

Robinson House (Carpenter Park Log House)  
Walter S. Carpenter State Park  
South side of Pleasant Hill Road approximately  
.1 mile east of junction with Route 896 (New London Road)  
Newark  
White Clay Creek Hundred  
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PHOTOGRAPHS

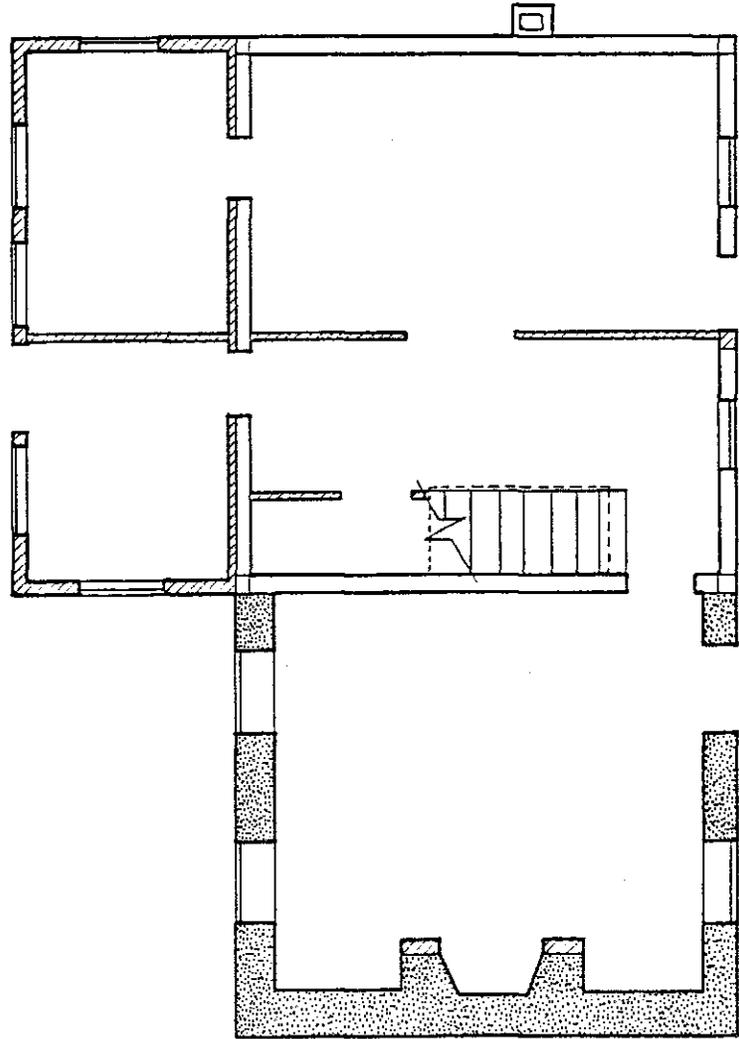
WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Delaware	COUNTY New Castle	TDWN OR VICINITY Newark White Clay Creek Hundred
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Robinson House (D.G. Beers, <u>Atlas</u> , 1868)		HABS NO. DE-241
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Carpenter Park Log House		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Walter S. Carpenter State Park south side Pleasant Hill Road approximately .1 miles east of junction with route 896 (New London Road)		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) Early to mid 19th century (building fabric and construction technology)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The Robinson House represents one of the last known examples of a common vernacular house type of the 18th and 19th centuries. One-room plan, log dwellings one or one-and- a-half stories in height, represented the housing of a historic demographic majority.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Period 1: V-notched hewn log with wood slab and clay chinked interstices and whitewashed exterior, stud gables with common rafter roof. Period 2: rubble stone. Period 3: dimension sawn frame.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Period 1: one-room plan. Period 2: enlarged to hall-parlor plan. Period 3: leanto added.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Period 1: The original exterior finish included whitewashing the exposed logs, chinking utilizing construction scrap pressed into sand tempered clay, front and rear sill logs dropped into the foundation masonry. Also, frame gables clad with average 9" face vertical mill sawn 1" thick rabbet-edged siding.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) The interior of the building was largely gutted and refurbished in the mid 20th century. Evidence for original stair and chimney placement in the Period 1 dwelling was obliterated.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Period 1 plan enlarged in the mid 19th century into the Period 2 hall-parlor arrange- ment; Period 3 subdivided Period 1 plan, added leanto, and reworked entire structure.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Vacant		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE The Carpenter Park Log House has been the subject of parkwide cultural resource plan deposited in the Delaware Bureau of Archaeology and Historic Preservation.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) For parallel information see Barbara Clark Smith, <u>After The Revolution</u> (New York: Pantheon, 1985) especially chapter on Springer family in Delaware.		
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- PERIOD 1 LOG
  - ▒ PERIOD 2 STONE
  - ▨ PERIOD 3 FRAME
- LOCATION OF PERIOD 1 HEARTH



FIRST FLOOR PLAN