

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY-NOMINATION FORM

(Type all Entries-complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON

Lum's Mill House

AND/OR HISTORIC

Samuel Davies House: Clement House: Lum House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

Lums Pond State Park

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME:

State of Delaware, Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs

STREET AND NUMBER:

Hall of Records

CITY OR TOWN:

Dover

STATE:

Delaware

CODE:

10

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEED, ETC.

Public Building

STREET AND NUMBER:

Rodney Square

CITY OR TOWN:

Wilmington

STATE:

Delaware

CODE

10

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

Survey of Delaware Historic sites and Buildings

DATE OF SURVEY: 1972

Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Hall of Records

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN

Dover

STATE:

Delaware

CODE

10

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed <i>(Check One)</i> <i>(Check One)</i> <i>(Check One)</i> <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 Lum House probably was built by Samuel Clement, who brought the property from Andrew Peterson in 1724 and built a mill nearby in 1736. The house and mill were the property of Isaac Allman during the years following the Revolution; from Allman, the property passed ultimately to his son-in-law and grandson, both named John Lum. When the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal was built during the eighteenth-twenties, Lum's millpond provided water for the summit level. During the several rebuildings of the canal during the nineteenth century, the outlet of Lums Pond was moved to a new course, leaving the old mill stream dry.

The principal part of the house is a two-story, three-bay brick house, laid in English bond on the sides and rear, and in Flemish bond with glazed headers on the front(south) wall. It features a belt course all around, and pent eaves between the first and second stories. The roof and the west chimney are recent replacements. A three-bay brick extension to the east was originally one story, laid in common bond. After 1809, the extension was raised to two stories, but the roofline and fenestration of the original wing can be detected in the brickwork. A stone rear wall appears to be a later alternation to the wing.

Nearby are ruined outbuildings of unknown age, and several newer outbuildings. To the west stands the reconstructed Buck Tavern.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

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|---|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16 th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18 th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20 th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15 th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17 th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19 th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATES *(If Applicable and Known)*

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 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communication | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Lum House is an interesting specimen of Delaware farmhouse built during the first half of the eighteenth century.

Legend states that it was the home of Samuel Davies, an early Presbyterian leader who was one of the founders of Princeton University. Davies' parents lived about five miles away, but they may have moved here during a religious dispute that resulted in their joining the nearby St. George's Creek Presbyterian congregation.

The date of construction is not known. From architectural evidence it would appear to have been built during the first quarter of the eighteenth century. Geographical evidence argues convincingly for its construction after 1704; the road in front of the house, to which it is oriented, was opened sometime between 1705 and 1725.

Samuel Clement's mill, on this property, was on of the earliest mill seats in the western part of New Castle County.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

New Castle Warrants and Surveys, A2, #22
New Castle Deed Book G-1, 364
New Castle County loose road papers, 1826
New Castle Survey D3 #54, 200 acres called Kerby, for John Derby
New Castle Deed Book K-1, p.382, deed of Hugh Watson to Samuel Clement
(see continuation sheet)

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES
DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY
OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES

LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
39°	33'	2" N	75°	42"	50" W

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **One**

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

State:	Code:	County:	Code:
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State:	Code:	County:	Code:
State:	Code:	County:	Code:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

Name/Title:
Edward F. Heite, Historic Registrar

Organization:
Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs

Street & Number:
Hall of Records

CITY/TOWN: **Dover** STATE: **Delaware** CODE: **10**

Date:
June 1, 1972

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:

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

National ___ State ___ Local X

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Name: _____
Dr. E. Berkley Thompkins

Date: _____

Title: Director, Div. of Historical
and Cultural Affairs

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

Date: _____

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHIC REFERENCES (continued)---

Archives deeds W6 #85, Hugh Watson to Samuel Clement (abstract)

Archives Deeds W6 #84, Hugh Watson to Hugh Edwards

New Castle County Loose Papers, May session 1775, petitions and orders re. road

New Castle County Will Book L-I, p. 381, Will of Samuel Clemens

(signed "Clement)

New Castle Warrant A1 #29, State of Delaware to Isaac Allman

New Castle Chancery Case A #6, dated 1797

Will of Isaac Allman, dated 1802, probated 1804

New Castle County Administrator's Accounts, Estate of Isaac Allman

New Castle County loose road papers, undated map of St. Georges, endorsed

"Book C, p. 25"

Will and administration of John Lum, 1823 and 1828.

New Castle County Will Book #X-1, p. 51, Letters of administration for

estate of Isaac Allman Lum.

(all manuscripts at the Hall of Records in Dover)

