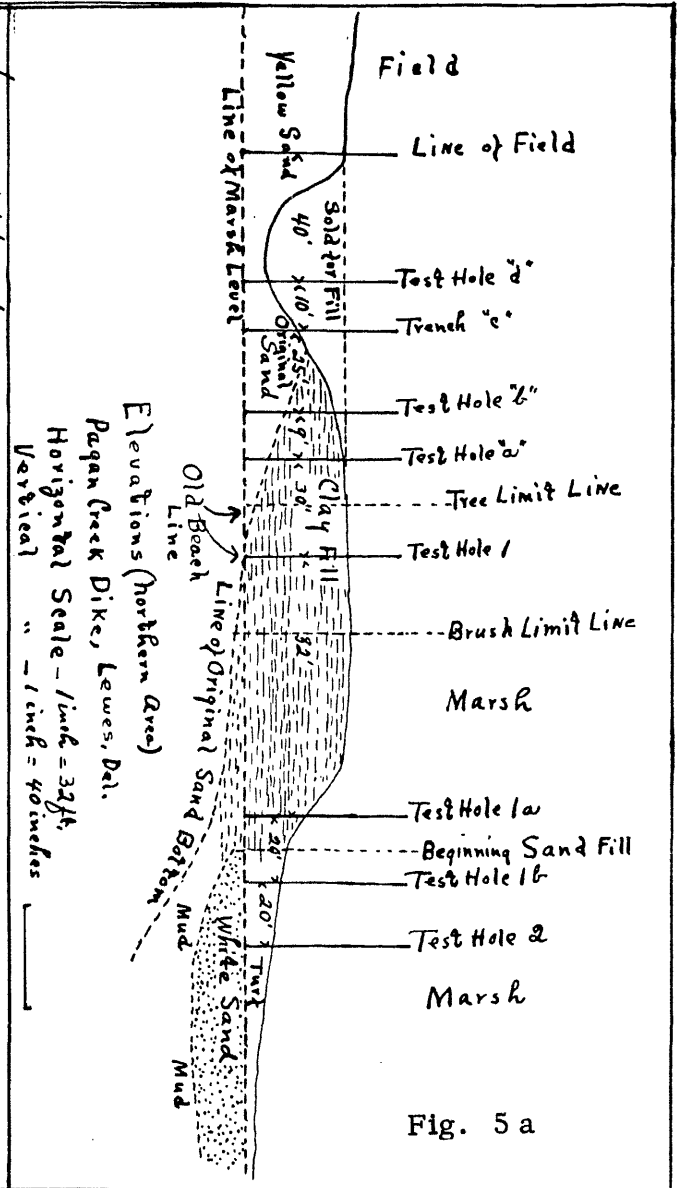
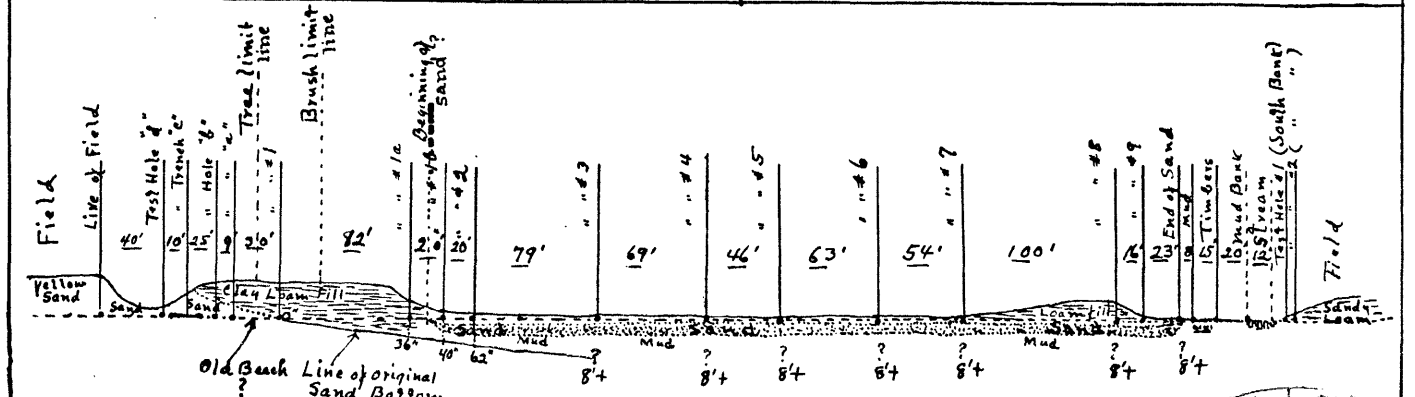


Fig. 4
 Ground Plan
 Pagan Creek Dike
 Scale: 1 inch = 64 feet



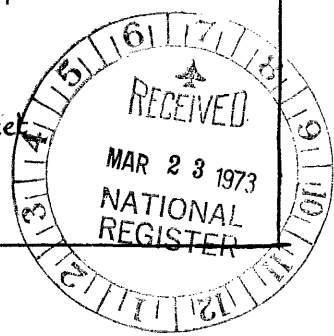
Elevations (Northern Area)
 Pagan Creek Dike, Lewes, Del.
 Horizontal Scale - 1 inch = 32 ft.
 Vertical - 1 inch = 40 inches

Fig. 5 a



Elevations Plan
 Pagan Creek Dike, Lewes, Del.
 Horizontal measurements to Scale = $\frac{1 \text{ inch}}{64 \text{ feet}}$
 Elevations Exaggerated to show Detail.
 Horizontal Interrupted Line = Marsh Level.

Fig. 5



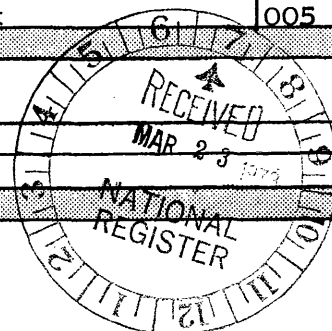
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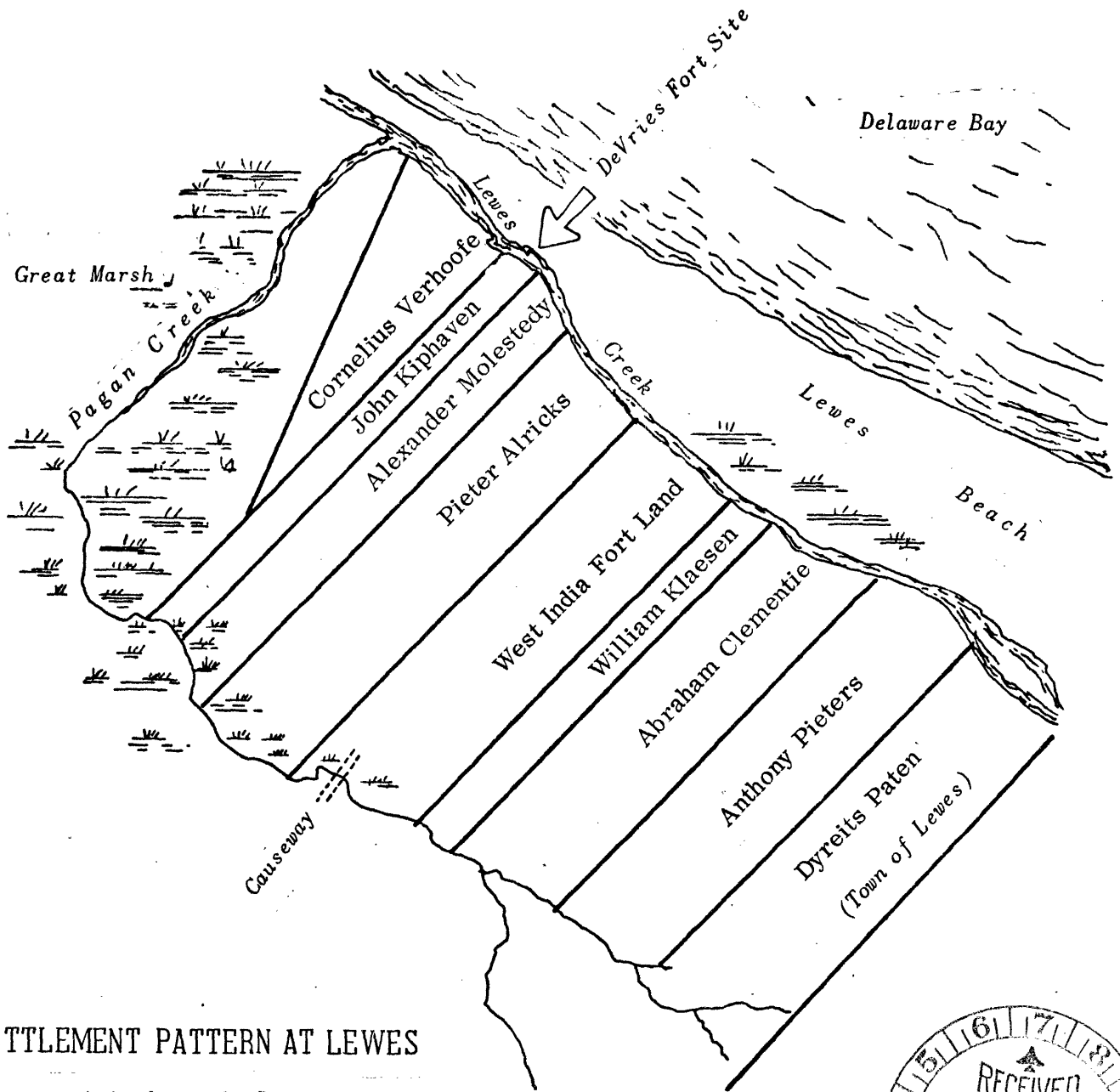
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SOURCE:			
The Archeolog, vol. X, no. 1 (April 1958)			
SCALE: As shown			
DATE: c. 1958			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
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DUTCH SETTLEMENT PATTERN AT LEWES

Based on an original map by David Marine



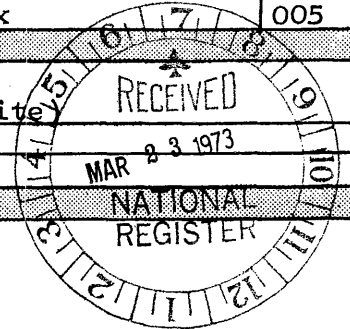
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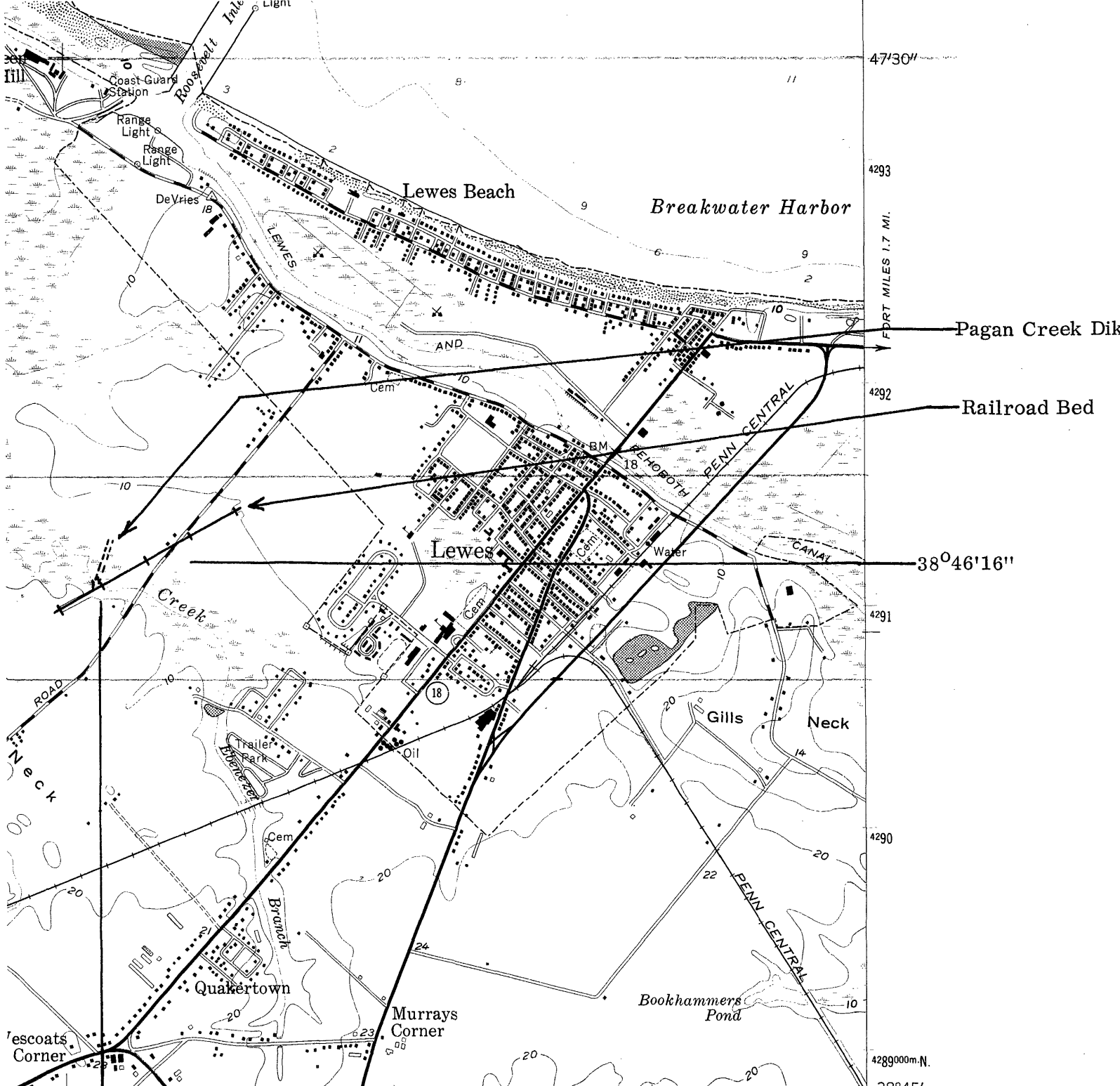
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SCALE: None			
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10' ALLTOWN 0.6 MI.
 10' FORGETOWN 12 MI.
 MIDWAY 2.3 MI.
 REHOBOTH BEACH 5.4 MI.

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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

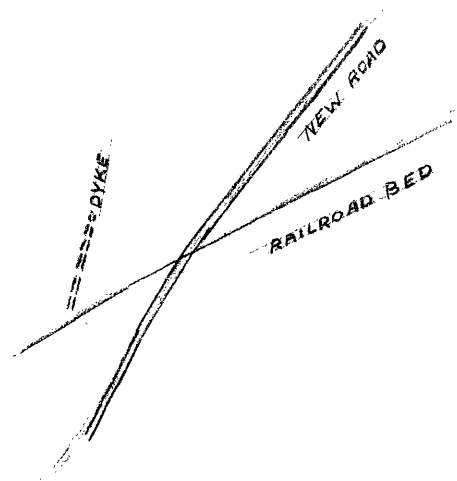
- Heavy-duty Light-duty
- Medium-duty Unimproved dirt
- U. S. Route State Route

LEWES, DEL.

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PAGAN CREEK DYKE, DEL.

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NEW ROAD

RAILROAD BED

MAGAN CREEK DYKE, DEL.