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PLOT PLAN

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INTRODUCTION

Jubart's Plot Plan in 1744 plus and additional layout of lots to this plan in the year 1759 were and important phase in the structure of the town of Saint Georges and the character the town posesses today.

The booklets I have done on "The Buildings and Homes of Saint Georges" are not ostentatious or pretentious in their presentation or were they meant to be. My interest grew as I studied documents and I realized by putting all of the information together it could be of help to other researchers and shorten their time and struggle toward personal and historical data of the area.

The information in the booklets is not to be read as a historical story of the town, even though the information can contribute to the historical background of the town.

Reading must be focused on each plot, lot, street, building, St. Georges Creek, Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, as each has its own character and place in the developing of the town. The booklets were written to capture this focus on a one to one basis pertaining to size, shape, cost, owners, people characteristics, when possible, and the visualization of what transpired from the beginning to present day.

This booklet covers at least 14 acres or more of the town. It's been a long time in the making and I worried about the completion, but that's now solved. I pray that God will Bless me with health and stamina to finish one more booklet on St. Georges Creek, Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, and the west side of Main Street concerning the buildings and homes in the town of Saint Georges.

Again, I am thankful and grateful for The Leon DeValinger Hall of Records of the State of Delaware, in Dover, for the endless valuable documents and of the interest, generosity, and help of the courteous staff and personel.

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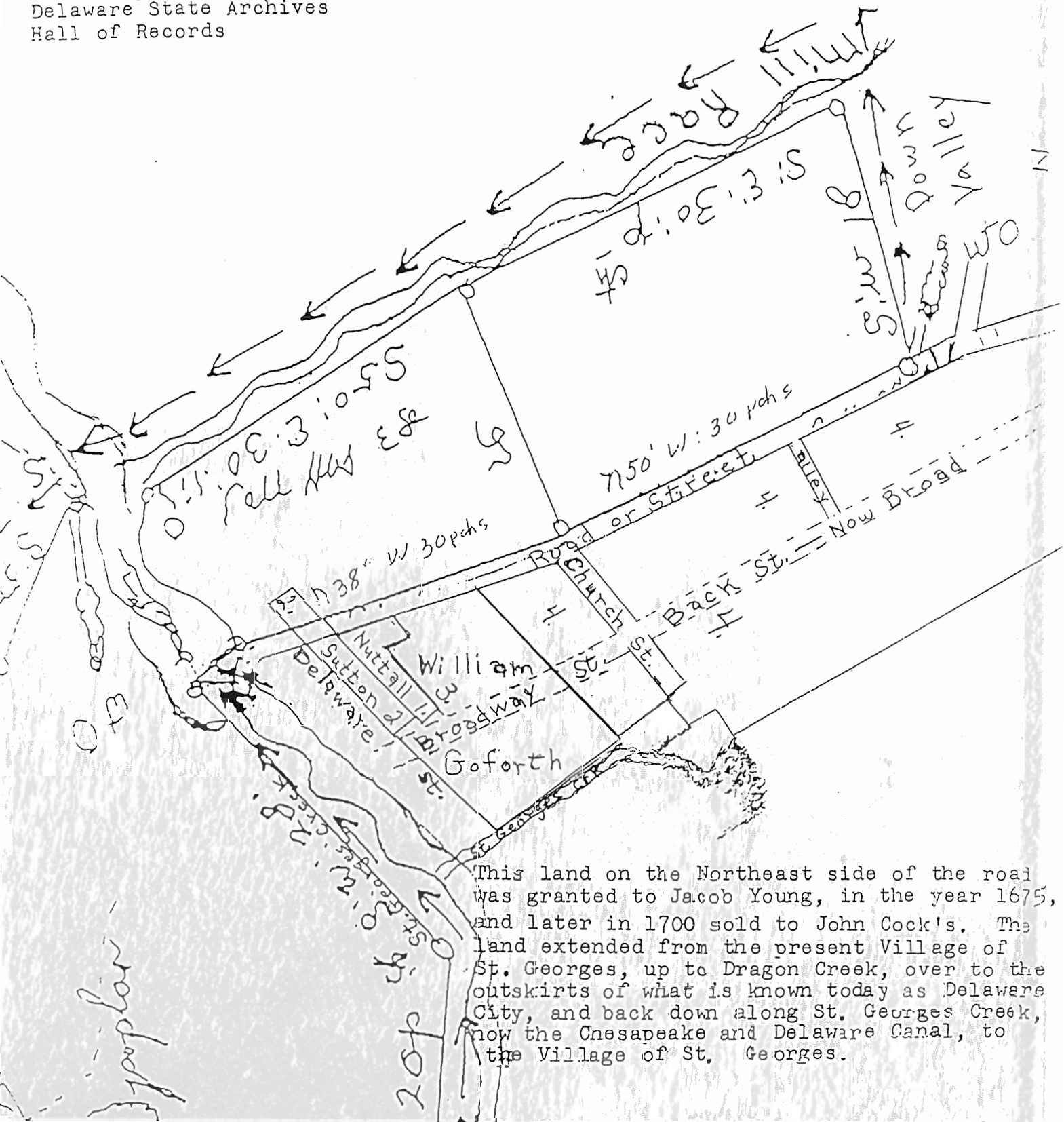
Using this blown up survey of land, by St. Georges Creek, in the area where the Town of North St. Georges developed there will be and attempt to show, to some degree, how the town developed. The creek belongs close to the line and not the bulk of water it seems to be. The land at this time, 1718, belonged to Abraham Kirbly and William Betteridge. The land included the mill and mill house which probably wad incentive to begin the town. The town developed on the Northeast side of this property.

N. C. Co. Land Survey 1718
B2 #23
Delaware State Archives
Hall of Records



This land on the Northeast side of the road was granted to Jacob Young, in the year 1675, and later in 1700 sold to John Cock's. The land extended from the present Village of St. Georges, up to Dragon Creek, over to the outskirts of what is known today as Delaware City, and back down along St. Georges Creek, now the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, to the Village of St. Georges.

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Thomas Bird Signature in Attic of his Home
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St. Georges 1744 Survey showing plot of land laid out in thirteen lots.

Descriptive drawing - not to scale or exact degrees

Anderson - later Grinnage and Higgins land

1759 parcels added to plan by Gladys Lester

Cox Neck Rd.

Wm. Pipers

S 26° W 339.6 E 260'

BKT V.I Nov. 16-1759 pg. 432 Andrew Jubart and wife Sarah to Aaron Barton 84'

BKT V.I pg. 319 - Nov. 16 - 1759 Andrew Jubart and Saran to son Peter Jubart

BKRT V.I pg. 326 - Nov. 18, 1759 Andrew Jubart to Robert Stewart

Andrew Jubart 'land - Then his daughter Sarah Then John Newman - Then Rachel Tobin - (widow) 260'

Rachel Tobin to Mary Robinson - (widow) - Oct. 25, 1771

M. Robinson new Dushane died - husband Abraham Dushane settled estate, N.C.O. Or. Ct. BK. F - Yr. 1781

N.C.O. Deeds - BK G V.2 - pg. 144 and 147 - BKH V.2 pg. 164

5-22-1781 Abraham Dushane to Hugh Morrison

N.C.O. Deed BK H V.2 pg. 164 - 5-27-1785

H. Morrison died - His executor Thomas Booth bought the land. Booth heirs to Samuel Sutton*

Sheriff to Henry Freeman - H. Freeman to John H. Stewart - Stewart heirs to Samuel Lester*

Andrew Jubart to Matthew Kelly - 11-16-1759

Matthew Kelly to Wm. Robinson BK.W V.I pg. 381 - Aug. 1762

Andrew Jubart to David Thomas BKT V.I pg. 610 - Nov. 18, 1759

David Thomas to Wm. Robinson BK.U - V.I pg. 447 - Nov. 3, 1762

A. Jubart to Titus Van Ecklin BKT V.1 pg. 584. 1759

T. Van Ecklin to Wm. Robinson BK WV1 pg 379-8-15-1763

A. Jubart to James Harris BKT Vol. 1 pg. 608 - Nov. 18, 1759

Wm. Robinson - 1762

Dr. Nathaniel Silsbee - 1786

BK. G Vol. 2 pg. 215. July 10, 1786

260'

A. Jubart to Robert Watt BK.T V.1 pg. 70 - May 19, 1760

N. Silsbee - BK. Q V.2 pg. 151 - 6-13-1787

Church St.

160' Church St. 100'

A. Jubart to Thomas Doyle - 1759

Michael Dushane 1-1766

George Monroe - 1801

James Vance - 1806

Alexander Jamison - 1806

Isaih Heigler - 1813

Ebenezer Eliason - 1836

Abraham Weixler - 1858

Broad St.

664'

84'

42'

891'

* Land added (to Samuel Sutton) John Thompson

John Sutton

Samuel Sutton

Raymond Carlow

+ Parcel from farmland

* Devised to Wm. Sutton

* Residue reserved when John Sutton sold farm.

J. Sutton Will 1-16-1854

BENJAMIN SWETT - HAROLD BATTEN HOUSE

Circa 1940's

Benjamin Swett (sometimes Sweat), a tanner of the Town of New Castle on the Delaware, was the first known owner of the small lot and a house located at Georges Bridge. The land originally belonged to the John Cock's (Cox) family. How Benjamin Swett came by the land is not quite known, but, John Cox made his will 12-3-1713 and died 8-10-1714. Surviving sons - Charles - Augustine and John Jr. received the plantations or lands. There were three daughters. Only the name of Anna was mentioned. John Cox's wife Bridgett must have died before her husband as no later deeds contained her name. John Cox also requested or desired his children, to help one another, from the biggest (eldest) to the least(youngest) to build each of you a house to live in. So it could be surmised that lots or a parcel of land had been set aside and homes built. It is quite possible the lot in St. Georges had belonged to the daughter Anna as Mr. Cox stated, in his will, what my daughter Anna has now shall not be rationed amongst the estate, but ahall be clearly her own. She may have been married to Benjamin Swett. No deed has been found recorded to Benjamin Swett on the lot he mentions in his will at Georges Bridge and so he could have acquired the lot through his wife who may have died soon after her father. The Cock's (Cox) sons did sell some of the lands to several persons, and some lands mentioned in this booklet were sold to the Jubart Family. The Benjamin Swett lot sat among these lands making it quite possible the house was built for a Cox family member setting it aside out of the Cox estate landssold. Some Cox descendants did not sell their lands until the late 1730's.

On December 21, 1719 Benjamin Swett wrote his will and it was probated January 7, 1720. (Wills - Hall of Records, Dover, Del.) He left the house and lot of land being at Georges Bridge to a grandson John Swett. The will states that Christopher Stanley, a cordwainer, (shoemaker) was in tenure of the property. It was also in the will that the grandson shall not sell, nor alienate, nor dispose of the lot, land, or house premises, thus given, but, it shall descend from heir in a line from his body and for want of that to next of kin, descended from me, and my heirs, forever.

It is not known if Benjamin Swett had ever lived in the home at Georges Bridge, as a tanner, and later moved to New Castle where he died. He owned other property in New Castle. No mention of a wife's name was in his will.

When John Swett, the grandson, died the lot of land and house went to his parents Benjamin and Mary Swett; they evidently being the only survivors of John. John died on or near December 7, 1741. A cousin, Benjamin Swett died January 13, 1775. Benjamin and Mary Swett of Gloucester Co. New Jersey, on Dec. 29, 1779, sold the land for 5 shillings to John Taylor, a shipwright, of New Castle. (N. C. Co. Deed Bk. D Vol.2 pg. 173 1779). The 5 shillings included other lands in New castle along with the Georges Bridge lot. There was a third party to the deed, being Archibald Alexander, of New Castle Town, a practitioner of Physicks. The deed description may have been taken form the original deed as the house and lot was in and open field along the street leading to the mill containing one-quarter of and acre and 8 square perches. The deed tells of the last will and testament of Benjamin Swett, Sr. leaving the land to his grandson John. Also, the purchaser was to be a perfect tenant or the third party, Archibald Alexander, could go into court to execute the return of the premises to Benjamin Swett. Evidently John Taylor was not a perfect tenant as the property was recovered by Benjamin Swett of New Jersey as on March 16, 1801 he deeded the land to John and Margaret Sutton of the town of Saint Georges.

John and Margaret Sutton, for $400, sold the land on July 5, 1802 to James Vance, a cordwainer. The conveyance of the former deed, to Sutton, on Mar. 16, 1801 is mentioned in the conveyance of this deed. The lot size was 2perches and one-half perch along the Main Street and sixteen perches in depth, being one-quarter acre of land more or less. (N. C. Co Deed Bk X Vol 2 pg 496 - 1802) The home must to have been a fair size and in good condition as $400 for a home and ¼ acre of land was a high price in 1802 when you consider, in 1838, the house and lot next door,to the south, sold for $4oo.

James Vance and wife, Azubah, of St. Georges Village, sold the house and lot to Alexander Jamison, Farmer, on April 2, 1806. This deed also included land owned by Vance, adjoining to the rear of this lot, and crossing over beyond what is now Broad St.. The price was 200 lbs. which indicates that James Vance did not make much improvements to the property. (N. C. Co. Deek Bk R Vol. 3 pg 234 1806)

Alexander Jamison and wife Jane, for $800 sold the house and ¼ acre lot, plus land on Back Street(now Broad) to Isaiah Heisler on 3-26-1813. (N.C. Co Deed Bk R Vol.3 pg. 230 1813) Mr. and Mrs. Jamison may have lived in the home until a home was built on a tract of land he had bought near the area of St. Georges. Mr. Jamison was a prominent land owner and farmer . He died January 2, 1823. The beautiful home he built on farmland, later known as Hollywood Farm owned by B. Reybold, was destroyed by Tidewater Oil Co. Tidewater bought the land from Claude N. Lester in 1953-54 on which to build a refinery. The first office of Tidewater Co. during construction of the refinery was in the Jamison home. Later owners made additions to his original section in the mid 1800's.

Circa - 1947

Jamison - Reybold

Lester Farm

Little is known of Dr. Isaiah Heisler except that he was a son of Daniel Heisler near the Red Lion area. He married Margaret Weir in 1813. It is not known if they resided on the premises after buying it. Their children were William Egbert, Mary Elizabeth, Margaret Ann and Sarah Silvers Heisler. No deed records were found for transfer of the property from Isaiah Heisler, but, a Wingate Prettyman and wife Ann became owners of the land. There are no records or deeds granting the land to them. A deed is recorded of them selling the 3 acre parcel of land with a house thereon on Dec. 19, 1822 to David Miles. The Heisler lot with the house was a part of the 3 acres. (N C Co. Deed Bk. A Vol. 4 pg. 346 1822) One acre and twenty-two perches of the 3 acre parcel were sold to George Thompson 12-30-1829. (Deeds N. C. Co. Bk M - Vil.4 pg. 324 1829) This parcel will be presented later in this book.

David Miles died and the property went to his wife Jane and a daughter Margaret, who sold the house and lot to Ebenezer Eliason. (N C Co. Deed Bk. Q Vol. 6 pg 486 3-18-1848) The lot went from Main Street through to Back Street (now Broad Street). The lot is now back in size as when Benjamin Swett had it. The back part of the lot was sold by Ebenezer Eliason and wife Sarah to James Murphy in 1854. The deed at this date places Mr. and Mrs. Eliason in Westmoreland Co. Virginia. This back part of the lot is today the property of Williams Reynolds.

No deed was found where Ebenezer Eliason sold the one-half front part of the Swett lot adjoining to Main Street, but, he may have given power of attorney to Albert O. Newton and wife Jane and James Garman to sell the property as on May 14, 1855 they sold the house and land to Samuel B. Sutton for $500. (N C Co. Deed Bk. Z Vol. 1 pg. 207 - 1855)

Samuel B. Sutton and wife Mary sold the house and lot to Richard H. Hayman for $700 on Dec. 6, 1864 (N C Co. Deed Bk Z Vol. 7 pg. 205 -1864)

Richard H. Hayman and wife Cassandra sold the lot and house for $925 to Harriet Higgins Eves on Sept. 6, 1865. (N C Co. Deeds Bk C Vol. 8 pg107 1865)

Harriet Higgins Eves named the residence "Eden". She was the daughter of Anthony and Martha Higgins and raised on a farm near Delaware City. On Nov. 29, 1820 she became the second wife of John D. Eves, a landowner near the area. Mr Eves died about 3 years later on Aug. 11, 1823. Harriet had lived on "Fairfield Farm" near St. Georges, with her bachelor brother Thomas. She also lived at Linden Hill Farm near St. Georges. As she grew older she no longer could stay at "Eden" and moved back to Linden Hill Farm where she died, in the year 1876, at age 88 years. The house and lot in St. Georges was willed to her neice, Martha Higgins, in trust nevertheless, to sell the same and apply proceeds to the education and maintenance of my beloved neice, and namesake, Harriet Eves Higgins, daughter of my nephew John C. Higgins. Martha Higgins died in 1888 but had not sold the home. Finally on May 28, 1913, John C. Higgins, the father of Martha, settled Martha's estate and he and surviving members deeded the house and lot to the neice Harriet. Harriet, in 1913, sold the property to Samuel S. Gray of Seaford, Delaware. (N C Co. Deed Bk I Vol. 24 pg. 562-567 1913)

Harriet Eves Higgins is remembered for a schlorship she presented, in her will, to the Women's College of the University of Delaware. She specifically stated her wishes for the trust fund to a graduating white female student from Commodore Mac Donough School located in St. Georges, Red Lion Hundred, Delaware.

Samuel S. Gray and wife Ida, on Jan. 31, 1930, sold the property to Lucy B. Vinton, wife of Benjamin, for $100 and other valuable consideration. (N C Co. Deed Bk U Vol. 36 pg. 523 1930)

Lucy B. Vinton and Benjamin Vinton, for $1,600, on Mar. 25, 1930 sold the house to William L. Aspril Jr. and wife Elsie. (N C Co Deed Bk W Vol. 36 pg. 566). Mr. Aspril did carpentry work inside and also outside of the home which was more of a hindrance than good repair. He changed a hallway and outside doorway which didn't conform well

with the home. It would be very costly to try to put it back to the original condition. Mr. and Mrs. Aspril had taken a mortgage with the Delaware City Building Fund and became indebted to the Fund. A sheriff Gould on March 10, 1933 sold the property to the Dela. City Bldg. Fund. This association for $1,500, on NOv. 20, 1935, sold the property to Fannie Batten. (N C Co Deed Bk P vol.38 pg. 212 1933 and Bk T Vol. 39 pg. 145 - 1935) Fannie was the wife of Clarence Batten and they owned the adjoining property to the north and on the corner of Church and Main Street. The home, bought by Fannie, became the home residence of their daughter Kathryn and husband Jesse Davis. Their children were Edward and May Louise Davis.

Additions were made to the Swett House. A one story addition was made to the back of the house around 1932 and then around 1940 the addition was made into a two-story section. A front porch was added in early 1900's. Asbestos shingles covered the wood siding and in recent years vinyl siding was put over the asbestos shingles. It is the only house along Main Street with a stone wall in front and along the south-side of the lot with the wall holding the original mound of dirt that formed part of the hill on which the home was built. One of the owners, at some time, cemented over the stones to strengthen the wall..

This house, from research, thus far, is the oldest surviving house in the town of Saint Georges. Mr. Jesse Davis was doing repair work to the home and told of finding and early 1700 date inscribed into a beam. He must to have covered the beam as today this date cannot be found. The home still reflects basic lines of its era. The charm lies, in the fact, that at one time, in 1719 and before, the home sat alone on a hilltop surrounded by open land along a dirt street that was identified as a road leading down to a mill, or mill dam road, and had been occuppied by a cordwainer.
The
house is now owned by, Harold Batten, the son of Fannie and Clarence Batten. He is a carpenter and keeps the home in good repair. The home is tenanted by Elizabeth Reynolds; better known as "Lib". Lib came to the home with her parents Francis Lee and Harriet Batten Reynolds when they moved into St. Georges to retire from farming. Lib has lived in the area since birth and can relate to many residents and happenings in the area. She has quite often been of help to me (Gladys Lester) in my research in identifying owners and past occupants of homes and bussinesses. THANK YOU LIB !

Circa- late 1940's

Shows woodden shingle roof with boxing finish.

One-story addition with tall brick chimney.

The chimney was removed and the one-story built up to a two-story addition

Young Edward Davis, Jr.

BENJAMIN SWETT - HAROLD BATTEN HOUSE

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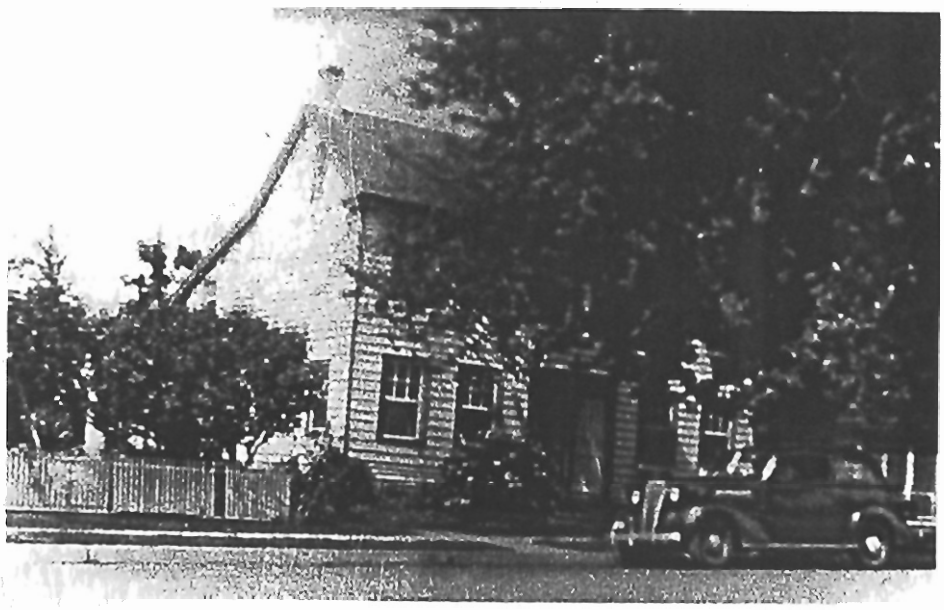
C-1935 Cement Stone Wall-Brick Sidewalk
Cement road-dirt sides - large trees

1993

ELIASON - FORD - REYNOLDS



Built Circa 1848
Circa 1939 Ford Home

The house sits on the back part of the Benjamin Swett lot. David Miles had became owner of the property in 1822. After his death his wife Jane and daughter Anna Margaret Miles, on March 18, 1848,sold this part of the Swett lot to Ebenezer Eliason. Ebenezer for some reason, five days later, on March 23, 1848 bought a small extension of land about two-feet by one-hundred thirty seven feet from his neighbor, John Sutton, to add to the north side of the lot. Mr. Eliason may have drawn plans for a home which needed more space to accommodate its size plus a walkway along side the home. It's probable he built the house that is on this lot. (N. C. Co. Deeds Bk. Q Vol. 6 pg.488 1848)

Ebenezer Eliason and wife Sarah now of Westmoreland County, Virginia, in 1854, sold the lot to James Murphy of the Village of St. Georges (N. C. Co. Deed Bk R Vol. 6 pg. 122 1854)

James Murphy and wife Lurana, on November 20, 1857, sold the property to Joseph Roop. It is believed Joseph Roop improved the house as on March 3, 1859 he gave a mortgage deed of $900 to Samuel Baldwin and wife Mary. (n. C. Co Deeds Bk X Vol. 1 pg 167 1859 Bk C Vol. 7 pg. 329 1857 Bk F Vol. pg. 369 1859)

On April 3, 1863 Samuel S. and Mary Baldwin deeded the property to John H. Stewart for $50, he taking over the mortgage on the property, as on July 7, 1864 John H. Stewart for $50 deeded the property over to Joseph Roop. Joseph probably lived in the house during the mortgages and ownership. Nothing can be found about him during his involvement with the property from 1857 to 1865. (N. C. Co Deeds Bk R Vol. 7 pg. 391 1863 Bk X Vol. 7 pg. 387 1864)

Josheph Roop and wife Mania J. , now living in Wilmington, Del, on November 11, 1865 sold the property to James T. Pont, trustee for Rebecca Wright, for the sum of $850.

Charles Wright was the husband of Rebecca and Beers Atlas shows the property with a double house marked with C. Wright. In the year 1880 a deed mentions the lot still being owned by Mrs. Charles Wright. (N. C. Co. Deeds Bk. F Vol. 8 pg. 367 1865 and Bk D Vol. 14 pg.409 1-20-1880)

Mr. and Mrs. Wright had a daughter named Ida M. Wright. Ida lived on the property but only on one side of the double house. The other side was rented to tenants. Ida was a seamstress. She was known as a single woman when she received a deed to the property on August 24, 1924. The deed was from Elsie Curlett Jones widow of Andrew Maybank Jones. (N. C. Co Deed Bk P Vol. 33 pg. 597 1924)

Ida Wright died in 1926 and she willed the land to be sold to the highest bidder for cash. John Wright, executor of the will, sold the property to Dallas C. Wolfe May 5, 1927. Dallas Wolfe conveyed the property to John Franklin and Mabel F. Wright. They became indebted to the Delaware City Building and Loan Co. and the property was sold by Harry C. Clark, Sheriff, on January 10, 1936, with the loan company buying the property. The description was all that lot with dwelling house thereon. (N. C. Co Deeds Bk V Vol. 34 pg. 545 1927 Bk U Vol. 39 pg.44 1936)

The Delaware City Building and Loan Co. sold the property on, March 16, 1936 to William C. and Viola P. Ford. The description was two frame dwelling houses on a lot. Mr. Ford operated a radio repair business. During his retirement years he worked as a night watchman for the St. Georges Canning Co. Upon the death of Mr. and Mrs. Ford, a daughter, Ethel Ford Morrison received the property. Other children were George and Marie. A grandson, William Reynolds, now owns the property. (N. C. Co . Deed Bk U Vol.39 pg.413 1936)

Circa 1941

Ford Double House

The double-house has undergone many changes from its orgianl form of a salt-box type house. It's been used as a single and double dwelling. A porch across the front was a major change as well as additions to the back of the house. Some windows were changed. The home has been modernized and changed to meet the needs of the present owner with little resemblence inside to the original structure. The front porch is now enclosed, but, even with additions, a side view of the house shows the original salt box form.

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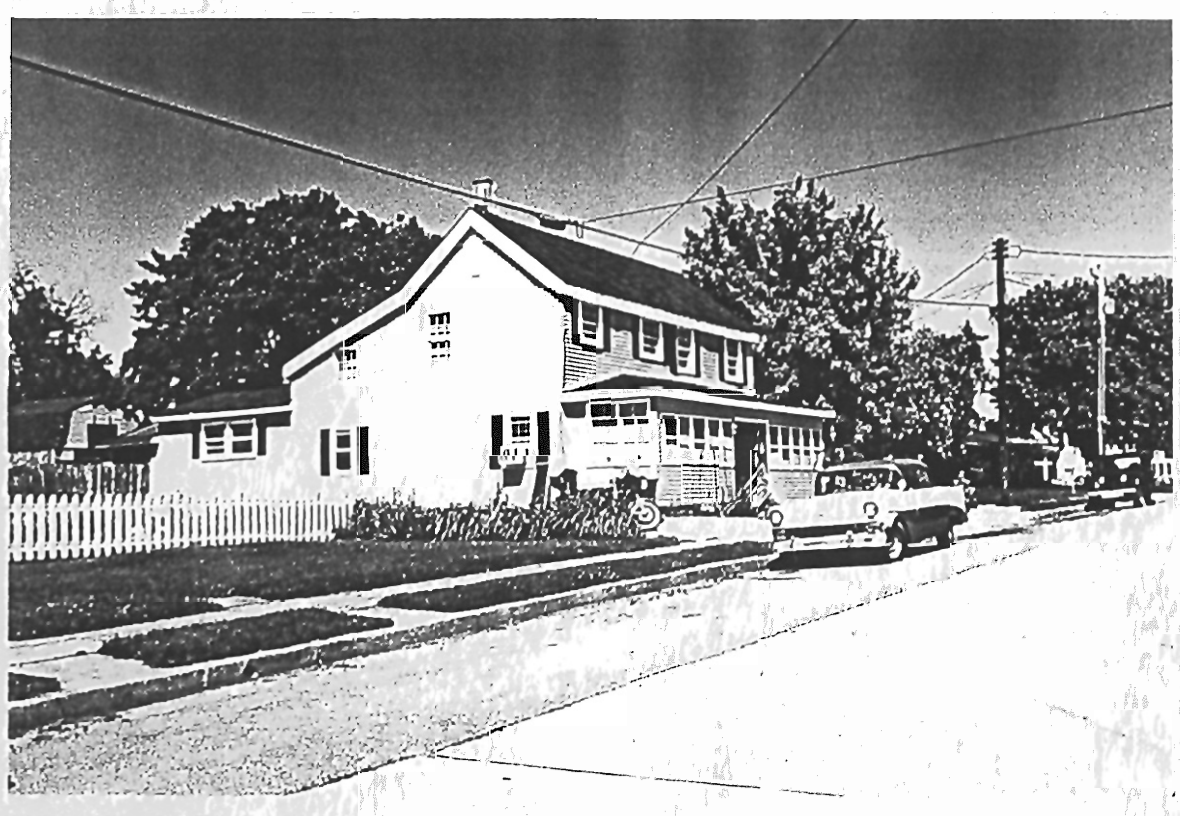
William Reynolds Home

South side view of the house showing addition to the back. The front porch has been completely enclosed.



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SUTTON - De WITT - BATTEN - SMITH
HOUSE

Built 1860
Batten Home Circa 1945

The "Smith Home" is located on the corner of Main and Church Street. (Formerly Second St.) The property involved the Jacob Gooding and the William Piper lots on the 1744 Andrew Jubart plot plan. After John Sutton bought the properties in 1801 the lots later became divided, with the Piper lot becoming 42 feet in width. A wide street, known as Second Street, was cut through the lots to connect to Back Street (later Broad) by Mr. Sutton, leaving a part of the Jacob Gooding lot to the north of Second Street.

Jacob Gooding had bought the lot from Andrew Jubart on May 15, 1744. Jacob died and all goods and chattels were turned over to his son Jacob Gooding, Jr. December 23, 1760. Jacob later sold the lot to settle the estate. No deed has been found as to when Wm. Piper bought his lot, but, his name was the owner on the Jubart plot plan, so it's probable he purchased the land in May 1744; being the date many other lots were sold from the plot plan.

It is not known how Margaret Piper was related to Wm. Piper, a merchant in the area, but, she came into possession of his lot. On June 20, 1763 Margaret bought the adjoining Jacob Gooding lot. The deed of November 11, 1763 places Margaret in New Jersey married to, a clerk, William Kirkpatrick. (N. C. Co Deed Bk W Vol 1 pg. 336 1763) By 1796 Margaret was married to a Reverand John Warford and living in Salem County Washington, New York. Wm. McKenna, Christopher Vandegrift and Peter Hyatt were given Power of Attorney, by Margaret and Rev. Warford, to sell the properties in ST. George's. By September 25, 1798 Wm. Mc Kenna had moved from Delaware. Peter Hyatt had died and Mr. Vandegrift was given the sole right to sell the properties. An advertisement was placed on page 1, in the Delaware Gazette, on Wednesday May 1, 1799. The ad still contained the name Peter Hyatt, but had probably been presented and in the paper before his death. A copy of the ad follows with translation of the print.

ADVERTISEMENT.

TO BE SOLD, by the ſubſcribers, or either of them,

A Large Lot of Land,

Beautifully ſituated on the high land in the centre of the village of St. George. There is a ſmall houſe upon it, with a well of water, of much greater purity and excellence than any in the village, and would make an airy, pleaſant, and eligible ſtand for a partner in the ſtages, or any public buſineſs whatever. Alſo,

19 or 20 acres of Land.

Little more than a quarter of a mile diſtant from the former lot, ſuitable for paſturage, or a tradeſman to build on, and will be ſold together or ſeparate, as may beſt ſuit the purchaſer.

PETER HYATT,
CHRISTOPHER VANDEGRIFT.

St. George's, Dec. 26.

(The Delaware Gazette Pg. 1 Wed. May 1 1799 #909 Reel #3)
Hall of Records Dover Dela.

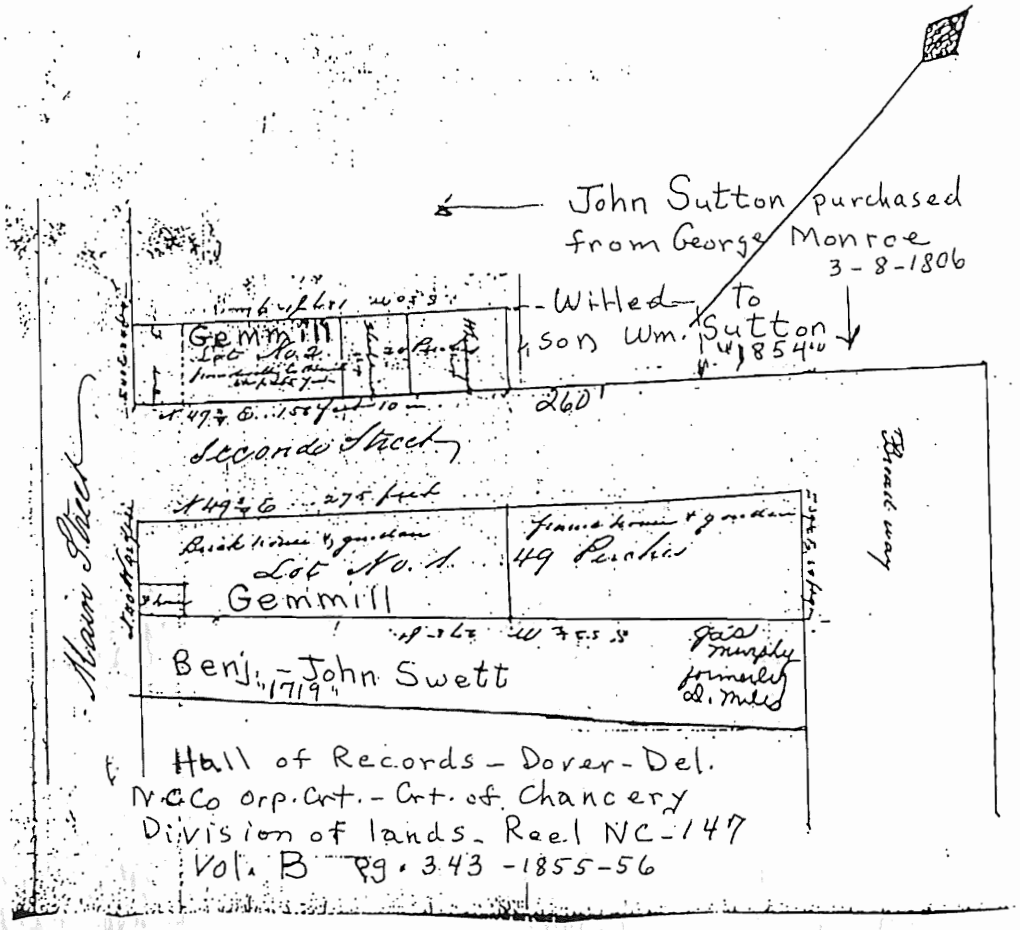
To be sold by the subscribers or either of them. A Large Lot of Land, Beautifully situated on the high land in the center of the village of St. George. There is a small house upon it, with a well of water, of much greater purity and excellence than any in the village, and would make an airy, pleasant, and eligible stand for a partner in the stages, or any public business whatever. Also 19 or so acres of Land. Little more than a quarter of a mile distant from the former lot, suitable for pasturage, or a tradesman to build on, and will be sold together or separate, as may best suit the purchaser. Peter Hyatt Christopher VAndegrift St. George's Dec. 26

John Sutton bought the large lot of land February 3, 1801 for 57 pounds. (Bk W Vol 2 pg. 540 - 1801) John Sutton around the year 1814 built a brick home on the property and lived there with his wife Margaret and unmarried children. Later court papers, on land divisions, show the small frame house mentioned in the 1799 gazette ad on the lot.

John Sutton died January 16, 1854 and had drawn his will on Sept. 24, 1847. (N. C. Co. Wills 1854 Hall of Records Dover DEl.) He left the brick dwelling house, which at that time was included on the whole lot extending from Main Street back to Broadway Street to his grandchildren; the children of my late daughter Margaret Ann Gemmill. The lot also

included a frame dwelling house and shop. The small original house had probably been made into the shop. The lot was made into three separate lots and deeds under the ownership of Mrs. Susan Sutton.

William Gemmill, guardian for the granchildren, petitioned the court to sell the land and it was approved Feb, 19, 1856. (N. C. Co. Orp. Crt. and Crt of Chancery Reel N.C 147 Division of Lands Vol B pgs. 340-343 Hall of Records Dover) Wm. Gemmill appointed James M. Johns Esq., of Delaware, as trustee and October 28 1856 the lot was sold for $1,150.00 to Dr. James N. Sutton. The lot, at this time, contained a brick house and two frame houses with gardens (N. C. Co. Deed Bk K Vol 7 pg. 151 1858)



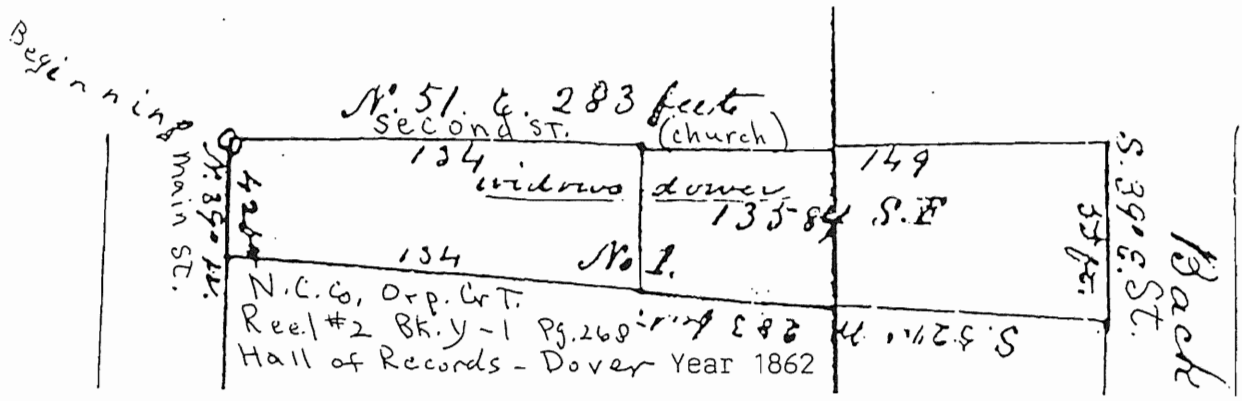
This drqwing shows how the 1744 Andrew Jubart plot plan began to give way to streets and divisions of properties which formed areas still present today in ST. George's.

The original length of the plots were 260 feet, in length, but, Mr . Sutton extended the length to 275 feet before or while the laying out of now Church Street and Broad Street as he owned lands surrounding the lots.

The brick home was destroyed to make way for a new home that Dr. James and Susan Sutton were in the process of building when he died on November 10, 1860. His estate went into orphan court to be settled and Susan Sutton put in a claim to take her dower - at - law and not what was in the will. She wanted one equal third part of all the said lands and tenements to hold as tenant in dower during her life. (N. C. Co. Orp. Crt. Bk Y Vol 1 pg 256 -260 - 1862) John Belville, executor of the will, also petitioned the court to sell all properties and settle debts. (N. C. Co. Orp. Crt Bk Y Vol 1 pg. 386 - 1862)

On September 3, 1862 Wm. J. Hurlock, Anthony M. Higgins, JOhn C. Clark, Eli Biddle, and Wm. Reybold, all upstanding men of the area were appointed to appraise the properties

and lay off a dower for Mrs. Sutton and they appealed to the court to lay off lot #1 and in their evaluation was worth $4,400.00. The lot #1 was valued at $3000 being equal to one-third of said estate of Dr. Sutton after deducting the sum of $1,500 the said Susan expended on the said estate after the death of her husband. The return was read approved and confirmed Sept. 9, 1862. None - the - less because of the petition by John P. Belville, Executor, to the court the new home and adjoining property was put up at public auction on November 7, 1863 and was struck off to Susan Sutton; she being the highest bidder for $300.00. She was able to keep the home and lived in the new home with her children - Frederick G. and Catherine sutton.



The length of the lot extended from 275 feet to 283 feet from previous court records showing a little more land extending out on to Broadway St. or Back Street.

Susan Sutton died in January of 1873 and the son, Frederick G., was her only heir. Jacob L. Gossler, of Brooklyn New York, became the guardian on March 1, 1872 as Frederick was a minor above the age 14 but below age 21. Mr. Gossler presented a petition to the Orphan Court in Delaware to sell the real estate that the said minor was entitled to as heir-at-law of his mother. He wanted to especially sell the modern built three-story large frame dwelling house as the home had been unoccupied since the death of Mrs. Sutton and there is no certainty of the home being rented proportionable to its true value. (N. C. Co. Orp. Crt. Vol B -2 Reel #3 pg. 29 Hall of Records Dover De.)

The large lot from Main St. to Broad St. was now in three parcels with each to be sold separately. John H. Rodney of Delaware became the trustee for the properties. On August 14, 1873, at public auction, the large frame dwelling house on its separated lot sold for $2000 to James Garman (N. C. Co. Orp. Crt Vol B-2 pg 351 and Deed Bk I Vol 10 pg 178 Dec. 16, 1873) Albert N. Sutton, in some way, had a claim on the land and on December 10 1877, Sheriff Isaac Grubb, at public auction, sold the land to Susie D. Garman, of Smyrna, Del.. (N. C. Co Deed Bk A Vol 11 pg 75 - 1877) Susan Garman deeded the land back to James Garman. It is not known if the Garman's resided on this property during ownership. Mr. Garman operated a store on the corner of Main and Delaware Streets. He owned other properties in the town.

In 1889 Edward Bringhurst, Jr., trustee of his fathers will, brought judgement against James and Mary Garman for a debt of $3000. The home was sold by Sheriff Alvan Allen for $1,300 to Edward Bringhurst, Jr. on November 16, 1889. He did not keep the property long as on March 13, 1891, for $1,500 Mr. Bringhurst sold the home to Frances DeWitt, wife of Dr. John W. DeWitt. (N. C. Co. Deeds Bk V Vol 14 pg 294-12-10-1889 -- Bk G Vol 15 pg 381 - 1891) At this time there was only a frame dwelling house on the property but Dr. DeWitt added a carriage and stable barn building to the property, sometime during his residency. It is known he kept a cow or two and at times sold milk. A small office, for the doctor, was added to the left of the front door with its own private door entering from the front porch. Dr. DeWitt was a very able physician and very well thought of in the community. In later years another addition was made to the office extending it out onto the edge of the porch.

Frances DeWitt, in order to have a clear deed to the property, procured a deed from Albert N. and Susanna L. Sutton, for $231.63, for the purpose of barring any right of dower to the said Susanna he would have or may have of the premises. A. N. Sutton had made claim on the property after the death of his stepmother, Susan Sutton during the Garman ownership. Frances DeWitt was living in Wilmington, DEl. when on March 21, 1912 she sold the property to James H. Batten. James Batten and wife Emma Cleaver Batten moved into the St. George's home, in retirement, after many years of farming in the area.

James H. Batten was a descendant of Henry Batten who came to Delaware from Pennsylvania, as a young man, and engaged in farming and operated a flour mill and lumber mill in Pencader Hundred. James was a son of Mahlon and Harriet Mercer Batten. James attended schools in Pencader Hundred and completed his studies at the Newark Academy. (Univ. of Dela.) He farmed with his father and later leased a farm in Red Lion Hundred from the Reybold Family. He married Emma Cleaver daughter of Peter and Sarah Cochran Cleaver which was another well known and influential family in Delaware. James and Emma resided on the farm known as "Hollywood Farm". The farm is mentioned in this booklet on page 4 as the property of Alexander Jamison.

Mr. Clarence Batten, a son of James and Emma Batten, bought the property by two separate deeds - one deed September 14, 1925 from the Emma Cleaver Batten estate and another deed dated March 25, 1926 from Walter J. Willis, trustee and petitioner to Orphans Court, through Clara S. B. Reynolds mother of Harry M. Batten, her minor son, who had been overlooked in the Emma Batten estate settlement. (N. C. Co Deed Bk C Vol 34 pg 2 1925- Bk V Vol 33 pg 485 1926)

Clarence and his wife, Fanny, resided in the home until their deaths. They were highly respected citizens and known for their good humor. Their residence, barn and yard was a compliment to the town.

The home built in 1860 was not abused with modern transformation and was kept in good repair. Additions were kept in line and style of the home. Miss Fanny, as she was fondly called, delighted with a little help from Clarence, in placing a tall hugh Christmas Tree in the high ceilinged frontparlor, which she joyously decorated with and array of all types of ornaments. The tree was a treat to residents as they passed by and saw the tree through the windows; especially at night when the parlor lights were lit. She enjoyed inviting people in to see the tree. Clarence Batten did handyman work, mostlycarpentry.

He died January 18, 1961 and willed the property to his wife and their children; Harold C. Batten and Kathryn B. Davis. Fanny Batten succumbed on January 27, 1964 and the heirs Harold C. Batten and wife Marie, Kathryn Davis and husband Jesse sold the property, on July 1, 1966, to Charles S. Smith Jr. and wife Joan for $13,600.00. (N. C. Co Deed Bk I Vol 77 pg 507 1966) The Smith Family moved into the home and are today in residence and the owners. The restoration work done by the Smith's complements the home. The house has the original siding,slate roof and windows. The home is well the best kept, original house of its period, surviving in the town.

The old barn on the property burned beyond repair on the evening of March 6, 1991. What was left was demolished and a replica of the old one rebuilt on the same foundation; restoring the nostalgia of yesteryear, to the property, when barns were present on properties in the town as a necessity to a former way of life.

ST. GEORGES, DEL. Jul 12 1931

M C G Lister

TO CLARENCE A. BATTEN, DR.

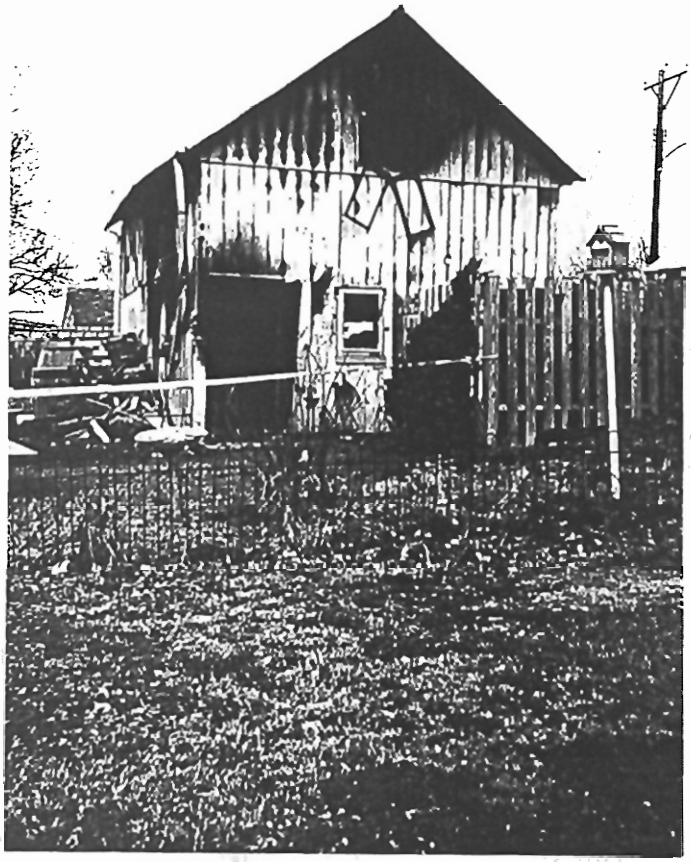
WALL PAPERING AND PAINTING
INTERIOR DECORATING

TERMS—CASH PHONE DELAWARE CITY, 45R3

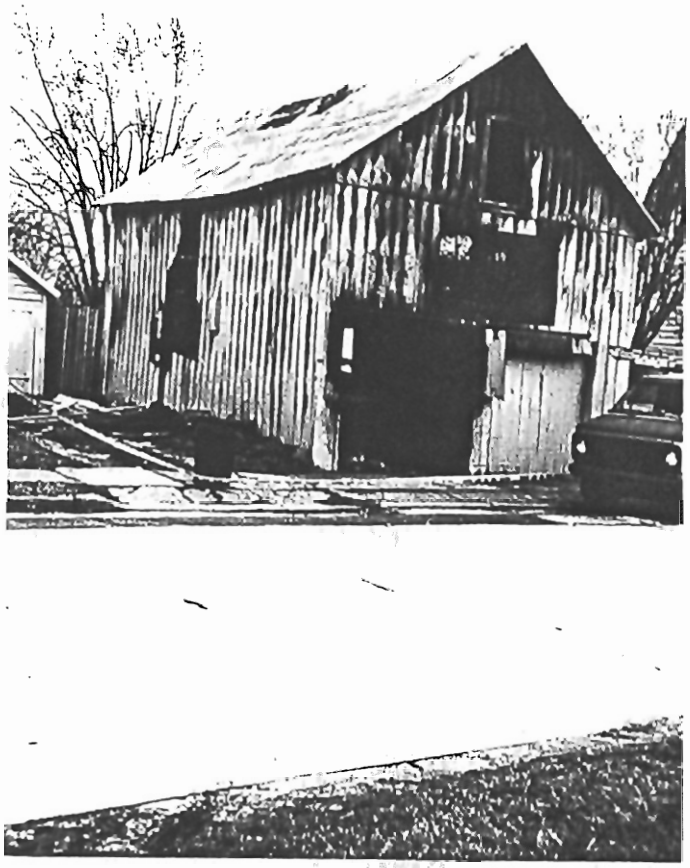
Casandra Pump	
6 ft 1" pipe	78
1 3" Leather	25
1 2¼ "	25
14" ⅜ pump rod	15
1 sec. hand cylinder cap	50
Labor	1 25
	$ 18

Recd Payment
J H Batten

Charles and Joan Smith Home March 1991



Rear View



Front View

Burned Evening March 6, 1991
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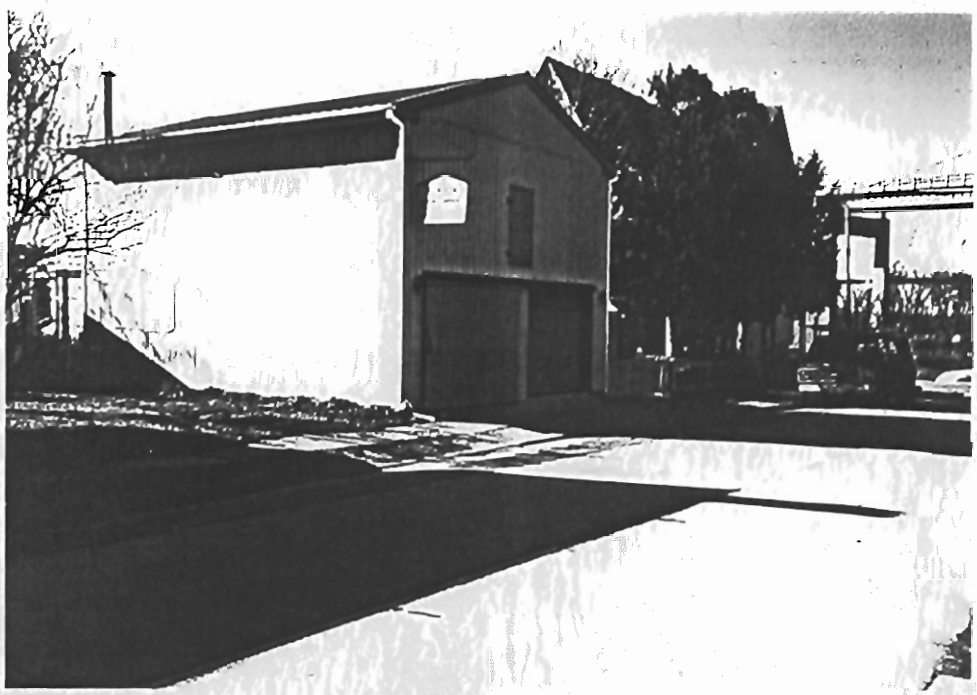


Smith Barn March 15, 1995

GAM - NICKLE - STEVENSON HOUSE

Circa 1992

The Stevenson home is located on the central part of the Gemmill lot and widow Susan Sutton dower lot, but, it was not the first house on this location. See pages 12 13. It is quite possible that the first small frame house located in the lower corner by the brickhouse and garden was moved to the center part of the lot, facing Second Street (Church St.), after Dr. James Sutton bought the property in 1858. The brickhouse was destroyed and Mr. Sutton built a frame house on the lot.

Frederick G. Sutton became heir of this property upon the death of his mother Susan Sutton. John Rodney, Esq., trustee for Frederick, sold the center lot with the frame house at a public auction on Thursday, Feb. 8th, 1877 at the Hotel of Benjamin D. Longland in the village of ST. Georges. This hotel is still standing and is located on the corner of Broad and Church Streets opposite the post office on Church Street. Mrs. Elizabeth Longland, wife of Benjamin, was the highest bidder at $300 and so became the next owner of the property. It is felt the house was used for hired help for the hotel business. (N. C. Co Deed Bk. E Vol. 11 pg.484- Sept. 14, 1878)

Elizabeth kept the property until February 18, 1884. She then sold the property to Francis Duggan of Odessa, Delaware. Benjamin and Elizabeth Longland were now living in Camden, New Jersey. (N. C. Co Deed Bk G Vol 13 pg. 129 1884)

Francis Duggan died on Jan. 25, 1921 and the property went to his wife Margaret of Odessa, Delaware. The house was described as a two-story frame dwelling. It is known that a black family lived in that home. Mrs. Duggan sold the property to James H. S. Gam and Mattie, his wife, on Nov. 2, 1931 (N. C. Co. Deed Bk W Vol. 37 pg.388 1931)

The house, on the property, was accidently destroyed by fire while under the Gam ownership. The Gam's then built a new two-story frame double dwelling house on the lot around the year 1935. After the death of Mr. Gam the property went to his wife Mattie. She had several properties formed into one deed known as St. Georges Realty Co. in September of 1943. The home was rented out to tenants during the Gam ownership. (N. C. Co. Deeds Bk K Vol. 41 pg. 517 6-27-1938 Bk X Vol. 43 pg. 554 - 1943)

William A. Nickle and wife Sarah purchased the property on Oct. 14, 1951. The lot size is 80 foot across the frontfacing Church Street and 50 foot in depth. Mr. and Mrs Nickle moved into the home. The outside remained the same but the inside was renovated into a large single dwelling.

The Nickle's sold the property around the year 1963 to Donald and Doris Stevenson. Mrs. Stevenson taught school in the area. The home today has the same appearance as when it was built and retains the original cedar shingle siding. The home is vacant and up for sale as the Stevenson's moved to Elkton, Maryland.

(N. C. Co. Deed Bk V Vol. 52 pg. 176 - 1951)

St. Georges, Del., August 28 1922

MR. Philip Simmons

DEBTOR TO TOWN OF ST. GEORGES

Taxes for the Year 192

Jas H S Gam Treas.

ASSESSMENT	900	Real Estate	$ 4.50
		Poll	2.00
		Stock	
		Dog	
		Total	$ 6.50
		5% off	32
			6.18

Rate $ per $100.

Received Payment

Jas H S Gam Town Treas.

5 per cent. rebate if paid before Oct. 1st.

Pd 9/30/922

Courtesy of Clara S. Gray

SUTTON HOUSE

Circa 1945

A house was located on the back part of the John Sutton, Gemmill and Susan Sutton dower lot. It was located on the corner of Second and Broadway (now Church and Broad Streets) with the house front facing Broad Street. The house was of the Salt-Box Type matching in shape the neighboring house, to the south, which was the old Ebenezer Eliason property - now owned by William Reynolds. The Sutton house was larger than the neighboring house. There are no records as to when the house was built, but, it was there when John Sutton made his will in 1847.

John H. Rodney, Trustee, for Frederick G. Sutton heir at law of Susan Sutton, sold the home and lot at public sale August 14,1873 for $500. This was quite a low price for the size of the house, unless it was in need of repair, as on the same day the Sutton (now Charles Smith) house on the corner of Main and Second Streets sold for $2000. Daniel B. Stewart was the high bidder and he and his wife received a deed on November 28, 1873 and on the same day deeded the property to Mary E. Aspril. Mary resided on the property. (N. C. Co. Orphan Court Bk. B Vol. 2 pg. 350 1873 N. C. Co. Deed Bk D Vol. 10 pg. 447 - 1873)

The heirs of Mary E. Aspril: John G. Crompton, Fannie B. Crompton, and William Aspril sold the property to Eliza Cush. All were residents in the town of St. Georges. Eliza Cush sold the property on June 4, 1897 to Anna R. Cannon. Anna's husband, Caleb, had a grocery and confectionery store in St. Georges. (N.C. Co. Deed Bk K Vol. 17 pg. 245 - 1897)

Anna R. Cannon and Caleb S. Cannon on July 2, 1906 and Sept. 22, 1906 granted and conveyed the property to James P. Cannon. The heirs of Anna R. Cannon and Caleb, since James P. Cannon had died on Feb.5, 1921, sold the property to Beulah M. Sutton and husband Orlando A. Sutton. Orlando was a descendant of the John Sutton who had bought the lot in 1801.

The Cannon heirs were Louisa M. Cannon, Clement L. Cannon and wife Lucy J., Dollie Moore and husband James, James E. Cannon, Ada L. Crompton and husband William B. Crompton. The Orlando Sutton family lived in the house. (N. C. Co. Deeds BK X Vol. 20 pg. 503 - 1906 Bk. W Vol. 36 pg. 247 1921)

Beulah M. Sutton, widow, deeded the property to her son Joseph Earl Sutton on NOvember 5, 1929. Mr. Sutton and his wife Alice, of Newark, DEla., on April 29, 1931, sold the property for $950 to Tyson F. and Rose Sartin. Mr. and Mrs. Sartin made repairs and used the property for tenant rental. (N. C. Co Deeds Bk U Vol. 36 pg. 338 Bk G Vol. 40 - pg. 465 - 1931)

Tyson and Rose Sartin, on March 26, 1938, gave a deed of the property to Harry E. Wilson and Clara B. Wilson. Clara was now deceased, but, the purpose of the deed was to give a clear deed to the Wilson's as in a chain of deeds a surviving descendant in the Cannon heirs had not signed a deed and this deed cleared that error. On Sept. 24, 1941 Harry E. Wilson, widower, sold the property to William and Mary D. Shivery. Shivery's lived in the house. Mary died on or about June 2, 1949 whereupon the titled vested to William Shivery as surviving tenant by his entirety. Mr. Shivery died May 2, 1950 testate stating that upon the death of he and his wife the property was to be sold and the money shared by the surviving children. (N.C.Co. Deeds Bk W Vol. 40 pg. 268 1938 Bk U Vol.42 pg. 395 - 1941)

The house was rented to tenants and the heirs did not sell the property until Oct. 19, 1950. On that date Miles A. and wife Ida Shivery, Rebecca Shivery Gibbons and husband Herbert, and Robert B. Walls, Jr. sold the lot with frame building for $3,200.00 to Everet R. and Anna Brown. The size of the lot was 54'9" frontingon Broad Street and 60'3" along Church Street. Everet and Anna Brown on Sept. 30, 1960, for $2,500, sold the property to Harry S. Dickson and wife Bessie. The Brown's and Dickson's did reside in the house. (N. C. Co. Deeds Bk S Vol. 50 Pg. 1 - 1950 Bk V Vol. 66 pg. 137 - 1960) Harry and Bessie, on Nov. 22, 1963 sold the property to Tyson F. and Rose Sartin who had been former owners of the property. The home had begun to deteriorate and was too costly to keep in repair for tenant rental. The home was demolished leaving and empty but well kept lot on the corner of Church and Broad Street.

The lot is now owned by Sartin Family Partnership L. P..

Circa 1994

Vacant lot corner of Second and Broad Street

Mr. Elizabeth Gann

BOUGHT OF C. S. CANNON

DEALER IN

GROCERIES AND CONFECTIONERY

SALT MEATS AND FISH.

TERMS CASH.

Feb	26	1 bag salt	05		
Mar.	27	2 loaves Bread	20		
"	"	2 bxs Macaroni	12		
"	"	1 doz. Pickles	10		
"	30	2 doz. Pickles	20		
Apr.	3	1 spool Cotton	06		
"	"	2 loaves Bread	14		
"	"	2 sacks Salt	10		
"	11	4 loaves Bread	28		
"	17	6 loaves Bread	42		
"	"	2 doz. Pickles	20		
"	21	3 Mackrel	33		
				2	20
Friday	7	4 lbs Bread @ 10c	40		
				2	60

Received Payment
C. S. Cannon
May 12 1917

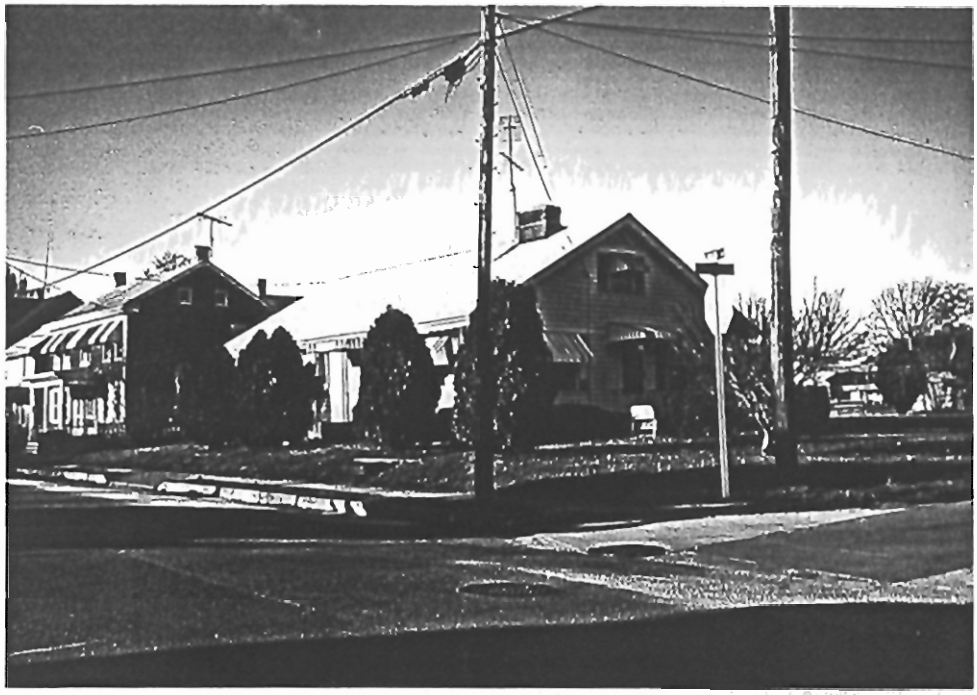
St. Georges, La.
Feb. 4, 1917

Mrs. Lizzie Gann

	Finished Dress	.5
	2 Dresses Gwendolyne	1.5
4	petticoats Gwendolyne	.8
1	Dress Emma	.4
2	Dresses Hemmed Emma	.2
1	petticoat Emma	.1
	Molds (Trimings)	.1
	Buttons	.1
	Buttons	.1
	Buttons	.2
	Towels Hemmed	.2
1/2	day work Jan. 31/1917	.14.9
	Less Milk Bill Jan.	.4
		$ 17.4

Ida M. Wright

REYNOLDS - LOWE HOME



Built 1958 Picture - 1995

The Reynold home was built, around the year 1958, on a section of the Jacob Gooding and Andrew Jubart lot on the 1744 Jubart Plot Plan. See page 1. The Reynolds house was the third built on this lot. John Sutton had acquired the Jacob Gooding property in the year 1801. Mr. Sutton, in his will of Sept. 24, 1847, willed a part of the Gooding lot lying between the Northwestern side of Second Street and the ground which I purchased of George Monroe (formerly Andrew Jubart lot) beginning at the Northeastern end of the wheelwright shop and extending to the State Road (Main Street) with a dwelling house, blacksmith shop and wheelwright shop, to his grandchildren, the children of his late daughter Margaret Ann Gemmill. William Gemmill, guardian for the grandchildren, filed a Division of Land with the New Castle County Orphan Court and Court of Chancery in 1855-56. This land record gave a good description of that lot. See page 12.

The lot, with buildings, was sold on March 17, 1857 for $900, to John H.. Stewart of Christiana, Delaware. The 1860 Census lists Mr. Stewart in St. Georges as a coachmaker with two apprentices - James F. Stewart age 18 and George Blest age 20. John H. Stewart sold the property, for $3,500, to Daniel B. Stewart on Feb. 6, 1866. (N. C. Co. Deeds Bk Y Vol 6 pg. 265 - 1857 Bk. L Vol. 20 pg. 557 - 1866)

The 1868 Beers Atlas (see page 97) shows the property along Second Street marked D. B. Stewart. Daniel Stewart carried on the carriage business and also rented out carriages until his death in 1905. Elizabeth H. Stewart, his wife, moved to Philadelphia and on Oct. 18, 1905 deeded the land for $150 to John Stewart. He on Nov. 14, 1905 for $400 conveyed the tract of land with a carriage factory thereon to Leontine Mc Whorter. (N.C. Co. Deeds Bk K Vol. 20 pg. 398 - 1905 Bk V Vol. 23 pg.236 - 1905)

Leontine J. Mc Whorter sold the property on May 11, 1912 for $500 to Emerson H. Mc Whorter of Philadelphia, Penn.. During the Mc Whorter

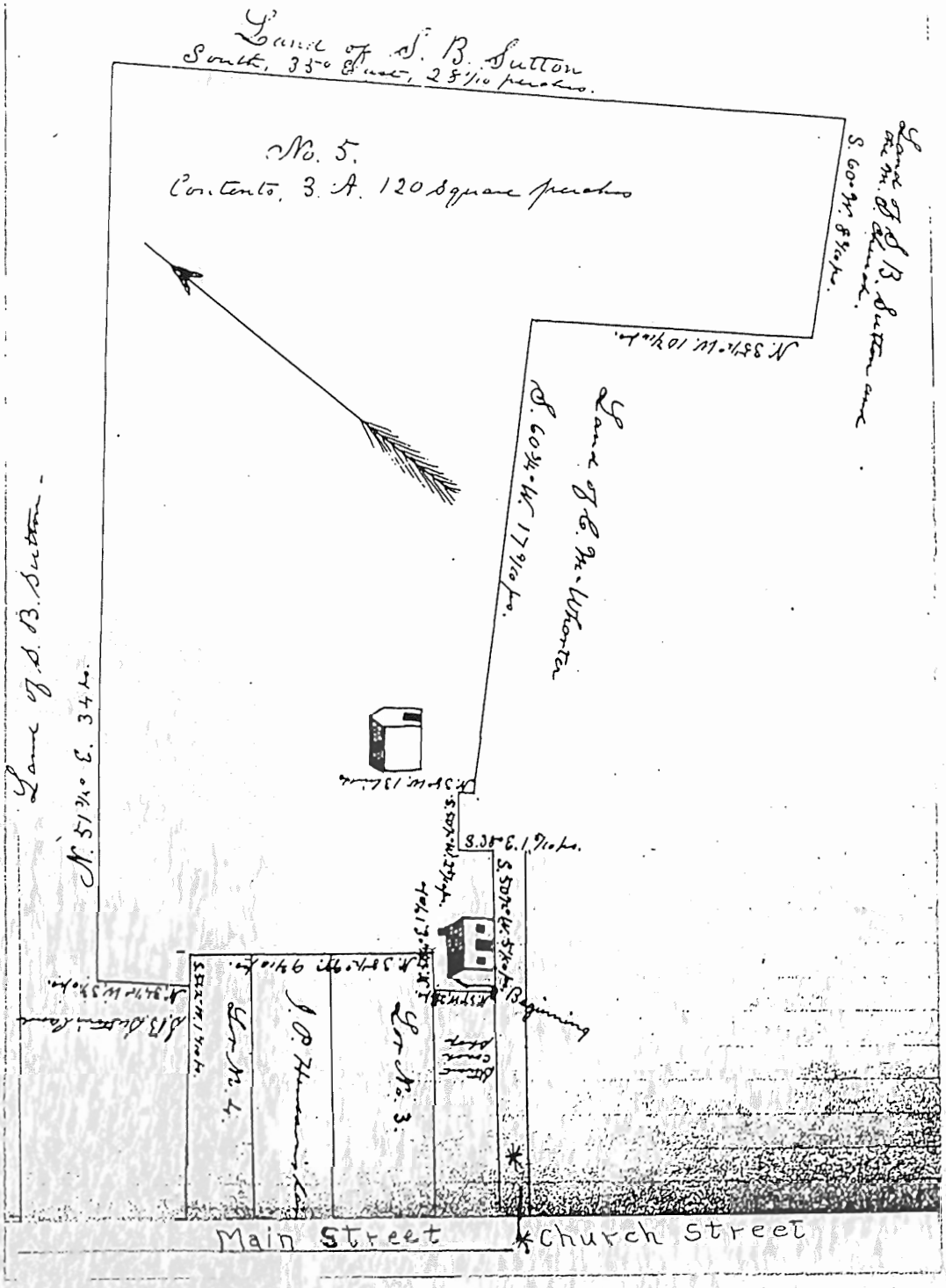
ownership a Clarence Jamison had a carriage rental business and also did hauling; especially from the railroad station at Kirkwood. Emerson H. Mc Whorter and wife Mildred of New York City, on Oct. 16, 1912, sold the former frame carriage factory, now a stable, for $400 to Margaret Jamison. The house and blacksmith shop had dissappeared. Margaret and Clarence Jamison sold the property, Sept. 28, 1932, to Florence J. Posey. Florence sold the land to Mattie Gam, a widow, June 6, 1938. The stable was now used as a car garage. (N.C. Co. Deeds Bk B Vol. 24 pg. 241 - 1912 Bk I Vol. 38 pg. 492 - 1932 Bk Y Vol. 40 pg. 283 - 1938)
Mattie Gam owned adjoining land along Main Street and it was to her advantage to buy this small lot. This lot was sold to Burton Sanders around 1954-5. He moved a house from Tidewater Oil Co. land, north of St. Georges, down to the lot. (N. C. Co. Deed Bk K Vol. 41 pg. 517 - 1938)

Sanders House - 1995 Owners - Adam R. and Jeanne N. Fachet

The Andrew Jubart lot and Robert Morrison lots, on the 1744 Jubart Plot Plan, along with other additional land had been acquired by John Sutton from George Monroe in the year 1806. John Sutton , in his will of 1847, willed this land along with some land he had reserved out of the sale of his farm, bordering this land, to his son William A. Sutton. There was about 3 acres 120 squar perches of land. Buildings and improvements were mentioned but nothing specific on the buildings or locations. William received the land in 1854 after his fathers death. See page 25 for land description.

Andrew Jubart had sold the lot to Francis Anderson, a blacksmith, on June 14. 1755. There was a house on the lot. It is very probable Andrew and wife Sarah built a home on the lot soon after 1744 and lived there. Andrew was a weaver by trade. Francis Anderson and Jerome Dushane, executor of his will, sold the property to Titus Vanecklin, a blacksmith. (N.C. Co. Deed Bk T Vol 1 pg. 430 pg. 537 - 1759) Titus sold the lot to John Stewart and John Taylor. The lot was taken in execution by Sheriff John Thompson and sold to Jacob Houston and he sold the land to Dr. Nathaniel Silsbee, practitioner of Physics. Dr. Silsbee died and the house and lot is mentioned in his will of 1-19-178 The heirs of Dr. Silsbee sold the land, on Feb. 9, 1795 to a merchant, Edward Roche. (N.C. Co. Deeds Bk F Vol. 2 pg. 276 - pg. 285 - 1778 - 1780 Bk P Vol. 2 pg. 241 - 1795)

Sheriff Joseph Israel Sold the Roche land, to collect debts, on Dec. 18, 1800 to George Monroe, practioner of Physics by a deed of JUne 12, 1801. George Monroe and wife Jemima sold the land and house to John Sutton on March 8, 1806. (N.C. Co. Deed Bk D Vol 3 pg. 383 - 1806

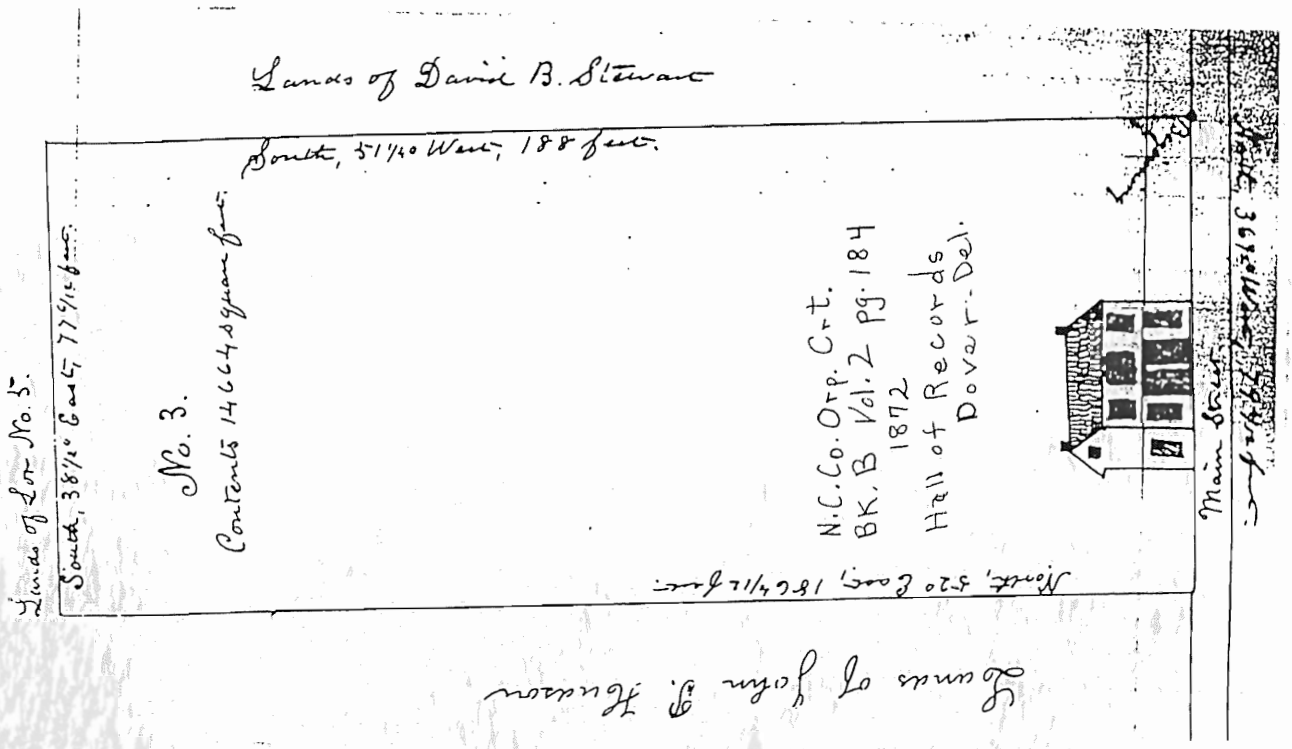


Land inherited by Wm. A. Sutton from John Sutton. Land division of Wm. Sutton's estate in the year 1872 N. C. Co. Orphan Court Bk B Vol. 2 pg. 149 - 1872
(Hall of Records - Dover, Dela.)

Wm. A. Sutton diedintestate in 1856, but, his estate was not settled until after his wife Susan's death on Jan. 28, 1871. Wm. Sutton left children - Henrietta - who died intestate unmarried leaving to survive the heirs-at-law brother and sisters Julia W. Sutton of Elmira, New York, Wm. E. Sutton of Phila. Pa., a minor under age 21, and Adelia W. married to William F. Weaver, Elmira, New York.

Susan G. Sutton was a schoolteacher. After Wm. Suttons's death she married William Youngman of the town of Sunbury, Northumberland County Pennsylvania. He was and Iron Foundryman and later a cabinetmaker. After their marriage in 1869 they signed over her right to the estate of Wm. Sutton to Wm. F. Weaver, husband of Adelia and it was he who petitioned New Castle County Orphan Court to settle the Sutton estate. (N.C. Co. Deed Bk Z Vol. 8 pg 397 pg 714 - 1869 N.C. Co. Orp. Crt. Bk B Vol. 2 pgs. 99-101, pg.143-150 pgs. 184-185 1871-72)

Lot #3 on the division plan of Wm. A. Sutton's land is a large part of the Reynold's lot formerly the Burton Saunders lot. A separate sketch of lot #3 shows a frame two-story dwelling. The double house could be attributed to John Sutton; probably built around 1840, after destroying the old Jubart House. This would have been the second house on the property. Wm. F. Weaver and wife Adelia bought the property at public sale on June 18, 1872 for $675. . (N.C. Co. Orp. Crt. Bk B Vol. 2 pg. 184 - 1872)

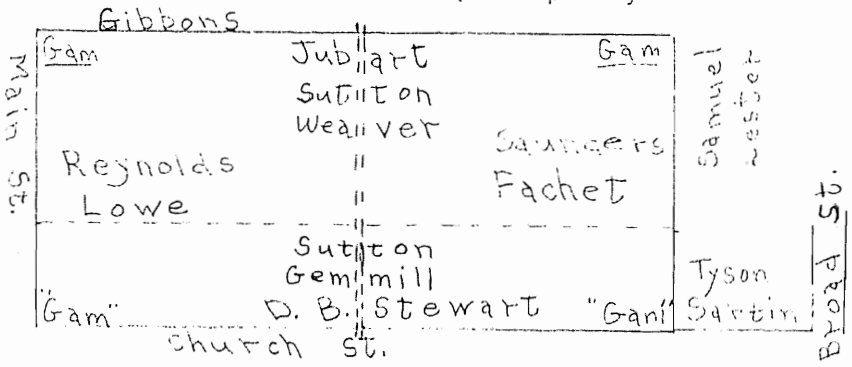


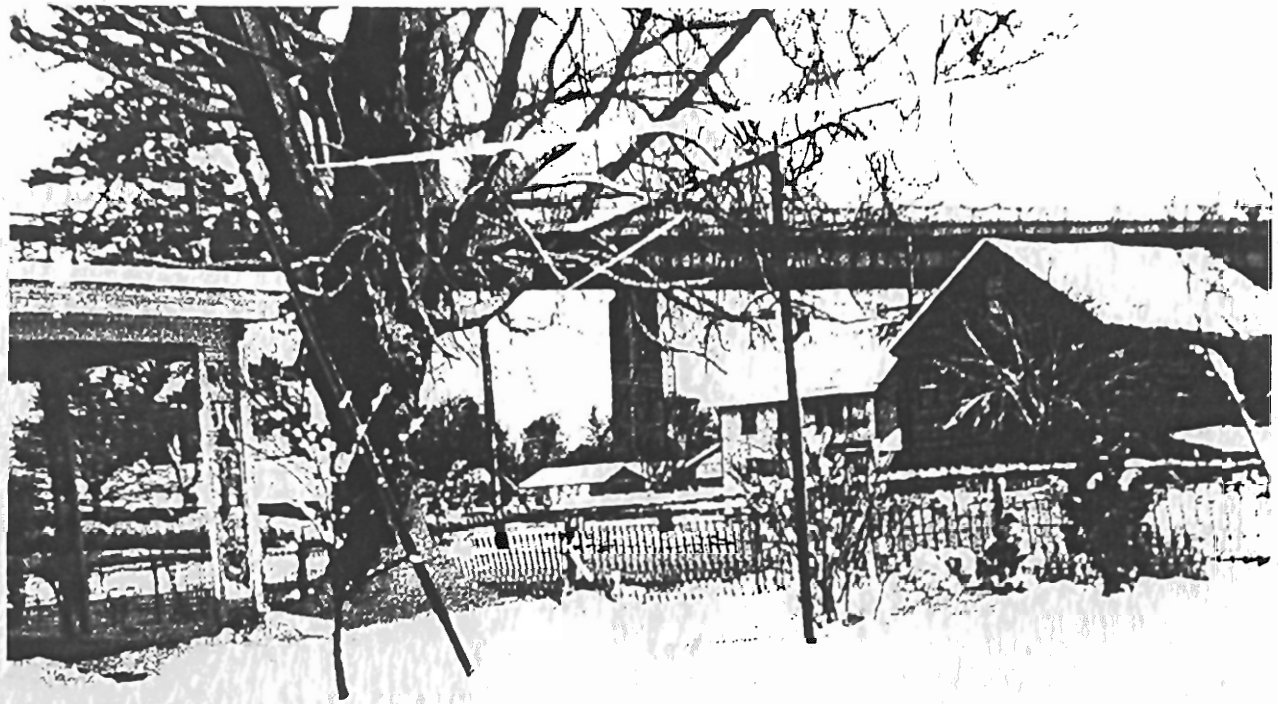
Wm. Weaver and wife sold the property with the deed stating a double frame house and frame kitchen, on the lot, for $670, on Sept. 24, 1872 to Francis Duggan of Odessa, Delaware. (N.C. Co. Deed Bk I Vol. 11 pg. 153 - 1872)

Francis Duggan died Jan. 25, 1921 and his wife Margaret inherited the property which was valued for $975. Margaret sold the property on Nov. 2, 1931 to James. H. S. Gam and Mattie Gam. (Wills N. C. Co. - Francis Duggan Deed Bk. W Vol.37 pg. 388 - 1931)

The Duggans and Gams used the property for tenant rental. It is known black families lived in the double house. One family being a Charlie Carter. He was employed by the St. Georges Canning Co. . He took care of the boiler, keeping it at the correct heating temperature for steam and boiling water to cook the cans of corn in the cooker kettles. He also was responsible and enjoyed blowing the steam whistle for starting time in the morning, noon-time, and quitting time. His wife Josephine did domestic work in the community.

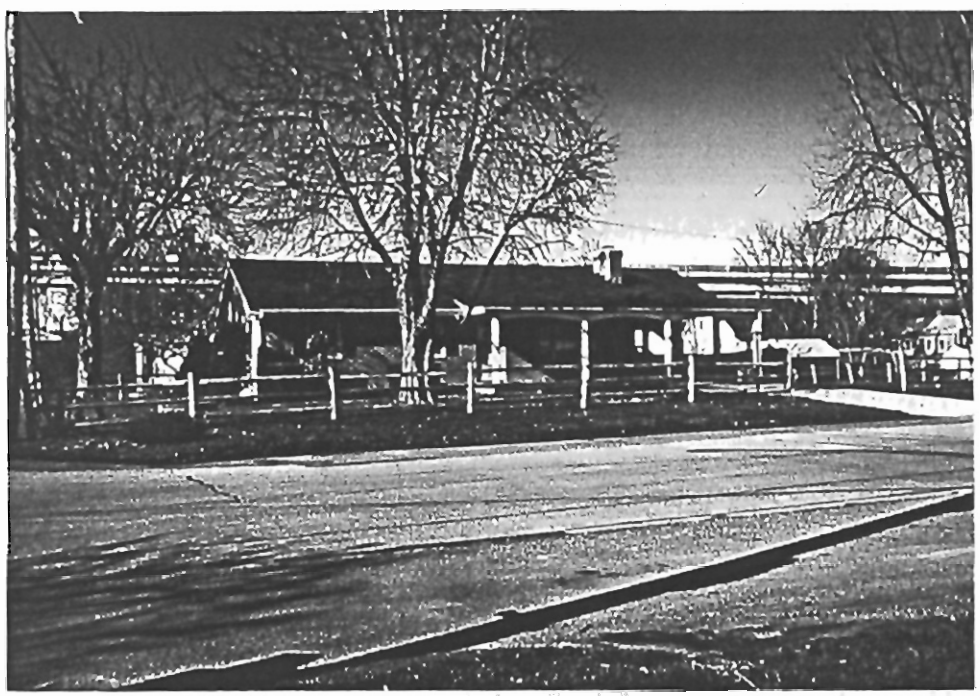
Burton Sanders, of St. Georges, bought the property from Mattie Gam Jan 27, 1953. The frame house was destroyed. He made a division in this property and the former D. B. Stewart property into two lots. He sold the lot on the Northwest corner of Main and Church Streets to Raymond and Elizabeth Reynolds on NOv. 26, 1957 and they built a new home on the property. (N.C.Co. Deeds Bk G Vol. 53 pg. 87 - 1953 Bk I Vol 61 pg. 477 1957) Mrs. Reynolds sold the home to Jeremy and Dawn Lowe and they reside on the property. (Property deeded to Lowe in 1988)





Looking across Church St. from the Batten House - Back of Double Frame House
Picture taken 1947

TYSON F. SARTIN HOUSE
CAREY HOME



Sartin House 1995

The one story brick, ranch style, house was built circa 1970. It is located on the northwestern corner of Church and Broad Streets intersection. It sits on a small parcel of land of the Wm. Sutton estate plot #5 and behind land formerly of D. B. Stewart. See page 25 - 27 .

Mr. Samuel Lester had acquired Plot #5 in the year 1908 and Tyson F. Sartin bought 0.164 acres of the land from the Samuel Lester estate on July 18, 1955. (N.C. Co. Deed Bk D Vol. 57 pg. 414 1955) The property is now owned by Sartin Family Partnership L P .

When Mr. Sartin bought the lot it contained a small frame house. Mr. Samuel Lester called it the farm tenant house. Black families lived in the home. George Gibbs and wife were tenants as well as Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Nicholas, who were the last black family to live there. It was a well kept red painted frame house. There was no electric, plumbing or water in the house until Mr. Sartin bought it. Water had been furnished by a well and hand pump located near the south side of the house. When the Nicholas family vacated their home Mr. Sartin remolded and made additions to the building and rented it to white tenants.

A house was not at this location on the Wm. Sutton Estate plot #5 in 1872 but there was a house sitting along Church Street on this property at that date. It is believed and very probable the house was moved from there to the present location after Samuel Sutton bought Plot #5 of the Wm. Sutton estate Sept. 4, 1872. (N.C. Co. Deed Bk B Vol 2 pg. 184 1872)

John Sutton may have built the home on the property as when he devised the land to his son William by will, written 9-24-1847, the will states together with houses - out-houses and improvements that are thereon erected; so the original section of the house could be dated before 1847 and after being moved the improvements to the home circa 1872, as well

as improvements later by owners from 1955 to the present. The house is mentioned as a tenant house on a 1908 deed of John Stewart heirs to Samuel Lester.

Paul W. and Dorothy Carey bought the house surrounded by a small parcel of land from Tyson Sartin on August 14, 1969.
(N.C. Co. Deed Bk U Vol, 82 pg. 587 - 1969)

Carey Home Broad Street 1995

Carey Home View from the North Side 1995

Tyson F. Sartin Dies Suddenly

Tyson F. Sartin, 61, prominent and respected civic leader and a former legislator of St. Georges, died suddenly of natural causes on Saturday. He was pronounced dead on arrival at Delaware Division. 7-17-1976

Mr. Sartin was president of Tyson F. Sartin Inc., a firm that manufactures and sells concrete products.

He was president of the Delaware City Building and Loan Association and a member of the board of adjustment of New Castle County. In addition, he was a past state representative, a past member of the Commodore McDonough Elementary School Board, director of the St. Georges Cemetery Board, and a Past Master of Jackson Lodge 19, A.F.& A.M., and on the staff of the Grand Lodge of Delaware Masons.

Mr. Sartin is survived by his wife, Rose Householder Sartin; two daughters Patricia S. Wilson and Susanne T. Stapleford, both of St. Georges; and three grandchildren.

Graveside services were held at 11 Tuesday morning at St. Georges Cemetery. At St. Georges United Methodist Church Monday night at 7:30 Masonic services were held by Jackson Lodge.

GARMAN - GIBBONS HOUSE

Year 1992

The frame double-dwelling house was built between 1857 and 1861. The lot marked John P. Hudson on the Wm. A. Sutton Orphan Court Division page 25 is the location and lot along Main Street on which the house was built.

Wm. and Susan Sutton, for $225, sold the lot to Albert O. Newton and James Garman on Oct. 5, 1855. Albert Newton and wife Julia, for $112, sold their interest in the lot to James Garman on Feb. 11, 1857. James Garman can be credited for the double house built on the lot. On Dec. 14, 1861 James Garman and wife Mary sold the premises, for $3000, to John B. Hudson. The deed indicates the double house on the property and the rental residents were Robert T. White and John C. Stewart. John P. Hudson, Sr. died and the property went to his sons John and Alfred. Alfred sold his share to the brother John on Jan. 9, 1889 and on Dec. 11, 1892 John sold the premises, for $1,300 to the widow Elida M. Jones. (N.C. Co. Deeds Bk. V Vol. 6 pg. 276 - 1855 Bk C Vol. 7 pg.135 1857 Bk P Vol. 7 pg. 253 - 1861 Bk B Vol. 16 pg.258 1892)

Elida M. Jones lived in the double home. During her residence she operated a Room and Board business which was a popular mode of business in the town from the late 1890's to the late 1930's as the main route running through the State of Delaware went through the town.

Elida was the daughter of John and Lydia Robson who moved from Kent Co., Dover Hundred in 1861 to a 77 acre farm they had bought in St. Georges Hundred just below the town of St. Georges, north of what is now known as Lorewood Grove Road. She married James A. Jones.

Elida Jones died intestate on or about Jan. 14, 1926. Her living heirs were a daughter, Blanche R. Jones Batten, wife of Harold A. Batten. A daughter, Mabel Jones Davidson who had married Robert Lee Davidson and had preceded her mother in death leaving two children - Robert C. Davidson

and Alice B. Davidson; grandchildren of the deceased. Martin Burris, a lawyer in Middletown, Del., was appointed trustee by Orphans Court and the court ordered the property sold on Saturday, Oct. 30, 1926 at public auction. Mr. Herbert D. Gibbons was the highest bidder for $2,925.00 . (N.C. Co. Deed Bk M Vol 34 pg.357 Nov. 17, 1926)

Herbert and Rebecca Shivery Gibbons moved into the house. Mr. Gibbons was a Blacksmith and his business was located across the street on property just north of the Presbyterian Church. A son Robert, wife Anna, and family, for many years, lived in one side of the double house. In the year 1981 the Gibbons estate sold the double house to Walter Myers.

The property is now owned by Bryan and Cynthia Gravell.

Back Section - Gibbons House 1992

The back section of the double house was the original section. The front section was added after 1868; probably by John Hudson. Back sheds would have been added in mid 1900's. Painted asbestos shingles covers the original wood siding. A nice size yard acommodates the building.

St. Georges, Dela
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Mr. Claude Lester.
To H. D. Gibbons
Blacksmith.

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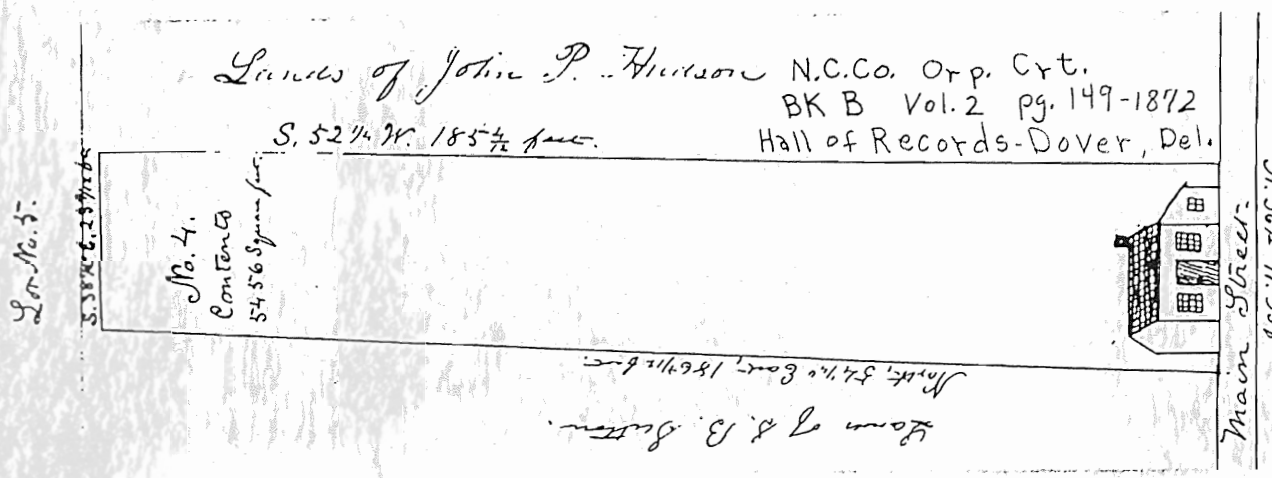
SUTTON - LESTER - MALONEY

1995 Maloney House

The Maloney house property is shown on the Wm. A. Sutton estate settlement drawing as #4. See page 25. It is also shown as one of the Mrs. Youngman properties on the 1868 D. G. Beers Atlas See page 97 located next to the Samuel Sutton store property.

Susan G. Sutton Youngman, a school teacher, died in 1871. It's probable she resided in the home and may have died there. After her death the properties left to her husband, Wm. Sutton, by his father John Sutton were sold to settle the estate. This property was described, in size, as being 35' along Main Street, 186' 9" in depth, but only 23' 9" across the back. There was a one story frame dwelling house and a frame kitchen on the lot. The property was sold at public auction to James Garman for $285.00. James Garman and wife Mary J. sold the property for $285.00 to Sarah S. Cann on Oct. 30, 1873. The price indicates no change or improvements to the home. (N.C. Co. Orp. Crt. Bk B Vol. 2 pg. 184 - 1872 Deed Bk T Vol. 10 pg. 286 - 1873)



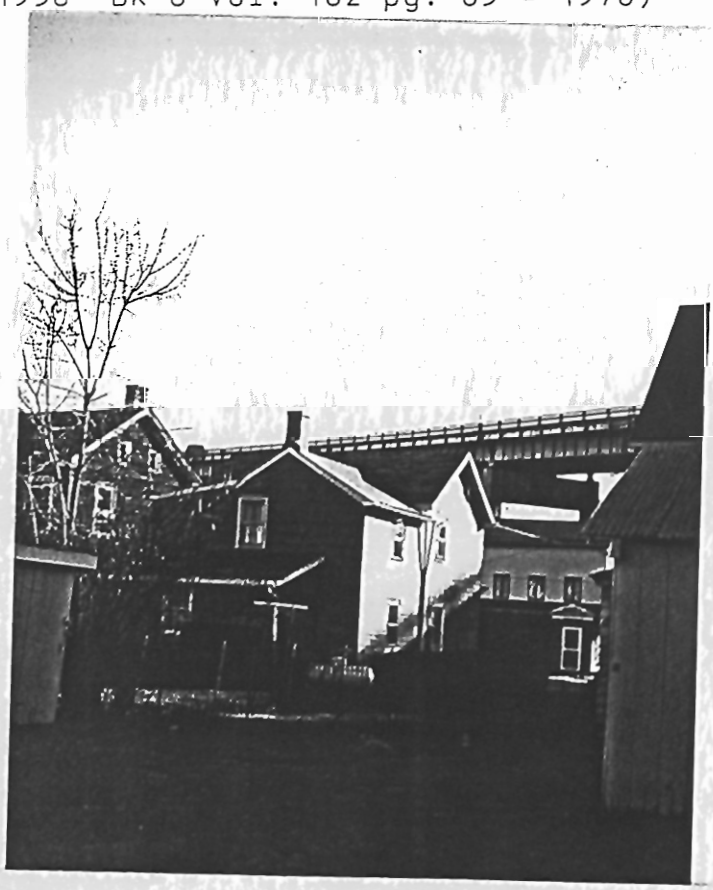
On Oct. 1, 1876, Sarah Cann for $800 deeded the house and lot of ground to Joseph Heisel. It is surmised the deed was given as collateral for a $800 loan. Sarah can be given credit for adding to the home making it into a two-story dwelling. She resided on the property. When her loan was paid twenty years later; Joseph Bayard Heisel and wife Martha deeded the property back to Sarah Cann for $800. Upon Sarah's death, Jan. 9, 1925 Ella Haman, administrator for her estate, sold the property for $1,305 to Samuel C. Lester on NOv. 18, 1925. (N.C. Co. Deeds Bk T Vol. 10 pg. 301 - 1876 Bk I Vol. 16 pg.77 - 1894 Bk A Vol.34 pg. 29 1925)

Mr. Lester probably added the back shed and front porch to the building. The date the house was built is a bit of a mystery. The house is on the Beers Atlas in 1868. When Mr. John Sutton willed the property, in 1847, to Wm. Sutton there is no evidence there was a house on this lot. Evidence points to Wm. Sutton and his heirs dividing the property he inherited into lots after the death of John Sutton in 1854. By the year 1872 it is knownthere was a house on the lot. Wm. Sutton had died intestate in the year 1856. The main section of the house could have been built anytime between 1854 and 1868 when it appears on Beers Atlas. Additions were circa 1876-77 and after.

One of the tenants during the Lester ownership was John Vail. He is remembered as one of the post kerosene street lamp tenders in the village.

Members of the Samuel Lester estate sold the property to Avette Morgan in the year 1950. The Morgan family resided on the property.

The house and lot was sold to Harold J. Hill on August 24, 1978. He sold the property to Russell Crompton. His family resided on the property until around 1990 and then it was sold to Thomas and Kimberly Maloney and they also resided on the property. (N.C. Co. Deeds Bk W Vol. 50 pg. 53 12-4-1950 Bk O Vol. 102 pg. 85 - 1978)



Year 1992

Back View

of

Maloney House

LESTER - MORRISON - LAWS

1992

The double frame house was built for Samuel Lester around the year 1920.

The house was built on a corner of the Robert Morrison lot next to Francis Anderson on the 1744 Andrew Jubart plot plan page 1. When this lot along with other plots of the plan were sold to George Monroe on Dec. 18, 1800, the deed stated there was a frame messuage and storehouse on the land. George Monroe sold the large plot of land to John Sutton in March 1806 and the frame messuage and storehouse were again mentioned on the deed. (N.C. Co. Deed Bk G Vol. 3 pg.455 1801 Bk D Vol. 3 pg. 383 - 1806) John Sutton in 1842 and 1845 deeded this corner of the plot of land to his son Samuel B. Sutton. It was taken from land John Sutton had put in his will to go to his son William just above lot #4. See page 25. (N.C. Co. Deeds Bk K Vol. 5 pg.115 1842 and page 482 1845. The store and house are marked on the 1868 Beers Atlas. See page 97.

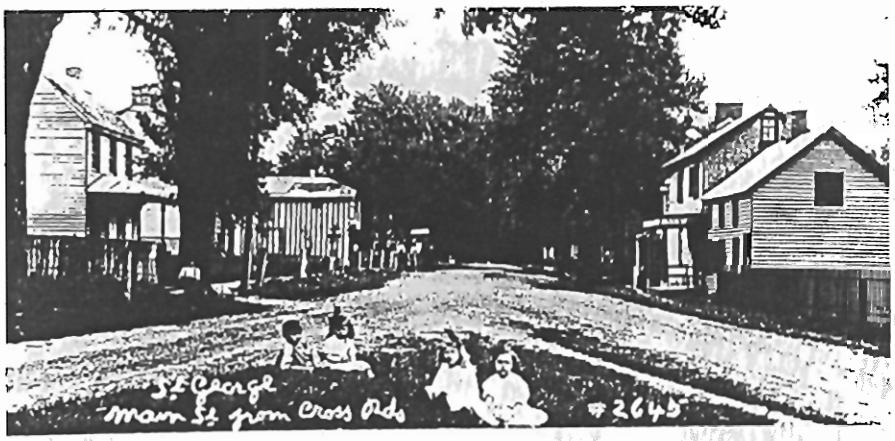
The land came into the hands of J. H. Stewart on March 31, 1888. The Stewart heirs sold the land to Samuel Lester Mar. 16, 1908. John H. Stewart was known as a shopkeeper. It is probable he operated a store in the building on this lot. (N.C. Co. Deeds Bk F Vol. 4 pg.582 1888 Bk O Vol. 21 pg. 499 1908)

The old frame messuage and storehouse still stood on the lot when Mr. Lester bought the property in 1908. Not much is known about the store. It is believed a George Vincent used the property to sell farm implements. Also, mention has been make a Mr. Calhoun operated a store there. The building fell into disrepair and Mr. Lester had it torn down. Mr. Lester allowed Mr. Calhoun to continue his store business in a room on the back of his brick home next door.

Mr. Lester built a double house on the lot. His daughter Elva and son-in-law Irving V. Sparks moved into one side of the building. Mr. Calhoun

again moved his store business into the other side of the double dwelling and continued business here until his home and store combined was completed across the street. When he moved to his new location Irving and Elva Sparks, for a shorttime, continued a store shop in the building. They built and moved into a home on Broad Street in the late Spring in the year 1933.

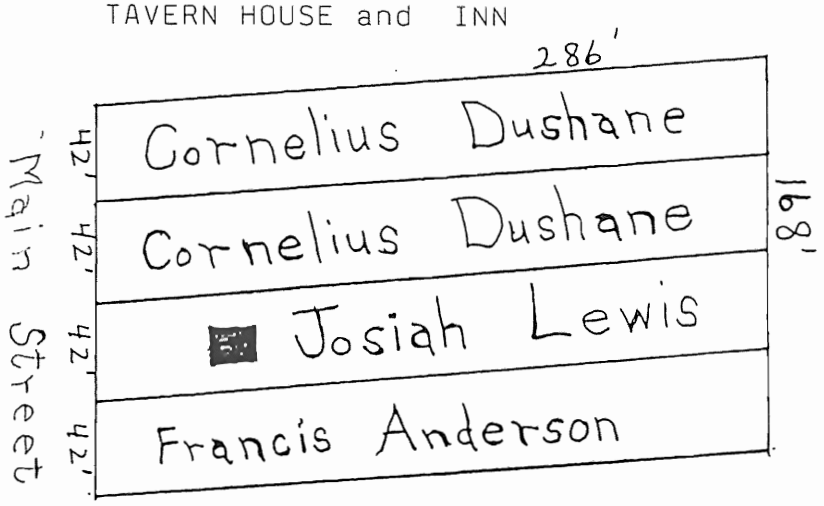
Samuel Lester and wife Georgia Swain Lester on June 20, 1933 sold the house and lot for $2000 to Viola Tibbitt Morrison, wife of Robert Morrison. They resided on the property. After Mr. Morrison's death his estate sold the home, on Oct. 16, 1953, to his daughter Ruth M. Laws and her husband Norman Laws. After the death of Mrs. Laws, in 1992, the family sold the property to Richard Burris, Jr.. The Laws family moved into the home after buying it. The home still retains the same lines and features as when built. (N.C. Co. Deeds Bk D Vol.54 pg. 42 1953 Bk T Vol.38 pg. 240 1933)



picture circa 1912

The vertical slat frame storehouse building located in the left center of the picture is where the Laws House is now located. The first home on the left is now the Anderson House. The brick home behind the tree is the Pasqualina house. The house on the right was destroyed in 1939 to make way for the St. Georges overhead bridge.

TAVERN HOUSE and INN



Built Circa - 1751 - 1758
Additions - 1760 and after
Quinto and Karen Pasqualini Home - year 1992

The Pasqualini house according to many reference deeds involves four lots of the 1744 Andrew Jubart Plot Plan. Other lots and land were bought and adjoined to these 4 lots making a 7 acre parcel surrounding the brick home. Francis Anderson, a blacksmith, bought his lot from Andrew Jubart May 15, 1744. (N.C. Co. Deed Bk O Vol. 1 1744) Francis Anderson and wife Margaret sold the lot to Anthony Dushane, farmer, May 19, 1756 (N.C. Co. Deed Bk S Vol. 1 pg. 161 - 1756)

Josiah Lewis purchased his lot from Andrew Jubart 1744-45. Josiah sold the lot to Michael Dushane, a weaver, for 7lbs. Aug. 15, 1749. (N. C. Co.Deeds Bk Q Vol. 1 pg.170 - 1744 Bk Q Vol. 1 pg. 210 1749)

Michael Dushane, a peddler of St. Georges, and his wife Esther sold the lot on Nov. 21, 1750 to Anthony Dushane, a farmer, of St. Georges Hundred. Anthony Dushane now owned 2 of the four lots. (.C. Co. Deed Bk Q Vol. 1 pg. 429 1750)

Anthony Dushane had made his will July 13, 1759 and died soon after. his will was probated Aug. 1, 1759. (N.C. Co. Probate Record Hall of Records Dover) He owned two farms in the area. His son Michael lived on one and Charles Cannon, a barrel maker, on the other. Anthony, it can be asumed, was living in his home in St. Georges Village as he left the house wherein I now live together with all the house and land which I now have in St. Georges to my daughter, Mary Robinson, to her and to her forever. Information on later deeds pinpoints the home to be located on the Josiah Lewes lot. The original section of the house would have been built after Nov. 1750 but before 1759. The time being between when Anthony Dushane bought the lot and his death. Mr. Dushane did not state in his will whether the house was of brick or frame. Mary Dushane Robinson was the wife of William Robinson, known as a shopkeeper and also and Innkeeper. The were married Nov. 9 1754. (N.C. Co. Marriage Records Hall of Records- Dover Del.)

Soon after Mary Robinson inherited the house and land in August 1759 a November 21, 1759 deed shows that her 2 lots and the Cornelius Dushane two lots were deeded only to her husband by a John and Dorothea Thompson of New Castle town. (N.C. Co. Deed Bk W Vol. 1 pg. 152 1759) Robinson must to have prospered as a shop and inn keeper as he in the years 1759 to 1765 bought other lots and land adjoining to lands he already owned.

William Robinson died near the end of 1771. At the time of death he was listed as and Innkeeper. John Thompson appeared into Orphans Court Jan. 19, 1773 to handle the estate and be adminstrator. (O. C. N.C. Co. Bk D Vol. 1 pg. 403 - 426 3-20-1773) He was instructed to sell all of the land to pay debts. On Feb. 15, 1773, at a public auction sale, John Thompson sold the messuage, being the late dwelling house of the deceased, and lot of ground to Cornelius Kettle for 360 lbs. 18 shilling and mortgage taxes of 99 lbs. 2 shilling. It does not state the type of home or how large the lot ground was that went with the house. There were four other lots owned by Robinson sold to Jacob Houston, a merchant in St. Georges.

Cornelius Kettle, a farmer of Red Lion Hundred and his wife Martha, a year later on Feb. 14, 1774 sold the home back to Mary Robinson, widow of said Wm. Robinson. This deed states the home was brick. The size of the lot being 287' by 168'. (N.C. Co. Deed Bk W Vol 2 pg.653 1774) Even though a home was mentioned on the lot since 1759 it had not actually been identified as a brick home until now in 1774. After Mary Robinson inherited the two lots and house and the other two Cornelius Dushane lotswere added and contained into one deed Nov. 21, 1759 to her husband William, he had mortgaged the land for a loan on Mar. 26, 1760 at the General Loan Office of New Castle. It can be surmised the home when left to Mary was brick and small so her husband borrowed money to enlarge the brick home to become and Inn as well as their home. (N.C. Co. Deed Bk B Vol. 2 pg. 652 1774)

Mary Robinson remarried to Abraham Dushane, and Innkeeper, on Nov. 2, 1775. They had one daughter, Mary, but she died when 6 years old. Mary Robinson Dushane died intestate on June 24, 1785. Survivors were her husband Abraham, two sons William and Anthony, a daughter Ann Cameron. There was s son George but he had gone to sea and not heard from in six years. The 3 sons and daughter were children of her first husband William Robinson.

Abraham Dushane administrator for his wife, on Mar. 18, 1786, was granted permission by Orphans Court to sell all the lands of his wife in order to pay her debts, mainly to administrators of Cornelius Kettle's estate who held a mortgage on the premises when he sold it to Mary Robinson in 1774 and also mortgage monies were owed to the Loan Office of New Castle. (N.C. Co. Orp. Crt. Bk F pg. 416 - 419 1786)

The brick home and a lot of land were sold at Public Auction and deeded to Wm. See highest bidder on June 10, 1787. Wm. See on June 15, 1787 deeded the properties over to Abraham Dushane. (N.C. Co. Deed Bk G Vol. 2 pg. 143 and 147 1787) Another deed describes the land that went with the brick messuage. This is where the 7 acres came into the property. Land was sold to Mary Robinson after the death of her husband William. The land is described as bounded by lands late of Robert Watt and a certain John Taylor and others, fromerly part of the lands of Andrew Jubart, then by his daughter Sarah, after of a certain John Newman, then of Rachel Tobin, widow, and by her conveyed by Indenture dated Oct. 25, 1771 to Mary Robinson, widow. No deed can be found recorded from Tobin to Robinson. (N.C. Co. Orp. Crt. Bk F pg. 418-419 1786) Abraham Dushane on May 22, 1789 sold the properties and brick home to Hugh Morrison a resident of St. Georges. It's possible he was a tenant when he bought it. (N.C. Co. Deed Bk H Vol. 2 pg. 164 1789)

Nothing can be found as to Hugh Morrison's heritage or background. He married Inglebar Hanson, a descenedent of Nathaneil Hanson who came from Sweden and owned a large tract of land along the Delaware River north-west of Delaware City which now belongs to the refinery Texaco Star Enter-prise but was originally bought by Tidewater Inc. . Morrison was quite prosperous at the time of his death and from research seems to have been the first banker in the area. His probate settlement indicates many loans and debts owed to him. His Goods, chattels and personal effects of his house showed him to have been of a frugal nature. He did own quite a lot of livestock and husbandman necessities. He had 170 bushels of threshed rye at Enoch Thomas's Mill. (owner then of the St. Georges Mill) He owned only a silver watch, but, did own some old books which hints he could have been well educated.

Hugh Morrison died on March 29, 1800 at Georgetown in Sussex County Delaware and was noted as a Husbandman. It appears he had moved there only a short time before his death, but the inventory and appraisment of goods and chattels was made of his late dwelling house in the county of New Castle on April 14, 1800 and added to on Feb. 27 1801. Hugh Morrison had written his will March 8, 1800 and appointed Thomas Booth and a son Alexander Morrison as executors. His will was written just 21 days before his death in Georgetown. He had stated he was of NewCastle County but now in Sussex County. He had also made a request that a certified copy of the will be delivered to the executors who were all in New Castle County. Thomas Booth probated and settled the estate in New Castle Co.

Mr. Morrison left his wife Inglebar and sons Alexander, Robert and John. Alexander renounced his rights as executor. Ingebar had died by 1806. (N.C. Co. Crt. of Chancery Case M #16 1806.

Hugh Morrison was also known as and Innkeeper and wealthy enough to act as a self-banker. He kept day books and ledgers. The desparate debts

from all his books dateing from 1789 were copied into a long alphabetical list by his son Alexander and were presented to Thomas Booth to present to Evan Thomas, Registrar of New Castle Co. asking that the debts be recovered. There were over 291 names of people in the surrounding community who owed Morrison money. Some names listed their occupation. The list of names can be found on page 45 but the amount they owe is not included. William Grimes was recorded as a Post Rider; so it was vey probable he delivered mail to the tavern and ran up a bil for refreshment and food during his stops.

Hugh Morrison owned property in Port Penn. It had also been used as and Inn. It was known as House #56 on Stewart Street and a Nancy Stewart was the tenant. Thomas Booth sold the property to James Burchall and InnKeeper. (N.C. Co. Deed Bk F Vol. 3 pg.362 1800) Morrison owned land in Sussex County, probably in Georgetown as the Will Settlement listed cash received from Fawcett and Clayton, of Georgetown, on their note for a house sold to Fawcett. No deeds were found recorded on this transaction.(N.C. Co. Probate Hugh Morrison 1800 - 1818 Hall of Records Dover, Del. Also Orp. Crt. Records)

At the time of Morrison's death John Calhoun held the tavern license and paid one years rent to the estate. He had license there as early as 1798. After the appraisal of Morrison's Goods, Chattels, etc. was completed in April 1800 a second appraisal was added to this on Feb. 27, 1801 as linnens (linen) amounting to 713 yards and bagging of 104 yards had since arrived from Ireland for Morrison. This added 101 lbs. 19 shillings 2 pence to his appraisal, making the worth 984 lbs 15 shillings 8 pence. This did not include properties.

In the accounting by Thomas Booth of the Morrison estate, he chargeth himself with the sale of a house and lot in St. Georges on Sept. 1, 1800 for 381 lbs. . This was less than the appraisal of all Morrison's goods and chattels. Booth had sold the house to himself but no deed can be found recording the sale. There was complaint filed in Orphan Court by a son of Morrison that the amount for the house and property was low and should have been more. None-the-less the Booths acquired ownweship of the brick house and land. Settlement of the estate was not complete until Aug. 6, 1819.

Thomas Booth, the executor, died near June 14, 1804 as that is when the will he had written on Nov. 13, 1802 was probated. The executors of his will being his brother James, a daughter Elizabeth Booth Roberts and Patrick Mc Donough. These people would also proceed to be executors of the Hugh Morrison Estate throughthe decease of Thomas Booth. For some reason Patrick Mc Donough and James Booth did not serve. James Roberts and his wife Elizabeth sold the home to her mother Margaret Booth, widow of Thomas. (N.C. Co. Deed Bk Q Vol. 3 pg.305 - 1815) There is no deed description measurements of the property. It is stated as being a brick dwelling and lot of land in the Village of St. Georges bounded by the State Road or Street, by lands of Henry Grindage, (later Higgins Farm) and by lands of John Sutton (later known as Raymond Carrow Farm) containing about 7 acres.

Margaret Booth had made he will Jan. 8, 1817 and died near the date Dec. 8, 1820. (N. C. Co. Probate Margaret Booth 1820) Margaret made the daughter Margaret sole executor. She did this so the husband Joseph Roberts, husband of her daughter Elizabeth, could have nothing to do with her estate. She had a low opinion of Joseph as she states her daughter Elizabth Booth Roberts is at present destitute of support and has no

estate or provision for the maintenance of herself and her infant children. What she will accumulate in the inheritance is to place her in better circumstances so she may support herself and to maintain and educate her children. Elizabeth cannot be liable to creditors of her husband, Joseph Roberts, nor disposal of forfeitures of her present husband but for her sole disposal. Elizabeth and her sister Margaret inherited the brick dwelling and the 7 acres of land. It is probale Joseph Roberts and his family lived in the home for a short time.

Elizabeth and Joseph did fall into hard times through default of mortgages on her properties as on May 3, 1833 they were in default of payments to a bank by Joseph Roberts now of Philadelphia and also in default to Susanna and Martha Shields. The brick home and property were deeded to Francis D. Dunlap by the Shields, he taking over the mortgage. On Dec. 8, 1837 Francis Dunlap took complete ownership of the property from Joseph and Elizabeth B. Roberts and Margaret Booth. (Deeds N.C. Co. Bk O Vol. 4 pg. 259 and pg. 99 1833 Bk T Vol. 4 pg. 61 -12-24-1834 Bk y Vol. 4 pg. 374 - 1837)

The 1837 New Castle Co. Tax Assessment for Red LIon HUndred shows Samuel Sutton received the Tavern in St. Georges now transferred from Joseph Roberts. The estimated worth $700. . No deed was found to be recorded, but, a mortgage deed between Samuel B. Sutton to Wm. J. Hurlock 3-1-1839 states FRancis D. Dunlap and wife deeded the property over to Sutton on the same day he had secured it on Dec. 8, 1837. Mr. Sutton gave a mortgage deed to Mr. Hurlock for $2,600. for the two-story brick dwelling and 7 acres of land. The house and land adjoined to farmland Samuel had bought from his father John Sutton on Nov. 5, 1845. It is not known who lived in the home during Sutton ownership. The property ceased being and Inn and Tavern when Sutton received ownership.

William D. Clark, Executor of Wm. J. Hurlock deceased, in 1877, brought a debt judgement against Samuel B. Sutton and wife Mary Ann. The brick home and 7 acres was sold by Isaac Grubb, sheriff, to Henry Freeman. Henry, a lawyer in Philadelphia and his wife Susan. B. sold the property to John H. Stewart, Gentlemen, of Philadelphia, Pa. . John H. Stewart was later known as a shopkeeper, a general store type. He may have operated his business in the store building located next door to his home. (N.C. Co.Deeds Bk W Vol. 10 pg.482 5-30-1877 Bk O Vol. 11 pg. 247 12-13-1879)

John H. Stewart died intestate Jan. 23, 1906 and his heirs Albert R., Anna M., of Philadelphia and Harry P. Stewart of New YOrk City, all single, sold the 7 acres with brick home and another adjoining 4 acre plot, for $3,500 on Mar. 16, 1908 to Samuel C. Lester. Nothing about other buildings but there was a store and a house behind the store. (N.C. Co. Deed Bk S Vol. 21 pg.494 - 1908)

Samuel Clarence Lester, wife Georgia, with daughters Elva and Gertrude noved from a nearby farm into the brick home. Another daughter Thelma was born after moving to town and the brick home.

The 7 acres along with the 4 acre plot formerly of John and Wm. Sutton made a large open area of 11 acres which was used as a small farm.

Circa 1920
Samuel C. and Georgia Swain Lester - Owner
In front of Brick Tavern House
The frame house was also on the property

The 11 acres had a small lane off the main street between the brick house and store. There were barns, water trough, frame house and a small tenant frame house on the property. The lane remained private and never made into a street even though it later joined Main Street to the newly opened Broad Street, formerly Back and Broadway Street which had been shut up since the late 1700's and early 1800's. Broad Street was again cut through the property around 1921-24 to better accomodate traffic. Broad Street was a two-way traffic street. After the metal lift bridge was built over the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal and opened to traffic in March 1926, neither Broad or Main Street were wide enough to handle the two-way increase in traffic. Broad was made one way north and Main one way south. After the metal bridge was destroyed in January 1939 Broad and Main Street returned to two-way traffic.

Samuel Clarence was the son of Edward and Eliza Beck Lester (Lister) both from Lincolnshire England. Edward came from England aboard the ship Chaos in May 1852 age 15 along with his parents and a sister. They settled in the St. Georges area. Eliza Beck came to America aboard the ship Tuscarora in NOv. 1851 age 13 with her family which settled near Delaware City. Edward and Eliza were married in the year 1864. Their son Samuel was born May 2, 1876 and died Nov. 22, 1936. He married Georgia Swain on March 15, 1899. She was born Sept. 7, 1879 and died Sept. 29, 1956. Samuel farmed for many years. He also operated a feed mill. In and August 1922 news clip he stated he had been in the threshing business for sixteen years. He purchased more land after moving to town and built garages on the land. He was and agent for Dodge Automobiles and Graham Trucks. At the time of his death he was running on the Republican ticket, in his area, for a seat in the House of Representatives in the State of Delaware.

Samuel and Georgia Lester, on Mar. 5, 1930 for $3000 sold the brick dwelling house and a small piece of land to Irvin Griffith Ellison and wife Marian Buckson Ellison. The deed mentioned other buildings thereon with the right and privilege of a lane now established with others forever. Mr. Ellison was a dealer in grain and insurance. The Ellison Family resided on the property. (N.C. Co. Deed Bk T Vol. 3 pg.565 1930)

1964
Irvin Griffith Ellison House

The home in April of 1975 was sold to Quinto and Karen Pasqualini. (N.C. Co. Deed Bk Q Vol. 92 pg.267 1975) They removed the front porch and painted the brick home blue. The brick center section is the oldest with a brick front added later. There was a large frame addition to the back. And early tax assessment showed there had been a separate kitchen on the property. Front and side porches were probably added by Mr. Lester. Over the years windows and doors were changed in pattern but not in size. Some windows were removed and enclosed with brick. On the north side the brick work indicates a large door opening near and added cement block chimney. By the front door there are metal broken rods protruding out from the bricks where and Inn sign may have hung. Protruding up from behind the cement slab, left after removing the front porch, are arched cellar windows.

The blue brick home can be identified as and Inn and Tavern since the year 1767. Wm. Robinson and wife Mary began the Inn. Robinson died in 1771 and his wife kept the inn going from 1771 to 1775 when she remarried to Innkeeper Abraham Dushane. He kept the Inn from 1775 to 1789 when Hugh Morrison bought the property and continued the business. Tavern license held during his ownership were for John Lyons, year 1794. Mr. Morrisons signature is on the petition of John Lyons. John may have died as Sarah Lyons procured taven license in 1796. She probably helped her husband as her petition states she had for sometime past kept the Inn in the dwelling. 1797 - Samuel Mc Laughlin. John Calhoun -1798 - He had the license at the time of Morrison's death as he paid rent to the Morrison estate in 1800. Calhoun kept the Inn goin until 1805 when the new 1805 petition states the property was of Thomas Booth deceased and Thomas Mc Whorter applied for a license. Mc Whorter's petition states- he hath taken that long established Inn at the Village of St. Georges. William Mc Creery - 1806. Zacheus Cook in 1807 states he has rented the Tavern House in the Village of St. Georges which hath been occuppied as a Public House for upwards of fourty years. This statement put the date of the Inn and Tavern at 1767. Cook seems to have been the last one to run the tavern and may have kept it going until around 1815 while under Booth ownership. The only name to the place seemed to be "Tavern House" of just plain "Inn".

TAVERN HOUSE - INN
Year 1992
Pasqualini Home

TAVERN HOUSE - INN
Year 1992
Pasqualini Home

A part of Estate Settlement of Hugh Morrison who died around March 29, 1800

Hugh Morrison had Day Books dating 1789 or so of debts owed to him by area residents. Thomas Booth, executor, gave a list of desparate debts to Evan Thomas, Register of New Castle, asking that the debts be recovered. The book was delivered by Morrison's eldest son, Alexander.

Names Listed (Last name first)

Armstrong, George - Aiken, John - Aldrige, Peter - Armstrong, James Senior and Junior - Armstrong, Samuel - Aldrige, John - Adam, Daniel and Jennifer - Archibald, Alexander, - Allen, Robert - Aull, William - Andrews, William (Sadler) - Andrews, William (partnership account) - Armstrong, Christopher.

Bennett, John - Booth, Joseph - Burgess, William - Boyd, Adam - Blaney, Daniel - Blackburn, James - Bullen, Edward - Booth, Thomas - Boyd, Benjamin - Bouchell, Sluyter - Brannon, John - Bullen, James - Brown, John - Beeston, Job - Biddle, Andrew - Brown, Matthew - Burns, Lawrence - Brown, John (Estate) - Broom, James .

Carty, Abraham - Clifford, J. - Carson, William - Carpenter, Dr. William - Crow, George, Sr. Cox, Caspar - Crow, John - Cook, Joe - Carty, Charles - Calhoun, Hugh - Clark, John (hatter) Coffey, William - Carson, Humphrey - Coulter, John - Carson, Charles - Caldwell, Thomas - Connelly & Higgins - Crout, Peter - Cameron, Samuel - Cockley, J. - Calhoun, Thomas - Conningham, J. - Crow, Robert - Craven, Thomas - Clark, William - Carpenter, Richard - Clark, William (wagon-maker) - Colgor, Cornelius - Caldwell, David - Craven, David - Cannon, Jacob - Carpenter, William Jr. - Caldwell, Charles - Clark, Johnathon - Carty, Edward (cordwainer) - Carson, Hugh - Couper, Hugh (weaver) - Carr, Nathaniel - Crows, Phil. Connelly, Robert - Cameron, Ann .

Downs, John - Dushane, Anthony Jr. - Dougherty, Robert - Dushane, Anthony Senior - Dushane, William - Donnelly, John - Dick, Robert - Donohough, James (bricklayer) - Doyle, Edward - Delaplaine, James - Duncan, Joseph - Dick, James Mrs. Dick.

Erwin, David - Evans, Thomas - Eves, James - Egbert, Jacob - Evans, Richard - Edward, Edmund

Fowler, John - Farren, William - Forster, Henry Esquire - Ferris, Isaac - Fullam, Walter - Frazer, Captain William - Fruen, Richard - Frazer, James.

Gray, Conrad - Gooding, Jacob - Grimes, John - Garretson, John - Graham, Peter - Robert, Glenn - Gregg, Thomas - Grimes, John (blacksmith) - Grimes, William (Post Rider) - Gross, C. - Gamble, William - Gillan, Phillip (2 cows sent to winter @101each 2-5-1798)

Hugg, Jacob (Tanner) - Harkins, John - Hulans, Samuel - Hahery, Thomas - Hamilton, James - Hall, John Jr. - Harlan, Finnis - Higgins Lawrence - Hutson, William - Hanson, Lawrence - Hutson, Jacob - Higgins, Anthony - Hall, John Senior - Humphries, Richard - Henry, James - Hanson, Nathaniel - Hyatt, Ephraim - Haughey, Robert Esquire - Higgins, David - Higgins, Samuel - Harvey, Alexander - Hawkins, Edward - Harris, James - Higgins, Jesse - Hansby, Thomas - Haughey, Marinas - Higgins & Connelly - Hulings, Samuel - Hillhouse, Benjamin - Heath, Daniel Charles (42 bu. Corn) .

Ireland, Samuel - Irwin, David - Irwin, William and Humphrey.

Janvier, Francis - Johns, Mr. and others - Jones, Whitehead - Janvier, Joseph - Jeton, Peter - Jenkin, Enoch - Jamison, Thomas - Janvier, Phillip.

Kelly, Lawrence, Alexander and William - Kean, Thomas, Esquire - Kirkwood, Robert.

Lawson, Thomas - Lewis, Isaac - Lambert, William - Leroy, Dennis - Lyons, John - Ludlam, Charles - Lynch, Barney .

Mackey, J. Taylor - Marten, David - McBride, Barney - McWhorter, David - Moore, James - McCordy, Patrick - Montgomery, Alexander - Morrison, John - Moody, John - McKinnan, Wm. - Merris, Benjamin - McCook James (cordwainer) - Mahoney, Denis - McGonnegal, John - McKennon, John - McDade, Jeremiah - Montgomery, Alexander (blacksmith) - McMechen, Wm. Esq. Moore, Robert - McCrea, Joseph - McGlaughlin, Thomas - Monro, Dr. George - Martin, Joseph - McMonigal, Hugh - McCullogh, James - Milholland, James - Morrison, Patrick - McWhorter, John McKnight, John - McKinney, Mathhew - McKever, Michael - McWhorter, J. - McKee, Robert - McDonough, Thomas - McCallen, Thomas - McBrieraty, Michle - McCutchem - McDonough, Micah - Montgomery, Robert - Miller, Andrew - Merritt, Benjamin - Matthews, Thomas - Miller,Nath'l - Miles, Abel - McDonough, Patrick - Montgomery, Alexander Esquire - Morrison, Alexander - Martin, Neal - Morrison, Thomas - McGuffin, Robert - McDonnell, Christopher - McCracken, Hugh - McCool, George - McGaugley, William .

Nicholson, David - Nowland, J. - Nuttall, Adam - Nelson, James - Newell, Thomas .

O'Leary, Cornelius - O'Hara, Edward .

Peterson, Peter - Porter, Jonas and Robert - Patrick, John - Parker, Jane and George - Penton, Renear - Patterson, Richard - Pool, Samuel - Phillips, Elizabeth .

Quigley, Edward .

Read, James Jr. - Riley, Matthew - Rotheran, Jacob - Riley, Luke - Rogers, John - Rake, John

Smith, William Jr. and Sr. - See, William - Shanklin, James - Stidham, Joseph - Short, Thomas - Sutton, William - Seebow, David - Stidham, William (guardian of Nathaniel Hanson) - Sweeney, Cornelius - Stedham, Peter - Sawyer, John - Smith, John - Stockton, John Esquire - Sutton, John - Steel, Joseph - Sawyer, Joseph - Smith, Alexander - Stewart, John - Steel, Elizabeth - Sutton, Samuel - Steel John - Smith, Caleb - Stratten, Benjamin - Scott, Alexander .

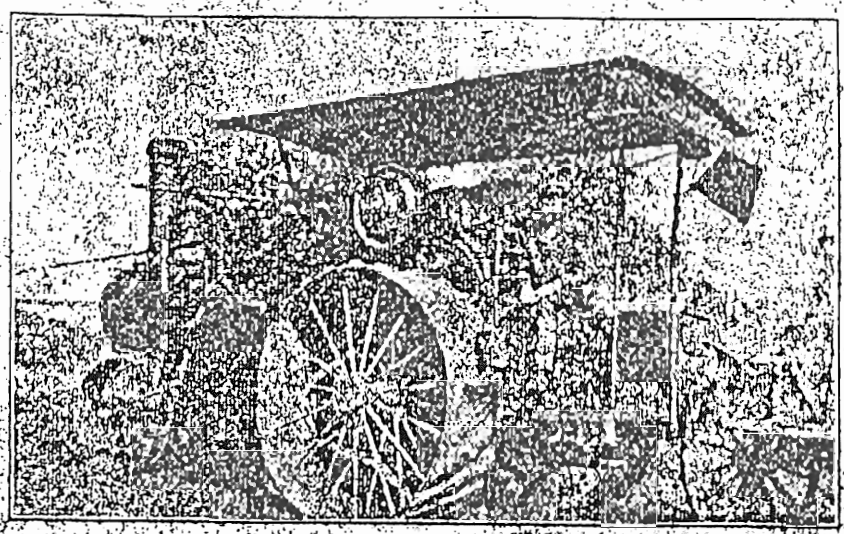
Toy, Savory - Thompson, Dr. David - Thomas, Enoch - Thomas, James and Isaac - Trimble, Wm. - Thomas, Dr. David - Tate, John and Thomas - Thompson Esquire and Thomas, Samuel, James and Robert - Thompson, Elizabeth Brice - Tate, John (a sawyer) - Thompson, Abraham - Trux, Jacob (found to be Truax)

VanDyke, Nicholas Esquire - Bandergrift John and Thomas - Vanzandt, William - Vandergrift, Leonard - Veasey, Samuel - Vert, Thomas - VanDyke, John .

Wilds, Richard - Walraven, Lucas - Wilson, Robert - Work, Joseph - Wier, Thomas - White, Thomas - Winters, Daniel - Walker, Daniel - Wilson, Matthew and Richard - Williams, Nathaniel - Wilson, John - Woods, Isaac and John - Watson, Archibald - Wilson, John (blacksmith)

(End of the list of names)

"The Nicest Running Engine They Ever Saw"



20-Horsepower Double-Cylinder Nichols-Shepard Engine, Owned by S. C. Lester, St. Georges, Del.

I am enclosing a photograph of my 20-Horsepower, Double-Cylinder Nichols-Shepard Engine that I purchased from the Shannahan & Wrightson Hardware Company, Easton, Md., this year. The day I had it taken I was threshing on my 52d thousand bushel, having started the middle of July and having the picture taken the 29th of September.

I finished my year's threshing Monday, October 9th, and I threshed 55,000 bushels this year.

I am pulling a 36-inch ——— Steel Separator, and I have had the largest straw this year that I ever saw in my sixteen years in the threshing business, and I want to say to you that I have nothing to worry about so far as power is concerned.

I have plenty of power. The engine is extra easy to steam and uses very little water and coal. It is the quietest and smoothest running engine I ever operated, and my customers all say that it is the nicest running engine they ever saw. I didn't have one minute's trouble with my Nichols-Shepard Engine.

Hoping this photograph will be of some benefit to you, I remain,

S. C. LESTER.

St. Georges, Del., Aug. 19, 1922.

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DELAWARE CITY 45-R-4

ST. GEORGES, DEL., Dec 5 1931

Claude N. Lester

To I. G. ELLISON, Dr.

FIRE
TORNADO
AUTOMOBILE
PLATE GLASS

Grain and General Insurance

Summit Bridge Farm

6763	Chester	$3500	13	30
21298	Farmers	10.40 - 26 0	7	80
467973	Royal Ins Co		9	93
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Paid 1/18/32
Thank You
I G Ellison

1794 New Castle County Tavern License Hall of Records Dover Del.

To the Court of Quarter Sessions held at New Castle for the County of New Castle in May Term 1794.

The petition of John Lyons of the Village of St Georges in the County afd.

Respectfully sheweth

That he has taken the old Accustomed Tavern House at the Village afd. from Mr Hugh Morrison where he has provided himself with every Necessary for keeping a House of entertainment for travelers and others And I therefore prays the Court to grant him Licence for [illegible] purpose.

Wm Weir And your petr will pray &c

Samuel Cross — William Ruth — Jno Hartston
Wm Creery — Joseph Burr — Hugh Morrison
John Aulb — Christopher Vandegrift — David Hennedy
William Aulb — John Hannah — Saml Eccles
John Bennett — Henry Darley — Benjamin Ogle
David Buchanan — Wm McMathey — Hugh McCracken
Wm Lees — Wm Hyatt — Jno McKennan
John Cairns Sr — Fras James — Archd McMurphy
Saml Underwood — John Crow — Joseph Anderson
Wm Allfree — John Francis
Thomas Booth — Jas Fetherman — Jacob Bratten
Peter Stitham — Stewart Thompson
Robert Bryan

To the Honble the Court of General Sessions of the Peace for the County New Castle. The Petition of Thomas McWhorter of said County respectfully sheweth, That your Petitioner hath taken that long Established Inn in the Village of St. Georges late the property of Thomas Booth deceased, and furnished himself with the requisite provisions for the accommodation of Travellers and others, and pray respectfully prays your Honble Court to recommend him to his Excellency the Governor of the State, for a Licence agreeable to Law. And your Petitioner as in duty bound will pray

Thomas McWhorter
this 14th Day of May 1805

We the undersigned recommend Thomas McWhorter to the Honble the Court of General Sessions as qualified for keeping an Inn at the Village of St. George for the accommodation of Travellers & others.

William W. Haslett
Jesse Higgins
Isaac Cannon
Isaac Woods
William Carpenter
John Ford
Jn^a Farman
David Higgins

RG 2805
Tavern Petitions
1805
Hall of Records
DOver, Del.

To the Justices of the Court of the General Session of the Peace Common Pleas of the State of Delaware now Sitting in the Town of New Castle for the County of New Castle

The Petition of Zacheus Cook of the Village of St. Georges respectfully represents to the Court, that he hath Rented the Tavern House in the Village aforesaid which hath been Occupied as a Public House for upwards of Forty years and having provided himself with every requisite for keeping a Public House of Entertainment at the place aforesaid prays the Court to recommend him to Govorner for Licence to keep a public House at the place aforesaid and your Petitioner will ever pray &c.

Zacheus Cook

May 19. 1807

We the subscribers being acquainted with Zacheus Cook do recommend him, as a suitable person, to keep a Public House at the place aforesaid — — —

Robert Eakin
John Crane
N. Covington
I Cannon
Jacob Vandegrift
Oliver A Howell
Levi Boulden

John Simonton
Richd. Ford
Alex Jennison
David Higgins
Wm Cooch
Anth. Higgins

RG 2805 1807
N. C. Co. Tavern Petition
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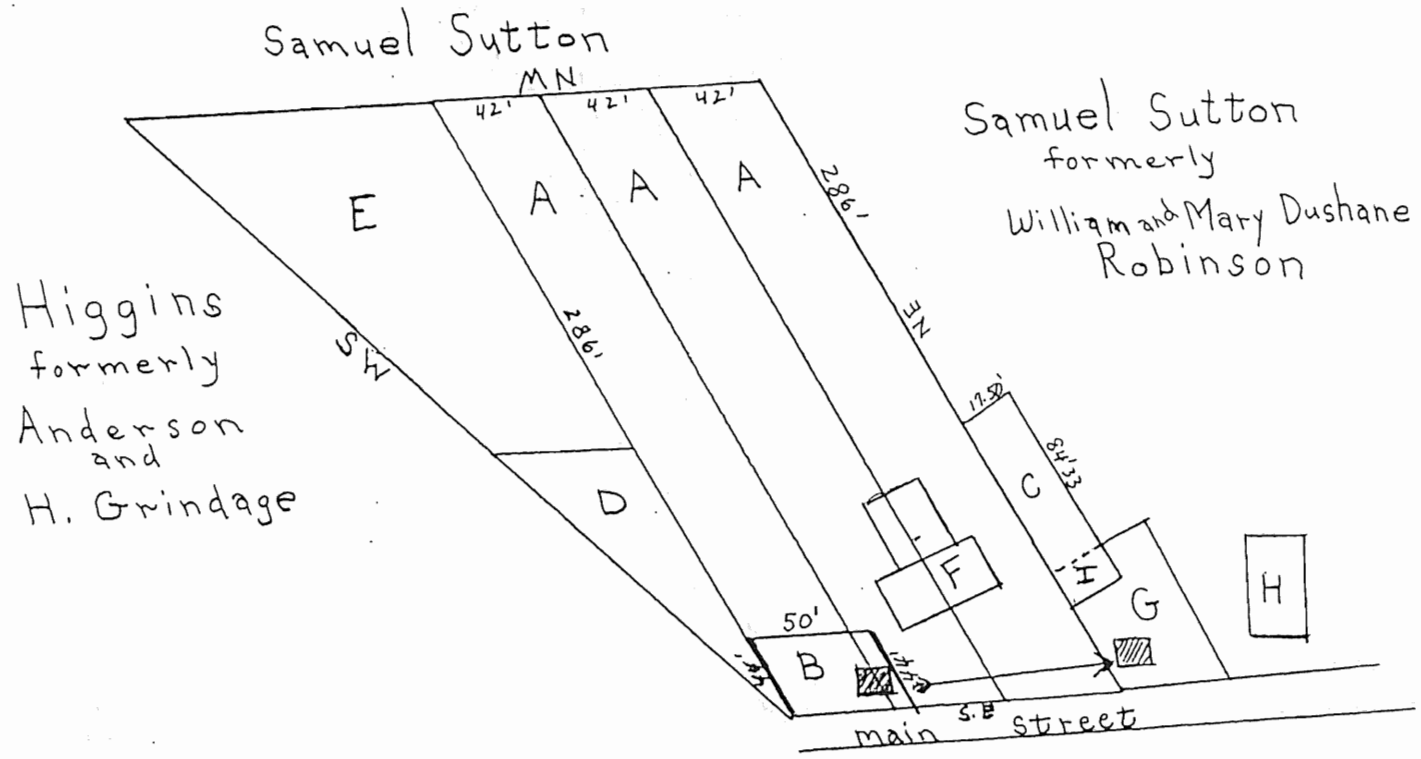
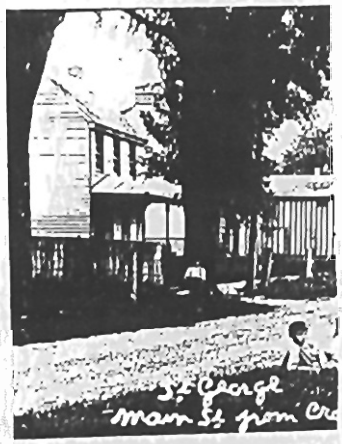
ELIZABETH HARMON HOUSE



Descriptive Drawing - Not to Scale

William J. Hurlock Plot - 1851 - 1865 - 1905



Harmon House - Circa 1912
Owned by Samuel Lester

It is probable the original section of this house built in the year1808 by John and Margaret Sutton was moved from the Wm. J. Hurlock property to the Samuel B. Sutton land around the year 1865. To better understand this logic one must review the Hurlock plot. The house was moved from letter B lot to the lot marked G around 1865-1867. The property marked H is now the Pasqualini property.

John Sutton, at one time, owned the original lots marked A. While in his ownership he and his wife built a home on the land for their devoted servant Elizabeth Harmon. Lot B on the descriptive drawing. The 1809 N. C. Co. Assessment for Red Lion shows Elizabeth Harmon as owner of one lot with frame house transferred from John Sutton. (N.C. Co. Deeds Bk A Vol. 3 pg.529 - 1804 Bk I Vol. 3 pg.10 1809)

The house was later owned by John R. Comegar and Alexander Bowers. Bowers was a Blacksmith and Wheelwright and had his business on land near Wrangle Hill, now route 72 and route 13 crossroads north of Saint Georges. After the death of Bowers and his wife the land was in May 1864 sold to Wm. J. Hurlock. (N.C. Co. Deeds Bk X Vol. 4 pg. 432 9-9-1830 Bk K Vol. 8 pg. 95 5-30-1864) At that time Hurlock owned a large lot of 3 acres or more and was planning to renovate and add a prominent addition to a house already located on the land. Hurlock probably wanted the house removed from his property so as not to take away the beauty of his new home. Later deeds and assessments did not refer to this house on Hurlocks lot. Since John Sutton had built the house it is believed Samuel Sutton had the small house moved down to the edge of his land. There was never any reference other than the brick house being on the now Samuel Sutton land. No earlier records mention the frame house being on the property of previous owners -Robinson, Morrison, Booth and Sutton. The first known reference of a house added to this property is on the 1868 Beers Atlas. See page 97 .

The house in the circa 1912 picture only had 3 windows across the front of the second floor and no windows on the north end. On the front lower level there seems to be a door on the north end off the front porch and two windows. The house definitely had and addition to the south front and a large dormer placed in the center of the house. This now put five windows across the front on the second floor and a center door and four windows on the first floor under the porch. Additions were also put on to the back of the house.

John Stewart bought the property in 1897 and it was sold to Samuel Lester in 1908. Samuel used the house for renter tenants. Samuel and Georgia Lester for $975 sold the home with a small L shaped parcel of land on August 7, 1920 to Ella B. and William Haman. They may have been responsible for the added front section and additions to the back section. Frank and Fannie Cleaver for $37 sold the Hamans a small piece of ground to square off their lot. See descriptive drawing letters G and C. (N.C. Co. Deeds Bk Y Vol. 29 pg.241 1920 Bk S Vol. 29 pg.493 8-6-1920) Hamans lived on the property and he was known as a tinsmith. They later tenant rented the house. The house was also used as and office during construction of the present over head bridge in the years 1940-42. On Oct. 25, 1944 Haman's sold the property to Robert C. and Gertrude W. Davidson. (N.C. Co. Deed Bk.R Vol. 44 pg. 552 1944) A section of the house was used for a post office from Dec. 1, 1962 to near Oct. 1965 during the time Gertrude Davidson was in office as Postmaster. The Davidson's soldthe property to Fred and Nancy Anderson.

Anderson House

Year 1992

July 7 1934

Mr Leland Lester

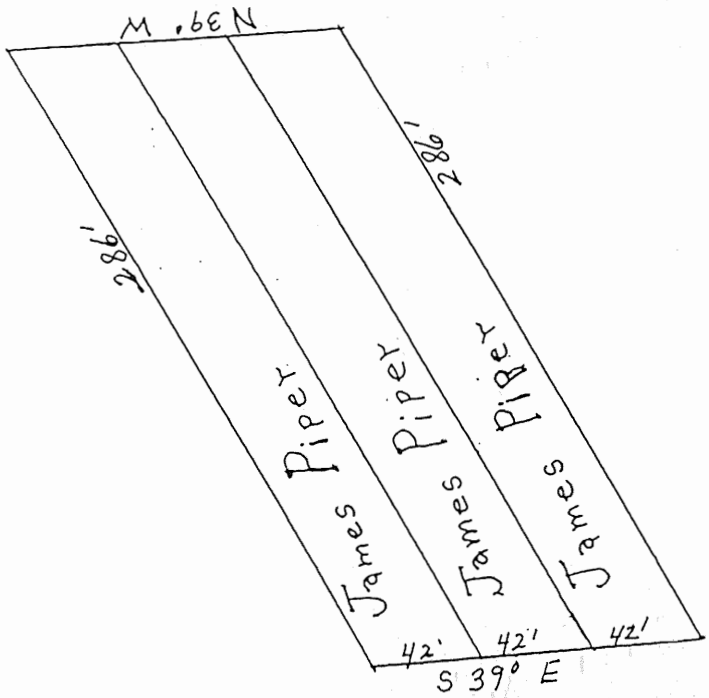
St Georges Del

To Wm. S. Hamm Dr.

Terms Tin Work

	on House Tenanted by			
	Harvey Reynolds & Henry Lester			
	Guttering and Spouting			
	Time and material	35.00		
7/14/34	Received Payment			
	Wm. S. Hamm			

ROBERT WATT - WM. J. HURLOCK - CLEAVER



Frank Cleaver home - Circa - 1918

The Robert Watt and Wm. J. Hurlock house was built on the lots marked James Piper on the May 9, 1744 Andrew Jubart plot plan. James Piper never received deeds to the lots. Robert Watt, a shoemaker, and his wife bought the lots. No deeds were recorded but a mortgage deed made Dec. 9, 1768 between Robert Watt and Wm. Kirkpatrick states that lots divided off from a larger tract belonged to Peter Jubart, deceased brother of Andrew. Andrew received the lots as heir-at-law and sold the lots May 15, 1744 to Robert Watt. (N.C. Co. Deed Bk Y Vol. 1 -pt.2 pg.666 - 1768) This same deed tells of Robert owning farmland adjoining to the town of St. Georges. (Carrow Farm now Colton Meadow) A deed of May 19, 1760 also tells of Andrew Jubart and wife selling 191 acres of land and a lot to Robert Watt. This land later went to a son Robert, Jr..

He made his will Apr. 16, 1778 and it was probated, upon his death, on Apr. 21, 1778. Robert Porter and Anthony Dushane, executors of the will, went into orphans court in 1782 after the death of Robert Watt's wife Dorcas. There was insuffcient money to pay bills and the court on July 20, 1784 ordered them to sell the properties. (N.C. Co. orp. crt. Bk F pgs. 228 - 314-320-334 - 1782-1784)

The messuage (house) and lot of ground in the village of St.Georges was sold to Captain Robert Kirkwood - gentleman- for 261lbs in gold or silver on Oct. 2, 1784 and court approved on Nov. 18, 1784. A deed was executed to Captain Kirkwood July 10, 1786 (N.C. Co. Deed Bk G Vol. 2 pg.213 1783) The 3 lot description was the same as in the year 1744, being 126' in front and extending 287' to the back.

Robert Watt probably built the home on the land as there was no home mentioned being on the lots in the year 1768 mortgage deed, so the house was built between 1768 and in the year of his death in 1778. Probably circa 1770-71.

Robert Kirkwood was known as a merchant in March of 1788 and had been in the mercantile business as early as 1776 before he enlisted in the Continental Service. He was married to Sarah England, daughter of Joseph England, of White Clay Creek Hundred. The family was known for the England Mills in that hundred. Kirkwood was one of Delaware's Revolutionary War heroes. He was commissioned first lieutenant in Captain Henry Darby's company, Colonel Haslet's regiment of Delaware State troops in the Continental service Jan. 17, 1776. He received the rank of Captain Dec. 1, 1776. He was brevetted Major on Sept. 10, 1783. Having a taste for military life, he sought an appointment in the regular army, and when St. Clairs force was being organized to fight the Northwestern Indians, he was commissioned Captain in the Second Regiment United States Infantry, Mar. 4, 1791 and joined the army at Cincinnati. He marched in the expedition under the command of Major General Arthur St. Clair and was slain in the battle near Fort Recovery. It was the 33rd time he had risked his life for his country, and he died as he lived - the brave meritorious unrewarded Kirkwood. (J. M. Runk Dela. Biographical & Genealogical History of Dela. 1899 pg. 156)

Tradition tells that Capt. Robert Kirkwood lived in the house and kept store there, probably leaving it to go to his death in St. Clairs defeat by the NOrthwestern Indians. (Higgins Memiors)

When Kirkwood bought the land in Oct. 1784 the deed states Captain Robert Kirkwood, gentleman, as if he had retired from the service. He only kept the property about three and one-half years as on a Mar. 13, 1788 deed it states Robert Kirkwood of Red Lion Hundred, merchant, and wife Sarah sold the property to Alexander Mc Beath, a merchant of Newark, Delaware; so it can be assumed the house was a home as well as a mercantile business. N.C. Co. Deed Bk G Vol. 2 pg.135 1788) It is also probable Mr. Mc Beath and wife kept store and resideed on the property. By April 13, 1804 Mc Beath's were residing in White Clay Creek Hundred and sold the messuage and lot to John Sutton, merchant in the Village of St. Georges. The property in size was still 126' x 287'. (N.C. Co. Deed Bk A Vol. 3 pg. 529 1804) John Sutton may have been a grain merchant as he put buildings on the property for grain storage. Between 1804 and Dec. 28, 1909, John and Margaret, his wife, had built a small house on the land for Elizabet Harmon, a black servant. (N.C. Co. Deed Bk I Vol. 3 pg. 10 1-13-1809) On Dec. 12, 1809 John and Margaret sold the property for 250 lbs. to Martha Vandegrift, a widow, in ST. Georges.

mentioning in the deed the Harmon house and lot were not included in the deed (N. C. Co. Deed (Bk I Vol 3 pg. 102 1809)

When Martha bought the property she was a tenant in the Harmon house under the ownership of Elizabeth Harmon 2nd; so a daughter had became the owner from her mother. The other home on the property being the Robert Watt house, Kirkwood, Mc Beath, etc. was tenanted by a James Doran. He was a carpenter and was known to have made mahogony coffins. It is not known how long he occuppied the house. On Dec. 17, 1805 he married Nancy Dushane of a prominent family in the area. He died around Feb. 24th, 1816.

When the property was sold to Mrs. Vandegrift John Sutton reserved the rights to the premises until after Mar. 25, 1810 and the rigts for within 12 months to move the grain wharehouse and corn crib located on the property to other land. Nothing is known of the property during the Vandegrift ownership. Martha died around July 31, 1826.

The next found owner of the property according to and 1837 New Castle Co tax assessment was a George Rice. The property had a frame house valued at $417. George Rice was not the sole owner. On April 4, 1839 Mr. Rice borrowed money from Lewis Vandegrift and by a deed bond signed a one-third part of the property, for $200, to Lewis Vandegrift. The reason for the loan was that on this same day George Rice had been conveyed this one-third part of the lot from Silas Johnson and wife Martha (Boys) leaving Rice owner of the other two - thirds part of the lot and home. No deed is recorded for George Rice as owner, only tax records show his ownership. It's possible the property had passed from Martha Vandegrift to Martha and Mary Boys, as Silas Johnson married Martha C. Boys on May 18, 1833 and GEorge Rice had married Mary Boys June 17, 1822 and George bought out the share of ownership from Silas and Martha Johnson. George Rice and Mary had a son George Rice, Jr. who was the only heir and descendant when the father died around the year 1849. A James Jackson resided, as tenant, on the property and owed rent to the Rice estate settlement in 1849-50. The property had to be sold at public auction to settle debts. Wm. J. Hurlock, for $420 bought the house and lot, on Feb. 1, 1851 from the Rice estate administrator John Dilworth. (N. C. Co. Deed Bk Z Vol. 4 pg.531 - 1839 Mg. records- Vol. 87 p152.1 - 1833 Mg. Vol 8 p 170 - 1822 N. c. co. orp. crt. Bk U pg.119 1850 pg. 304 1851 Hall of Records Dover) Hurlock added other parcels to this original plot. He bought parcels from Samuel Sutton, which adjoined his land, and they were former lots of Aaron Barton, Jubart, and Stewart in the year 1759. See page 2 . (N.C.Co. Deeds Bk K Vol. 6 pg.143 3-25-1851 Bk P Vol. 7 pg. 84 5-14-1855)

William J. Hurlock had came to the St. Georges area, as a young man, during the digging of the canal and he and a Mr. James Hurtt made a fortune when they were awarded the contract for digging the canal lock at St. Georges. It is known he had married by 1819, Wilhelmina Stewart, daughter of William Stewart who owned a parcel of land bordering off old Cock's (Coxes) Neck Road Northeast of the village of St. Georges. They resided on what is known as Bloomfield Farm. Wilhelmina S. Hurlock died in the year 1840. (N. C. Co. Orp. Crt. Bk K pgs. 96 and 20 1811-1820) Wm. J. Hurlock married a second time to Jane Caroline Vandegrift by Rev. James C. How in ST. Georges on June 13, 1844. They also lived at Bloomfield until Mr. Hurlock in the circa 1858-1860 made alterations to the home on this property and added what was known as a two-story elegant addition to the front of the small home. William and Jane Hurlock moved

into the new home. Mr. Hurlock died in the year 1874. Jane received the home and property for the rest of her life and then it went to the descendants of Julia A. Hurlock Newton and Albert O. Newton. Jane lived in the home until her death around March 16, 1887. On April 19, 1905 John C. Stuckert, Attorney for the Newton heirs; Julia H. Newton, Albert J. B. Newton and Henry G. Newton, sold the house and tract of land for $2,500 to Walter E. Cann of Pencader Hundred. The deed contained 6 different parcels of land. The original 1744 lots had been added to by Mr. Hurlock and now there were 3 acres and 47 perches of land. At this time it is not known whether Walter Cann lived in the home or if he tenant rented it. On June 6, 1911 Walter Cann secured another deed to the land in order to get a clear deed to sell it. When Mr. Hurlock made his will on June 28, 1867 he had named Wm. D. Clark to hold the land in trust during the joint lives of his daughter Julia Ann Newton and his grandson Wm. H. Newton and upon the death of Julia, if her son survived her, to deed the premises to him. Mr. Clark died and had not made the conveyance to Wm. Newton. The heirs of Wm. D. Clark now became trustees, being Emma Clark and Julia N. Clark; and they did devise the land over to Walter Cann M . D.. (N.C. Co. Deeds Bk G Vol. 20 pg.184 - 1905 Bk L Vol. 23 pg. 131 1911 also pg. 128)

Doctor Cann also on June 6, 1911 sold the property with a two-story dwelling house and other buildings, thereon erected, for $2500, to Frank Cleaver. Mr. Cleaver and wife Fanny Swan Cleaver moved from his farm located at Kirkwood to the elaborate home in St. Georges.

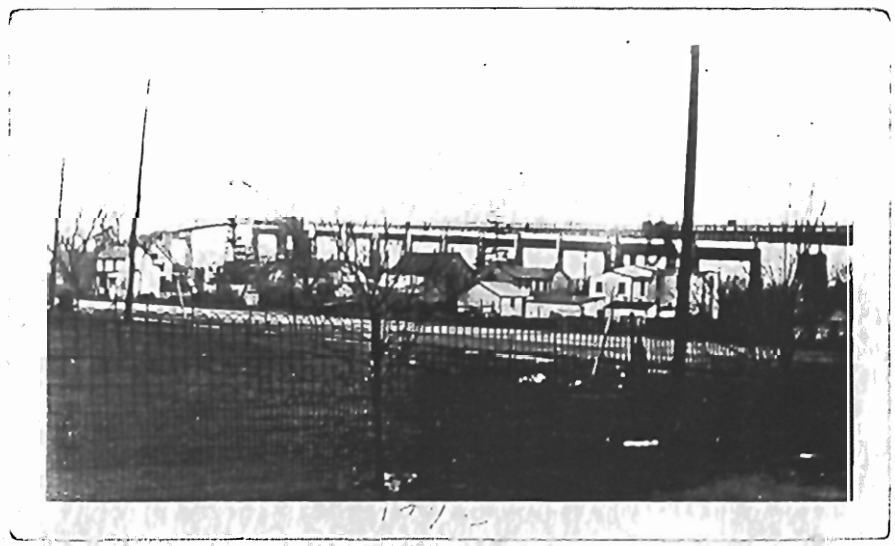
Mr. Cleaver sold off parcels of land from the large 3 acre lot to James H. S. Gam in the year 1913, to Samuel Lester in the year 1923 and 1928 and to Daniel Atwood in the year 1929. Mr. and Mrs. Cleaver resided on the property until death. She going before him. Mr, Cleaver willed the house and remaining land to Mrs. Clara Swan Batten Reynolds in the year 1934. (N.C. Co Wills Record W-5 pg.179 - 9-29-1934)

While in the ownership of Mrs. Reynolds the State of Delaware bought o.173 acres of land on which to construct lanes of a new overhead bridge across the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal. The large home was too close to the bridge construction and the large two-story front of the home was torn away from the old back section of the house. A small 2 story section was added to the north front end of the remaining old section from lumber salvaged from the demolished front section. Clara with her husband Harvey and sons Harold and Roger did reside in the home before moving to a new home on Broad Street located in the back of this home.

Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds sold the house and lot to Daniel Atwood on March 21, 1941. Mr. Atwood, a carpenter, sold the property to Robert C. Haman and wife Bessie D. for $4,500 with dwelling house and other buildings. (N.C. Co. Deeds Bk M Vol. 42 pg.151 1941 - Bk G Vol.45 pg.517 - 1945.) Bessie Haman willed the home to Robert Cooling Haman on 9-8-1957. He sold the property on Nov. 19, 1954 to Francis R. and wife Edith A. Morris. Aluminum siding was put onto the wood siding and a side porch on the south side next to the driveway enclosed. It is now the residence of Edith Morris. (N.C. Co. Deed Bk B Vol. 65 pg.154 - 1959)

Year 1995
Morris House

This is the renovated view of the Hurlock-Cleaver house after the year 1939 to present. Compare it with the circa 1918 view. It is not known what happened to the beautiful ornate wrought iron fence and porch post and railings which were a well remembered part of the home. The house still retains a large beautifully kept yard.



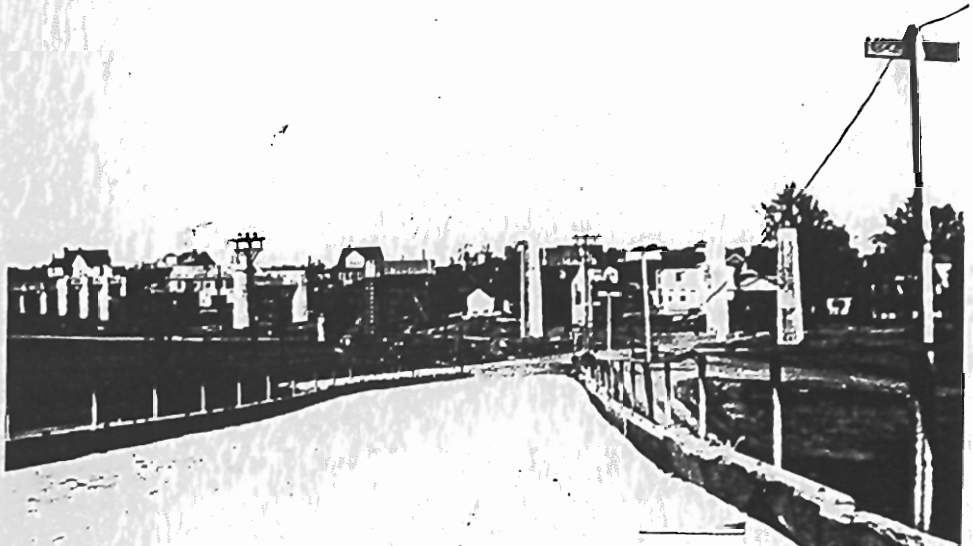
This is a year 1942 view from the northeast side of Broad Street showing the view of back yards along Main Street.

GAM and STAPLEFORD HOUSE

Circa - 1915

Frank and Fannie Cleaver sold in September and December of 1913 land from their plot to James H. S. Gam. Mr. Gam built a new house on the lot and he and his wife Mattie resided there for many years. (N.C. Co. Deeds Bk A Vol. 24 pg.357 9-24-1913 Bk T Vol.24 pg.448 12-18-1913)

James and Mattie Gam on July 11, 1927 sold the home and property for $4000 to Norman B. Stapleford. The Stapleford family resided in the home until the year 1940. The State of Delaware needed their land for the new overhead bridge going over the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal. Mr. and Mrs. Stapleford sold the property to the State on July 7, 1940 but reserved the rights to their home and moved it from St. Georges to near Wrangle Hill , Route 72 to the east of Route 13 going toward Delaware City, to a corner of a farm owned by the Stapleford Family. The Stapleford family continued to live in the home at the new location.



February 1941
View of pillars for the bridge being constructed on the Lester - Gam and Reynolds property.

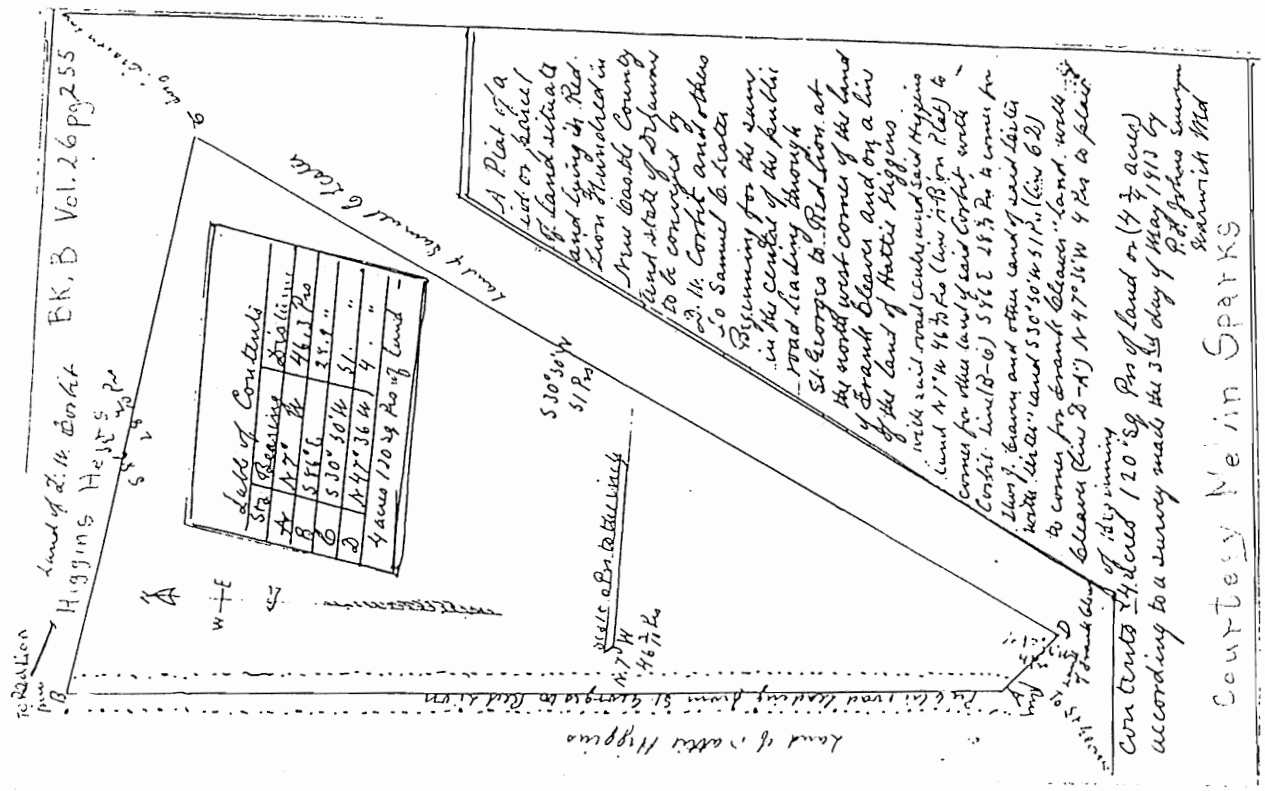
There was a small portion of the Stapleford lot which was not purchased by the State of Delaware. On this lot was a single car garage. Mr. John Fletcher Nelson, a single widower who lived off of Lorewood Grove Road near the C & D Canal, wanted to move into St. Georges; so Mr. Stapleford allowed him to convert the garage in to living quarters. The small lot and garage were deeded to Mr. Nelson. The lot size was approximately 90' x 94'. After the death of Mr. Nelson, Robert Moffitt, a single man moved into the converted garage and procured the property. Mr. Moffitt moved to Florida and he sold the property to Gertrude Davidson around the year 1989. The building has been vacant since Mrs. Davidson's ownership. (N.C. Co. Deeds Bk I Vol.44 pg.6 2-20-1945) N. C. Co. Docket K -59-439- 1950)

It was the last small livable building in the town allowed to be a residence with no running water or sewage system. A hand pump provided water and the outside privy served sewage purpose. A space oil heater provided warmth for the building. The building and surrounding yard were kept by Mr. Nelson and Mr. Moffitt in a neat and orderly appearance. The small frame building has fallen into a state of disrepair.

March 25, 1995

Converted Garage House
Between Main Street and Broad Street

SAMUEL LESTER'S GARAGES

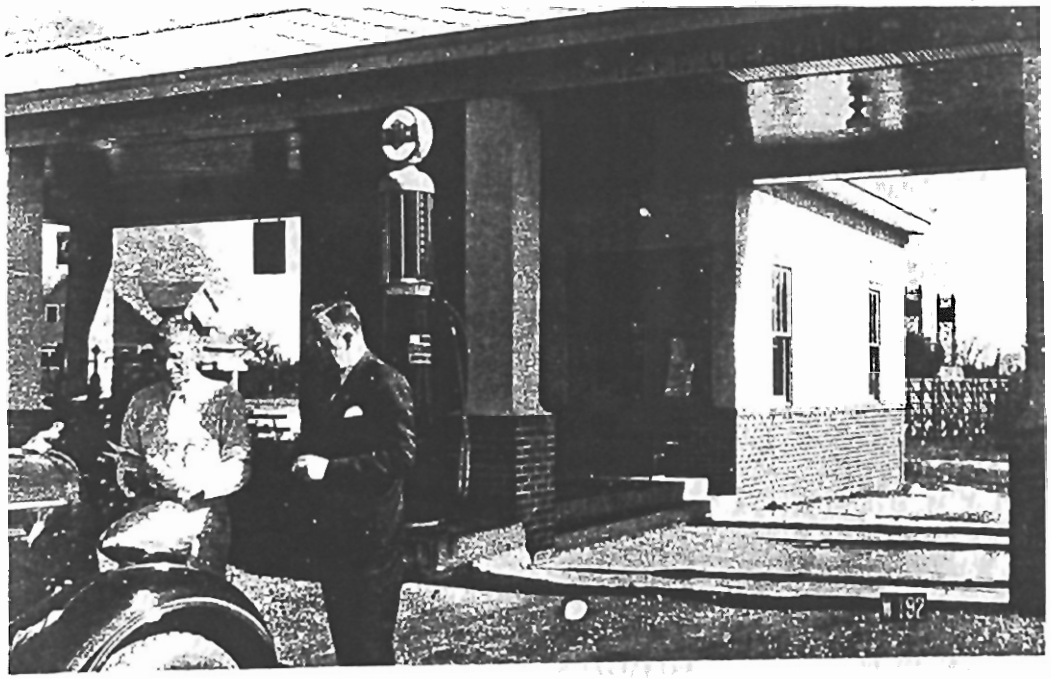


Mr. Lester bought land in 1913, 1923 and 1928 adding to the 11 acres he had bought in 1908. He purchased a triangle shaped plot of 4 3/4 acres from the Higgins Farm which adjoined his land and the Craven Farm land. This today fronts across from the Commodore Mac Donough School adjoining a small lot now owned by Gertrude Davidson, formerly Stapleford and Gam, up to the lower part of what was St. Georges Lumber Co., then crossing the double route 13 highway and along north and northeast lines of former Cairl Lafferty, now Zeisloft, along the back of former Henry Lester land down to and including Samuel Lester house, now Howard Jones, then crossing Broad Street along Clara Reynolds line to beginning point along the Davidson line and State line of St. Georges Bridge. In the year 1923 and 1928 he had bought a small parcel from Frank Cleaver which is included in the above description. He owned the largest parcel of land on which the town of St. Georges was developed since Andrew Jubart in 1744.

Circa 1921
North Main Street
Facing toward the West

Samuel C. Lester
Garage

The first garage, on this land, was built around 1920. It faced toward the West and the two-way main road that went through the town. The garage was built of fancy cement blocks, wood, and tin roofing. It was here Mr. Lester displayed Dodge Automobiles and sold Graham trucks. One section of the building was a store where ice cream, candy, snacks, sodas, cigars, cigarettes etc. were sold. There was a section for mechanical parts and repair as well as the showroom for cars.



Service Station
Circa 1935
Mr. Samuel Lester in white shirt.

The second garage or gas service station was built around 1928 after the new metal lift bridge opened in 1926. The garage was located between the Main Street traffic southbound into St. Georges and Broad Street traffic northbound out of town. The garage and office section sat in the middle of a double bay service area. The building and bays being in the shape of a T . The roads and entrances from both main traffic arteries were dirt. The central front pad under the bay porch was of cement which provided shelter and shade if car passengers wanted to get out and stretch their legs and enjoy a cool soda while the attendant saw to the needs of the car. Benches were also placed under the porch area for sitting comfort. The central cement pad also was the base and support for the gasoline pumps and oil containers. The station was destroyed in the year 1940 to make way for the approach of the new overhead bridge crossing the C & D Canal.

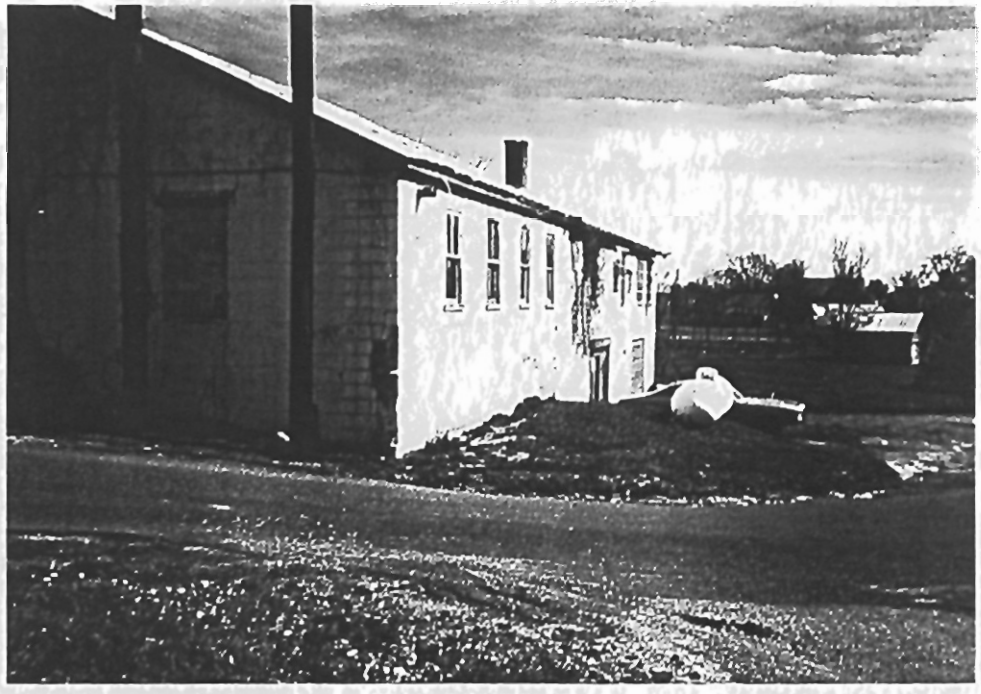
The third garage was built fronting Broad Street and across the street from the home of Samuel Lester. It was built around the year 1935-6 and is still in existance. It also had a showroom for Dodge cars. The fancy cement blocks on the front and south side were salvaged from the demolished 1920 garage building. This new garage was equipped to service and repair cars. It has had additions and renovations to the original section. A mechanical pit for working under cars and trucks is just to the north of the building. Even though the pit has been filled with dirt it's a visable relic of the past. Cars and trucks were

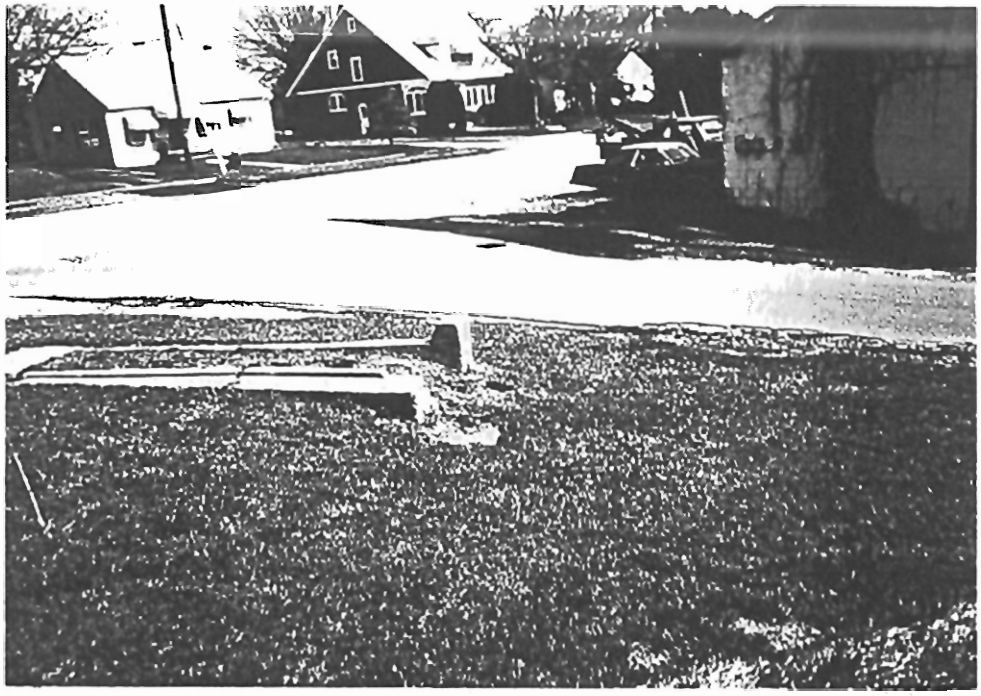
driven over the rectangular shaped cement pit. The mechanic went down steps into the pit carrying and electric extension line with a light to work under the vehicle. Mechanic pits were replaced by hydraulic lifts.

The building was used by Irving Sparks for his Case Farm Machinery Dealership. Stapleford's Chevrolet and Olds dealership has also rented the building. A welding shop and saw repair business were in the building. The building is now owned by Phillip A. Thayer and used for storage and renovating antique and vintage cars.

Melvin L. Sparks, grandson of Samuel C. Lester contributed information on the three garage,

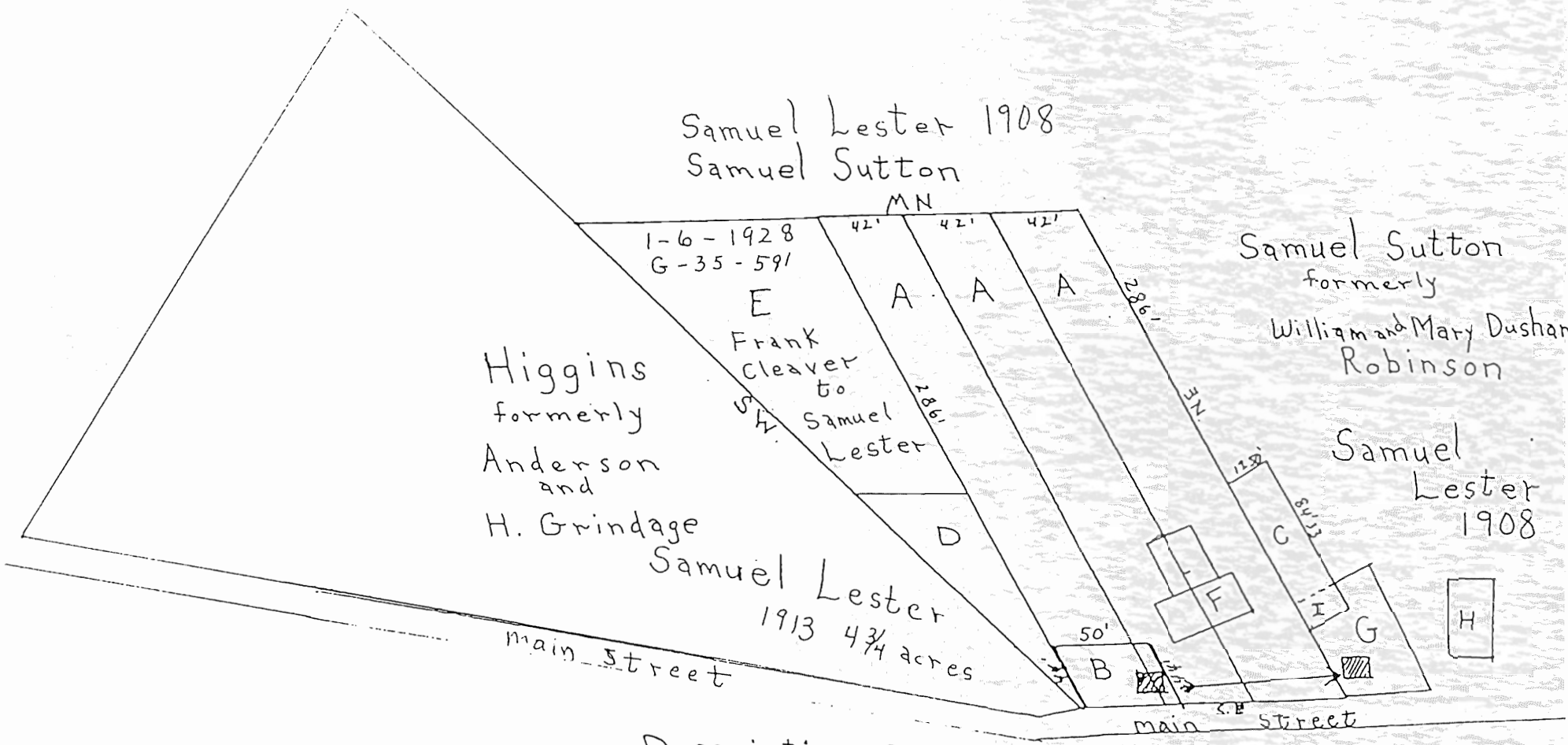
Below are pictures of the third garage and mechanic pit taken March 1995.





Year 1995
Mechanic Pit
North of Lester - Sparks Garage Broad Street

Year 1995
Lester Farm Lane and Alleyway
Looking North to Lester's Garage - now Thayer - over backyards of Pasqualini, Morris, and Reynolds, along Broad Street.


Samuel Lester 1908
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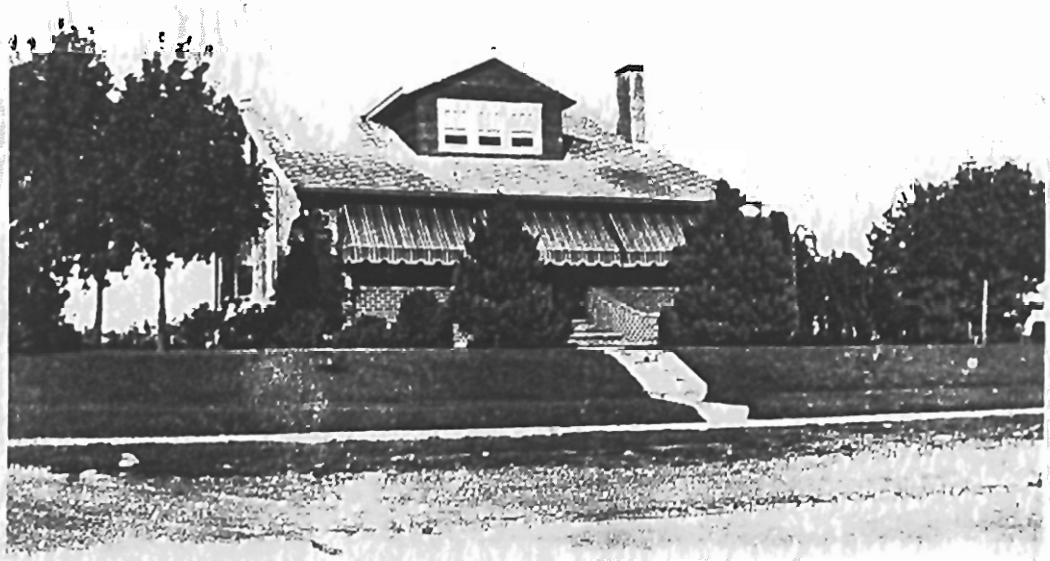
Descriptive Drawing - Not to Scale
William J. Hurlock Plot 1851 - 1865 - 1905

JUBART'S PLOT PLANS BECOME REALITY

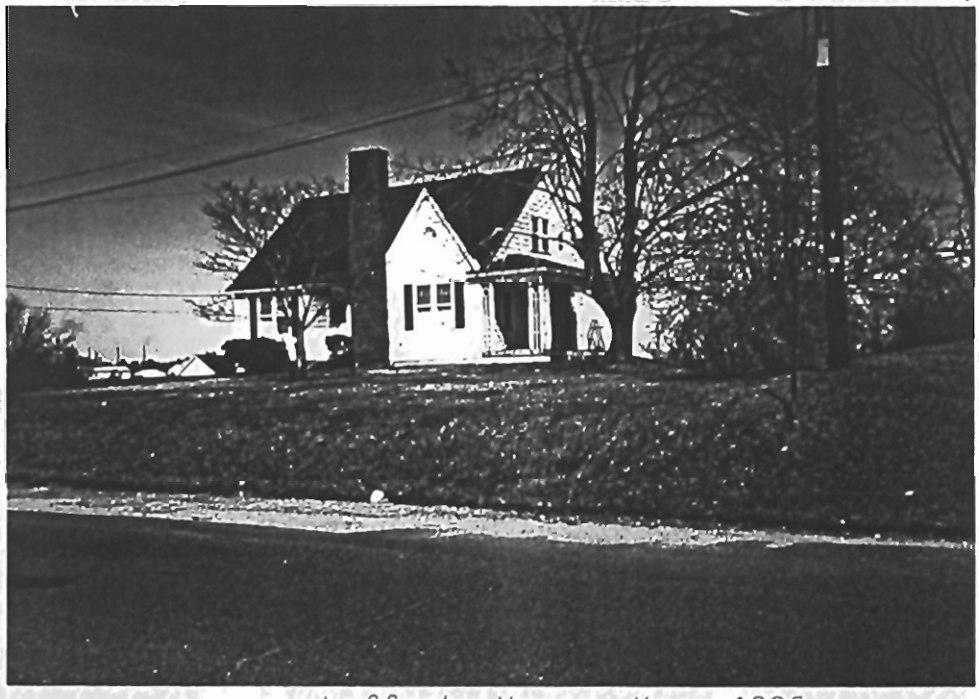
The 1744 Andrew Jubart plot plan by the year 1759 seemed to have been fulfilled and he laid out more lots to the north and northeast of this original layout. See page 2 . The 1759 lots were the same size as in the year 1744. Some people bought 2 lots making them into a single larger lot. The same type of trade people bought lots in 1759 as in 1744. Matthew Kelly- labourer, David Thomas-carpenter, James Harris - blacksmith, Titus Van Ecklin - blacksmith, Farmers- Aaron Barton, Thomas Doyle, Robert Stewart- miller. Many of the lots were, around 1762, purchased by Wm. Robinson and a large adjoining piece of land bought by his wife Mary Robinson in 1771. The properties were along Back Street; later Broadway and Broad. After Wm. Robinson bought the properties he closed the street and the land became a small farm. It was not until 1887, one-hundred twenty eight years later, when a lot was bought by School District #53, and a school for white children built on the lot, and another lot set aside for colored children, and a school built across the street, (Church Street) that Jubart's plan for the Town of Saint Georges to expand was becoming a reality. In 1889 a lot was bought next to the colored school and a church for the colored people built there. Around the year 1921 Broad Street was cut through the lands of Frank Cleaver and Samuel Lester. The next lot set aside and built upon was in 1928 when Samuel Lester built his home along Broad. From the 1920's into the 1950's Broad Street developed. Jubart's plan had become a reality. Some sections of original 1759 plots which were used for farmland are still in existence today behind the homes that border Broad Street on the east side above Church Street. Horse pasture is now on the land where once horses, oxen, steers and cows roamed and farm crops grew in the late 1700's to the middle 1900's.



Samuel Lester Home
Built 1928 Picture - 1935

Year 1995
Samuel Lester House
Howard Jones Owner

The Lester home was a large bungalow type house. It was brick, frame, and a sandstonetype of stucco. It was quite spacious with large bay windows, large fireplace and a elegant front porch. Mr. and Mrs. Lester and daughter Gertrude resided in the home. After the death of her parents, Gertrude resided alone but then sold the home to Robert and Anna Gibbons who also resided there. The home is now owned by Howard Jones.



Lafferty House Year 1995
Built Circa - 1937-8

Beginning at the north end of Broad Street where the Samuel Lester, Higgins and Craven property ended is a frame home built for Louden Cairl and Mabel Lafferty. The lot was sold to the Lafferty's in 1936 by Samuel and Georgia Lester. (N.C. Co. Deed Bk Y Vol. 39 pg.408 1936) The home is now owned by Richard and Antionette Zeisloft.

Roberts House Year 1995

The James and Helen Roberts house was built circa - 1950. The house sits on land formerly owned by Henry B. Lester and sold to the Roberts. When built the home was frame with wood siding with a stone fireplace. In the early 1990's the wood frameing was covered with bricks.

Henry Lester House Built Circa 1937

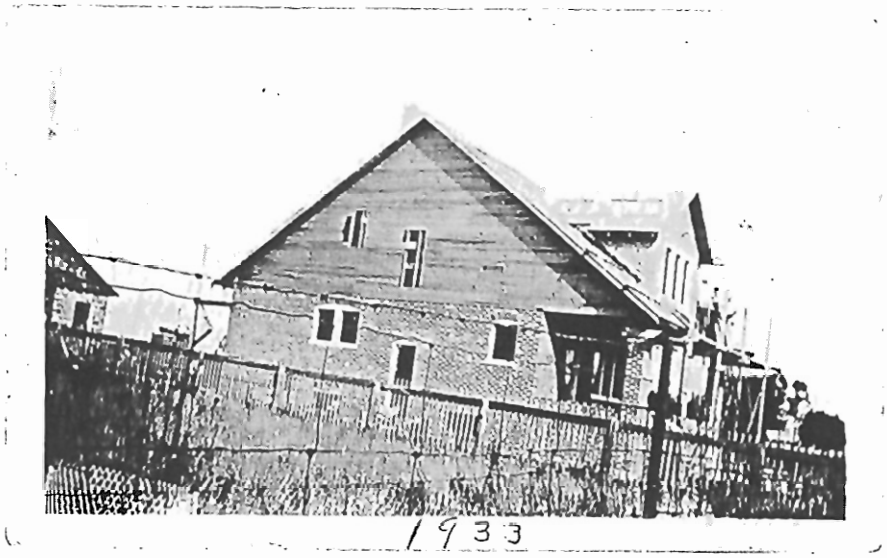
The Henry B. and Anna Moody Lester home was and English Tudor type cottage which was very popular at the time it was built. Mr. Lester bought the land, on which the home is built, on Dec. 21, 1935 from Samuel C. Lester (N.C. Co. Deed Bk T Vol. 39 pg.421 - 1935)

Mr. Lester was a descendant of the Lister (Lester) family that came from Lincolnshire England to the St. Georges area in 1854. He was born on a farm bordering St. Georges and lived on other farms in the area with his parents. In 1928 he was employed as General Manager of St. Gecrges Lumber Company. The business was formerly on the south side of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal but was moved to the north of the canal in

1946 , bordering the old Higgins Farm, in view of Mr. Lesters home. In 1970 Mr. Lester bought the lumber company and it became Lester Lumber and Home Center, Inc. . Two sons, H. Bailey, Jr., and John M. Lester, were associated with their father in the business as Vice-Presidents.
Mr. Lester was and active member of St. Georges Presbyterian Church and a highly respected citizen in the St. Georges area. After his death in 1975 his wife Anna continued residency in the home. The two sons are now residence of Lewis, Delaware and the former Lester house and property is now owned by Robert L. and Catherine Shipley Dickerson and they reside there.

Dickerson House Year 1995

Gertrude Lester House built Circa 1960 picture 1995

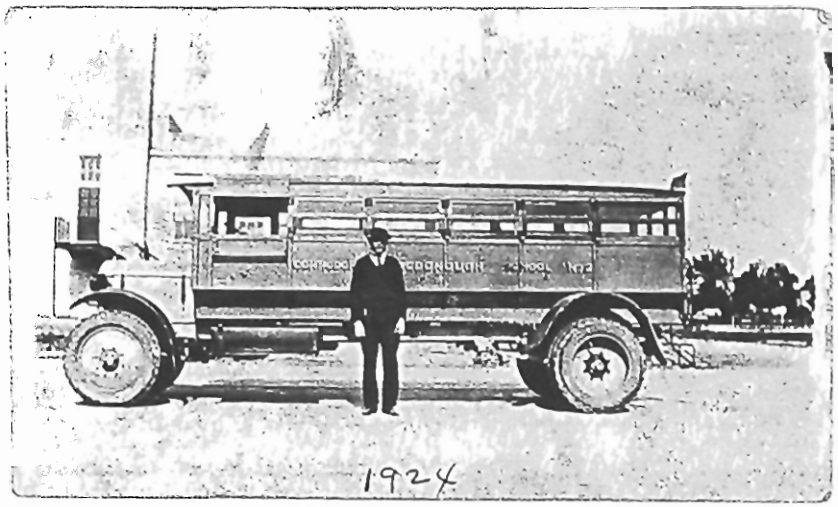


Building the home of Irving Sparks - Year 1933

The beautiful brick and frame home for Irving and Elva Lester Sparks was built in late Spring and the Summer of the year 1933. The land on which the home was built was purchased in the year 1932 from Daniel Atwood who had purchased the land from Frank Cleaver in the year 1929. This was a part of the old Hurlock home property. The lot was surrounded by lands of Samuel C. Lester and Frank Cleaver. (N.C. Co. Deeds Bk C Vol.38 pg. 118 - 1932 Bk Q Vol.36 pg. 281 - 1929)

Mr. Sparks, at one time, operated a Dairy on a farm near Delaware City and later from a barn located on his father-in-laws adjoining land. He also was in the business of general and grain hauling, hay bailing, welding and salesman for Case Farm Machinery. A son Melvin later joined him in these enterprises. Mr. Sparks, in 1924, was the first bus driver to bus children to the new Commodore Mac Donough School. He continued to drive and own his own bus into the late 1940's. He was a favorite with parents and students.

Mr. Irving Sparks on the farm by his Fairview Dairy Milk coach near Delaware City



Year 1924
Mr. Irving Sparks - Driver - Commodore MacDonough School Bus

Mr. and Mrs. Sparks in retirement years sold their home and moved to Smyrna, Delaware. Land in back of their home which they had bought from the Samuel Lester estate became a pasture, with a stable, for horses. So there is still a little country atmosphere in the town of St. Georges. The Sparks property is now owned by Faith A. Wright. Lands adjoining the pasture, being the former Raymond G. Carrow farm, is now a home development named "Colton Meadow".

Sparks Home - Faith Wright owner - year 1995

St. Georges, Del., Dec 17 1940

Lester

Debtor to

IRVING SPARKS

Retail Milk Dealer

Phone: Delaware City 6431 — *General Hauling*

St. Georges, Del., Aug 3 1949

Mr & M. Lester

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SUTTON - REISS HOUSE

Built Circa 1949-50 Picture 1995

Joseph Earle and Alice Sutton bought the lot of ground from Irving and Elva sparks in 1948. Mr. Sutton built the first pre-fabricated house in the area, being a salesman for this type of building. Additions have been made to the original rectangular shaped frame house. Aluminum siding now covers the whole house. (N.C. Co. Deed Bk N Vol. 48 pg. 73 9-23-1948)

Around the year 1975 Margaret Reiss bought the house from the Sutton's and is the present owner and resident.

REYNOLDS HOUSE

Built circa 1940-41 Picture 1992

Reynolds House continued--

Harvey and Clara Reynolds bought a small piece of ground 15' X 152', from Irving and Elva Sparks, which adjoined to land belonging to Clara Swan Batten Reynolds , June 25, 1940. They now had a lot large enough on which to build a frame home and garage. The home has the same features as when built except for added aluminum siding. Roger Reynolds, son of the original owners, resides on and owns the property. (N.C. CO. Deed Bk Y Vol.41 pg. 505 1940)

SPARKS - CHAMBERS HOUSE
Built Circa 1950 Picture 1992

The Sparks house is another example of the popular pre-fabricated home and garage coming to the area around 1949 -50. Melvin Sparks bought a lot of land from the heirs of Georgia Lester estate, widow, of Samuel Lester on Jan. 19, 1950. The house was originally a frame rectangular shaped building. It has since, circa 1985, been renovated with a wing to the back and a large chimney onto the south side wall. Aluminum siding and awnings were added. Robert and Norma Chambers own and reside on the property. (N.C. Co. Deed Bk U Vol. 49 pg. 311 1950)

Broad Street
Winter - 1934

The old barn on the right side of street was in the area of the now Sparks Chambers house.

The first building on the right facing Church Street was the school for Negro children.

CHARLES and ALICE STAATS HOME

Built - 1954 Picture 1992

The lot on which the home was built was sold to Charles and Alice Staats Oct. 18 1954 by Georgia Lester, widow, and heirs of the Samuel Lester estate. (N.C. Co. Deed Bk P Vol. 54 pg. 468 - 1954)

The home was a frame home with and abestos type siding. The yard was beautifully landscaped and was well attended. Mr. and Mrs. Staats moved from Port Penn, Delaware to reside in their new home on Broad Street. They remained here until their deaths. The home is now owned by their daughter Deborah Poffenberger.

In the year 1995 the home on the outside was renovated with new windows, doors, vinyl siding and tar-shingle roofing, giving the home a modern ranch type home look to the previous colonial cottage type building.

STAVELY - VITONE HOUSE

Built Circa 1951 Picture 1995

Joseph G. and Susan Frances Stavely bought their lot August 16, 1950 from Georgia Lester, widow, and heirs of Samuel Lester estate. They built a bungalow type frame house on the property. They had been residence of the town for many years in St. Georges renting one side of a double house on Church Street. He was a tobacco products salesman and his wife was a school teacher. They resided in their new home many years then sold it and moved to Newark, Delaware. (N.C. Co. Deed Bk P Vol.50 Pg. 515 - 1950) Salvatore and Anita Vitone bought the house and lot and moved here with a son and daughter from the State of NewJersey so that Mr. Vitone would be near his work at the fairly new Tidewater Oil Refinery just northeast of St. Georges. The house has had a small addition to the southend and aluminum siding added to completely cover the wooden siding.

Broad Street above Church Street 1997

SCHOOL PROPERTY
SAINT GEORGES POST OFFICE

St. Georges School Circa 1908

On October 21, 1887 John H. Stewart sold to School District #53 -- William H. Rentz, John W. DeWitt, of Red Lion Hundred and John W. Craven of St. Georges Hundred, a plot of land for $250. The lot of land measured 120' along Broad Street, 210'6" northside line, 157' across the back and 218'7" southside line. (When Broad Street was put through land was taken which decreased the length and depth to near 180' but still 120' across the front. There was 29,049 square feet of land on which to build a school. The land was a part of land formerly owned by Samuel B. Sutton. John Pyle, Sheriff, by deed, December 15, 1879, conveyed the Sutton land to Albert Newton and then he and his wife conveyed the land to John H. Stewart. (N.C. Co. Deeds Bk C Vol. 14 pg.411 - 1887 Bk U Vol.11 pg. 88-1879)

The lot was at the intersection of Second or Church Street and Broadway (Broad) Street. In circa - 1888-89 a two-story frame school building was built, on the lot, for white students. There was a very ornate vestibule entrance entering the front of the school. A bell-tower was placed on the front top point of the roof for tolling the call to attend school. A brick chimney accommodated indoor stoves, used for heating the building. The school was used until the end of the school season in the year 1923. It had fell into such dis-repair that a new school was being built for white students in the area.

In October of the year 1919 a General Report on School Buildings and Grounds of Delaware was conducted by the Service Citizens of Delaware. This is the report on St. George's District No. 53. Out of a possible score of 1000 the districts score was 358.

The St. George's School is a very old, two-room, two-story, frame structure with tin roof and brick foundation, located on a site approximately 180' x 120 feet. The site is too small to meet the needs of this rather large group of children, and because of adjoining village residences, the

site is difficult of adequate expansion.

The building is heated by stoves, and supplies little or nothing beyond the most meager facilities to provide for the physical comfort of the children. Class rooms are poor, and except for the new double seats supplied in the upstirs room and the good quality blackboards, the class rooms have little more to offer than the service systems.

It is not consistnet with the modern educational policy that the children of this community be housed continuously in a building which provides nothing more than is possible in this structure. It should therefore, be disposed of and a plant adequate to the needs of the community and large enough to justify a complete educational - recreation program supplied.

School and children Circa 1920

The above photo view shows the vestibule in disrepair and the fence collapsed. Children are sittingand standing on the trunks and the stump of a large maple tree that had been sawed down.

After the school was condemned and demolished a one-floor brick school was built for negro children to the front of this school lot facing Church Street around the year 1925. The building had a basement and bath-rooms. The heating system - a coal stove in the classroom. The year 1934 picture on page 75 shows the Negro School and the open space area of Broad Street. Behind the school were the barns on the Samuel Lester property and to the left side the Lester garage that was located between the north and southbound duPont Highway. When this school closed, it sat vacant for many years. Elmer Staats purchase the building and land and converted the building into a saw-shop and aluminum storm door and window business.

Gertrude Davidson bought the property from Mr. Staats in the year 1965. She was postmaster and converted the building to Saint Georges United States Post Office. It is still used for the district post office.

Elmer Staats Saw Shop
Circa 1962-3

DEDICATION DAY
St. Georges Post Office October 16, 1965
Gordon Boyd Lester age 7 attending the dedication service.

The post office building is now owned by Kenneth L. Davidson, son of Gertrude [redacted], and still used for area post office.

The original lot has been divided in to two lots. The back part of the lot, behind the post office, was purchased by Ronald and Denise Millay son-in-law and daughter of Mrs. Davidson. They, in November 1982, installed a large mobile home on the lot.

Ronald and Denise Millay Home Year 1992

Telephones: Delaware City 4571 or 7947

TYSON F. SARTIN

Burial Vaults and Memorials

Saint Georges, Delaware

Mr. C. N. Lester

14 Bags of High Early Strength Cement @ $1.15 Ea. $16.10

2 Bags of George Washington Finishing Lime @ .65 1.30

$17.40

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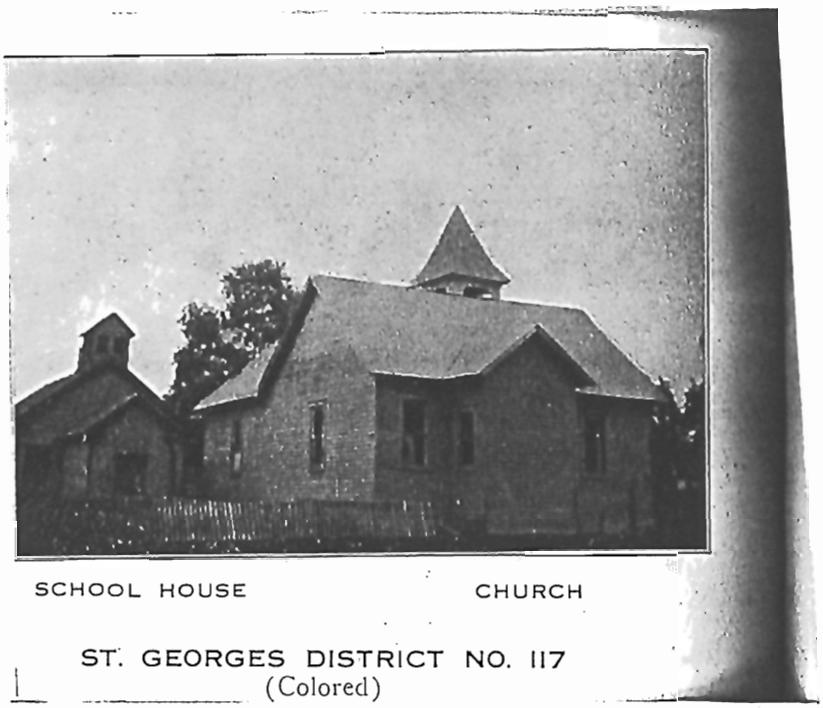
COLORED CHURCH AND SCHOOL



SCHOOL HOUSE CHURCH

ST. GEORGES DISTRICT NO. 117
(Colored)

Year 1919
Located south side East Church Street

On Feb. 11, 1889 John H. Stewart and wife, Annie B. Stewart, for $99.00, deeded another part of the then open land to Jesse Moulton, George H. Robinson, William Brice, John Craig, James Brown, Arthur Gould, Benjamin Dixon, George Daniels, and Josiah Jackson, trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Mission Church of the Town of Saint Georges. The lot adjoined to properties of the heirs of Job Townsend and John P. Hudson (now land of St. Georges Methodist Church) and lands of B. D. Longland. (now the property of Wm. and Linda Chinski) The lot in size was 40' x 165'. The premises shall be used, kept and maintained as a place of divine worship, for the use of the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America; subject to the discipline usage and ministerial appointments of said church as from time to time authorized and declared by the General Conference of said church. It is surmised the erecting of the church began in the year 1889. (N.C. Co deed Bk N Vol. 14, pg.540 - 1889)

In 1899 the church had become incorporated as the St. James Methodist Episcopal Church. The trustees were Jesse Moultin, George Robinson, Abraham Dudley, Arthur Gould, Henry Anderson, George Reese, Lashey (Elisha) Nicholas, John Dixon, and William Payne. On December 11, 1899 the property was deeded to the corporation. (N. C. Co. original deed Bk Z Vol.17 pg.343 1899- owner Gladys Lester)

Due to declining membership the congregation gave up the church. The trustees of the Peninsula Conference of the Methodist Church, Inc. sold the property in 1967 to Earle Lester, who used the building to house Spanish employees of the St. Georges Canning Co. The church building, while vacant, in the early morning hours, was mysteriously destroyed by fire. The property in the 1970's was sold to Texaco Refinery Co. The lot is now vacant.

St. James Methodist Episcopal Church
Circa 1969

During ownership the church corporation, over the years, had the bell tower removed, leaving just a roof level vestibule entrance. A tin roof was put on over the wood shingles and white asbestos shingles covered the frame wood siding.

A lot behind the church property consisting of.085 acres being about, in size 22' x 171', had around the year 1890 been acquired by the State Board of Education from John Stewart. (No deed available). In that same year a one room frame school building with and enclosed wooden vestibule in front was built for colored children. In the year1919 a report on school buildings gave a very low rating stating the school for colored children in Saint Georges is a one-room rectangular, vestibuled type frame building, located on a small site to the rear of the colored church. As clearly shown in the picture, there is no opportunity for play and little possibility of the development of and adequate recreational ground. The building is poorly equipped, poorly lighted and unfit for school purposes.

The school was abandoned in the years 1925-26 and students moved to the new brick school across to the other side of Church Street.

The property seemed to have been absorbed in with the church property and was deeded in with the church property to Earle Lester in 1967 and then deeded, by him, to Texaco Refinery Co. in the 1970's.

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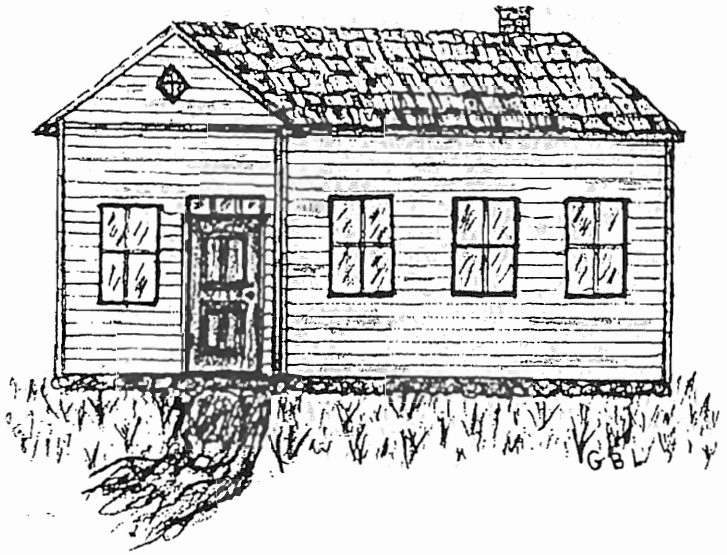
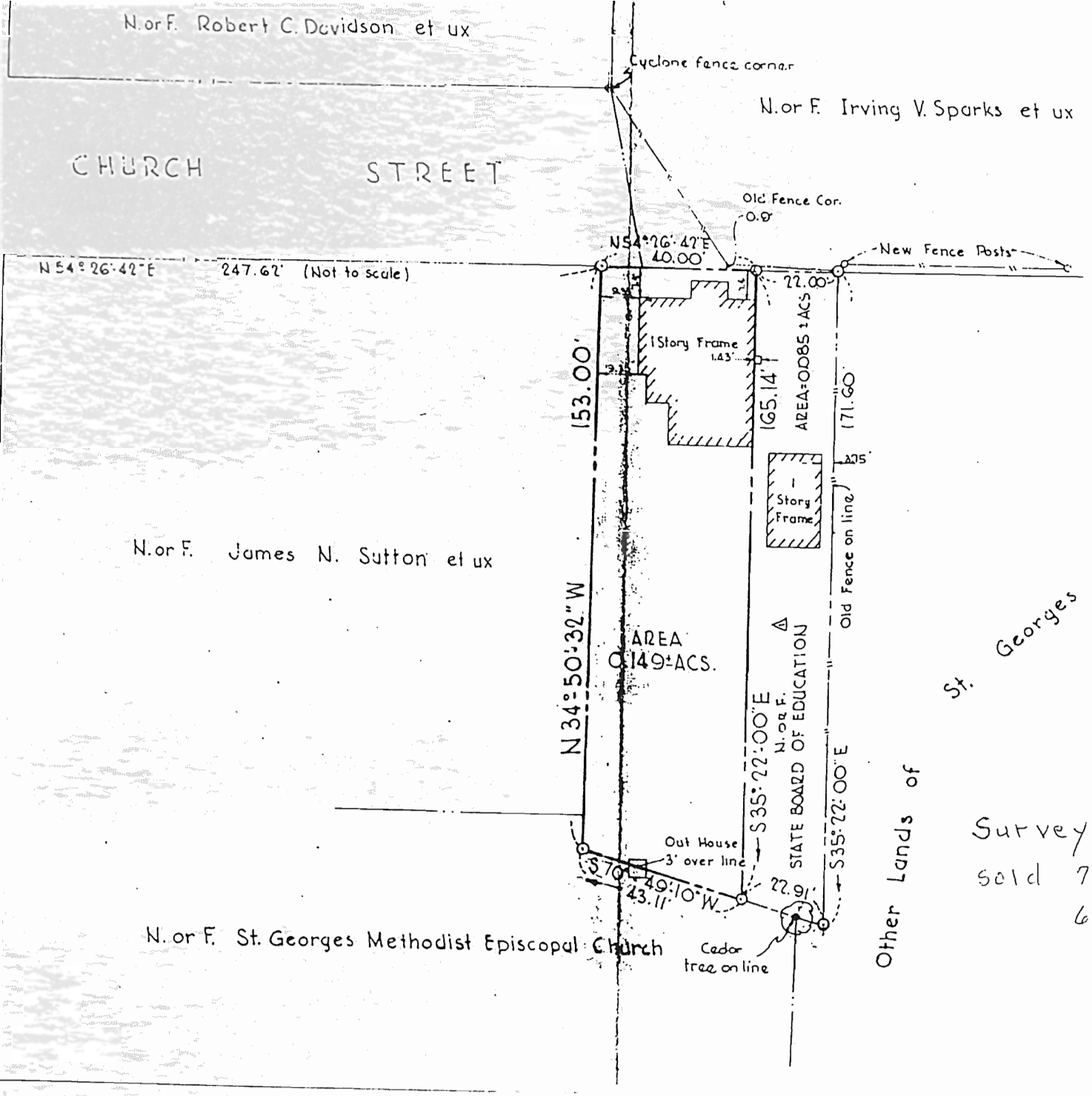


Circa - 1889 Methodist Episcopal

Mission Church

Circa 1915-16 St. James Methodist Episcopal Church

By 1915-16 the small rectangular frame mission church built in 1889 had a bell tower with vestibule entrance added to the south side along with a new sanctuary room. A new stove was placed in the church accommodated with a new chimney to the rear of the sanctuary. To the north side of the original building a small pulpit area was added.



Survey of plots before sold 7/25/67
6/26/67

EBENEZER ELIASON HOUSE

Circa 1950
Left side Circa - 1864 Right side Circa - 1837

Ebenezer Eliason, a butcher of New Castle County, and his wife, Sarah, bought a 1 acre 22 perches lot on November 18, 1836. The lot included the street fronting the property; now Broad Street. There was no Church Street at that time, which today runs along the northern line of the property. Church Street, though, was later created by land from the Ebenezer lot.

The house, on this lot, was built in two sections. The oldest part being attributed to Ebenezer Eliason in the year 1836-37. And addition around the year 1864 is attributed to Levi Todd, a master carpenter.

Ebenezer and his wife lived in the house and resumed his butchering business. In 1848 Mr. Eliason bought land adjoining his to the south side of Broad Street through to Main Street. He used the house (now Harold Batten land) on Main Street as his meat market store. It is not known, exactly, when he left the area, but by the year 1854 he was in Westmoreland County, Virginia and by the end of 1855 all of his properties in St. Georges had been sold.

John C. Clark and wife Eliza were the next owner. They may have lived on the property but his ownership was only for about two and one-half years. Because of a small increase in price when he sold it in March of 1858 it is probable he had built the barn type building on the property. The barn fell into disrepair and was destroyed around 1947.

Abraham Weixler and wife Anna bought the property in the year 1858. The 1860 Census shows Abraham, age 28, born in Wittenburg, Germany and is a butcher. In the household were his wife Anna, age 30, born in Germany, son Abraham, age 10 and daughter Barbara, age 6 and both born in Germany. A son George was age 3 and born in Delaware, so the family had been in the state for at least 3 years. Other members of the household were William Weixler, age 28, born in Germany, and possibly a twin brother of Abraham. William had a

son age 10 or 12 born in Delaware. William had been in Delaware before Abraham. No wife is mentioned for William so it's possible Abraham and his family came to America to be with his widowed brother.

Levi Todd and wife Sophia were the next owners in January 1864. It is not known if they resided in the home but it is believed Mr. Todd renovated and put and addition to the house. He was a master carpenter and when he sold the property after three years of ownership it was a thousand dollars over and above what he had paid. The Todd family supposedly moved to Middletown, Delaware.

Nothing is known of the next two owners. Robert Montgomery and wife Adeline of Cecil County Maryland bought the property in 1867. In March of 1870 they were in Mason County Missouri and had sold the property to William Carpenter of Eaton County Michigan. In May of 1870 he sold the property to three local men. John M. Jones, John T. McWhorter and Charles H. McWhorter.

John and Charles McWhorter were brothers. They were in the mercantile business. Charles left the mercantile business and sold his interest to John P. Belville. He then took and interest in tobacco manufacturing. In 1870 he sold the tobacco business and went in partnership again with his brother in the manufacture of agricultural machinery. This business continued in ST. Georges until 1881, when they moved the business to Wilmington, Delaware. Charles McWhorter was elected to the State Senate in 1878 for four years. He was a muncipal officer for several years in St. Georges. Charles married Agnes Jamison and John married Laura Jamison Nonetheless in April 1875 debt charges were brought against the brothers and the property was sold by Sheriff William Lamlson to McWhorters father. Their father, Leontine McWhorter in October of 1875 deeded the property back to the brothers and their wives. In the year 1885 debt charges of $650 were brought against the McWhorters and Sheriff Thomas Ford sold the property, on Nov. 2, 1885,to Elizabeth Longland for $500.00. Elizabeth Longland and her husband Benjamin used the house for a hotel. By the year 1884 they had moved to Camden, New Jersey. The hotel was probably rented to a daughter as Elizabeth Longland in February 1898 deeded the property to her daughter Lizzie Moore. Elizabeth Moore by will devised the property to her son James Edward Moore. He and his wife resided on the property. They moved to Darby, Pennsylvania and on June 8, 1946 sold the property to Frederick T. Sutton.

Mr. Sutton made additions to the back making the house into a double residence for rental purposes. Upon his death the property went to his son James N. Sutton and it was continued as rental property. Mr. Sutton sold the property to Larry Santowski. He made the house back into a single residence. He called it his Polish Ponderosa. Mr. Santowski sold the property to Bruce Dacey and he and his family resided there. Mr. Dacey divided the property into two lots. David and Wanda Blondin bought the front parcel containing the home in the year 1995. They have renovated and restored the home making it another attractive heritage to the town.

The back part of the divided lot was sold in 1996 to William and Linda Chinski. They put and attractive modular home on the lot.

Ebenezer Eliason House
Year 1992
Present owners David and Wanda Blondin

Year 1992 Back View

Back half of Ebenezer Eliason Lot

Year 1992

William and Linda Chinski Home and Lot
Year 1995

EBENEZER ELIASON PROPERTY RESEARCH

The Eliason property was a very complex piece of land to research. For those of you who do not do research but enjoy reading about historical buildings in your town or area, here is and example of research on a piece of property.

In 1759 Andrew Jubart laid out lots adjoining to the back of a 1744 Plot Plan which had already, in todays terms, been sold off and in use. A rundown of the sale of these lots, in the year 1759, has already been shown in this booklet.

#1 - Andrew Jubart sold to Thomas Doyle on Nov. 16, 1759 a lot, size 168' x 160'. N. C. Co. Deed Bk T Vol. 1 pg.597 - 1759 Nothing more can be found on Thomas Doyle. He was a farmer in the area when he bought the lot from Mr. Jubart.

#2 - Later adjoining property deeds show that Thomas Doyles property was 260' in length not 160'. It's evident Mr. Doyle procured or had tenant rights of and adjoining 168' x 100' lot, adjoining across the back of the front lot of 168' x 160'. No deed can be found on a back adjoining lot of 168' x 160'. Reference deeds to the 260' length are - N.C. Co. Deeds Bk T Vol. 1 pg. 307 - 354 -1765 Bk Q Vol. 2 pg. 151 -1789 Hall of Records Dover. While researchin around this property, many, many, deeds tell how Andrew Jubart acquired the property on which he laid out much of the Town of St. Georges. Land along St. Georges Creek and Dragon Creek in the year 1675 was granted by patent to Jacob Young, and by heirs of said Young to Charles Anderson and John Cocks, and by Anderson and Cocks heirs to Joseph Neale, and by heirs of Neale to David Stout, and by D. Stout to Francis King, and by King by indenture, May 14, 1718, a parcel of the land to Peter, Jacob, Maudlin, Abraham and Andrew Jubart. Peter, Jacob, Maudlin, and Abraham died and Andrew as surviving joint tenant became the lawful owner of the land. After selling off certain lots he sold the adjoining land of 191 acres to Robert Watt. A part of this 191 acres is today known as Colton Meadow Development begun in the year 1996. Andrew Jubart's lot measurements were usually 42' x 260' or 84' x 260'. Two 84' x 260' lots would have made a large parcel of 168' x 260'. The laying out of a 168' x 160' is questionable. It's probable when Robert Watt bought the surrounding farmland the back lot of 168' x 100' was included in the farm, but tenanted as a separate lot. Nathaniel Silsbee later acquired some of Watts parcels of land. When Silsbee died in 1794 and his estate sold, deed specifications include the 168' x 100' back lot.

#3 - The next clue to Doyles property was in the year 1766 when Thomas Duff, Sheriff, sold the 168' x 160' lot to Michael Dushane. N.C. Co.Deed Bk X Vol. 1 pg. 655 - 10-21-1766. This was to settle the estate of Daniel Britt by his wife Susannah. No deed can be found as to how the Britts gained title to the property.

#4 - Michael Dushane died and the lot through orphan court proceedings in 1778 went to Anthony Dushane Jr.

#5 - Anthony Dushane Jr. on Oct. 7, 1779 sold the 168' x 160' lot to Henry Hollingsworth of Cecil Co. Maryland. N.C. CO. Deed Bk D Vol.2 pg. 276 - 1779.

#6 - Henry Hollingsworth in 1797 sold the 168' x 160' lot to Solomon Maxwell. N. C. Co. Deed Bk S Vol. 2 pg. 338 1797 . Solomon Maxwell died around 1798-9. His estate was settled but nothing found on this lot. Later deeds point to a Dr. George Monroe owning the lot.

#7 - A Nathanil Silsbee died around 1794. Edward Roche purchased a 4 acre 66 perches plot of land from the Silsbee heirs. The deed specifications include the 168' x 100' back lot adjoining to Maxwells 168' x 160' lot. No actual deed can be found as to how Silsbee acquired the lot.

#8 - (N. C. Co. Deed Bk R Vol. 2 pg. 87 - Feb. 9, 1795)
Edward Roche had certain debts to meet and Sheriff Joseph Israel on Dec. 18, 1800 sold the 4 acres 66 perches to George Monroe. The deed Bk G Vol. 3 pg. 455 - 6-12-1801 is one of many deeds missing in the Hall of Records, Dover, but a later deed tells of the sale. Bk. D Vol. 3 page 383 - 3-28-1806.

#9 - Dr. George Monroe must to have purchased the 168' x 160' front lot from Solomon Maxwell heirs as George Monroe on March 3 1806 sold 1 acre 20 perches of this 4acre 66 perches of land to James Vance. The other 3 acres were sold to John Sutton. N.C. Co. Deed Bk R Vol.3 pg.234 -1806.

#10 - James Vance sold to Alexander Jamison on April 2 1806 two lots of land. One is the lot from George Monroe, now, measuring 1 acre 22 perches which included, the now Broad Street and measurements being 168' x 260'. This took in the old Doyle, Britt, Dushane, Hollingsworth, Maxwell, Monroe, and Vance lot of 168' x 160. The other lot, with a house, adjoined to Broad Street and went westward to Main Street. This today is the William Reynolds and Harold Batten property.

#11 - Alexander Jamison sold the lots to Isaiah Heisler, a physician. N.C. Co. Deed Bk R Vol 3 pg.230 3-26-1813. After Heisler, a Wingate Prettyman and wife, Ann, procured the properties claiming a 3 acre plot. No deeds are recorded as to how the Prettyman's acquired the land. A deed recorded on De. 19, 1822 tells of the Prettyman's selling the land to David Miles. N.C. Co. Deed Bk A Vol. 4 pg.346 - 1822.

#12 - David Miles and wife Ann sold the 1 acre 22 perches, for $450 to George Thompson and wife on Dec. 30, 1829. Thompson sold the 1 acre 22 perches to Ebenezer and Sarah Ann Elizson on Nov. 18, 1836. No buildings are mentioned on the property. N.C. Co. Deeds Bk A Vol 4 pg. 346-1822 - Bk M Vol.4 pg. 324 - 1829 - Bk Y Vol.4 pg. 47 - 1836.

#13 - Ebenezer Eliason sold the 1 acre 22 perches, for $1,700, to John C. Clark Bk Y Vol. 7 pg.150 - 10-26-1855.

#14 - John C. Clark,for $2000, sold the plot to Abraham Weixler and wife Anna. Bk Y Vol. 7 pg.152 - 3-25-1858.

#15 - Abraham Weixler and wife Anna for, $2000, sold to Levi Todd. Bk Y Vol. 7 pg. 153 - 1-23-1864.

#16 - Levi Todd and wife Sophia, for $3000., sold to Robert Montgomery. Bk N Vol. 8 pg.119 - 4-6-1867 (Cecil Co. Maryland)

#17 - Robert Montgomery and wife Adeline, of Mason County Missoui, for $3000. sold to William Carpenter, of Eaton County Michigan. Bk C Vol. 9 pg.214 - 3-17-1870.

#18 - William Carpenter, for $3000, sold to John M. Jones, John T. McWhorte and Charles H. McWhorter. Bk M Vol.9 pg. 57 May 6, 1870.

#19 - Sheriff Wm. Lamlson, for $1,300, sold to Leontine McWhorter. Bk X Vol. 10 pg.422 Apr. 19,1875.

#20 - Leontine McWhorter, for $1.00 sold to Agnes Jamison and Husband Charles McWhorter, Laura Jamison and husband John McWhorter. Bk W vol. 10 pg. 75 - Oct. 13, 1875.

#21 - Sheriff Thomas Ford for $500, sold on Nov. 2, 1885, to Elizabeth Longland. Bk S Vol. 13 pg.64 - 1886.

#22 - Elizabeth Longland deeded the property to her daughter Lizzie (Elizabeth) Moore. Bk O Vol. 17 pg.568 - Feb. 10,1898.

#23 - Elizabeth (Lizzie) Moore, by will, devised the property to her son, James Edward Moore. N.C. Co. Probate G-5-87.

#24 - James Edward Moore and wife Marie sold to Frederick T. Sutton on June 8, 1946. Bk D Vol. 46 pg.383 - 1946. This deed finally corrected the measurements and reading of the old deeds of 1 acre 22 perches. Land for Broad and Church Streets were excluded from the plot. Measurements were now 131' instead of 168' fronting along Broad Street and 209' along Church Street, instead of 260', to what isknown as the colored church property. Then southerly 151' along the line to Frederick T. Sutton, thence along his line southwesterly 209' to beginning. Even though the lot is now smaller, since land had been taken for the streets, it was referred to as still being 1 acre 22 perches. Amazing! The lot size and acerage has been challenging and interesting since Nov. 16, 1759.

#25 - Upon Mr. Fred Sutton's death the property went to his son James N. Sutton.

#26 - Mr. James Sutton sold the house to Larry and Rose Marie Sontowski.

#27 - The Sontowski's sold the property to Bruce Dacey around 1991-2. Mr Dacey divided the lot into two parcels.

#28 - David and Wanda Blondin bought the front lot which contained the old house. (Ebenezer Eliason House)

#29 - William and Linda Chinski bought the vacant back half of the lot around 1994 and moved a new modular home on to the lot.

After this sample of one property researched in St. Georges, you can realize the many hours of research and travel time, to research sources, that are put into finding information about properties and homes. It is not always a simple or easy process. Most all of my research is done at the Hall of Records in Dover, Delaware. Residents of the State of Delaware can be proud of the quality and limitless documents that are available in the Leon De Valinger Hall of Records in Dover. Unless otherwise specified in this booklet, all deeds, orphan court, wills, assessments and census documents have came from that state building.

Gladys Boyd Lester

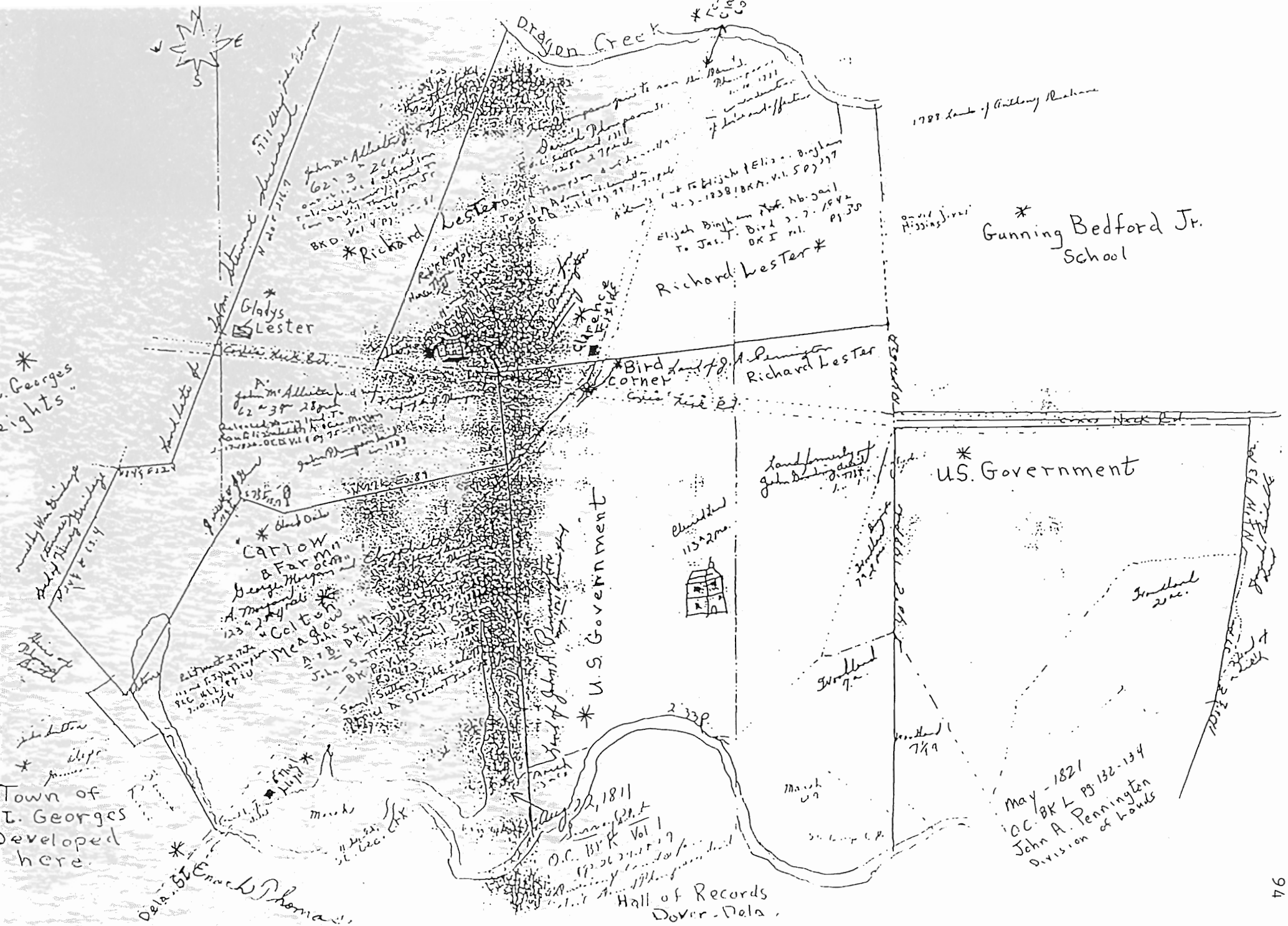
A PART OF JOHN COCK'S LAND
Better known as Coxe's Neck Area

On the next page are New Castle County Orphan Court documents dated August 22, 1811 and May 1821 joined into one layout of lands belonging to Doctor David Thompson and John Atkey Pennington. The surveys were prepared to divide land among surviving family members. These were former lands of Jacob Young and John Cock's which extended to Delaware City outskirts.

The documents did have Cock's Neck Road (Coxe's Neck Rd.) going through the properties. Lands North of this road in the early 1800's were in the Higgins family. Small St. Georges Creek became the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal. The road from St. Georges to Bird's Corner has been dotted in as well as the road from Bird's Corner to Clarks Corner. These roads did not exist until after August of 1811. The documents, for their age,copied well except for some dark blemished areas. The dark areas are not to be mistaken for woodlands. Most all of the land on the South side of St. Georges - Bird's Corner Road and Coxe's Neck Road going East to Delaware City is U. S. Government land except for some of Jacob Biddle's land which is a gravel pit owned by the James Julian Family and formerly Curlett's.

Some land marks of today are pinpointed with asterisks * - such as Town of St. Georges, Delaware Street, Colton Meadow development, U. S. Government land, Gunning Bedford Jr. School, Richard Lester farmland, Clarence Fields home, Ethel Lloyd house, Gladys Lester home and St. Georges Heights.

Below is a picture of the dwelling house of Dr. David Thompson marked on the 1811 survey with asterisk and underlined on the now Richard Lester property. The house was built in three sections. The left end built circa 1760's, center-circa 1789 by John Thompson, right end - circa 1847 with Greek Revival porch, plus new roof over all sections and dormer windows added, by Thomas Bird. Mr. Bird signed his name and date quite elaborately, in the fresh new plaster, on a wall in the third floor right end of the house. The picture of the home is circa 1941-2. The house was destroyed in the year 1968.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24 - Sutton - De Witt - Batten - Charles and Joan Smith
25 - Gam - Nickle - Donald and Doris Stevenson
26 - Sutton - Vacant - Sartin Family Partnership L. P.
27 - Reynolds - Jeremy and Dawn Lowe
28 - Sanders - Adam and Jeanne Fachet
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31 - Garman - Gibbons - Bryan and Cynthia Gravell
32 - Sutton - Lester - Maloney
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36 - Watt - Hurlock - Cleaver - Edith Morris
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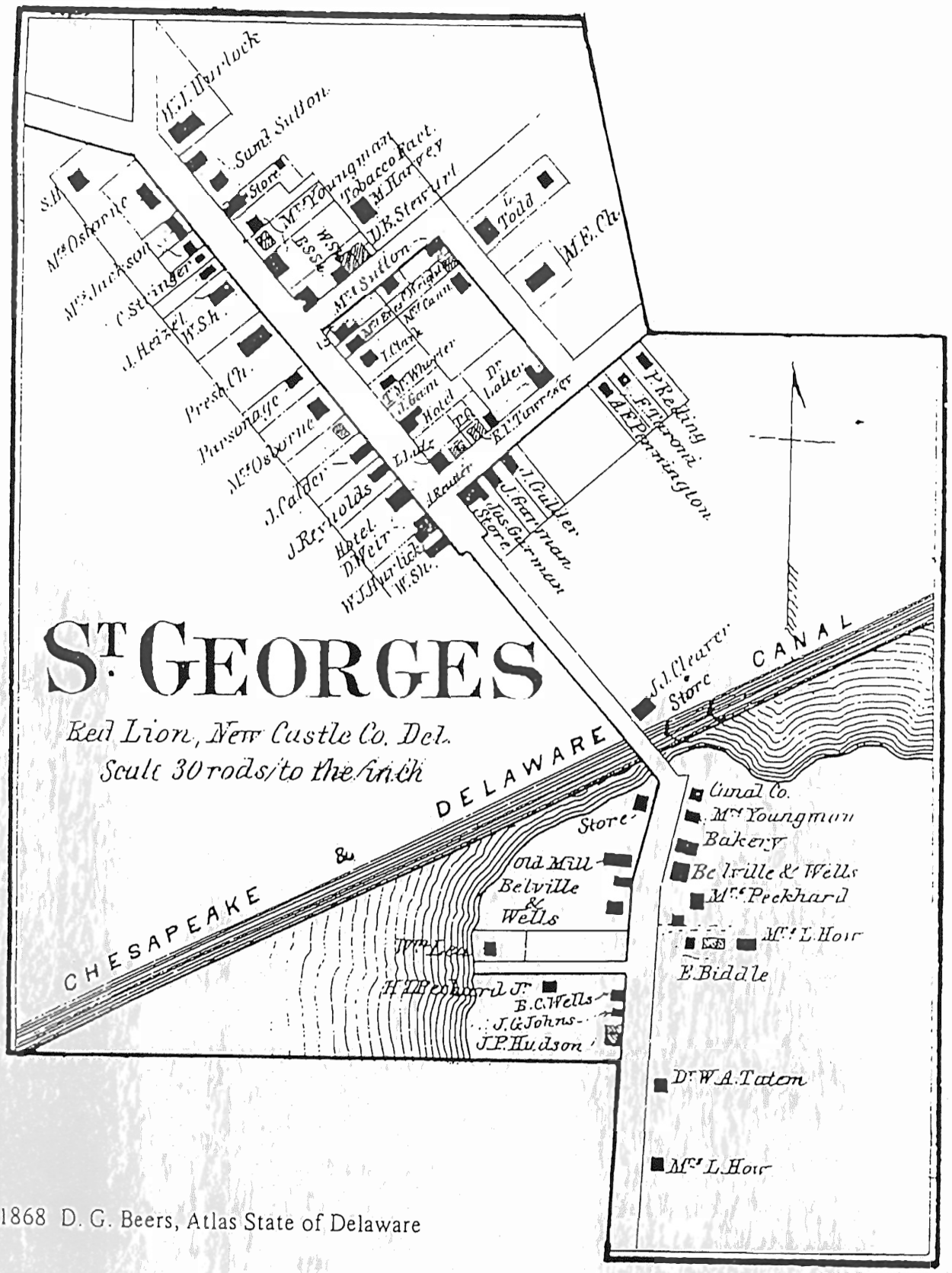

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Documents and papers from files of Gladys B. Lester

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ELIZABETH S. REYNOLDS

Personal Note

Elizabeth S. Reynolds moves to Tyler, Texas

Elizabeth S. Reynolds recently moved from the St. Georges community and is settling in a retirement home in Tyler, Texas.

Ms. Reynolds has lived in St. Georges all of her 89 years. She has been a member of the St. Georges United Methodist Church and taught Sunday school there for 43 years. She is also a member of Central Grange at St. Georges.

Ms. Reynolds retired from the New Castle County Board of Assessment in 1967.

Her daughter, Dorothy White of Tyler, Texas, and her son, Wayne Reynolds, of St. Simons Island, Georgia, were in St. Georges last week to help get their mother's affairs in order.

Before leaving the area, Ms. Reynolds made sure she had her subscription to the Middletown Transcript forwarded to her new address, so she can keep up with the local news.

Her new address is 3500 S. Vine, Apt. 305, Tyler, TX 75701. If anyone would like to keep in touch with her.

Mrs. Reynolds passed away Feb. 13, 1992, age 93 in Tyler, Texas. Her husband, Raymond, preceded her in death in the year 1969.

Dr. George Monro owned land in and near the town of St. Georges. See pg. 25

DR. GEORGE MONRO, a physician of early times, was born at New Castle, Delaware, February 22, 1760, son of George Monro, of Scotland, and Lydia Hall, his wife, and sister of Governor Hall, of Delaware. After receiving his primary education he entered Newark Academy and graduated therefrom with credit. He then took up the study of medicine and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania. He served as surgeon during the Revolution, being commissioned Surgeon's Mate in the Sixth Virginia regiment, Continental Establishment, in 1779, and Hospital Surgeon in 1781. Dr. Monro continued in service with the Southern army to the close of the war. Peace having been restored, Dr. Monro went to Europe and attended medical schools and hospitals in London and Edinburg for over two years, receiving the additional degree of M. D., from the latter University. Returning home, he resumed the practice of his profession, in connection with farming, in New Castle county in 1786. Shortly after, he settled permanently in Wilmington, and after a residence of thirty-three years in that city, he died October 11, 1819. His remains lie in the First Presbyterian graveyard, Market street, Wilmington. Dr. Monro was one of the trustees of the Wilmington Academy and College in 1803, and of Newark Academy in 1819. He was assistant treasurer of the Delaware State Society of the Cincinnati from 1788 to 1799, and treasurer from 1799 to the dissolution. Dr. Monro was a man of high standing in his profession and was greatly respected by his fellow citizens. He married Jemima, daughter of John and Jemima (Molleston) Haslet, and left descendants. (See Haslet Family.)

THE HASLET FAMILY.—From the researches of Capt. H. H. Bellas, as published in the Wilmington Sunday *Herald* in 1898, it is learned that the Haslet family was represented in Delaware and Maryland prior to the Revolution by three brothers, John, Joseph and William Haslett (as the name was then spelled), natives of the north of Ireland and of Scotch-Irish Presbyterian stock. Another brother, James Haslett, remained at Coleraine in Ireland, and left two sons, who emigrated about the year 1800 to this country, and entered into business in Baltimore as merchants, but subsequently settled at Charleston, South Carolina.

The eldest of the four brothers, John Haslett, (or Haslet, as he eventually wrote his name), was educated for the ministry of the Presbyterian church, but after his settlement in Mispillion hundred, Kent county, Delaware, he took up the practice of medicine. During the French and Indian war he commanded a company in Col. James Burd's Second Pennsylvania battalion in the expedition against Fort Duquesne in 1758, an account of which may be seen in *Pennsylvania Archives*, Second Series, Vol. II.

At the outbreak of the Revolution he accepted the command of the Delaware regiment furnished by the State upon the call of the Continental Congress, a body of men which Washington Irving mentions as "Colonel John Haslet's well equipped and well disciplined Delaware regiment." Colonel Haslet was commissioned January 19, 1776, and remained in service until he was killed at the battle of Princeton, January 3, 1777. He was buried in Philadelphia, but in 1841, his remains were removed by the State of Delaware, and buried with great ceremony on July 3d in the Presbyterian churchyard at Dover, where a monument marks their resting place.

The record of Colonel Haslet's year of service in the Continental army was one of surpassing patriotism and gallantry. His regiment, brave men under a brave leader, shared in its glory. Everywhere and at all times they were ready for the most perilous stations, the most hazardous exploits. At the battle of Long Island, they stood firm for more than four hours, with flying colors, the British artillery playing upon them, but not daring to advance, although they were six times as many as the little band of Delaware and Maryland patriots. More than once, Irving speaks of the "gallant remains" of Has-

let's command. At the time when General Washington was planning the surprise of the Hessians at Trenton, Colonel Haslet was indisposed, and the commander-in-chief offered him a furlough, which he declined, and remained with his troops during that masterly movement, only to fall a few days after at Princeton. Of this action, Irving says: "The loss of the Americans was about 25 or 30 men, and several officers. Among the latter was Colonel Haslet, who had distinguished himself throughout the campaign by being foremost in services of danger. He was indeed a gallant officer, and gallantly seconded by the Delaware troops."—(Life of Washington, vol. ii, p. 479.)

John Haslet married Jemima (Molleston) Brinckle, widow of John Brinckle, of Dover, who survived Mr. Haslet only a few months, leaving five minor children to the guardianship of his former friend, William Killen, Esq., afterwards the distinguished chancellor of Delaware. These children (surname Haslet) were as follows:

I. Mary (Mrs. McGarmant), who died prior to 1803, leaving no issue;

II. Ann, who married in 1788 Maj. John Patten, of the Delaware Line, and who died prior to 1791, leaving no issue. Major Patten, by his second marriage to Mrs. Mary (Miller) Lockerman, widow of Vincent Lockerman, was the ancestor of the late Hon. Leonard E. Wales, Judge of the United States District Court, and of the present Dr. John P. Wales, of Wilmington;

III. Joseph, elected Governor of Delaware in 1810, (see sketches of the Governors), and again in 1822. At the age of twenty-one he removed from Kent county and settled as a farmer in Cedar Creek Hundred. He married first, Mary Draper, and, second, Rachel Hickman, and died June 23, 1823. He is buried in Cedar Creek Village, Sussex county. He left issue as follows: i. Ann, ii. John, iii. Joseph, iv. Jemima, all of whom died without issue surviving;

IV. John, who became a physician and died unmarried;

V. Jemima, b. November 7, 1775, d. July 16, 1821; m. February 27, 1793, to Dr. George Monro, who was b. February 22, 1760, d. October 11, 1819. (See sketch of Dr. George Monro.) They left children as follows (surname Monro):

i. Lydia Hall, b. January 26, 1794, m. Rev. Eliphalet Gilbert, D. D., in 1819, and had issue: 1. Ellen Douglass, m. William S. Graham, 2. Mary, m. Dr. Reginald Wright, 3. Margaretta, m. Rev. George McNeil, has two children, 4. George Monro, unmarried, 5. Susan Monro, m. Rev. J. Agnew Crawford, D. D., has four children, 6. Sarah, m. Henry Anderson, Esq., lawyer, of New York;

ii. Haslet, born April 5, 1796, d. September 17, 1798;

iii. Mary Ann, b. November 27, 1798, m. Thomas J. Boyd, of Wilmington, has children, 1. Mary Stanley, 2. Harriet, 3. George Monro, 4. William Smith, 5. Thomas J., all unmarried;

iv. George, b. May 14, 1801, d. August 27, 1802;

v. Jane, b. August 20, 1803, d. October 29, 1804;

vi. George, b. October 4, 1805;

vii. Margaretta, b. December 2, 1807, in Wilmington, Del., d. in Philadelphia, July 16, 1841, buried in South Laurel Hill cemetery, Philadelphia. Married April 26, 1826, Dr. William Darrach, of Philadelphia, who was born June 16, 1796, d. May 6, 1865, was the son of James Darrach and Elizabeth Bradford, said James the son of Thomas Darrach, of Antrim, Ireland, who settled in Maryland, and said Elizabeth daughter of Thomas and Mary (Fisher) Bradford. The children of Dr. William and Margaretta (Monro) Darrach are: 1. Dr. George Monro Darrach, married and has issue, 2. Dr. James Darrach, of Philadelphia, m. Sarah Morris, granddaughter of Robert Morris of Revolutionary note, and has issue, 3. Mary, died unmarried, 4. Emily, 5. Elizabeth Bradford, died unmarried, 6. Lydia Gilbert, 7. Dr. William Darrach, 2, deceased, m. Edith Romeyn Aertsen, issue *four* children, Harriet and Margaretta, deceased, and two living, James M. Aertsen and William Darrach; (See genealogies of the Darrach family.)

viii. Susan Emerson, b. April 22, 1810.

JAMES DARRACH.—About the year 1760 there came from Antrim, Ireland, and landed in Delaware, three brothers named respectively: I. James, the subject of *this sketch;* II. John, who settled at Smyrna, III. Thomas, who settled at Georgetown, Kent county, Maryland, and

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