

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY-NOMINATION FORM

(Type all Entries-complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

HISTORIC
Continental Army Encampment Site
AND/OR COMMON

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Lovering Avenue near Broom Street
CITY OR TOWN:
Wilmington
STATE: Delaware CODE: 10 COUNTY: New Castle CODE: 003

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> Being <input type="checkbox"/> Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" 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"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" 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)	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME:
City of Wilmington
STREET AND NUMBER:
Public Building, Rodney Square
CITY OR TOWN: Wilmington STATE: Delaware CODE: 10

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEED, ETC.
Public Building
STREET AND NUMBER:
New Castle County Court House, Rodney Square
CITY OR TOWN: Wilmington STATE: Delaware CODE: 10

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Delaware Heritage Buildings and Areas
DATE OF SURVEY: 1967 Federal State County Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
Hall of Records
STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN: Dover STATE: Delaware CODE: 10

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

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

SPECIFIC DATES *(If Applicable and Known)* 1740

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

<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 <i>(Specify)</i>
<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 type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communication	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Just before the battle of Brandywine, Washington and his troops moved into Delaware. It would be the only time that most of the Continental army would encamp on Delaware soil. Not knowing what Lowe's strategy would be, Washington chose to camp at first at Wilmington. The diary of adjutant-General Timothy Pickering reported that on August 26

At 4 a.m. we marched from our encampment to Brandywine Bridge, near Wilmington, then turning N.N.W. we proceeded a few miles and encamped near the east bank of the creek.

They stayed here a few days while Washington evaluated the situation and then moved to their encampment near Marshalton.

On December 21, 1777, 1500 Delaware and Maryland troops returned to the campsite. These troops, under the command of General William Smallwood, were to prevent occupation of Wilmington by the British and to protect the flour mills on the Brandywine.

The encampment site is now a part of Brandywine Park, a naturalistic city park developed under the direction of Fredrick Law Olmsted.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Conrad, Henry C., "Maneuvering for a Battle-Ground." Motor Travel. (May 1925) p. 19-22 and (June, 1925), p. 19-23.
Delaware Archives, Military. Wilmington: Public Archives Commission, 1911.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY
OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES

LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
39°	45'	30" N	75°	33"	21" W

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 8 acres

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

State:	Code:	County:	Code:
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

Name/Title:

Joan M. Norton

Organization:

Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs

Date: 1/4/72

Street & Number:

Hall of Records

CITY/TOWN:

Dover

STATE:

Delaware 19901

CODE

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12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 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 X

I hereby certify that this property is included in the 89-National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Name: _____

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Title: State Liaison Officer

Keeper of The National Register

Date: _____

Date: _____

