

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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

COUNTY:

10

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"/> Public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes:
<input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted
<input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted

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 type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:

Rector, Wardens and Vestry of Christ Church.

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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

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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

PH0001261

STATE:

Delaware

COUNTY:

Kent

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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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 shales 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.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



INSTRUCTIONS

B. 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)

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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<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		

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

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY						LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES							
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SE	0	'	"	0	'	"							
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"							

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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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

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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 S. Berkeley Tompkins

Dr. E. Berkeley Tompkins

Title State Liaison OfficerDate 6-20-72

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

Robert Van Uttey
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 12/4/72

ATTEST:

William Newby
Keeper of The National Register

Date 11-28-72

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

PROPERTY Christ church, Dover STATE Mass.

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Working number

7.12.72. 1042

TECH REVIEW

Photos 2

Maps 1

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REVIEW

10/16/72

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Tech Review OK

HISTORIAN Meets criteria of local significance or age.

Okay, Parker
10/16/72

ARCHEOLOGIST

ARCHITECT

Arch. Hist. Qualifies as architect. signif.

KIT

10/28/72

BRANCH CHIEF

Write-up on architectural merit DC Reg 10/29/72

EDITORIAL REVIEW This might qualify on architecture, but not as they have made the case in #8.

EDDA

10/17/72

KEEPER

WD
10/28

National Register write-up _____

Acknowledge 7/12/72

Federal Register entry 1-2-73

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Register no. DEC 4 1972



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Title:

Christ Church, Dover

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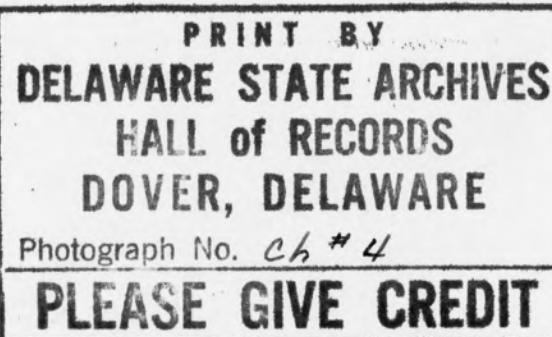
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Kent County, Dela.

South & west walls

seen from the southwest

Christ P. E. Church, Dover.



Built 1734

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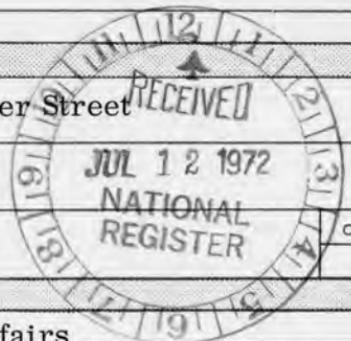
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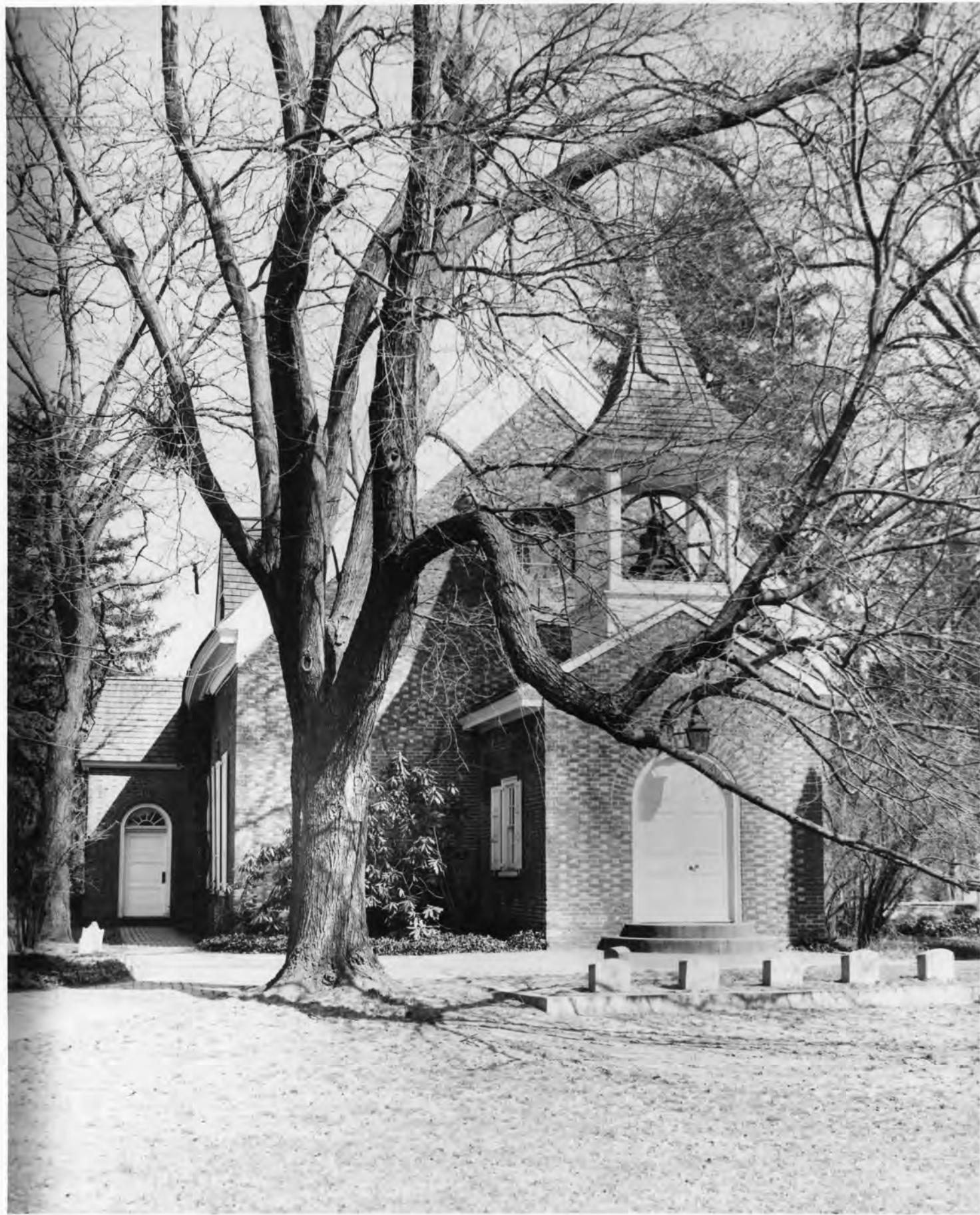
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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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COUNTY	Kent	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE	
DEC 4 1972		

1. NAME		
COMMON: Christ Church, Dover		
AND/OR HISTORIC:		
2. LOCATION		
STREET AND NUMBER: Southeast corner State Street and Water Street		
CITY OR TOWN: Dover		
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:
Delaware	10	Kent
3. PHOTO REFERENCE		
PHOTO CREDIT: Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs		
DATE OF PHOTO: c. 1960		
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Hall of Records, Dover		
4. IDENTIFICATION		
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. South and west walls, seen from the southwest		





NPS Number

Dec 4, 1972

Title

Christ Church, Dover

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Loc. Kent County, Dela
overall view from
the northwest

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DELAWARE STATE ARCHIVES
HALL of RECORDS
DOVER, DELAWARE
Photograph No. Ch # 3
PLEASE GIVE CREDIT

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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ENTRY NUMBER DEC 4, 1972	DATE 001	

1. NAME

COMMON: Christ Church, Dover

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

Southeast corner of South State and Water Streets

CITY OR TOWN:

Dover

STATE:

Delaware

CODE
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COUNTY:

Kent

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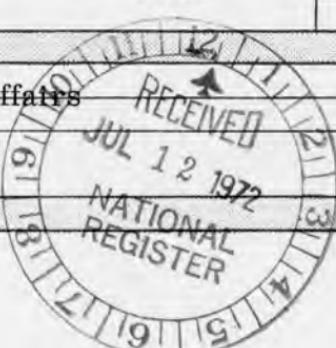
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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

Overall view from the northwest



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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Southeast corner, South State and Water Streets

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3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:

USGS Map, Dover Quadrangle, 7.5 minute series

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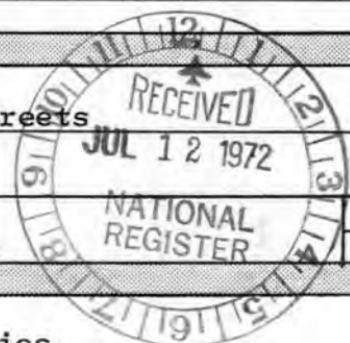
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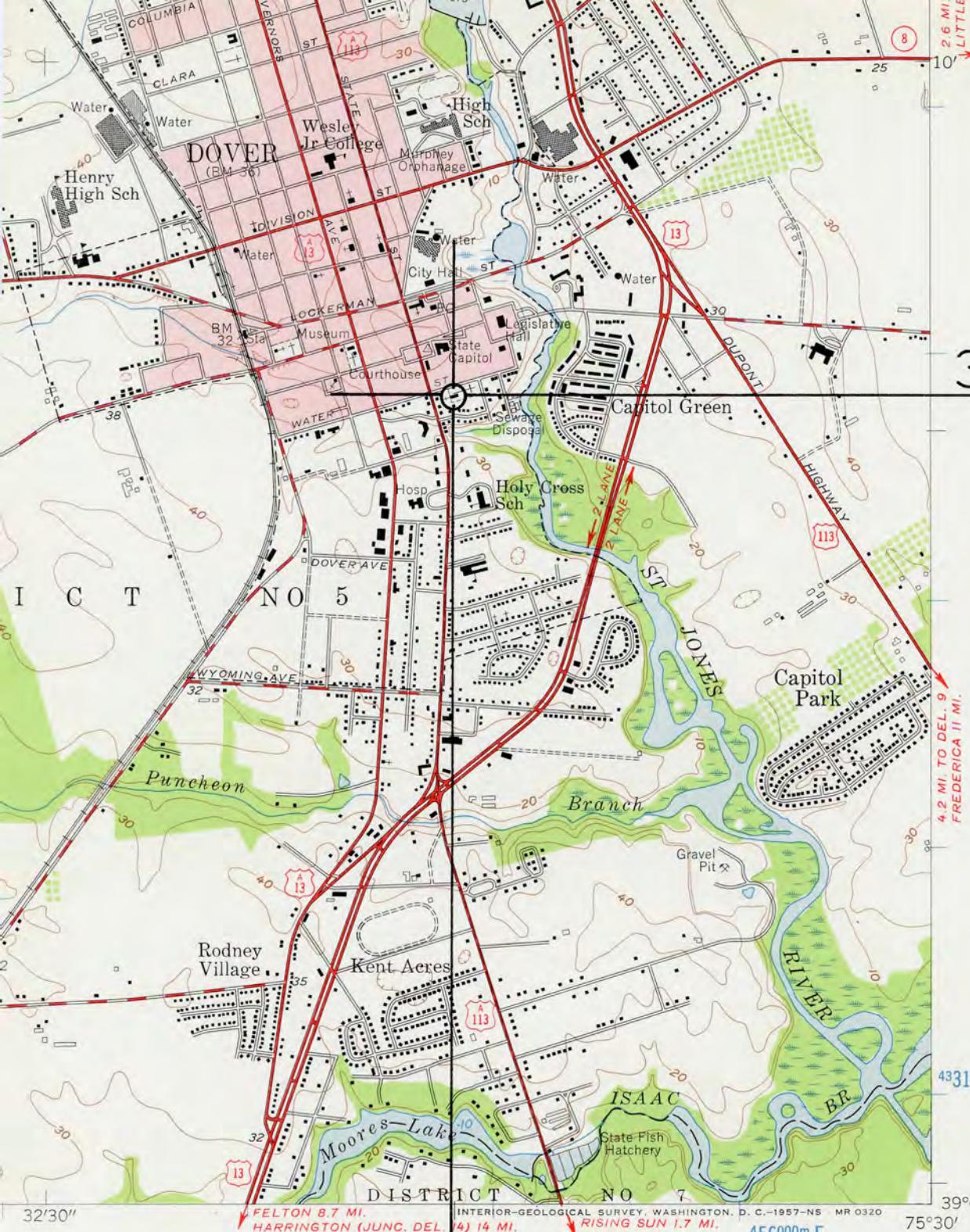
4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.

STATE	Delaware	
COUNTY	Kent	
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39°09'17"

Christ Church, Dover

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75°31'21"



ROAD CLASSIFICATION	
Heavy-duty	—
Medium-duty	—
U. S. Route	—
Light-duty	—
Unimproved dirt	=====
State Route	○

DOVER, DEL.

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

1956

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE DELAWARE

Date Entered DEC 4 1972

Name

Location

Christ Church, Dover

Dover
Kent County

Appoquinimink Friends Meeting House

Odessa
New Castle County

Fisher's Paradise

Lewes
Sussex County

Also Notified

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John W. Bowers, Jr., Esq.

Hon. Pierre S. du Pont, IV

Director, National Register

State Liaison Officer
Dr. E. Berkeley Tompkins

Director of the Division of
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Department of State
Dover, Delaware 19901

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