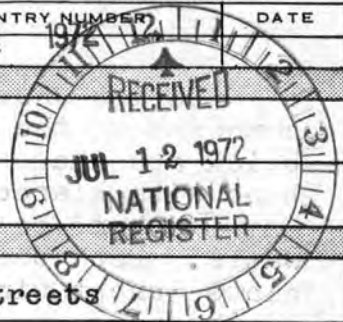


NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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STATE:	Delaware
COUNTY:	Kent
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
DEC 4 1972	



1. NAME

COMMON:

Christ Church, Dover

AND/OR HISTORIC:

Christ Church

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

Southeast corner, South State and Water Streets

CITY OR TOWN:

Dover

STATE

Delaware

CODE

10

COUNTY:

Kent

CODE

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<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) _____ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:

Rector, Wardens and Vestry of Christ Church

STREET AND NUMBER:

Southeast corner, South State and Water Streets

CITY OR TOWN:

Dover

STATE:

Delaware

CODE

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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, No. Del-73

DATE OF SURVEY:

1937

☒ Federal☐ State☐ County☐ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Washington, D.C.

STATE:

CODE

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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 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

Christ Church, as it now stands, is a brick structure composed of the original rectangular nave, surrounded by brick appendages. The original structure is laid in Flemish bond with glazed headers on the south and west walls, and in English bond below the watertable and on the north and east walls. Both the north and south walls display three stained-glass lancet windows with flat lintels. Near the western end of the nave, a dormered gable pierces the roof.

The west facade features a round stained-glass window and a porch on which is mounted the gothic-revival belfry. The sanctuary addition on the east extends the centerline of the original church at a lower elevation; this addition contains a round-headed window and a jerkinhead roof.

On either side of the sanctuary extension, small rooms have been added; the south addition contains a door with a semicircular fanlight.

The roof is covered with wood shakes throughout, except the jerkin, which is shingled with slate.

The churchyard has been expanded considerably during the past quarter-century, so that it nearly fills the original square. A modern brick wall encloses the cemetery, in which are buried several well-known Delawareans, including Caesar Rodney, signer of the Declaration of Independence.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" 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) 1734, 1740, 1859, 1887

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Christ Church was established as a mission of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in 1704; the present building has been occupied by the parish since it moved to this site in 1734. The site is one of two public squares set aside for houses of worship in the Dover town plan of 1717.

Most famous of the early ministers was Charles Inglis, later the first bishop of Nova Scotia. The parish declined after the American Revolution, and by 1859 the old church was near collapse. In that year, the parish sold its glebe and used the proceeds to renovate the church.

Much of the trim, the windows, and the interior fittings, of the church today were installed during the 1859, 1887, and subsequent renovations.

During the Revolutionary War, Samuel Megaw, a patriot, was rector of Christ Church. Unlike his associates in the Anglican ministry, Megaw was friendly to the American cause and to the Methodist missionaries. Among the parishioners of Christ Church at this time were Caesar Rodney (who is buried here), and members of the Banning, Ridgely, and Loockerman families.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Emil G. Sammak and Don O. Winslow, editors, Dover: the First Two Hundred and Fifty Years, 1888.

J. Thomas Scharf, History of Delaware 1609-1888, 1888.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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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: Edward F. Heite, Historic Registrar	
ORGANIZATION Div. of Historical & Cultural Affairs	DATE June 6, 1972
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

Dr. E. Berkeley Tompkins

Title

State Liaison Officer

Date

6-30-72

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

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

Date

12/4/72

ATTEST:

William H. Murray
Keeper of The National Register

Date

11-28-72

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

PROPERTY	Christ Church, Dover	STATE	Kent	72001500
Working number	7.12.72. 1042			
TECH REVIEW	Photos	2	Kent Co.	
	Maps	1		
REVIEW				10-16-72
	Tech Review OK			
HISTORIAN	Meets criteria of local significance on age.			OK 10/18/72
ARCHEOLOGIST				
ARCHITECT				
	Arch. Hist. Qualifies our architect. signif.			K14 11/28/72
BRANCH CHIEF	Write up on architectural merit			11/29/72
EDITORIAL REVIEW	This might qualify on architecture, but not as they have made the case in #8.			EDA 10/17/72
KEEPER				11/28

National Register write-up _____
Federal Register entry 1-2-73

Acknowledge 7/12/72
Send-back _____
Re-submit _____
Register no. DEC 4 1972



NPS Number Dec 4, 1972
Title: Christ Church, Dover

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Loc. Kent County, Del.
South + west walls
seen from the southwest

Christ P. E. Church, Dover.

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Built 1734

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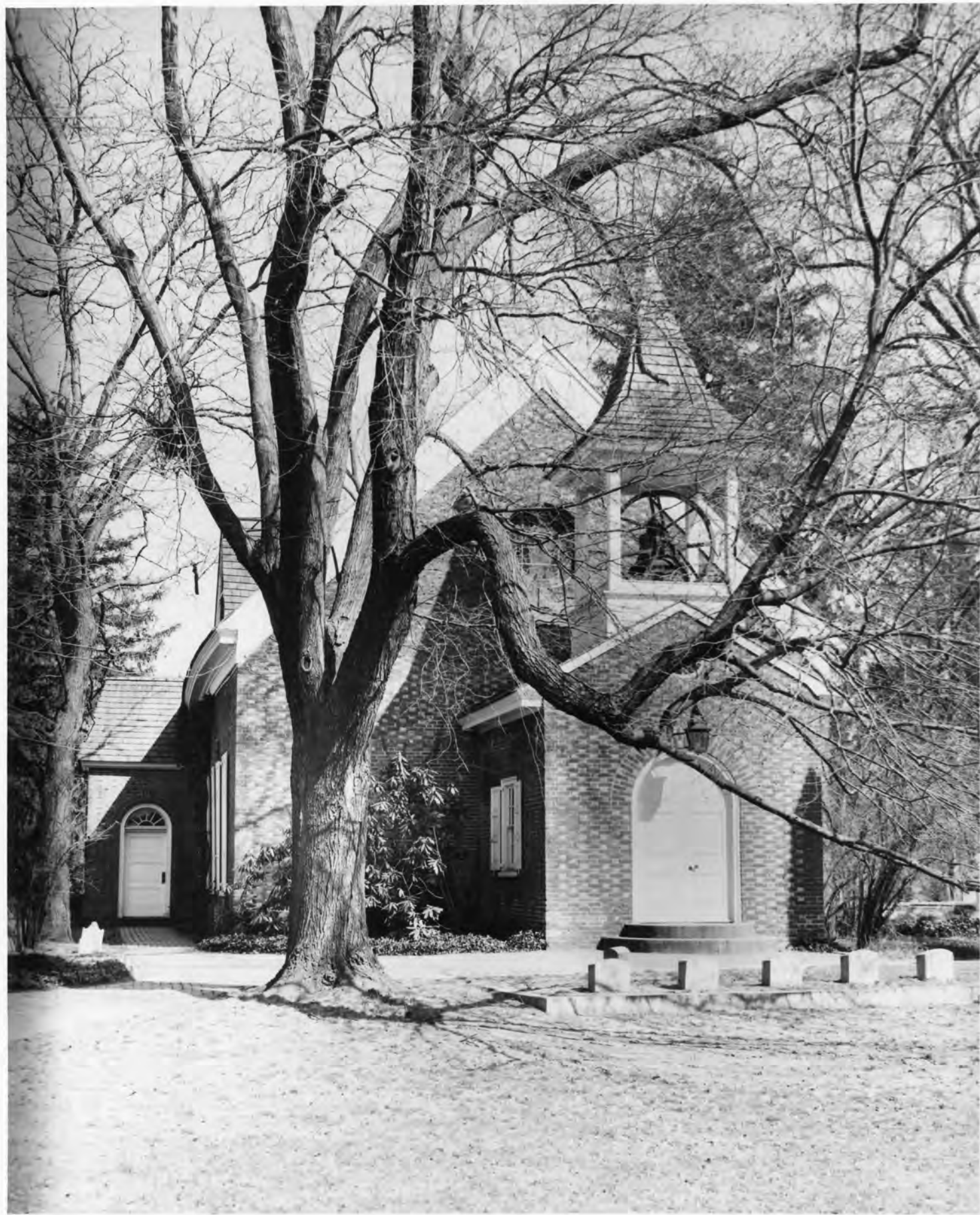
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AND/OR HISTORIC:			
2. LOCATION			
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CITY OR TOWN:		Dover	
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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South and west walls, seen from the southwest			





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Title:

Christ Church, Dover

Loc.

Kent County, Del.

Overall view from
the northwest

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AND/OR HISTORIC:			
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CITY OR TOWN: Dover			
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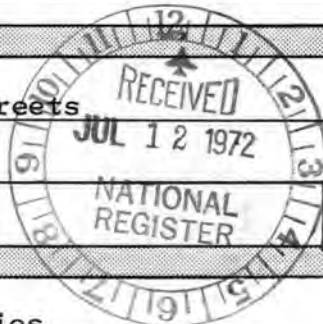
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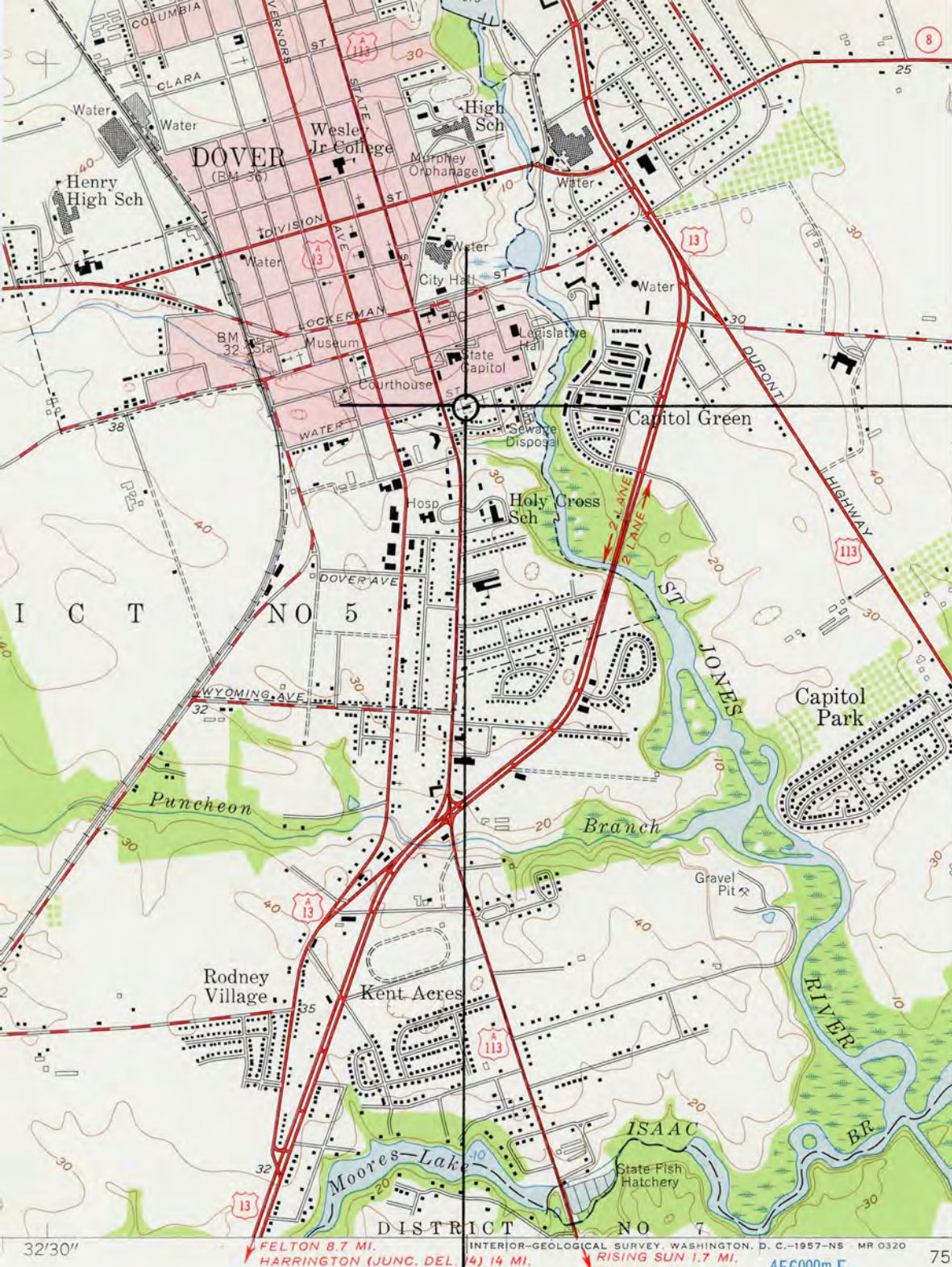
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SCALE: 1:24,000			
DATE: 1956			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			





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Christ Church, Dover



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39°07'30"

75°30'

32'30"

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HARRINGTON (JUNC. DEL. 14) 14 MI.

RISING SUN 1.7 MI.
FREDERICA 9.1 MI.

456000m. E.

75°31'21"

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

DOVER, DEL.

NE/4 WYOMING 15' QUADRANGLE
N 3907.5—W 7530/7.5

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Fisher's Paradise	Lewes Sussex County

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Hon. Pierre S. du Pont, IV

Director, National Register

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Department of State
Dover, Delaware 19901

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