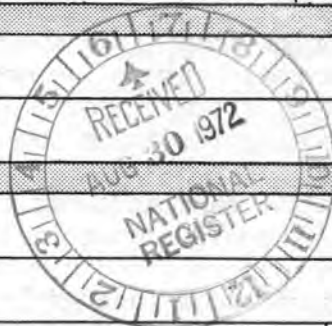


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Delaware
COUNTY: Kent
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY NUMBER DATE
APR 3 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
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <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: 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, #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

CONDITION	(Check One)					
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	(Check One)			(Check One)		
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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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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☐ 18th Century☐ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1805

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal

☐ Prehistoric☐ Historic☐ Agriculture☐ Architecture☐ Art☐ Commerce☐ Communications☐ Conservation☐ Education☐ Engineering☐ Industry☐ Invention☐ Landscape☐ Architecture☐ Literature☐ Military☐ Music☐ Political☒ Religion/Phi-

losophy

☐ Science☐ Sculpture☐ Social/Human-

itarian

☐ Theater☐ Transportation☐ Urban Planning☐ Other (Specify)

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.



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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Mr. Vincent Rogers		DATE 7/18/72
ORGANIZATION Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs		
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

Director, Div. of Historical and Cultural Affairs

Date

8-24-72

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:

for MacL...
Keeper of The National Register

Date

3/22/73

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HISTORIAN	
ARCHEOLOGIST	KATE HAS HAD SECOND THOUGHTS accept with please call 3-20-73
ARCHITECT	I love the building but I think they ought to get the religious return letter. RETURN KIT 3/1/73
BRANCH CHIEF	OK <u>8/22/73</u>
EDITORIAL REVIEW	What is <u>other</u> bldg. connected to mtg. house? SM 5/31/73
KEEPER	OK <u>8/22/73</u>
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Title: CAMDEN FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE

Loc. Kent, Del.

view from the north

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

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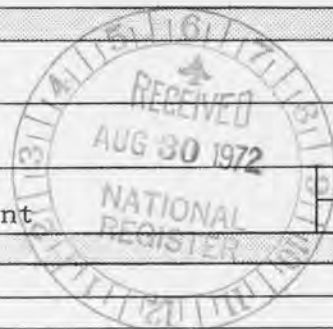
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Title: Camden Friends meeting House

Loc. Kent, Del.

view from the west

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Camden Meeting House from the west.

Graydon Wood, July '72.

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Loc. KENT, DEL.

Detail of the door

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



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Title: CAMDEN FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE

Loc. KENT, Del.

detail of brick

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Camden Meeting House, detail of brick.
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Meeting House

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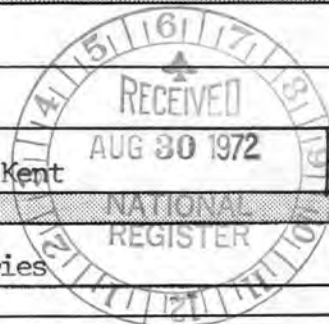
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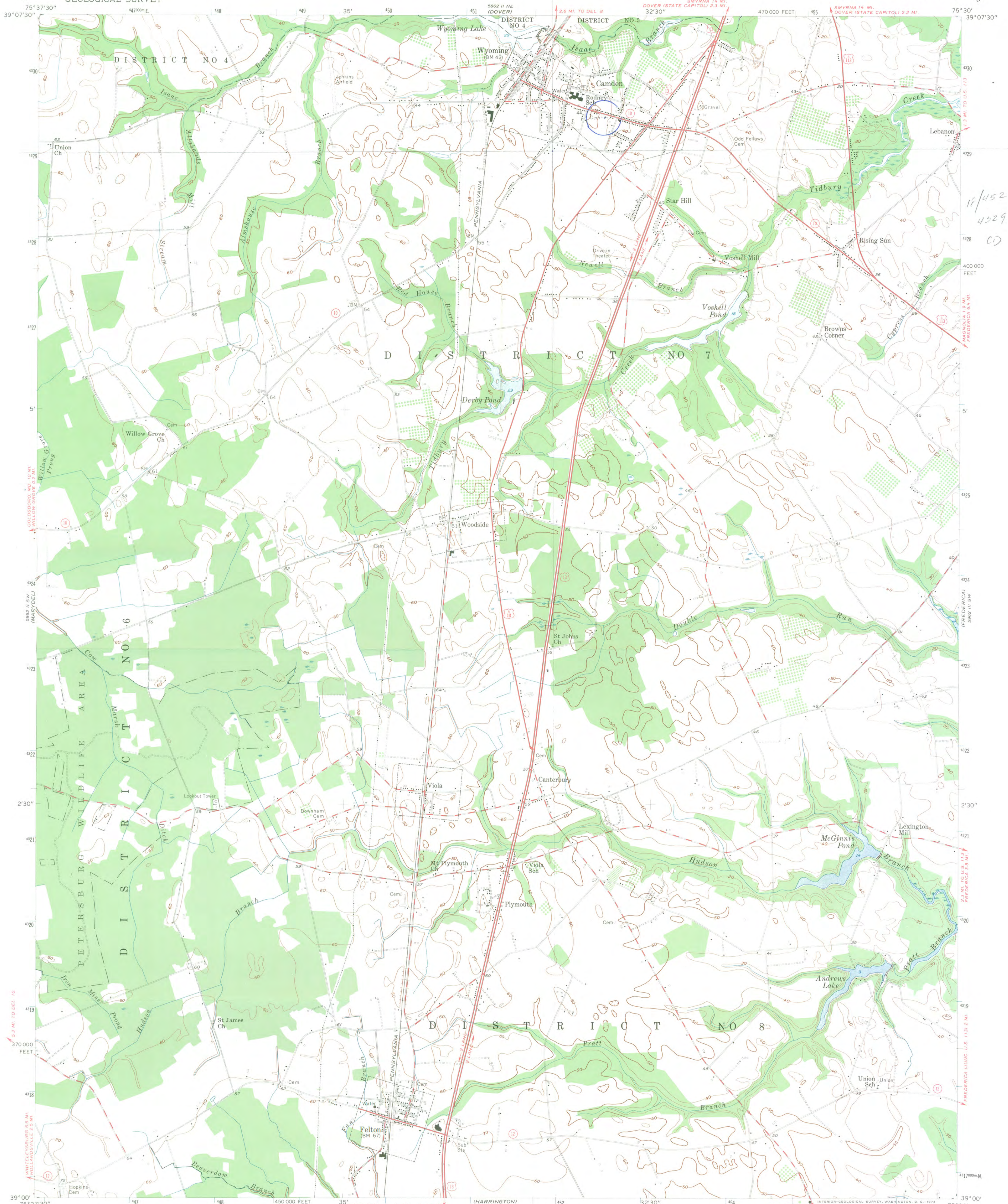
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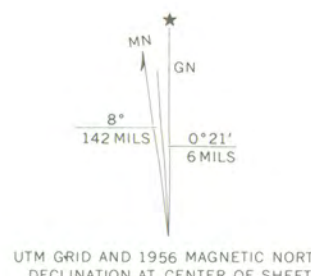
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