

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>Pennsylvania</b>
COUNTY: <b>Delaware</b>
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
**Lower Swedish Cabin**

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Creek Road, 1 mile north of Clifton Heights**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Darby**

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
**7th**

STATE:  
**Pennsylvania**

CODE:  
**42**

COUNTY:  
**Delaware**

CODE:  
**045**

**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 <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
**Upper Darby Commissioners, c/o Mr. Larosa, Chairman**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Municipal Building, Garret Road**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Upper Darby**

STATE:  
**Pennsylvania**

CODE:  
**42**

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
**Delaware County Courthouse**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Media**

STATE:  
**Pennsylvania**

CODE:  
**42**

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**Historic American Buildings Survey**

DATE OF SURVEY: **1940**  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
**Library of Congress**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Washington**

STATE:  
**D. C.**

CODE:  
**11**

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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

The Lower Swedish Cabin is a one and one-half story log structure constructed ca. 1650. A smaller one room addition was added several years later. The logs are rough hewn (in several areas pieces of bark are still in tact), with U notched ends. The gable ends are horizontally clapboarded in each gable end. The windows are presently glazed but originally sliding board panels were used to cover the openings. Doors are low and wide. The dimensions of this structure are fourteen feet wide, thirty feet long and sixteen feet from the roof to the ground.

The interior of the original cabin was simply one room with a corner fireplace. An attic loft served as a second room. The later addition was also one room with a corner fireplace and an attic loft.

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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)

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 (Specify) |
| <input checked="" 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

Lower Swedish Cabin is a remarkably well preserved example of early log construction. The cabin was built by Swedish pioneers who settled along the Darby Creek, Delaware County, in the mid-seventeenth century. With these settlers came a technique of log cabin construction, long imitated by succeeding generations of Americans through the 18th and 19th centuries.

Lower Swedes is one of two Swedish log structures that has survived along Darby Creek. Its U notched ends, corner fireplace, and low broad doors reflect typical 17th century Northern European construction. Along with this building's unique architectural qualities, the fact that after more than 300 years it remains in near original condition is quite remarkable.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Morrison, Hugh. Early American Architecture. New York, 1952.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	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°	56'	17"
NE	° ' "	° ' "		75°	18'	05"
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **one acre**

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:  
**David C. Stacks/Historic Preservation**

ORGANIZATION: **Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission**      DATE: **10-30-74**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Box #1026**

CITY OR TOWN: **Harrisburg**      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. Historical & Museum Commission

Date \_\_\_\_\_

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

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*Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation*

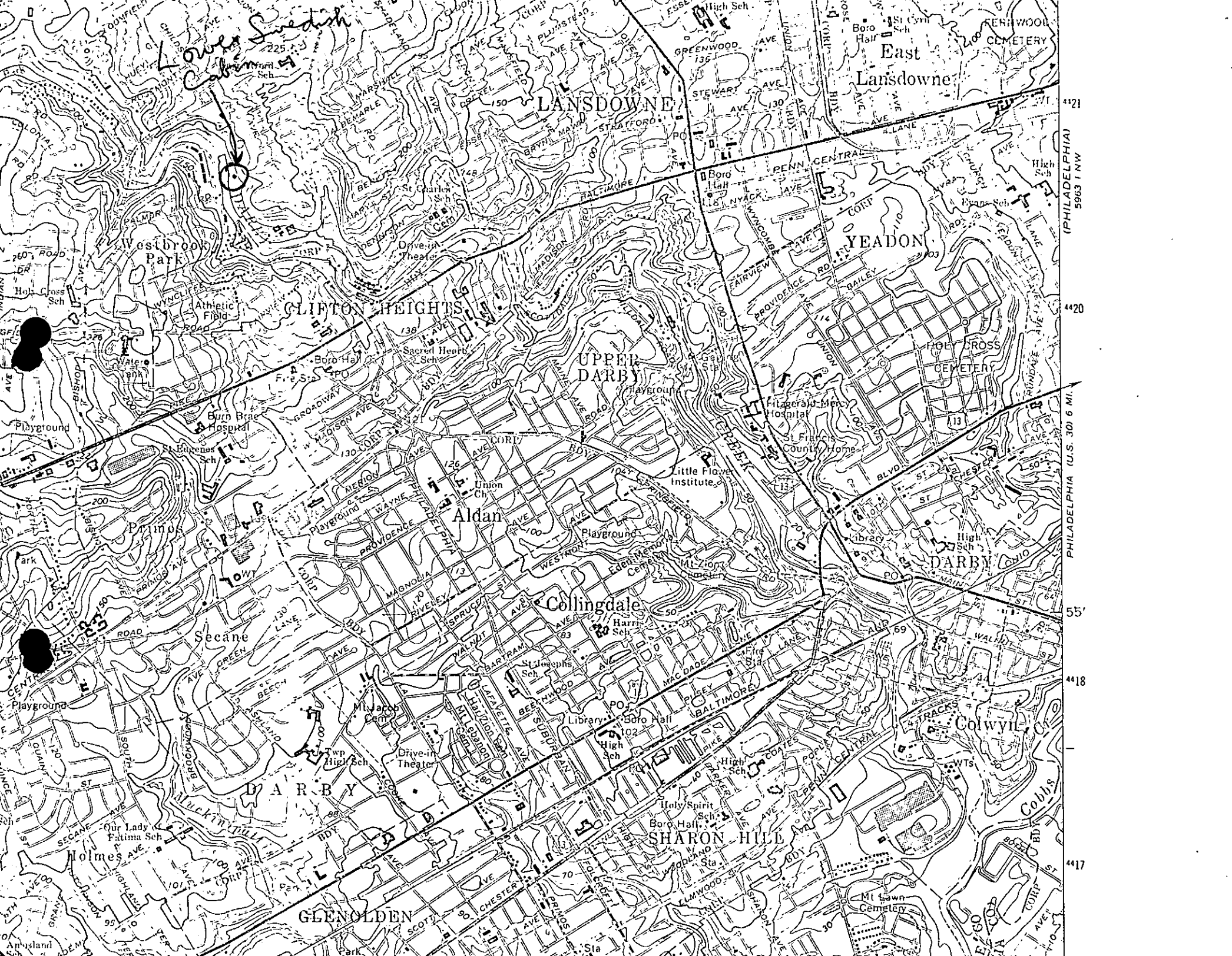
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ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Keeper of The National Register*

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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LANSDOWNE

East Lansdowne

CLIFTON HEIGHTS

YEADON

UPPER DARBY

DARBY

Aldan

Collingdale

Secane

SHARON HILL

DARBY

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