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For over 14 years, on occasions of stolen time and spare time from my household, mother and grandmother duties, as well as other extracurricular activities, I have been researching the area from Red Lion Creek to Augustine Creek east of the present Route 13 in the State of Delaware.

My main interest was in a tract of land, by warrant, in the year 1675 of 1,280 acres received by Jacob Young from Gov. Andros and forming what was known as Georges Neck, Cock's Neck and now Cox's Neck. It was the Southwest end of this tract that was divided into small acreages which formed the town of St. Georges, Delaware. Only the north side of the town would have been on this tract. The south side of St. Georges is another story. The incentive to set aside lots, for a town, began in 1730.

I am working on breaking the acreage down, of the town area, to the point of identifying how the town formed and how the plots for homes developed and identify homes and buildings we can, today, relate to those plots.

As I am able to compile my information I will be putting it in the form of reports or booklets which will be available to interested persons.

The research has been rewarding as well as interesting and enjoyable due to the fact of what is available in Delaware, to persons wanting to know more about the area, in which they live, as well as the State of Delaware.

I am indebted to the Delaware Archives Hall of Records, Dover, Delaware for the amassed information I have compiled. I really cannot give enough thanks for the courtesy, understanding help, and kindness shown me by the staff members of the research room now and in the past as some have moved to higher positions, but still make themselves available when needed. My endeavor to continue research and finish my project stems from the attitudes of interest and help the members have shown.

I will try to present the facts as I find them and hope they will be of interest and help to descendants, of the area, as well as others seeking history of the area.

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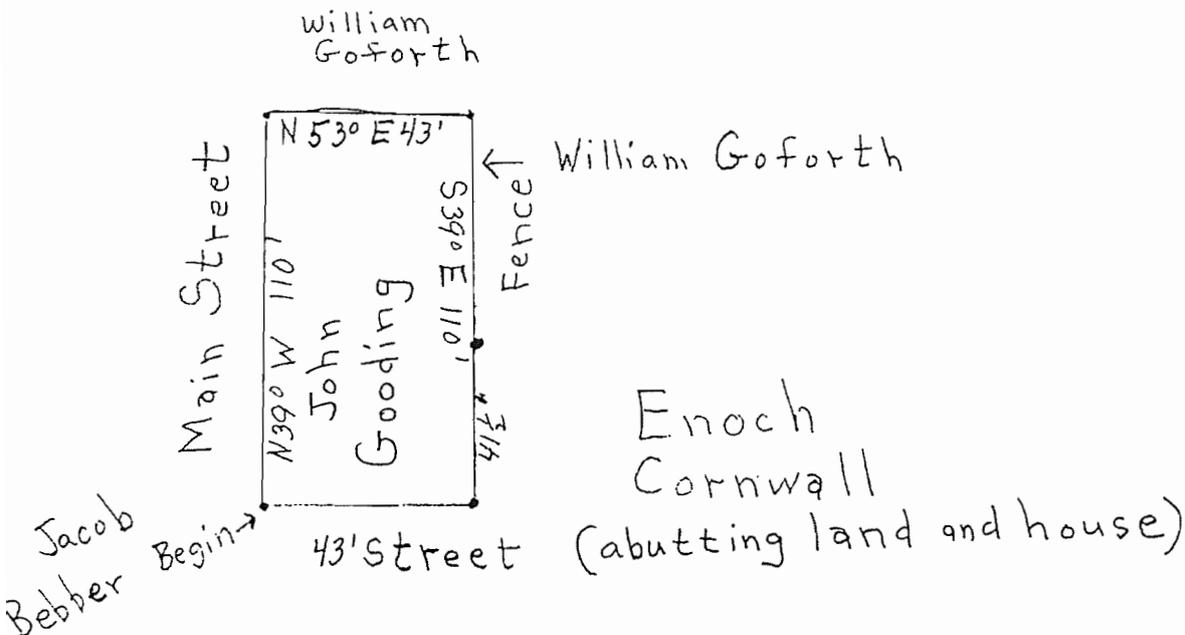
Adam Nuttall - Margaret Nuttall Sutton and John Sutton House

On August 18, 1730 John Gooding, Gentlemen, sold a lot to Enoch Cornwall, a carpenter, a lot of land near St. Georges bridge.

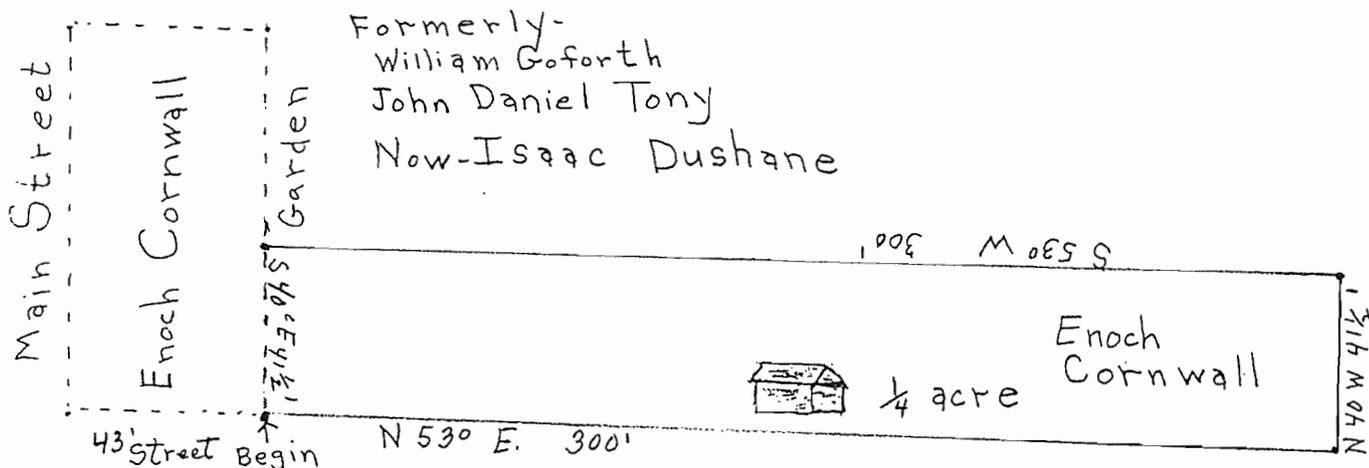
N. C. Co Deed Bk. I Vol. 1 1730 pg. 298

John Gooding, Gentlemen to Enoch Cornwall, a carpenter, for 61 lbs. piece or lot of land situate near St. Georges bridge between ye aforesaid Enoch Cornwells house, ye street as it stands now butted and bounded. Beginning at a corner of Jacob Van Bebber's fence by ye street and runs along ye same 110' by a line drawn $N39^{\circ} W$ to a stake that is between William Goforths and this lott and holds in breadth about 40' for William Goforths fence all ye land adjoining to ye aforsaid street or ye Northeast side thereof ye length and breadth of aforsaid to be _____ and belonging to ye said Enoch Cornwells heirs etc. proper use etc. ye said street to be allowed 43' long Southwest side of the aforesaid line forever hereafter, together with title etc. (No buildings on this land.)

This deed points out Enoch Cornwall's house was on the land abutting to this property as this piece of land was between his house and the main street. The house stood on the lot between, what is today, Broad Street, the aforesaid lot, and Main Street and fronting on now Delaware Street.



The abutting lot is mentioned and described in a May 19, 1761 deed stating Enoch Cornwall had sold to Jacob Gooding, Esquire, a certain tenement and two lotts of ground on May 18, 1739.



N. C. Co. Deed Bk. T. Vol. 1 pg. 457 1761

Jacob Gooding, Esquire, died and the two lotts and tenement were sold May 19, 1761, by his heirs to James Armstrong, a tailor, of the town of St. Georges.

James Armstrong and his wife, Rachel, February 18, 1771 sold the tenement and two lotts of land to Michael Dushane, a farmer, of St. Georges Hundred. (N. C. Co. Deed Bk. Z Vol 1 pg. 41)

Michael Dushane died intestate around 1778. His estate went into Orphans Court. (N. C. Co. O.C. Reel 1016-1017 Bk. F-- Vol. 1 1778-1788 July 21, 1778 page 6.) Leonard Vandegrift, petitioner, husband of deceased daughter Elizabeth Dushane. (In brief) Michael Dushane owned 400 acres. Brick messuage and lot of land in the village of St. Georges now in tenure of Anthony (son) and a frame messuage and lot of land now in the tenure of Adam Nuttall.

February 9, 1779 Reel 1016-17 Bk. F. Vol. 1. 1778-1788 page 61. In brief. Michael Dushane's widow Mary took her dower or one-third part in lieu of the brick messuage in the Village of St. Georges. (The brick messuage and 128 perches of land went to the son Anthony, which will be identified in another article.) Mary Dushane in respect to a frame messuage in the same place and now occupied by Adam Nuttall was willing to assign the

Recorded 1762 February 1762

This Indenture made the nineteenth day of May in the first year of the reign of George the third King of Great Britain &c. and in the year of our Lord God one Thousand Seven Hundred and sixty one. Between Isaac Gooding and Susanna his Wife, Andrew Cannon and Veronica his Wife, Henry Van-Bobbe and Aestee his Wife and Jacob Gooding all of the County of Newcastle upon Delaware Heirs of Jacob Gooding Esquire late of the Town of St. Georges in the County aforesaid Deceased of the one part - and James Armstrong of the same place Taylor of the other part Witnesseth that the aforesaid Isaac Gooding and Susanna his Wife Andrew Cannon and Veronica his Wife Henry Van Bobbe and Aestee his Wife and Jacob Gooding for and in consideration of the sum of one Hundred and thirty four pounds two shillings current lawful money to them or one of them in hand well and truly paid at or before the Sealing and Delivery of these presents by the aforesaid James Armstrong the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and thereof acquit and for ever Discharged the said James Armstrong his Heirs Executors Administrators and every of them by these presents they the aforesaid Isaac Gooding and Susanna his Wife Andrew Cannon and Veronica his Wife Henry Van Bobbe and Aestee his Wife and Jacob Gooding hath granted Bargained sold aliened Enjoined and Confirmed and by these presents for themselves and their Heirs doth fully and absolutely Grant Bargain sell Alien Enjoine and Confirm unto the said James Armstrong his Heirs and Assigns a certain Tenement and two Lots of Ground sold and conveyed by Jacob Cornwell to the aforesaid Jacob Gooding Esquire as by his Deed bearing Date the Eighteenth day of May in the year one Thousand Seven Hundred and thirty nine relation being hereunto had may more fully appear

same to Adam Nuttall in order to comply with a confirmed bargain made between Adam Nuttall and her husband.

September 2, 1779 (N.C. Co. Deed Bk. G Vol. 2 page 346) In brief. The children of Michael Dushane deceased; Anthony, Mary, William and Sarah, (wife of Anthony) and Leonard Vandegrift, Innkeeper (heir of Elizabeth Dushane) sold to Adam Nuttall, house carpenter, a messuage and lot of ground situate in town of St. Georges on the East side of the Main Street leading through town and now in possession of the said Adam Nuttall. Same description as the lot being 300' x 41½' and the second lot being 110' x 43' lying before the front of the aforesaid lot which was sold to Michael Dushane by James Armstrong and wife Rachel.

Boundaries as follows: Begin at a corner stake in the dividing line of said lot and a lot formerly belonging to the estate of Jacob Vanbebber, deceased, thence running by said division line N 53° E 300' to a stake standing in the back part of the said division line thence with the back line N 40° E 41½' to the lot formerly of John Daniel Tony deceased, thence running therewith S 53° W 300' to the aforesaid Tony's garden thence by the front of the hereby granted lot of ground S 40° E 41½' to beginning containing within these bounds ¼ acre of land. Also another lot lying before the front of the aforesaid lot and thereto adjoining and by the Main Street aforesaid bounded as follows. Begin at a corner of the aforesaid Jacob Vanbebber lot at the fronting aforesaid street and running thence with the said street N 39° W 110' to a stake being also a corner of the aforesaid John Daniel Tony's lot thence running therewith N 53° E 43' to a corner of the said Tony's lot thence first in pivot with the said Tony's lot and then with the above granted lot S 40° E 110' to the intersecting with the line of the aforesaid Vanbebbers lot thence therewith binding thereon to beginning. Whatever quantity of land be contained within these bounds.

Adam Nuttall prospered as a carpenter or house joyner. Not only did he purchase the property in the town of St. Georges but on April 10, 1782 (N. C. Co. Deed Bk. G. Vol. 2 pg. 132) he purchased two lots in the town of Port Penn. On July 15, 1783 (N. C. Co. Deed Bk. E Vol. 2 pg. 284) Adam

Nuttall bought another large lot in Port Penn from Count De Polerectzky. Polerectzy had bought the lot from John Stewart on January 24, 1783. The conveyance of the lot to Nuttall included - rents, issues and profits of the said property except the produce of the grounds as hay, potatoes etc. for the season. Also conveyed were 6000 bricks and one hogshead of lime. All points of fact conclude that Adam Nuttall hauled the bricks (probably from ship ballast) from Port Penn to St. Georges and built a brick home on the property where he lived and had bought from the Dushane heirs. On October 22, 1783 (Bk. G Bol. 2 Pg. 132 N. C. Co. Deed) Adam Nuttall and his wife Margaret sold the two lotts he had purchased, in Port Penn April 10, 1782, probably to help pay toward the expense of building his new brick home. The brick home would have been built between July 15, 1783 and February 9, 1785. This is based on the fact Adam Nuttall wrote his will on February 9, 1785 and he died on April 23, 1785. In the will he wrote "To daughter Margaret Nuttall my present dwelling house and lot and all in St. Georges." He is referring to the fact he and the family had left the former frame house and moved to the present house. Also no brick home was built on the lot in Port Penn he had bought from Count De Polerectzky. It was also left to his daughter Margaret and later sold by her and her husband in 1815.

Not much is known of Adam Nuttall but he did come to America from England. He and his wife had only the one child Margaret. (Wills N. C. Co. Adam Nuttall 1785) Adam Nuttall stated in his will that the present dwelling house and lot and all in St. Georges - also two dwelling houses and land and lots in Port Penn went to Margaret her and her heirs forever. His wife Margaret be executrix with John Thompson, Executor. All my personal estate for clothing, schooling and maintenance of my daughter Margaret before mentioned. If Margaret, my daughter, dies without issue estate goes to my brothers and sisters in England after death of my wife. (John Thompson, executor of the will, was a large landowner near St. Georges,)

The present dwelling house mentioned in the will was the brick home which is now located on the corner of Delaware and Broad Street in St. Georges. The section built between 1783 and 1785 would have been the back section

off of Broad Street. The front section fronting on Delaware Street probably being added later around 1817 or 1818 when James N. Sutton may have finished his education and took up residence in the home as a doctor or pharmacist.

Margaret Nuttall was born circa 1777 and was about 8 years old when her father died. Her mother lived until November 5, 1800 and had been able to keep the property and carry out the wishes the father had set down in his will. Margaret married John Sutton circa 1794 and was either 17 or 18 years old. John Sutton was born September 16, 1767 and would have been about 27 years old. Their first child James N. was born in 1795. Other children were Jane, John Jr. Margaret Ann, William A. and Samuel B. Sutton.

(New Castle Co. Probate Records Margaret Nuttall 1800)

On Nov. 5, 1800 Margaret Nuttall, the mother of Margaret Sutton died, and so the brick home and estate went to the daughter through the will of the father. John Sutton served as administrator, in rights of his wife the next of kin, in all the goods, chattels, rights etc. of Margaret Nuttall. The estate must to have been prosperous as after this date is when John and sometimes John and Margaret started to buy other real estate in the area of St. Georges and Port Penn.

John Sutton bought land in St. Georges in 1801 (N. C. Co. Deed Bk. W Vol. 2 pg. 540 1801) In brief.

Christopher Vandergrift acting as attorney for Rev. John Warford and wife formerly Margaret Piper sold a lot of land to John Sutton 260' long by 60 ' wide. Also he sold to John Sutton at the same time a second lot formerly belonging to William Piper being in size 260' long by 66' wide. What was known as Second Street was cut through the lots and John Sutton built a brick home on the corner of Second and Main, later known as Second and Clinton Streets and now is Church and Main Streets. On April 29, 1826 (N. C. Co. Deed Bk. G Vol. 4 pg. 243) the plot or Map of a Survey of the Town of St. Georges it mentions by the brick house of John Sutton on the North Easterly corner boundary of Clinton Street and corner of

Second Street. The plot shows James N. Sutton being on the corner of Delaware Street. John and Margaret Sutton moved to the brick home on the corner of Main and Second before the year 1826. They may have built the house as early as 1814 preparing for the move so James could take up residence in the home on Delaware and Broad Streets when he finished his schooling to become a doctor. Only speculation can be made as nothing definite can be found on when the home was built, but this location was close to John Sutton's business ventures. The brick home was left in the will of John Sutton (N. C. Co. Probate Records 1854) to his grandchildren, the children of his late daughter Margaret Ann Gemmill. It is not known what became of the home. James N. Sutton continued to live in the Nuttall brick home on Delaware Streets until his death in 1860. John Sutton had also bought land in St. Georges in 1799 but it was not recorded until July 3, 1800.

Margaret Nuttall Sutton died June 6, 1826 at age 49 and is buried in the St. Georges Cemetery. John Sutton died January 16, 1854, at age 86, and is buried in St. Georges Cemetery.

John Sutton had made a will September 24, 1847 (N. C. Co. Wills 1854) leaving the brick home and land on which the apothecarie shop was built to his son James during his life. It states James now occupies and lives on the grounds. Due to the fact Margaret N. Sutton died intestate and her estate had not been settled James could not receive the property. John Sutton never actually owned or held deed to the property.

This is final proof that the brick home and property belonged to Adam Nuttall. (Orphan Court Record N. C. Co. 1854 Bk. W Vol. 1 pg. 120) After John Sutton died in January 1854 a petition was filed in Orphans Court September term of 1854 by a grandson William S. Latta of Parkersburg, Chester Co., Pennsylvania that on 29th June 1826 Margaret N. Sutton died intestate of Real Estate etc. Red Lion Hundred New Castle Co. VIZ.- Messuage and lot of ground situated in Town of St. Georges bounds as follows. The bounds are on a separate page in this report. (O. C. N.C. Co. Bk. W Vol. 1 pg. 120 1855 Reel #1)

The boundaries were the same as Adam Nuttall had bought from the Michael Dushane estate in 1779. That the said intestate (Margaret Sutton) left to survive - her husband John Sutton who held the aforesaid Real Estate as tenant by courtesy up to Jan. 16, 1854 when he died, and 6 children to wit, John Jr., James, William, Samuel, Margaret intermarried with William Gemmill, Jane who married James Latta to whom according to intestate laws of this State, the said lands descended and passed each were entitled...1/6 of the aforesaid Real Estate etc.. The estate continued in Orphan Court and on February 24, 1856 it was noted that on Saturday the 13th of August 1856 James M. Johns, sheriff, did at the house of Benjamin Herdmann in the Village of St. Georges at 10 o'clock p.m. sell the real estate to William L. Latta for \$900 being the highest bidder. On February 17, 1857 William L. Latta appeared in court to have the land assigned to him. (N.C. Co. Oph. Crt. references Bk. W Vol. 1 pg. 51-54 1854 pgs. 202-204 - 1855 pgs. 119-121 pgs. 306-307 Bk. X Vol. 1 pgs. 31-32)

Since James N. Sutton and his wife Susan were living in the home and agreement was reached between William Latta and James for William to take possession of the residence. James never owned the property and in 1858 had bought land, since he was about to retire from practice, and he and his wife were building a new frame home in which to move. James died at the home November 10, 1860 before the new home was finished. Susan Sutton was allowed to rent the brick home until James N. Sutton's estate was settled and the frame house finished. She moved into the new house the summer of 1864.

(1865-66 N. C. Co. Probate Records of Thomas Jamison)

The Fall of 1864 Mr. James Garman, of St. Georges, acted as agent for Dr. William Latta and he rented the brick home to Thomas Jamison of "Damascus". Mr William Hurlock had advised Mr. Jamison not to buy the house because of its delapidated condition. Mr. Jamison died at the home on or about December 13, 1864.

Dr. Latta may have fixed up the brick house some as he lived there in 1865 and probably to the end of the year 1868 when he moved back to Pennsylvania.

A brass plate with his name used to be on the home by the front door. The State of Delaware Pomeroy & Beers Atlas, 1868, page 27, Town of St. Georges shows his name on the property at Delaware and Broad Streets but it was spelled Dr. Latter. Misspellings like this often drive the historian up a wall but sonner or latter we all are subject to human error. Ha!

In 1868 the brick house was sold out of the Nuttall - Sutton family. (N. C. Co. Deed Bk. U Vol 8 pg. 418)

October 21, 1868 Leontine N. McWhorter bought from William L. Latta, M.D. Chester Co. Penn. and wife Margaret for \$10,000 lot of ground in St. Georges Village being a portion of a certain Orphan Court proceedings for the partition and sale of real estate signed to William L. Latta.

1879 (N. C. Co. Deed Bk. M Vol. 11 pg. 380)

October 20, 1897 Leontine N. McWhorter and wife Anne Jane of Red Lion Hundred sold to George F. Brady and wife Rebecca all that messuage and lot of land in Village of St. Georges for \$2000.00.

1881 (N. C. Co. Deed Bk. F Vol 12 pg. 171)

George F. Brady and wife Rebecca to Agnes and Laura McWhorter for \$1500.00. Quite a reduction in price since Leontine McWhorter bought the home in 1868 for \$10,000. The home must to have really shown a period of deterioration. (Jamison Probate Records) Agnes and Laura McWhorter were Agnes and Laura Jamison, daughters of Thomas Jamison and had lived in the brick home, with their father, when he died in 1864. Their also was a sister Anna. Mr. Jamison had a will drawn up by Charles B. Lore, Attorney in Wilmington, Delaware. Mr. Thomas J. Craven was executor and Eli Biddle a witness. When Jr. Jamison died Mr. Lore delivered the will into the hands of Thomas Craven at Jamison's home in St. Georges in the prescence of the family and other witnesses. Mr. Craven read the will aloud and then he took the will and put it in his pocket and he and Mr. Eli Biddle went to Biddle's home. Mr. Craven stayed at the home a short time and went on home. In the evening Mr. Craven was summoned to go again to the Jamison

home and explain the will. After reading the will Anna asked to see it. Agnes asked Laura for a poker and she opened the door of a parlor coal stove and Anna threw the will into the fire. Mr Craven tried to retrieve it but couldn't but had knocked over a coal oil lamp which caught fire but he acted quickly and the fire was extinguished. Thomas Craven then went to the home of Eli Biddle and reported what happened. Anna who threw the will into the fire died the next year on October 16, 1865. It took two years to settle the estate as a new will had to be drawn up from a draft copy and old notes and this had to be accepted, by the court, plus the problem came up whether or not Mr. Jamison was of sound mind when he had the will drawn since he had previously suffered stroke. None the less Mr. Thomas Craven can be given credit for saving the historical Nuttall and Sutton family home from burning.

After 17 years the Nuttall - Sutton property is again in possession of family descendants through Susanna Laws Sutton. (1885 N. C. Co. Deed Bk. M Vol. 13 pg. 199) November 30, 1885 Agnes McWhorter and Charles, her husband, Laura McWhorter and John T., her husband, sold to Susanna L. (Laws) Sutton, wife of Albert N. Sutton in Willage of St. Georges for \$3000.00. This deed was for 2 plots of land. One being #2 which was the brick home on Delaware and Broad Streets and plot #1 being land on the Northeast side of Broad Street bordering the Methodist Church Parsonage land and the Methodist Church property.

Albert N. Sutton married Susanna Laws July 4th, 1864 in the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. They had 7 children - Abigail (Abbie), Laurie, Mary, Catharine (Kitty), Eva, Orlando, Frederick.

(N. C. Co. Deed Bk. C Vol. 28 pg. 399) On February 7, 1918 Susanna L. Sutton sold a parcel of land from plot #1 to James R. Roberts and the frame home he built , on the plot, still stands today.

(1924 Bk. V Vol. 4 pg. 284 N. C. Co. Reg. of Wills Albert N. Sutton) Memo Letters of Administration upon estate of Albert N. Sutton deceased were granted unto Frederick T. Sutton. The home and land still was owned and held by Susanna L. Sutton.

1928 Sussanna L. Sutton died. (Bk. H Vol. 5 pg. 59 N. C. Co. Reg. of Wills
Letter of Administration were granted to Frederick T. Sutton. List of
debts, credits, etc by April 10, 1929 and account rendered by October
10, 1929 or when lawfully required. Bond taken in a penalty of \$400.
Walter J. Willis of Wilmington Hundred Surety. John Gilpin
October 10, 1928 Reg. of Wills

The Nuttall - Sutton home was vacant until after sold at a sheriff sale
to settle the estate.

(1929 Deed N. C. Co. Bk. E Vol. 36 pg.516)

July 20, 1929 at Public Auction the 2 (two) parcels of land belonging to
Susanna L. Sutton including the brick home on Delaware and Broad Streets
St. Georges, Delaware were sold for \$4000.00 to Zodac A. Pool of City
of Wilmington. Zodac A. Pool was a nephew of Frederick T. Sutton. His
sister Mary married Clarence E. Pool and Zodac was their son.

(1929 Deed N. C. Co. Bk K Vol 36 pg. 485)

July 22, 1929 Zodac A. Pool and wife Rosalee F. Pool sold to Frederick T.
Sutton for \$4000.000 the 2 parcels of land including the brick home and
land on the northeast side of Broad St. .

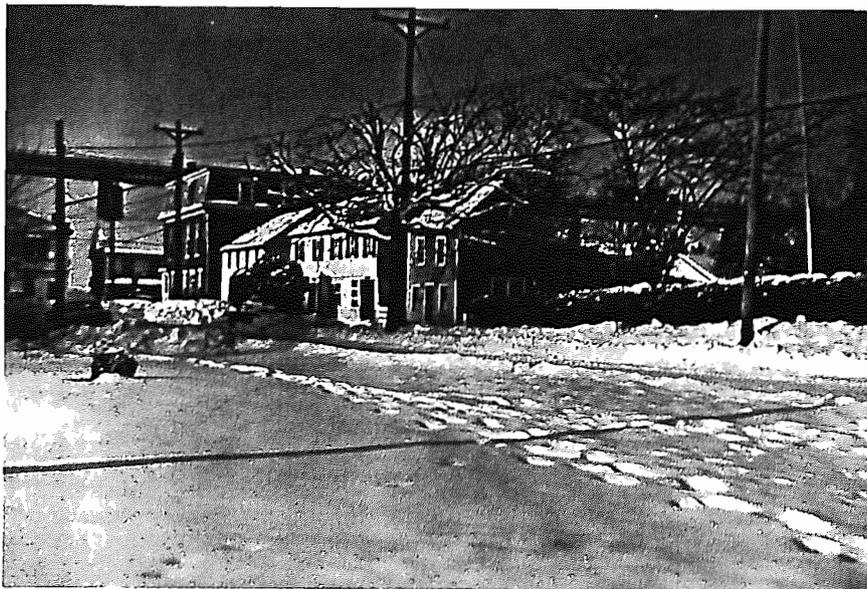
Mr. Frederick T. Sutton and wife Mathilda made many changes and repairs
remodeling the brick home to the lovely structure it is today. Mr. Sutton
and his wife, after moving to the lovely home, lived on the brick home
property their remaining years. They had a son James N. Sutton IV.

In September 1961 Frederick Sutton passed away and his son James became
the owner. He and his wife Shelby moved back to Delaware from Indiana in
1962 to reside in the family home and continued to preserve the brick
home. Mrs. Mathilda (Mattie) Sutton moved into the small building on one
corner of the property facing Delaware Street which had been built by
Dr. James N. Sutton and used for his apothacary. She spent her remaining
years there passing away on March 26, 1980 at age 89.

Because of renovation and the front addition to the 1783-85 back section it is hard to speculate as to how the original home would have looked. The pointed roof was probably a renovation when the front section was added. The main door probably faced west as there seems to be no evidence of a door on the Broad Street side. Two chimneys are present and were probably in the original section. One located in the center and one on the Northeast end. The kitchen was probably located by the Northeast chimney and a door also on that end to accommodate entering the kitchen from outside. The brickwork looks to be Flemish bond.

Adam Nuttall probably drew his own plans to please he and his wife. From what remains of that section today it would indicate one of the most commodious homes in the Village of St. Georges at that time.

Now - Do you know what bothers me most after all the research, these many years, I've done on this property? What happened to Enoch Cornwall's home mentioned in the August 18, 1730 deed and the Orphan Court record of Feb, 1779 telling of Adam Nuttall living in the frame home? Was it torn down or kept in good repair and concealed under a part of a frame home facing Delaware Street that was a part of the Adam Nuttall property?



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Home
of
James N. Sutton IV
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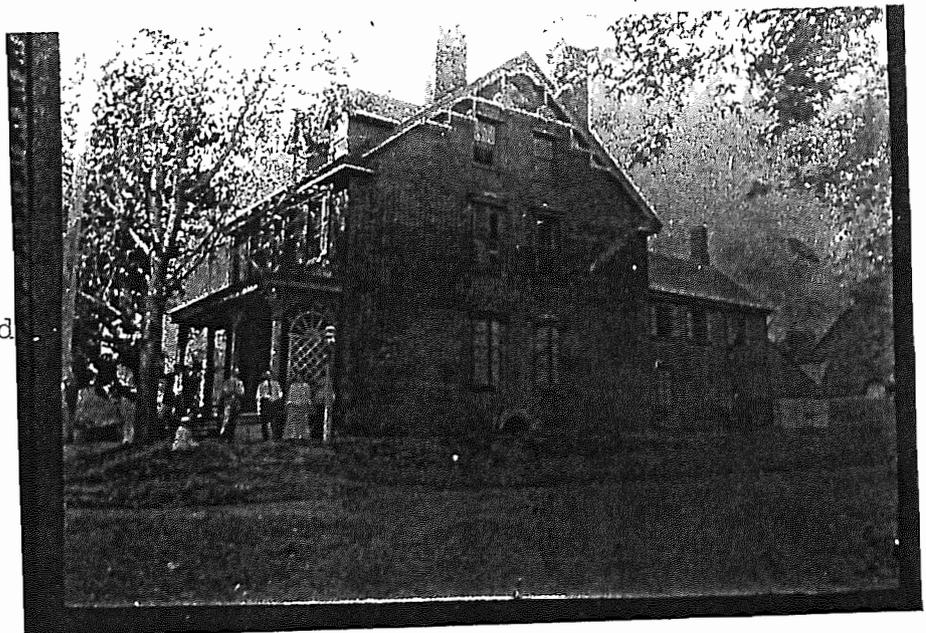


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phothacary built by
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1910 Shows the back
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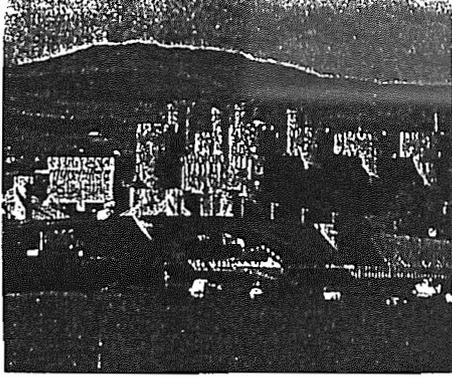


Fall - 1964

- late 1890's

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ard on the right side
the house.





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The Sutton family is of English and Scotch descent. John Sutton, great-grandfather of Albert N. Sutton, was a native of England, who came to this country with his brothers, and settled on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. He afterwards removed to Kent county, Del., where he engaged in farming near the city of Dover; there he passed his life, died, and was buried. John Sutton was married May 15, 1753, to Jane Allen; their children were: I. Ann B., born May 13, 1754; II. Samuel B., born September 26, 1758, married Ann Colbert, who was born July 4, 1767; he died September 10, 1800; III. William B., born March 27, 1761, died in 1805; IV. John, born January 26, 1765, died in infancy; V. John, 2, born September 16, 1767; VI. Al-

len, born August 15, 1771, died in 1790. All the family were members of the Presbyterian church. All having been born in this state in ante-revolutionary days, they are reckoned among its early settlers.

The fifth of this family, John Sutton, 2, was a man of enterprise and ability, having various interests, and was well known throughout the state. He received a fair education, and learned farming in his youth. In early manhood, he removed to Saint George's, where he purchased and cultivated a tract of land. He was also a merchant, the first one in Saint George's, and for a number of years the only one. Another of his enterprises was ship-building. At one time, he owned half of the land on which Saint George's is built; and the land on which the road from that town to Delaware City is laid out, was his gift to the county. John Sutton was a Jeffersonian Democrat. He was a member of the Levy Court of New Castle county, and was one of the trustees of the poor. He figured in state politics as well as in the public affairs of his county, which he represented for a number of terms in the state legislature, one of those terms being spent in the senate. He was actively interested in the war of 1812, and served in the United States army. John Sutton, 2, married Margaret Nuttall; their children are: I. James; II. John, a farmer; III. William, deceased; IV. Samuel, merchant, miller, and justice of the peace of Saint George's; V. Jane, deceased, wife of Dr. Latta; VI. Margaret, deceased, wife of Dr. Gemmil, of Chestertown, Md. John Sutton was a Presbyterian; having been among the founders of the congregation in which he was enrolled, he was ever a faithful promoter of its interests; he served it as trustee for forty years, and for twenty-seven years as elder. He and his wife are buried in the cemetery at Saint George's.

Their eldest son, James Sutton, born in Saint George's in 1795, received his education in subscription schools, read medicine, studied and took his degree as a physician at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and practiced in his native town. Dr. Sutton opened the first drug store in Saint George's, and conducted it until his death. He was a man of much enterprise and public spirit, always actively interested in the prosperity of his native town, which he aided greatly in:

1813-14-15
1828-1830
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building up and improving. He owned and operated bark, saw and grist mills in Saint George's, and was the first to introduce the manufacture of shell lime into the state. For forty consecutive years he was postmaster of the town; he was also captain of the Light Horse Company of St. George's, and during the construction of the Delaware and Chesapeake Canal, he frequently did good service in quelling riots. Like his father, he was an extensive slave-owner. Dr. Sutton was always a Democrat. He was four times married. His first wife was a daughter of the Stewart family; their only child, John Sutton, was an engineer, served in the United States Navy, and was in the United States steamship *Missouri* when it was burned at Gibraltar. He afterwards became Chief Engineer on a line of steamships plying between San Francisco and Portland, Ore., was wrecked on the coast of Oregon while chief engineer of the *John S. Wright* (formerly the U. S. S. *Keystone State*). The crew were supposed to have been massacred by Indians after reaching the coast in safety. Mrs. (Stewart) Sutton died in Saint George's. The doctor's second wife was Miss Janvier; of this marriage there was no issue; she died, and was buried in New Castle, Del. The next marriage was with Abigail B. Barber, who was born at Summit Bridge, Del. The children of Dr. and Mrs. (Barber) Sutton are: I. Julia, deceased, was the wife of Thomas Reynolds, brother of Governor Reynolds, of Delaware; II. James, deceased, merchant and druggist of Saint George's; III. Albert N.; besides three who died in infancy. The mother died in March, 1849, at St. George's, where she is buried. She was a member of the Presbyterian church. Dr. Sutton was afterwards married to Susan Gosler, a native of Columbia, Pa.; they had two children: I. Frederick G., who is a book-keeper in New York; II. Catherine, who died young.

In every generation, from Revolutionary times downward, activity and public spirit have characterized the Sutton family, and its members have deservedly enjoyed the respect of the community. The representative whose name stands at the head of this sketch, is the fourth child of James Sutton, M. D. Albert N. Sutton pursued his elementary studies in the public schools of Red Lion hun-

dred, New Castle county, and afterwards studied at the academy at West Chester, Pa., and at the Pennsylvania State Agricultural College, from which he was graduated in 1862. On his return to his native state, he entered the drug store of Dr. A. H. Grimshaw, of Wilmington, Del. Some time later, he obtained employment in Philadelphia, first in the drug store of Dr. Geegan, and afterwards in that of J. Crawford Dawes. Returning in 1864 to Saint George's, Mr. Sutton bought the drug store of Dr. Ranck, and conducted the business at that stand for more than twenty-four years. He has also taken an active and useful part in public affairs. He was first appointed justice of the peace by Governor Hall, in 1880; and has filled that office for seventeen years; his last re-appointment was received from Governor Reynolds in 1894. His decisions have always been sustained by the higher courts, both criminal and civil. Mr. Sutton was appointed postmaster of St. George's by President Cleveland in 1884; that he filled the position satisfactorily is attested by his re-appointment by the same president in 1893. In 1897, he was elected for two years to the state legislature, on the Democratic ticket, receiving the unanimous support of his party. He has acted on various committees, among them a law and order committee, and a committee for revising constitutional statutes, of both of which he was chairman. Mr. Sutton was a school commissioner for six years, and was clerk of his ward; he was one of the incorporators of Saint George's in 1877, and a member of the town council. In 1898 Mr. Sutton was nominated by his party for state senator in the District in which he resided. The landslide that struck Delaware for the first time in its history, reversed the political ascendancy of his party, and with his party, he was defeated, feeling, however, greatly pleased with having run ahead of his ticket. He is Past Grand Master of National Lodge, No. 32, I. O. O. F.; a charter member of the A. O. U. W., and a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M., Old Glory Council.

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Albert N. Sutton served his first term under President Lincoln at the close of the Civil War. He had been a member of the House of Representatives for two terms and had also been a magistrate for several years, holding this office at the time of his death.

ALBERT N. SUTTON 1924 OF ST. GEORGES DEAD

He Had Served as Postmaster at Close of Civil War Under Lincoln.

(Special to Every Evening.)

St. Georges, May 26.—Albert N. Sutton, prominent citizen and business man, died at his home here Saturday night about 11 o'clock after an illness of several months due to the infirmities of old age.

Mr. Sutton would have been seventy-nine years of age at his next birthday. He was born in St. Georges, the son of Dr. J. N. Sutton, in 1845, and had resided here or in this vicinity his entire life. One remarkable fact of his residence here was that his death occurred in the same house in which he was born, seventy-nine years ago.

Mr. Sutton had been the druggist here for a great many years, and his son, Fred Sutton, now carries on the same business which was established by his father. He also served a number of terms as postmaster, the first being under President Abraham Lincoln at the close of the Civil War. The deceased was always an ardent Democrat in politics, and served two terms in the State Legislature as Representative from Red Lion hundred. He was the local magistrate for a number of years, and held this position at the time of his death.

^{Albert}
This certifies that Mr Alfred Sutton
of Wilmington and Miss Susanna Laws
of the same city were joined in marriage
by me at my house in the city of
Philadelphia this fourth day of July
in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and sixty four.

Daniel Smith,

Pastor of Christ St. People's Chh.

In his youth he attended Penn State College and was the sole surviving member of the class of 1865. He took an active interest in the affairs of the college until the latter years of his life, and attended the annual commencements and alumni reunions with regularity until the past few years.

Mr. Sutton was a member of the Odd Fellows, the American Mechanics and the Workmen of the World. He was the secretary of the St. Georges Cemetery Association, and in charge of the business affairs of the association.

He is survived by his wife and three daughters, Mrs. Clarence E. Poole of Macdonough; Mrs. George N. Bright of Delaware City, and Mrs. Charles Falkenhelmer of Dubuque, Iowa; and one son, Fred T. Sutton, of St. Georges.

The funeral services will be held on Wednesday afternoon from his late home at three o'clock, standard time. Interment will be made in the St. Georges cemetery.

Sussanna Laws Sutton

Holly Tree Falls In St. Georges Yard After 125 Years

ST. GEORGES, June 14 — (Special).—Mr. and Mrs. Frederick T. Sutton who reside in the old Sutton family mansion of brick construction that was built in 1792 by John Sutton—the great-grandfather of Frederick T. Sutton—were depressed Sunday night over an irreplaceable loss on their property in the heart of St. Georges.

A 125-year-old American two-stem, sport holly tree, 50-foot tall, and standing close by the brick house, fell over during the height of the storm. The tree fell across an open space in the yard and there was no damage to other trees.

Mr. Sutton, retired St. Georges druggist and store operator, said yesterday that the tree was planted in the yard in 1845 by Dr. James N. Sutton, his grandfather. Mr. Sutton said that his father, Albert N. Sutton, was born the same year the holly tree was planted by his grandfather.

The tree was 10 years old at the time it was planted in the Sutton yard. It had been transported from a woods at the Head of the Sassafraz in Kent County, Md.

The tree was a valuable species of its type of holly. Mr. Sutton had been offered \$1,500 for the tree in 1930.

TREE fell
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