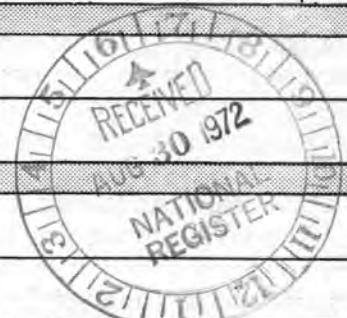


NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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| STATE: | Delaware | | |
| COUNTY: | Kent | | |
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| | APR 3 1972 | | |



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 |
|---|---|---|--|
| <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 | Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered | <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)

| | | | | |
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| <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 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:

Camden Monthly Meeting, Society of Friends

STREET AND NUMBER:

Commerce Street

CITY OR TOWN:

Camden

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, #Del-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.

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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 | |
| 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.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



B. 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) _____ |
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| <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 Hunn 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.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: |

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

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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

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NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

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

Date 4/3/73

ATTEST:

J. Macford
Keeper of The National Register
Date 3/22/73

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 AffairsDate 8-24-72

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

| | | | |
|----------------------------|---|-------|------------------------|
| PROPERTY | Camden Friends Meeting House | STATE | DELA |
| Working number | 8.30.72. 1335 | | 73006485 |
| TECH REVIEW | Photos | 4 | |
| 1-3/73 5-5/73 | Maps | 1 | KENT CO. |
| REVIEW | | | 4/11-16- OK 9/2 |
| HISTORIAN | | | |
| ARCHEOLOGIST | KATE HAS HAD SECOND THOUGHTS accept with pleasure Catt 3-20-73 | | |
| ARCHITECT | I love the building but I think they ought to get the religious return letter. | | RETURN KH 3/1/73 |
| BRANCH CHIEF | OK 8/1/73 3/22/73 | | |
| EDITORIAL REVIEW | What is <u>other</u> bldg connected to mtg. house? SM 5/3/73 | | |
| KEEPER | OK 5/3/73 3/22/73 | | |
| National Register write-up | 8/31/72 | | |
| Federal Register entry | 6-5-73 | | |
| Acknowledge | | | |
| Send-back | | | |
| Re-submit | | | |
| Register no. | APR 3 1973 | | |



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NPS Number 4/3/73

Title: CAMDEN Friends Meeting House

Loc. Kent, Del.

view from the north

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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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Camden Meeting House, from the north,
Graydon Woods, July '72.

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1. NAME

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| COMMON: | Camden Friends Meeting House |
| AND/OR HISTORIC: | |

2. LOCATION

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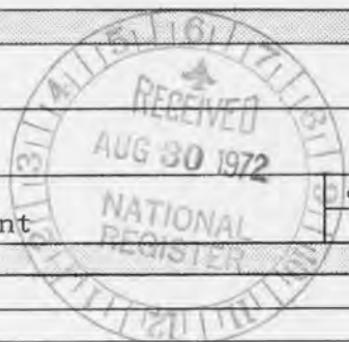
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4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

Camden Meeting House, from the north





MPS Number 4/3/73

Title: Camden Friends meeting House

Loc. Kent, Del.

VIEW FROM THE WEST

(2)

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Camden Meeting House from the west.
Graydon Wood, July '72.

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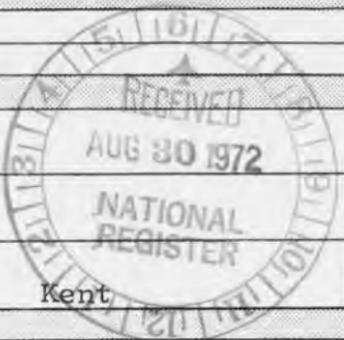
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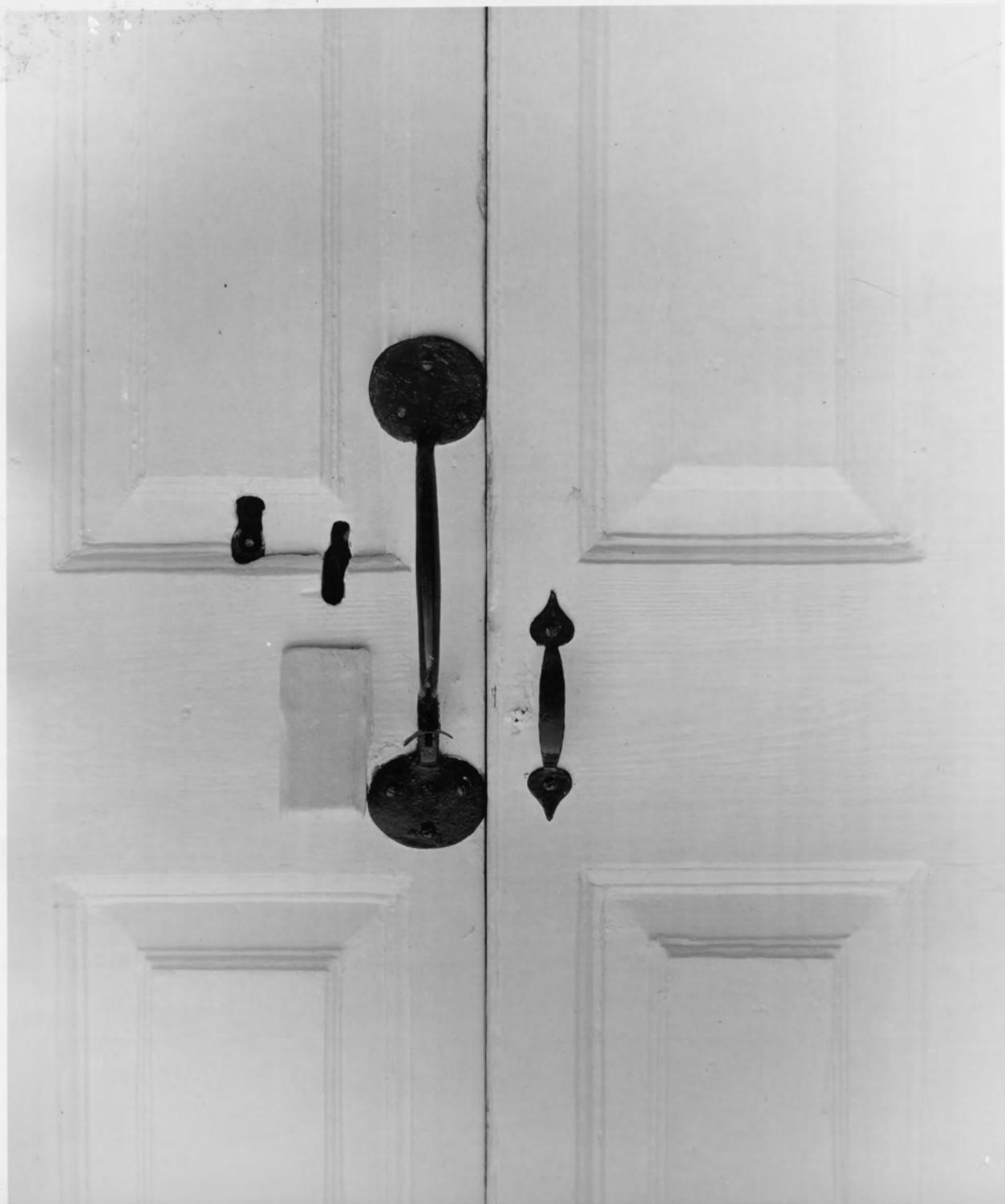
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Camden Meeting House from the west





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Title: Camden Friends Meeting House

Loc. Kent, Del.

Detail of the door

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Camden Meeting House, detail of the door.
Graydon Wood, July '72.



NPS Number 4/3/73

Title: CAMDEN FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE

Loc. KENT, Del.

Detail of brick

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Camden Meeting House, detail of brick.
Graydon Wood, July '72.

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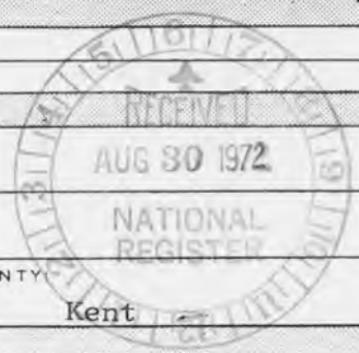
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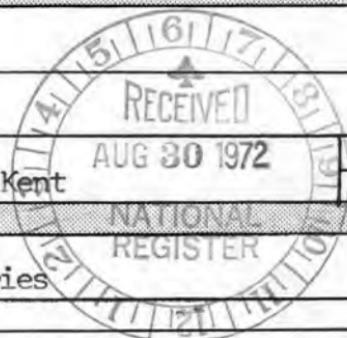
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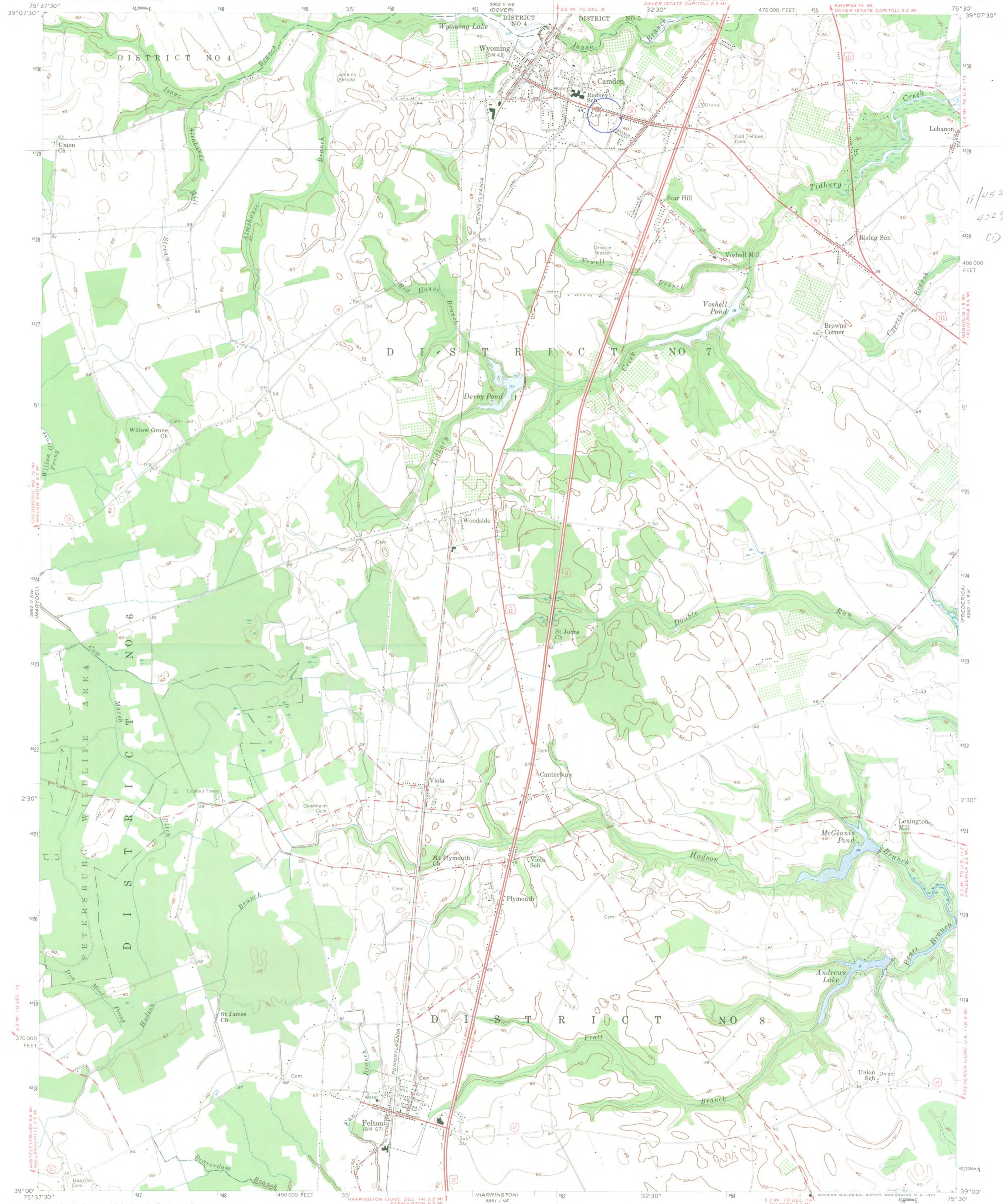
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TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

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2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.





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| Cochran Grange | Middletown New Castle County |
| Hedgelawn | Middletown vicinity New Castle County |
| Camden Friends Meeting House | Camden Kent County |
| Lesley-Travers Mansion | New Castle New Castle County |
| The Glebe House | New Castle New Castle County |
| Mill Creek Friends Meeting House | Corner Ketch New Castle County |

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