

CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
SURVEY UPDATE FORM

CRS # N01480

1. HISTORIC NAME/FUNCTION: Brinkle-Maxwell House

2. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 29 E Main Street, Newark, Delaware, 19702

3. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent good fair poor demolished

4. INTEGRITY: The original windows have been replaced with vinyl sash windows. The screened porch on the east elevation has been enclosed and a wood balustrade added to the roof.

5. SETTING INTEGRITY: The setting of the property remains mainly unchanged since it was surveyed as part of the 1974 Christiana Historic District National Register Nomination.

6. FORMS ADDED (give number of forms completed for each):

#:	Form:	List property types:
1	CRS 2 Main Building Form	Dwelling
0	CRS 3 Secondary Building Form	N/A
0	CRS 4 Archaeological Site Form	N/A
0	CRS 5 Structure (Building-Like) Form	N/A
0	CRS 6 Structure (Land Feature) Form	N/A
0	CRS 7 Object Form	N/A
0	CRS 8 Landscape Elements Form	N/A
1	CRS 9 Map Form	N/A
0	CRS 14 Potential District Form	N/A

7. SURVEYOR INFORMATION:

Surveyor name: Patti Kuhn/Sarah Groesbeck

Principal Investigator name: Patti Kuhn

Principal Investigator signature: 

Organization: The Louis Berger Group Date: June 2012

8. OTHER NOTES OR OBSERVATIONS:

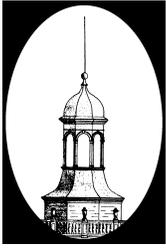
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The Brinkle Maxwell House is a contributing resource in the Christiana Historic District, which was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1974. The house is significant as the only brick Federal-style dwelling in Christiana.

The property is also being evaluated or reassessed for its National Register eligibility or listing status. This evaluation assessment is triggered by the federal undertaking initiated by DelDOT and the Federal Highway Administration as part of the SR 1 Roth Bridge to Interstate 95, Capacity Improvement Project (T200511001; Federal Aid NH-N067(26)). Further referenced information on this property as well as other in the vicinity, can be seen in the Architectural Evaluation entitled, "Architectural Survey Report, SR 1 Widening, New Castle County, Delaware."

9. STATE HISTORIC CONTEXT FRAMEWORK (check all appropriate boxes; refer to state management plan(s)):

- a) Time period(s)
- Pre-European Contact
 - Paleo-Indian
 - Archaic
 - Woodland I
 - Woodland II
 - 1600-1750∇ Contact Period (Native American)
 - 1630-1730∇ Exploration and Frontier Settlement
 - 1730-1770∇ Intensified and Durable Occupation
 - 1770-1830∇ Early Industrialization
 - 1830-1880∇ Industrialization and Early Urbanization
 - 1880-1940∇ Urbanization and Early Suburbanization
 - 1940-1960∇ Suburbanization and Early Ex-urbanization
- b) Geographical zone
- Piedmont
 - Upper Peninsula
 - Lower Peninsula/Cypress Swamp
 - Coastal
 - Urban (City of Wilmington)
- c) Historic period theme(s)
- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation and Communication |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Settlement Patterns and Demographic Changes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trapping/Hunting | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture, Engineering and Decorative Arts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mining/Quarrying | <input type="checkbox"/> Government |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing/Oystering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing | <input type="checkbox"/> Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retailing/Wholesaling | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Organizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Occupational Organizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Major Families, Individuals and Events |



CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
MAIN BUILDING FORM

CRS # N01480.001

1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 29 E Main Street, Newark, Delaware, 19702

2. FUNCTION(S): historic single-family dwelling current single-family dwelling

3. YEAR BUILT: Pre-1752 CIRCA?: ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

4. STYLE OR FLOOR PLAN: Federal

5. INTEGRITY: original site moved

<u>if moved, from where</u>	<u>other location's CRS #</u>	<u>year</u>
N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A

<u>list major alterations and additions with years (if known)</u>	<u>year</u>
a. 1 story additions to E and N elevations	1925
b. 1 1/2-story addition to W elevation	19 th C

6. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent good fair poor

7. DESCRIPTION: (Describe the resource as completely as possible. Use N/A for not applicable; leave no blanks.)

- a. Overall shape: Rectangle Stories: 2 1/2
Additions: There have been three major additions to the main block of the dwelling. The 1.5-story W wing was likely constructed in the 19th Century. According to a previous survey form, the enclosed porch on the E elevation and the 1-story north wing (only visible in aerial photographs) were constructed in 1925
- b. Structural system (if known): brick masonry
- c. Foundation: materials: stone
basement: full partial not visible no basement
- d. Exterior walls (original if visible& any subsequent coverings): stucco veneer
- e. Roof: shape: gable
materials: asphalt shingle
cornice: box with molded trim
dormers: gable dormers on main block and W addition
chimney: location(s): Interior, end paired on E elevation, stucco veneer

8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:

- a. Facade: Direction: South
 - 1) Bays 7
 - 2) Windows 4
 fenestration 2 windows on main block, 2 on W addition
 type 6/6, 9/9, 12/12 replacement double-hung vinyl sash
 trim covered w/ stucco
 shutters operable paneled on 1st story, operable louvered on 2nd story

Facade (cont'd)

- 3) **Door(s)** 3
 location W end of main block, E addition, center of W addition
 type 6 paneled door on main block, double-leaf wood doors with 15 glazed lights on E addition, metal storm door on W addition (other door not visible)
 trim reeded surrounds and arched transom over door on main block
- 4) **Porch(es)** granite doorsill on main entrance

b. Side: Direction: East

- 1) **Bays** 2
- 2) **Windows** 2 on second floor
 fenestration 2 windows on 2nd floor, enclosed porch windows not visible
 type not visible
 trim not visible
 shutters not visible
- 3) **Door(s)** Not visible
 location Not visible
 type Not visible
 trim Not visible
- 4) **Porch(es)** Enclosed 1 story full-width, flat roof with wood balustrade

c. Side: Direction: West

- 1) **Bays** Not visible
- 2) **Windows** Not visible
 fenestration Not visible
 type Not visible
 trim Not visible
 shutters Not visible
- 3) **Door(s)** Not visible
 location Not visible
 type Not visible
 trim Not visible
- 4) **Porch(es)** Not visible

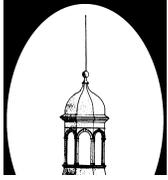
d. Rear: Direction: North

- 1) **Bays** Not visible
- 2) **Windows** Not Visible
 fenestration Not visible
 type Not visible
 trim Not visible
 shutters Not visible
- 3) **Door(s)** Not Visible
 location Not visible
 type Not visible
 trim Not visible
- 4) **Porch(es)** Not Visible

9. **INTERIOR:** Not accessible

10. **LANDSCAPING:** Mature trees front the house and foundation plantings are located along the façade. A brick walk leads to the doors on facade.

11. **OTHER COMMENTS:** N/A



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MAP FORM

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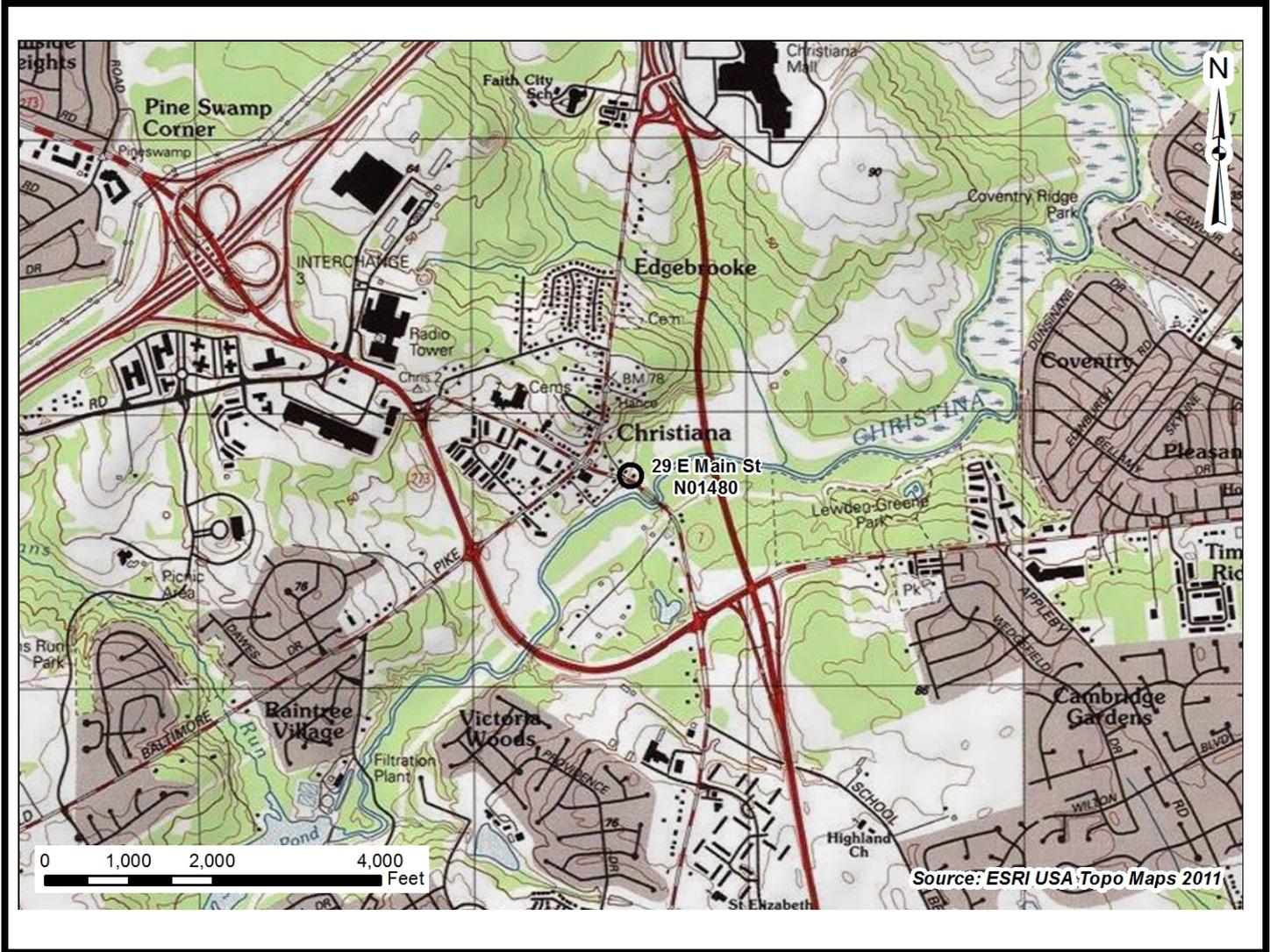
2. NOT FOR PUBLICATION reason: _____

3. LOCATION MAP:

Indicate position of resource in relation to geographical landmarks such as streams and crossroads.

(attach section of USGS quad map with location marked or draw location map)

INDICATE NORTH ON SKETCH



INDICATE NORTH ON PLAN



DELAWARE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

PHOTOGRAPHIC INVENTORY

CRS # N01480 Date 5/21/2012 Photo Roll # n/a Surveyor S Groesbeck & P Kuhn

Description Façade (south elevation) of main building (.001) looking north

Negative location (if other than SHPO) _____

Attach contact print(s):



BEGIN

BRINKLE-MAXWELL

Use black ink and completely fill each box. Entries above the ruled line will appear on fiche labels.

CRS N-1480.



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Date ordered:

Camera:

Date filmed:

Operator's Signature:

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Inventory

Name: (~~Read House~~) *Brunklee-Maxwell House*

Map Number



County: New Castle

Hundred: *White Clay Creek* Town: Christiana

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

2-story brick 18th century

- Bennett, page _____
- Vallandigham, page _____
- Water Resources, page _____
- WPA Guide, page _____
- Eberlein and Hubbard, page 149
- Hammond, page _____
- Lewis, entry _____
- Betty Harrington MacDonald, page _____
- HABS, entry _____
- Historical Marker number _____
- National Register, date _____

Other bibliography:

NCCo Plan vol-11-1967

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INVENTORY
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See Also: N-1475

CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
LOCUS IDENTIFICATION FORM

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HALL OF RECORDS
DOVER, DELAWARE 19901
(302) 678-5314



Form CRS-3

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

CRS no. N-1480
Quad Newark E.
SPO map no. 8-9-33
Hundred White Clay Cr.

YOUR NAME: _____ TELE: _____

YOUR ADDRESS: _____

ORGANIZATION (if any): _____ DATE: _____

1. TYPE OF LOCUS: a. structure c. archaeological site ___
b. district ___ d. other ___

2. NAME OF LOCUS: Brinble-Maxwell House

3. STREET LOCATION: 29 E. Main St.

4. OWNER'S NAME: Clement Noble TELE: _____

ADDRESS: above

5. THREATS TO LOCUS: (check more than one if necessary)
a. none known d. developers ___
b. zoning ___ e. deterioration ___
c. roads ___ f. other ___

6. SURROUNDINGS OF LOCUS: (check more than one if necessary)
a. fallow field ___ d. scattered buildings ___
b. cultivated field ___ e. densely built up
c. woodland ___ f. other ___

7. REPRESENTATION ON OTHER SURVEYS:

TITLE: _____ NO. _____

TITLE: _____ NO. _____

TITLE: _____ NO. _____

8. USE REVERSE FOR SKETCH MAP AND COMMENTS.

*Please indicate position of locus in relation to
geographical landmarks such as streams and roads.*

4. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY (mark "X" if extant, "0" if not):

- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| a. barn _____ | h. gardens _____ |
| b. carriage house _____ | i. landscape features _____ |
| c. garage _____ | _____ |
| d. privy _____ | j. other _____ |
| e. shed _____ | _____ |
| f. greenhouse _____ | _____ |
| g. shop _____ | _____ |

5. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1732

6. ARCHITECT: _____

7. BUILDER: _____

8. BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE ORIGINAL AND SUBSEQUENT USES OF THE STRUCTURE INCLUDING SIGNIFICANT ASSOCIATIONS:

9. PRIMARY REFERENCES:

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INVESTIGATION CARD
HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM
DIVISION OF HISTORICAL AND
CULTURAL AF: IRS
TOPOGRAPHIC QUAD: Newark East

HUNDRED: White Clay Creek

SUBJECT: ~~John Read House~~ (John Read House) 29 E. Main St. Christiana

ADDRESS: 29 E. Main St. Christiana

OWNER: Clement Noble (past 5 yrs.)

TENANT:

INVESTIGATOR: B. Baum *B. Maurer* **DATE:** Feb. 7, 1974

REMARKS: History: According to "Delaware Today" mag. Apr-May 68 this house was owned owned by John Read, father of Geo Read. John & his wife are buried in nearby Presbyterian church yard. Central portion of house was oldest. wing was added & used as slave quarters. Stucco was applied to hide mismatch of exterior brick. Porches were added in 1925.

Exterior: common bond brick (7) stucco covered. 1 1/2 acres. double chimney linked at roof level. single chimney over 'slave quarters'. Front door recessed with reeded side panels. molding on side matches that of fireplace (pic. 5) shutters-raised flush panels downstairs, louvred on 2nd & 3rd fl. Gable dormers main section & slave quarters. (pic. 1)

Interior: doors are crossbible type thruout house. *→ thru out kitchen* door leading from hall to slave quarters is double door. side facing hall is cross & bible and otherside is

nail studded (pic. 3) random width, soft pine floors thruout. 6in. side chair railing and ceiling molding thruout. orig. fl plan- side entrance hall with staircase up. 2 rooms down and 3 up. 1 attic

Entrance hall: ran length of orig. house. 2 doors lead to main quarters on Rt. and 1 on Lt. to slave Q. door to cellar under side of stairs. stair rail is tiger maple & same up to attic. Side of staircase raised flush panel pic. 4

S.E. room 1st fl.-parlour. fireplace has warming oven shoulder high in rt. side wall (pic 5) - indows 6/6

N.E. room - fireplace with hearth bricks laid in sand. similar warming oven as parlour (pic 6)

upstairs: stairway has landing with window. small bed room (over entrance door area) no fireplace.

n.e. & S.E. have fireplaces. windows 6/6

attic: 1 room. 12 to 14 in fl. boards. walls common brick (7)

cellar: 1 fireplace. walls of rubble stone with brick columns- 4 on S. wall & 3 on N. wall. floor is rough cement. some mortise and tenon construction

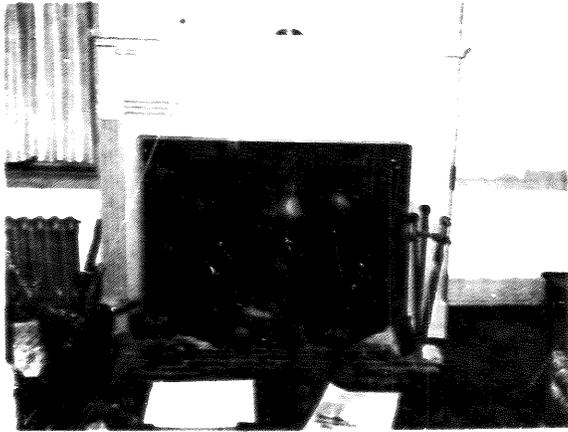
Slave Q. own front and rear entrance. 2 rooms S.W. and N. W. Latter room has well- now dirt filled. this wing also used as cobbler shop. reported to have burned several times. Now modernized

Comment: Orig. section little changed. Good house for preservation if others were to be saved. Owners do not plan to modernize

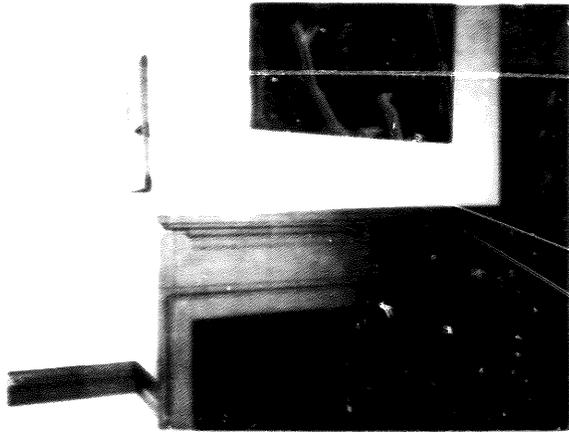
House dates to 1732



NAIL-STUDDOED
DOOR



S.E. PARLOR



DINING RM.

10-1480

File: Brinkle-Maxwell House

May 2, 1973

Mr. Jacob L. Greer
29 East Main Street
Christiana, Delaware 19702

Dear Mr. Green:

In response to your recent request for information pertaining to the Brinkle-Maxwell House, I have prepared the enclosed summary of the research conducted in 1974.

Investigative studies for 29 East Main Street proved to be extremely complex, but after careful examination of original manuscripts the following information was abstracted from the documented notes.

Since the title trace for this property was complicated, please feel free to notify me if documented revisions are necessary.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Nadeline Dunn Rite
Historic Preservation Aide
Bureau of Archaeology and
Historic Preservation

NDR/bl

Enclosure

Title Chain

1. Date: May 1, 1969
Document: Indenture (H-82-p295)
Grantor: Isabella D. Sinclair
Grantee: Clement F. Noble
Notation: Conveys lots with buildings in Christiana and notes that they were the same lands & premises which were conveyed to Isabella D. Sinclair by Deed of Albert H. Haubein December 18, 1957.

2. Date: 18 December, 1957
Document: Indenture (H-61-p388)
Grantor: Albert H. Haubein
Grantee: Isabella D. Sinclair
Notation: Conveys lots in Christiana and records that they were the same properties which Charles M. Hackett and Dorothy E (wife) deeded to Albert H. Haubein & wife.

3. Date: 24 March, 1950
Document: Indenture (W-49-p581)
Grantor: Charles M. Hackett
Grantee: Albert H. Haubein & Wife
Notations: Same properties in Christiana which William R. Gregg & Catharine S. Gregg conveyed to Charles & Dorothy Hackett in 1946.

4. Date: 8 August, 1946
Document: Indenture (H-46-p455)
Grantor: William R. Gregg & Catharine S. (Wife)
Grantee: Charles M. Hackett & Dorothy E. (Wife)
Notation: Same properties which William R. & Catharine Gregg obtained from 7 separate deeds from the heirs of Eila C. Moore.
 - a) Indenture: G-45 p.33
Date: 9 March, 1945
Grantor: Elizabeth S. Moore Baker & Thomas I. (husband)
 - b) Indenture: F-45 p.152
Date: 13 March, 1945
Grantor: James T. Moore
 - c) Indenture: F-45 p.154
Date: 13 March, 1945
Grantor: Charles F. Moore
 - d) Indenture: G-45 p.39
Date: 13 March, 1945
Grantor: Louise L. Moore Burnett & Francis A. (husband)
 - e) Indenture: G-45 p.35
Date: 15 March, 1945
Grantor: Paul A. Dunsmore & Eila C. Moore (Wife)
 - f) Indenture: G-45 p.43
Date: 21 May, 1945
Grantor: John W. Moore
 - g) Indenture: A-45 p.263
Date: 21 May, 1945
Grantor: John W. Moore

5. Date: 13 March, 1945
 Document: Indenture (F-45 p. 152)
 Grantor: James T. Moore
 Grantee: William R. Gregg
 Notation: same premises with dwelling house which William J. W. Hance & Edith (Wife) deeded to Ella C. Moore in 1927.
6. Date: 13 April, 1927
 Document: Indenture (Z-34 p. 267)
 Grantor: William J. W. Hance & Edith (Wife)
 Grantee: Ella C. Moore & John W. Moore (husband)
 Notation: Same premises which Delaware S. Wright (sheriff) deeded to William J. W. Hance in 1927.
7. Date: 16 February, 1927
 Document: Indenture (Z-34 p.39) - complicated
 Notation: Sheriff sale which notes that Edith G. Hance wife of William J. W. Hance in suit against Wilmington Trust Company administrator of Samuel D. Forbes deceased. Debt of \$1500 resulted in sale of lot with brick messuage, wharves, storehouses and marsh, meadows, situated in Christiana.
- Mention is made that William J. W. Hance had purchased the lots on October 26, 1903 as highest bidder from Henry Stafford, New Castle County sheriff for \$650.
8. Date: 25 August, 1833
 Document: Indenture (T-12 p.128)
 Grantor: George S. May
 Grantee: Samuel D. Forbes
 Notation: A log with brick messuage, wharves, store houses, marsh, meadow conveyed. Same premises which George W. Hudders conveyed to Georges. May in 1877.
9. Date: 2 June, 1877
 Document: Indenture (X-10 p. 466)
 Grantor: George W. Hudders & Sarah E. (Wife)
 Grantee: George S. May
 Notation: Same lands which George W. Hudders purchased of Mary R. Lattimer in 1870.
10. Date: 23 December, 1870
 Document: Indenture (O-9 p. 414)
 Grantor: Mary R. Latimer
 Grantee: George W. Hudders
 Notation: lot with brick messuage, wharves, store houses, marsh, situated in Christiana. Same lands which Mary R. Latimer bought from James Armstrong on December 20, 1870 and intended to be recorded.
11. Date: 10 September, 1870
 Document: Indenture (N-9-284)
 Grantor: James Armstrong (Sheriff)
 Grantee: Mary R. Latimer
 Notation: Reference is made to a Superior Court Case in which Mary R. Lattimer was suing Levin M. Coston & Sarah G. Cortney (wife) for a \$2,504 debt. Therefore the property with a brick messuage was conveyed to Latimer. It was also noted that the property in question was purchased by Coston from Latimer in 1843.

12. Date: 10 June, 1843
 Document: Mortgage Agreement (Archives C-5 #83)
 Leve'n M. Costen & Wife to Mary R. Latimer
 Notation: Brick messuage, wharves, store houses, marsh, meadows in Christiana Bridge to be conveyed to Costen for \$4,000 - \$2,000 to be paid by June 1844 and the remaining \$2,000 to be paid off semi-annually. It was also noted that this was the same brick messuage, store houses, wharf and property which Caleb Kendall sold to Abraham Egbert on June 9, 1810.
13. Date: 9 June, 1910
 Document: Indenture (I-3 p. 444)
 Grantor: Caleb Kendall & Elizabeth (wife)
 Grantee: Abraham Egbert
 Notation: It was recorded that the property's brick messuage, wharves, store houses had been deeded to Caleb Kendall in 1809 by Thomas Hollingsworth and his wife Ann as well as Samuel Hollingsworth and his wife Sarah; joint owners.
14. Date: 25 March, 1909
 Document: Indenture (G-3-p.6)
 Grantor: Caleb Kendall & Elizabeth (wife)
 Grantee: Thomas & Samuel Hollingsworth
 Notation: Caleb Kendall is apparently bound unto Thomas & Samuel Hollingsworth by obligations totalling \$6,000. The property was thereby conveyed to Thomas & Samuel Hollingsworth in lieu of financial obligation and was apparently reconveyed to Kendall and his wife once the financial obligation was met.

Examination of the property's manuscripts beyond this point proved to be extremely complex. The earlier documents reviewed indicated that the property adjoining the old mansion house lot of Dr. Jones was owned by the following individuals:

- Date: 24 May, 1799
 Document: Indenture (T-2 p.158)
 Grantor: James Boyde
 Grantee: David Nivin
 Notation: Several parcels conveyed note property bounded by the corner of Dr. Jones's mansion house lot and reference is made to Maxwell's brick house as a boundary for a narrow strip of land between the two structures.
- Date: 1787-1799
 Document: Indenture (H-2 p. 321)
 Grantor: John Brinkle, Jr.
 Grantee: Solomon Maxwell
 Notation: It is a complicated transaction by which John Brinkle, Jr. conveys the brick messuage, then in the tenure of John McDowell to Solomon Maxwell a merchant at Christiana Bridge for 650 pounds.
- Specific mention is made of an "Article of Agreement" dated 23 May, 1787 in which terms were agreed upon by Brinkle, Jr. & Maxwell.

Prior to 1786 an "Article of Consideration" enabled a James Partridge to convey a message & upland in Christiana to Brinkle, Sr. for 1400 pounds as well as other property in Kent County and a shallop names "Honest Endeavor."

An Acto of Asserby in accordance with a deed dated March 12, 1789 legally conveyed the property to Isaian Wharton & Elizabeth (Wife & Widow of John Brinkle).

On February 21, 1786 John Brinkle, Jr. (who became of age) petitioned the Orphan's Court to appoint surveyors to value and divide the property among the respective heirs of John Brinkle, Sr. - John, William, Charles, Ann & Mary.

Notes pertaining to Solomon Maxwell.

New Castle Chancery Case A#4 recorded that Solomon Maxwell & Levi Adams; jointly manipulated a shalloping business. An agreement of partnership was officially made on January 15, 1793. They received, stored and delivered wheath for Brandywine Millers.

Solomon Maxwell died on April 1, 1793 and the estate was granted to Elizabeth Maxwell, his wife. Administrators were David Nivin, James Couper & Robert Eakin.

After 1793 Levi Hollingsworth joined the firm of Maxwell, Adams & Company.