

Latitude: 39° 52' 15"

1954 Photorevised 1968

Longitude: 75° 38' 36"

KENNETT SQUARE QUADRANGLE

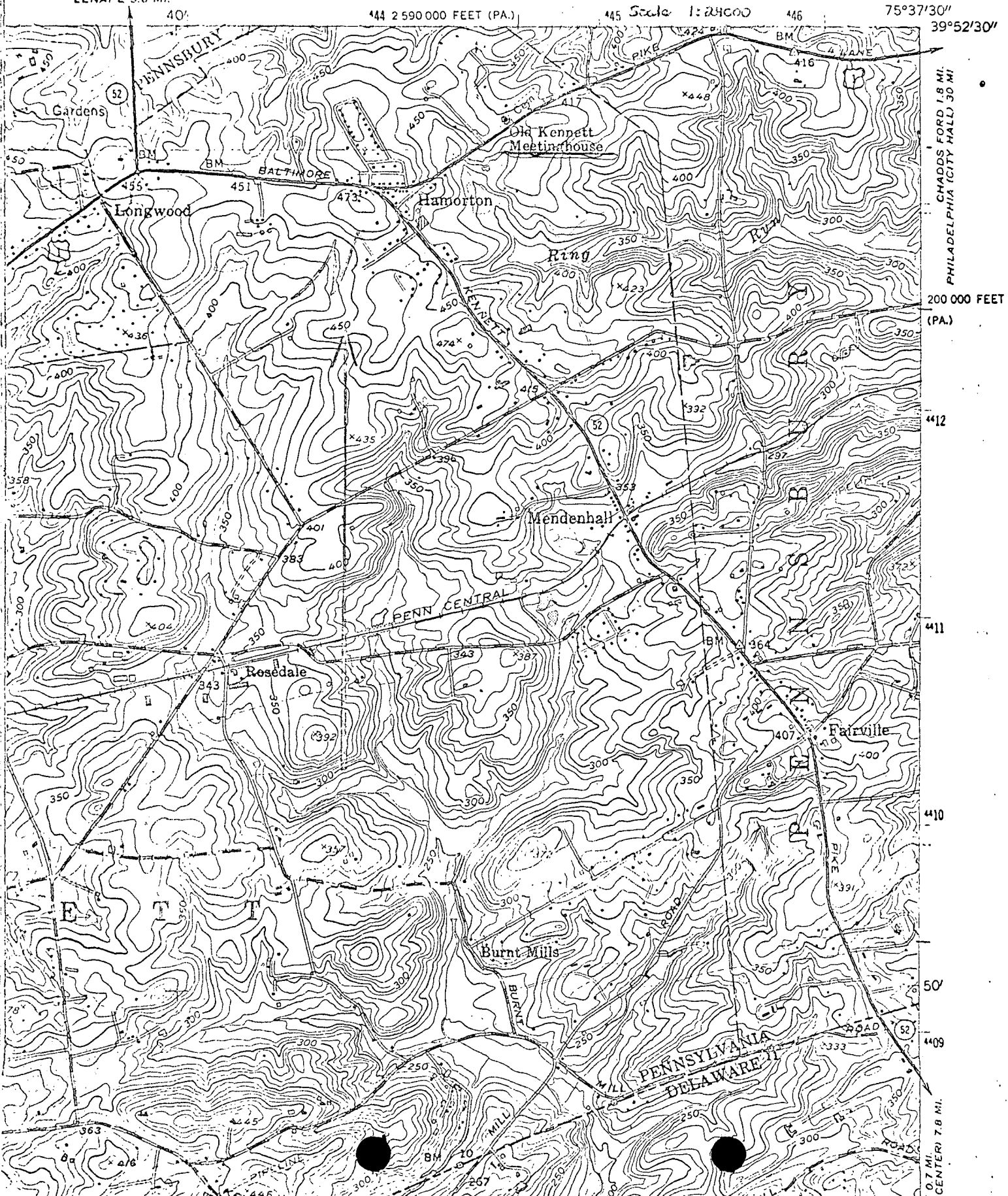
PENNSYLVANIA-DELAWARE

7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

SW/4 WEST CHESTER 15' QUADRANGLE

WEST CHESTER 8.4 MI.
LENAPE 3.8 MI.

5863 1 NE
(WEST CHESTER)



Form 10-100
July 1969

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: PENNSYLVANIA
 COUNTY: CHESTER
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 ENTRY NUMBER: _____ DATE: JUL 15 1974

1. NAME
 COMMON: OLD KENNETT MEETING HOUSE
 AND/OR HISTORIC: _____

2. LOCATION
 STREET AND NUMBER: *3rd St. at Junction of PA 52*
 NORTH SIDE OF U. S. ROUTE 1, WEST OF PARKERSVILLE ROAD.
 CITY OR TOWN: *West Chester, Pa.*
 STATE: PENNSYLVANIA CODE: 42 COUNTY: CHESTER CODE: 029

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	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 type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" 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"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	MEETING STILL
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious	USED FOR SERVICES DURING THE	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	SUMMER MONTHS.	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY
 OWNER'S NAME: TRUSTEES OF KENNETT MEETING
 STREET AND NUMBER: U. S. ROUTE 1
 CITY OR TOWN: KENNETT SQUARE STATE: PENNSYLVANIA CODE: 42

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
 COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: CHESTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE
 STREET AND NUMBER: HIGH AND MARKET STREETS
 CITY OR TOWN: WEST CHESTER STATE: PENNSYLVANIA CODE: 42

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
 TITLE OF SURVEY: PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION SURVEY
 DATE OF SURVEY: 1915 Federal State County Local
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION
 STREET AND NUMBER: Box 1026
 CITY OR TOWN: HARRISBURG STATE: PENNSYLVANIA CODE: 42

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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

OLD KENNETT MEETING WAS CONSTRUCTED ABOUT 1713 AND ENLARGED IN 1719 AND 1731. IT WAS BUILT OF STONE WITH GAMBREL ROOF AND END CHIMNEYS AND WAS SITUATED LENGTHWISE FROM WEST TO EAST. THE MAIN ENTRANCE WAS CENTRALLY LOCATED ON THE SOUTH ELEVATION FLANKED BY TWO WINDOWS. BOTH GABLE ENDS WERE THREE BAY WITH DOUBLE DOORS LOCATED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE WALLS, FLANKED BY TWO WINDOWS, WITH TWO SMALLER GALLERY WINDOWS PLACED DIRECTLY ABOVE. ALL WINDOWS INCLUDED PANELLED SHUTTERS.

INTERIOR DETAILS INCLUDED A SLIDING WOODEN PARTITION RUNNING NORTH TO SOUTH, USED TO DIVIDE THE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S MEETINGS; GALLERIES IN BOTH EAST AND WEST ENDS, EACH SUPPORTED BY A SINGLE, ROUGHLY SHAPED COLUMN; WOODEN PLANK FLOORS AND WAINSCOTING; WOODEN PEWS; AND TWO ATTIC FIREPLACES, ONE IN EACH GABLE END. INTERIOR WALLS AND THE CEILING WERE PLASTERED.

THE MOST NOTABLE EXTERIOR ALTERATION HAS BEEN REPLACEMENT OF THE GAMBREL ROOF WITH A HIGH GABLE ROOF WITH BOXED CORNICE AND RETURN IN THE 19TH CENTURY. THE ENTIRE STRUCTURE HAS BEEN STUCCOED AND WHITEWASHED AND THE GABLE END DOUBLE DOORS HAVE BEEN REDUCED IN SIZE. THE UNSUPPORTED, GABLED OVERHANG ABOVE THE MAIN ENTRANCE AND THE SMALL SHED ATTACHED TO THE WEST END OF THE MEETING ARE MOST LIKELY 19TH CENTURY FEATURES.

INTERIOR CHANGES HAVE BEEN FEW. THE ATTIC FIREPLACES WERE REMOVED, BUT THE WOODWORK OF THE PANELLED PARTITION AND OF THE FLOOR, WAINSCOTING AND PEWS REMAINS LARGELY INTACT AND IN VERY GOOD CONDITION.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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 type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1713; ADDITIONS IN 1719 AND 1731.

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

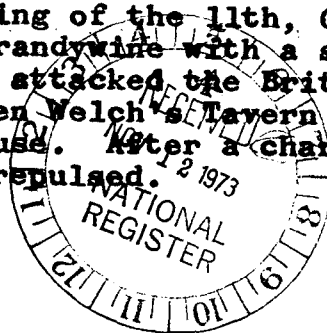
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input checked="" 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

THE OLD KENNETT MEETING HAS SURVIVED OVER 250 YEARS AS A SYMBOL OF QUAKER INFLUENCE IN THIS AREA OF PENNSYLVANIA. ITS STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY, ESPECIALLY INTERIOR FEATURES, REMAINS INTACT AND IN GOOD CONDITION. IT IS KNOWN THAT REPAIRS WERE MADE IN THE 1830'S, BUT IT SEEMS THAT THESE WERE ROUTINE IN NATURE AND DID NOT SUBSTANTIALLY ALTER THE CHARACTER OF THE OVERALL STRUCTURE.

THE MEETING, BESIDES SERVING AS A CIVIC AND RELIGIOUS CENTER, WAS THE SCENE OF THE INITIAL SKIRMISH OF THE BATTLE OF BRANDYWINE ON THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 11, 1777.

Early on the morning of the 11th, General Maxwell crossed the Brandywine with a small group of riflemen. Maxwell attacked the British contingent located between Welch's Tavern and the Old Kennett Meetinghouse. After a sharp skirmish the American forces were repulsed.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHIC REFERENCES

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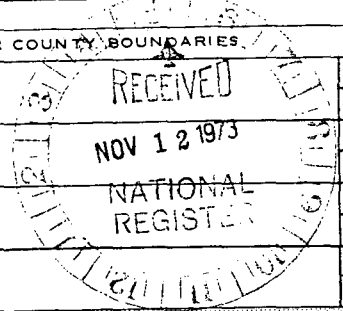
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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°	52'	15"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	75°	38'	56"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 4 ACRES

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: ELEANOR WINSOR, CONSULTANT TRI-COUNTY CONSERVANCY / GARY WILBERT, PHMC

ORGANIZATION: TRI-COUNTY CONSERVANCY OF THE BRANDYWINE, INC. DATE: JULY, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER: Box 121

CITY OR TOWN: CHADDS FORD STATE: PENNSYLVANIA CODE: 42

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: William J. Wewer

Title: Executive Director, Pa. Hist. and Museum Commission

Date: 11/8/73

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

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Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 7/15/74

ATTEST: Ronald M. Gunberg
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 7/12/74