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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Delaware	
COUNTY: New Castle	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER MAR 20 1973	DATE

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Clearfield Farm

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Delaware Route 9

CITY OR TOWN:  
Smyrna

STATE Delaware	CODE 10	COUNTY: New Castle	CODE 003
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**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input 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)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
Department of Corrections, State of Delaware

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
Smyrna

STATE: Delaware	CODE 10
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**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Public Building

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Rodney Square

CITY OR TOWN:  
Wilmington

STATE: Delaware	CODE 10
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**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
A List of Delaware Heritage Buildings and Areas in New Castle Co.

DATE OF SURVEY: 1963  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Greater Wilmington Development Council

STREET AND NUMBER:  
300 Delaware Avenue, Suite 1320

CITY OR TOWN:  
Wilmington

STATE: Delaware	CODE 10
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7 DESCRIPTION

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

The main body of the Clearfield Farm House is a four-bay, two-story plus attic structure, one room deep. A lower wing continues the axis of the main body, and is joined to a cross-axis rear wing.

The front, or west facade, is laid in Flemish bond with a stretcher belt course below the second-story windows, and with a beveled water course. Located in the north center bay of the facade, the entry is surmounted by a rectangular light and covered by a simple pedimented portico. The roof is symmetrically balanced with two dormers and two chimneys, which occur at the north and south walls.

The north and south facades are stuccoed and lack fenestration on the two main floors.

The rear, or east facade, lacks the ordered geometry of the front. It is composed of only three bays and the windows are of various dimensions. One dormer, set between the two south bays, pierces the roof.

On the first floor a hall provides access to two flanking rooms, as well as egress to the east and west. The west, or frontage, windows are larger than the east, and have slightly splayed casings. Simple detailing is prevalent throughout.

Providing access to the second floor is a staircase which divides into two stairways at right angles to the lower case. To each side the stair provides access to two rooms, one located in each bay of the main portion of the house. To the north, an east hall provides communication with the lower wing and houses an enclosed winding stair leading to the attic.

The attic is finished in plaster over lath with beaded tongue-in-groove floor decking. The basement is contained by brick foundation walls, and is marked by two fireplaces. Beyond the south foundation wall is a brick vaulted room. Remains of a pent eave or gallery porch can be detected in the brickwork below the belt courses on the east and west facades.

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**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) 1755, 1817-1820

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

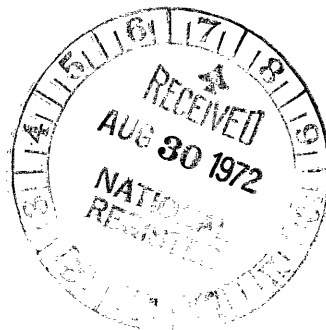
**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

David Clark, captain in the Delaware Militia, began amassing an estate in what was to become Blackbird Hundred, New Castle County, in 1755, when Isaac England deeded him a tract of land in Appoquinimink Hundred called New Bristol. England's grandparents, Joseph and Rebecca England, had received confirmation of patent on the land from William Penn on the nineteenth of May, 1701.

The year of the conveyance of the tract probably dates the construction of the Clark homestead on Clearfield Farm. David Clark's son, William, a military man like his father, was the second generation to occupy the house. As a colonel in the state militia, William led a company that took heavy losses in the battle of Monmouth.

Although William's son, John, also attained the rank of colonel in the state militia, he is better known as the twentieth Governor of Delaware. Clark was elected in 1816 on the ticket of the Federalist Party, and served for three years between 1817 and 1820. His wife was not new to politics, being the daughter of one of her husband's predecessors, John Cook. John Clark died a year after leaving office, and was buried in the Presbyterian graveyard south of Smyrna, the town where he was accustomed to transact business. His home is currently maintained as a headquarters of the Department of Corrections.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Conrad, Henry C. History of the State of Delaware. 3 vols. Wilmington, Delaware: Published by the author, 1908.

Wilmington Evening Journal, March 19, 1966, page 1-3.

New Castle County Deed Book T, Volume J, page 205.

**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	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: \_\_\_\_\_

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
Mr. Vincent Rogers and Miss Rosemary Troy

ORGANIZATION: Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs      DATE: 7/11/72

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  
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 M. Utley  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 3/20/73

ATTEST:  
[Signature]  
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 3-13-73

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