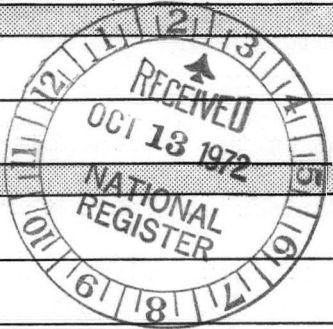


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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Delaware	
COUNTY: New Castle	
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**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Hart House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
E of Taylor Bridge on  
Delaware Route 453

CITY OR TOWN:  
Taylor's Bridge *vic.*

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 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 type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	<u>Conservation</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
Delaware Wild Lands Incorporated

STREET AND NUMBER:  
1011 Washington Street

CITY OR TOWN: Wilmington	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:

DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:	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)		
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

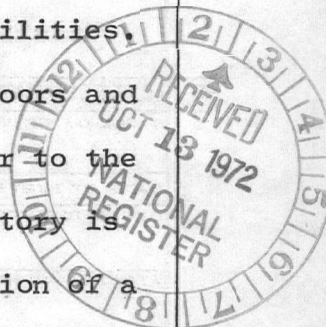
The Hart House remains a three-bay, two-story-plus-attic brick structure, one room deep. As a result of a recent renovation, a wing joined to the southeast wall was removed, allowing the main body to stand free. It is thought to have been built before 1747.

The northeast and southwest facades are quite similar. Both are laid in Flemish bond brick with a water table higher than the door sills. In both cases a belt course, starting at the second-story window sill level, drops below the three windows in the center of the facade. The doors and the first floor and basement windows are spanned by segmental arches, while the second-story windows reach to the box cornice. The roof is unbroken with the exception of two corbelled-top brick chimneys, which occur on northwest and the southeast walls. On both the northeast and southwest facades, shed-roofed porches have been added.

The end walls are practically void of detailing. The stuccoed northwest facade contains two small windows to the west, and the southeast facade, laid in common bond, is broken only by a door that led to the southeast wing.

In the interior the first floor is divided into two rooms. The south room has been altered by the inclusion of kitchen facilities. The north room, the larger, contains the two center entry doors and a paneled northwest wall. Through an enclosed winding stair to the northeast of the fireplace, communication with the second story is permitted. The second floor has been altered by the inclusion of a bath and east hallway. The south room, however, is reasonably intact, and contains a paneled southeast wall.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

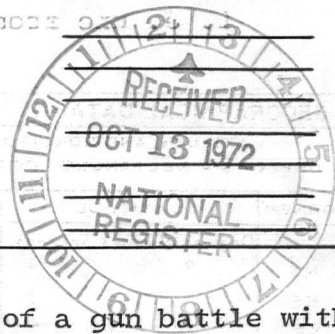
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian |  16th Century |  18th Century |  20th Century  
 15th Century |  17th Century |  19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1747

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |  |   |  |
|--|--|---|--|
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1747, James Hart's house was the scene of a gun battle with Spanish marauders during the War of Jenkins' Ear. Hart testified that *King Georges War.*

...on Sunday the 12th Day of this Instant, July, about three o'clock in the Afternoon, several People, who this Deponent took to be Spaniards, to the number of 15, and one Man with laced Hat, who this Deponent took to be an Englishman (being much fairer than the rest.) came Arm'd to this Deponent's House.

He barricaded himself and his family inside his house, in the exchange of shots his wife was wounded in the hip; her injury forced him to surrender. Hart's home was looted, and he lost nearly all the family's wearing apparel, gold buttons, and other things, totaling about seventy pounds in value.

During the period in which the attack took place, piracy was rampant along the coastline of the Three Lower Counties. In 1700, William Penn asked the Assembly gathered in special session to pass drastic restrictive measures against pirates. For a time the waters were clear, but gradually French and Spanish ships returned, in especially strong numbers after England and France went to war in 1744. Four years later, a Spanish fleet in the Delaware practically halted navigation there.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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Wilmington Evening Journal. June 3, 1971.

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**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	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
NW	° ' "	° ' "		39°	24'	57"
NE	° ' "	° ' "		75°	32'	53"
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: One

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

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: June 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 Director, Div. of Historical and Cultural Affairs

Date 10-6-72

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 3/16/73

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PROPERTY Hart House STATE Del.

Working number 10.13.72.1567

TECH REVIEW  
Photos 2  
Maps 1

5/4/73  
NEW CASTLE

REVIEW

1-3-73

HISTORIAN

Accept - AML  
3/5/73

ARCHEOLOGIST

Accept  
at  
3-14-73

ARCHITECT I think the age of this house and its connection with marauders merits  
to interest.

ACCEPT  
KH  
3/12/73

BRANCH CHIEF

OK  
3/18/73

EDITORIAL REVIEW  
Eds - Mention War of Jenkins Ear

KEEPER

OK  
3/17/73

National Register write-up \_\_\_\_\_

Acknowledge 10/13/72

Federal Register entry 5-1-73

Send-back \_\_\_\_\_

Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_

Register no. MAR 20 1973



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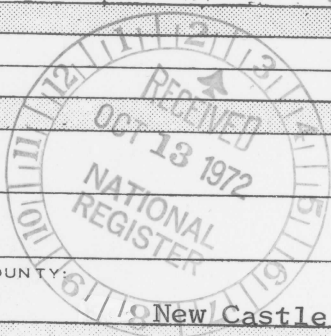
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4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

Front from southeast.



House, front, from southeast.



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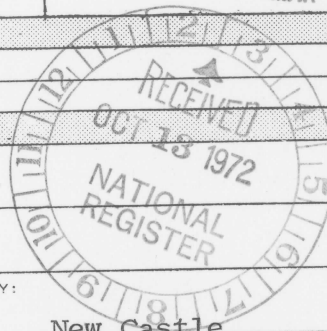
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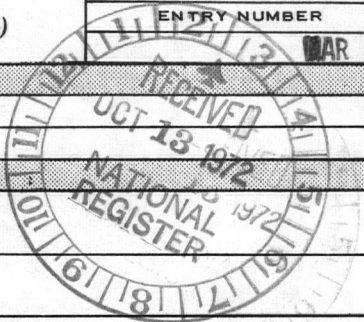


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SCALE: 1:24000			
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<b>4. REQUIREMENTS</b>			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

DELAWARE

HART HOUSE

39°24'57"

25'

SALEM CO  
NEW CASTLE CO

BAY

39°24'18"

LISTON HOUSE

510 000 FEET  
(DEL.)



United States Geological Survey Topographic Map 7.5' Series  
Taylors Ridge Quadrangle, 1948

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39°22'30"

75°30'

(VIRNA)  
1 SE

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453

32'30"

DEAKYNEVILLE 0.4 MI.

470 000 FEET (DEL.)

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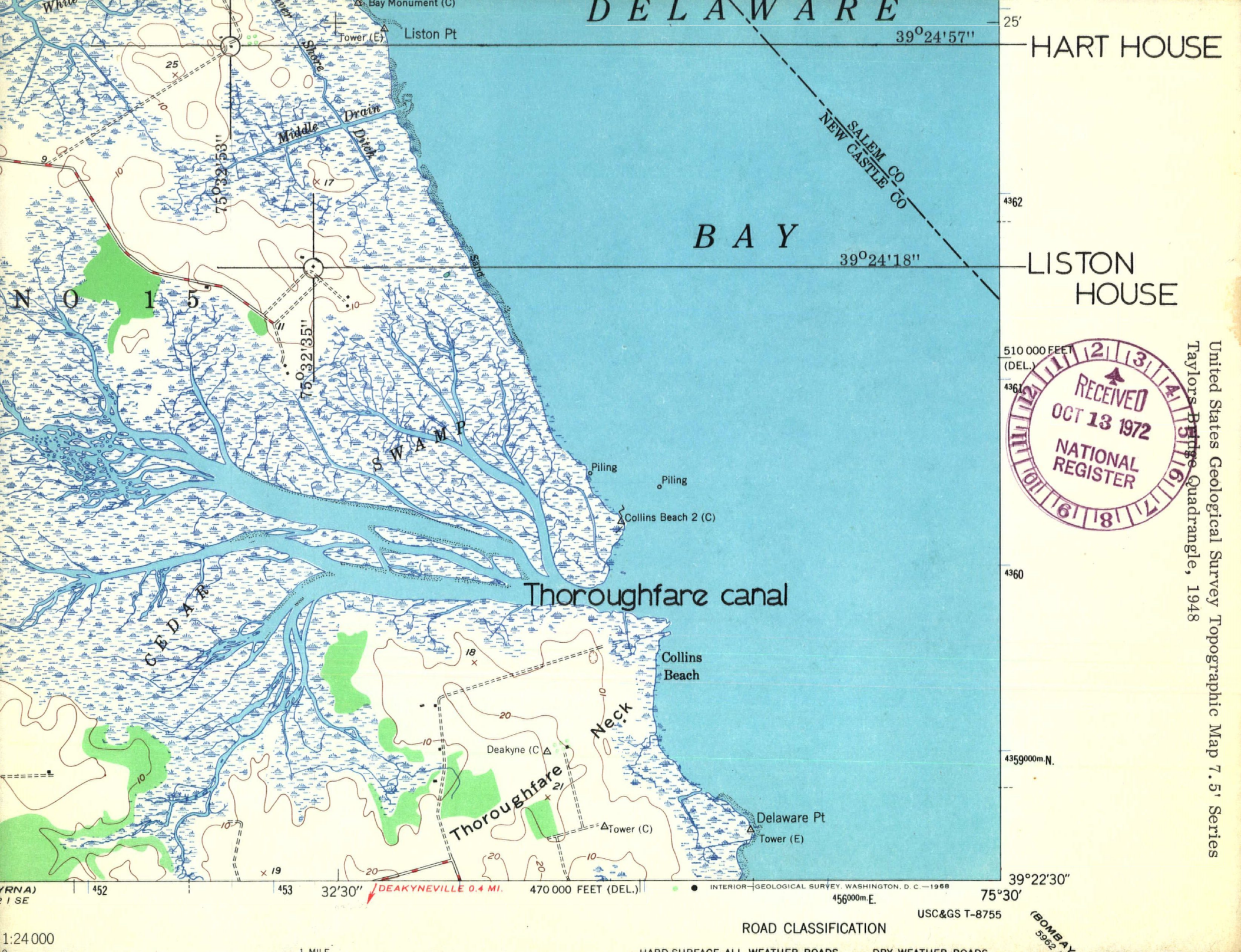
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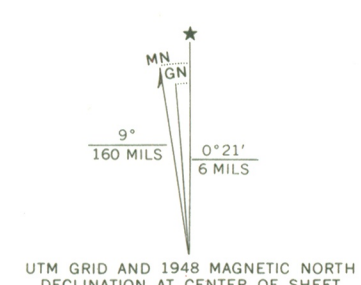
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Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
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coordinate systems  
No distinction is made between dwellings, barns,  
commercial, and industrial buildings  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 18, shown in blue



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET  
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL  
SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER  
THE AVERAGE RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 6 FEET

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION  
HARD-SURFACE ALL WEATHER ROADS DRY WEATHER ROADS  
Heavy-duty 4 LANE 18 LANE Improved dirt  
Medium-duty 4 LANE 18 LANE Unimproved dirt  
Loose-surface, graded, or narrow hard-surface  
U. S. Route State Route

TAYLORS BRIDGE, DEL.-N. J.  
NE/4 SMYRNA 15' QUADRANGLE  
N 3922.5-W 7530/7.5  
1948  
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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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Greenwold	Dover Kent County
White Clay Creek Presbyterian Church	New Castle County

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 Hon. William V. Roth, Jr.  
 Hon. Pierre S. du Pont, IV  
 Director, Northeast Region

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