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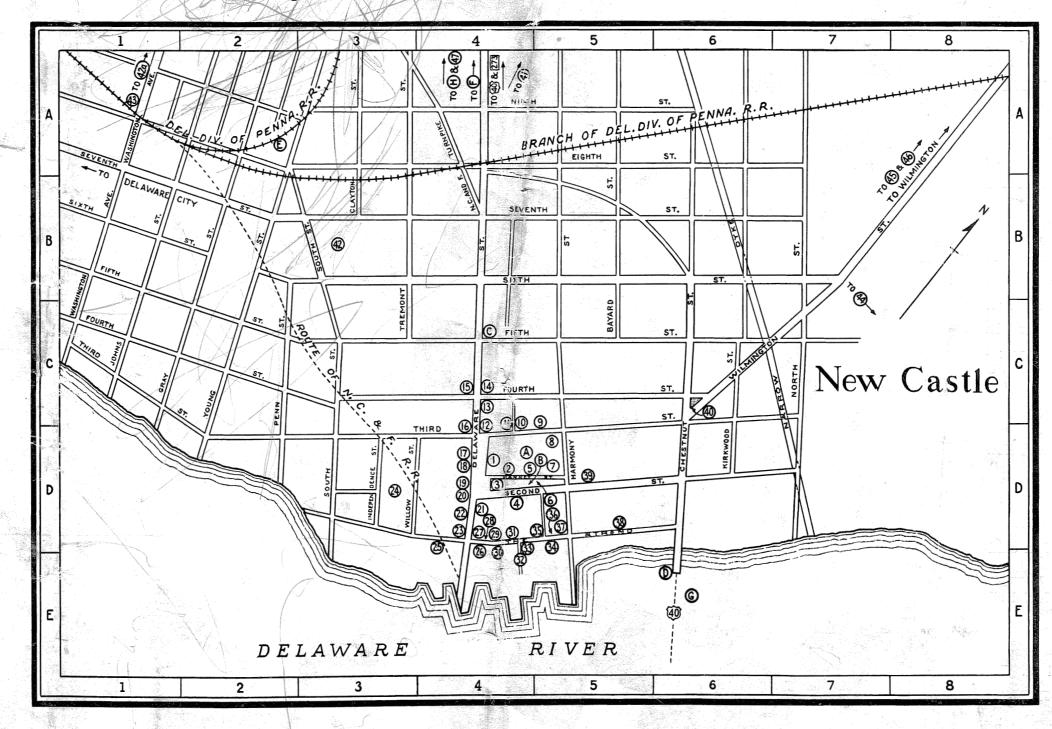
NEW CASTLE, DELAWARE, FRIDAY, MAY 17, 1940

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- 38. Site of "The Cave" Inn
- 39. Old "Spread Eagle" Inn
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- 43. New Castle & French-
- town Ticket Box
- 44. Glebe House
- *45 Boothhurst
- 46 Swanwick
- *47. Buena Vista

OTHER PLACES OF INTEREST

- A. The Green
- B. The Market Square
- C. Post Office
- D. Ferry
- E. R. R. Station F. William Penn School
- G. Site of Fort Casimir
- H. Bellanca Field (airport)

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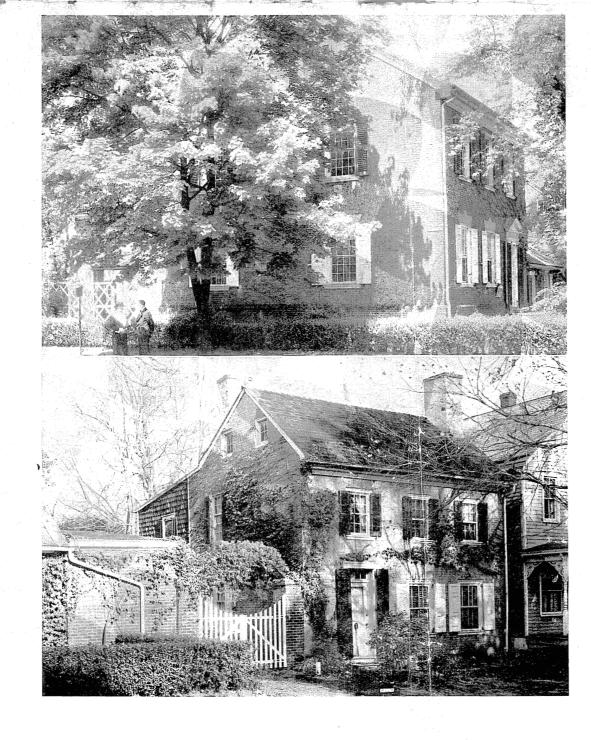
- * Residence of Miss Mary E. Shaw and Mr. James G.
- * Residences open to the public

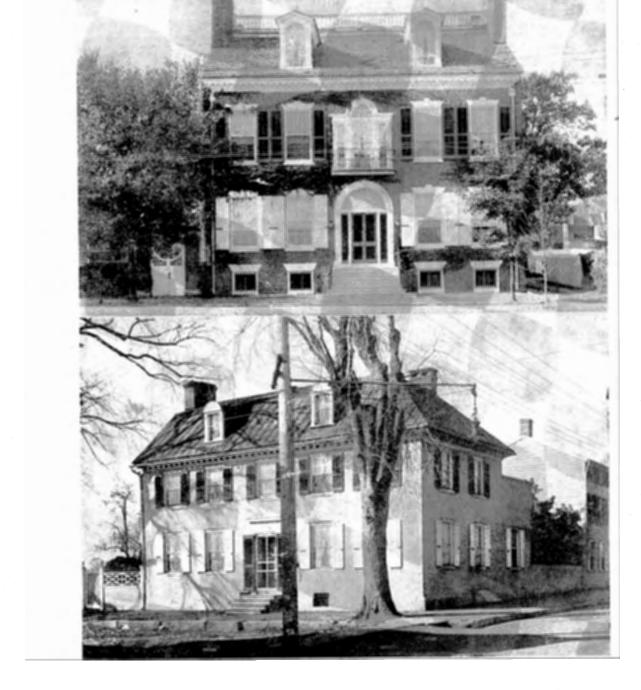
In New Castle

Listed below are a few of the treasures that may be seen in the homes of New Castle together with a brief history of the buildings.

- *1. Old Court House, Delaware St. Oldest public building of its kind in America still in continuous use. East wing built prior to Penn's landing in 1682, central part early seventeenth century, west wing about 1770. Colonial capitol where all Assemblies met until 1776, and all Courts convened until 1882. Scene of all Colonial activities, and many interesting trials. From it in 1776 were taken the "Baubles of Royalty," and burned in the streets. Here Penn received "Turf, twig and water" as sign of his sovereign authority.
- 2. Sheriff's House, Market St., now New Castle Club, built 1857. Adjoining building was old County Jail where pillory, gallows, and whipping-post were located.
- *3. Old Town Hall, N. W. corner 2nd and Delaware Sts. Built about 1823 by the Trustees of the New Castle Common. The Market House adjoined it in back.
- *4. Old Presbyterian Church, facing Market Square on 2nd St. Built 1707, largely in original condition. Now the Church House, used as Sunday School. The present Church is located on the site of the Old Dutch Church founded by the Rev. John Polhemus in 1657. The Dutch, who were Calvinists, joined the Presbyterians prior to 1700. The New Castle congregation is believed to be the oldest Presbyterian congregation in America.
- 5. Old Arsenal, Market St. Built by Government in early 1800's. Used during the War of 1812. Recently restored by the WPA and now unoccupied.

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Above: The Kensey Johns House, corner of 3rd and Delaware Streets, residence of Dr. and Mrs. Lewis Booker.

Below: Typical small house, residence of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon B.



Above (Top): The Read House on The Strand, residence of Mr. and Mrs. Philip D. Laird.

Below: The Van Leuvenigh House on the Strand, residence of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest du Pont, Jr.

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6. New Castle & Frenchtown Railroad Monument. Built 1832. Road second oldest railroad in United States. Extended to Frenchtown, Maryland, on the Elk River. There passengers took the boat to Baltimore. Main link in the early North and South travel. All people coming from the North to the capitol in Washington used this road. Absorbed by Delaware Railroad 1856. Monument made of old stone sleepers.

*7. Immanuel Church, facing on Market St. Founded 1689, built 1703. Colonial silver, Church records since 1710 on view. Silver a royal gift from Queen Anne. In churchyard are the graves of many prominent Delawareans. Organ recital during afternoon by George H. Madden.

*8. Old Academy, on the Green. New Castle Academy where many prominent people were educated. Built 1798 by Peter Crowding. Recently acquired by Immanuel Church. Here will be found an exhibit of costumes worn by New Castle dames of long ago. Table set with Colonial silver, glass and lowestoft china.

*9. Old Dutch House, on 3rd St. Believed to have been built circa 1657. One of the oldest houses in Delaware. Recently acquired by the Delaware Society for the Preservation of Antiquities and restored by them.

10. Gemmill House, No. 18 3rd St. Residence of Captain William Myers. Built by Peter Crowding, 1801, contractor for Read and several other New Castle Houses. Interior contains fine woodwork and mouldings in mahogany.

*11. Judge Rodney House, residence of Judge and Mrs. Richard S. Rodney. Erected 1831 by George Brydges Rodney. In-

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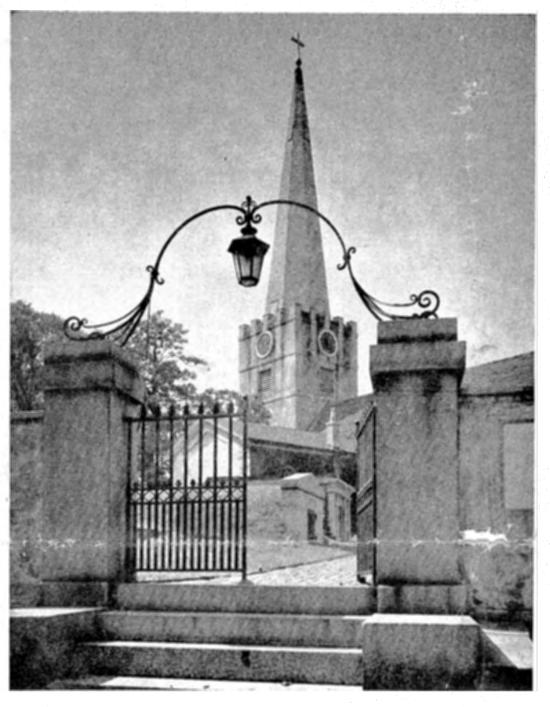


OLD DUTCH HOUSE

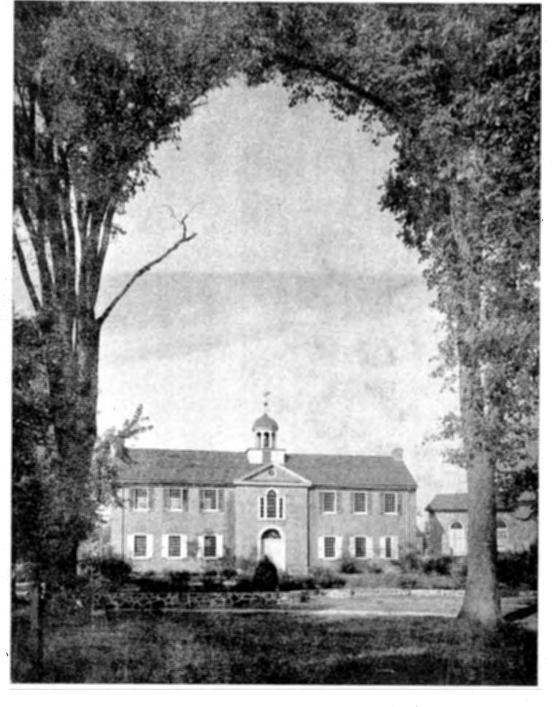
Before it was restored by the Delaware Society for the Preservation of Antiquities



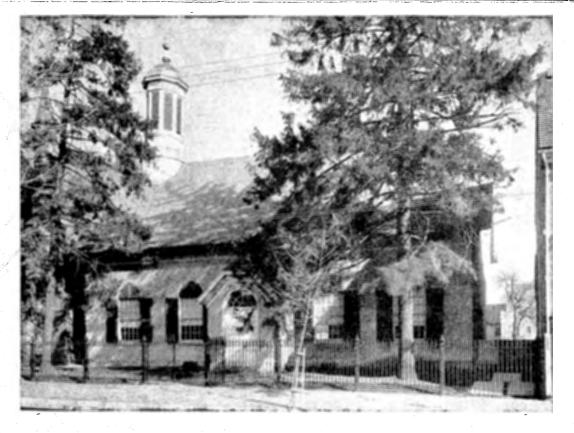
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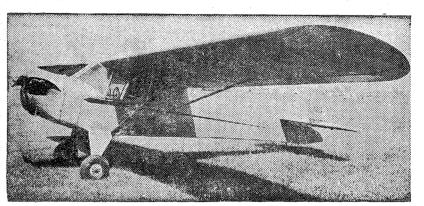
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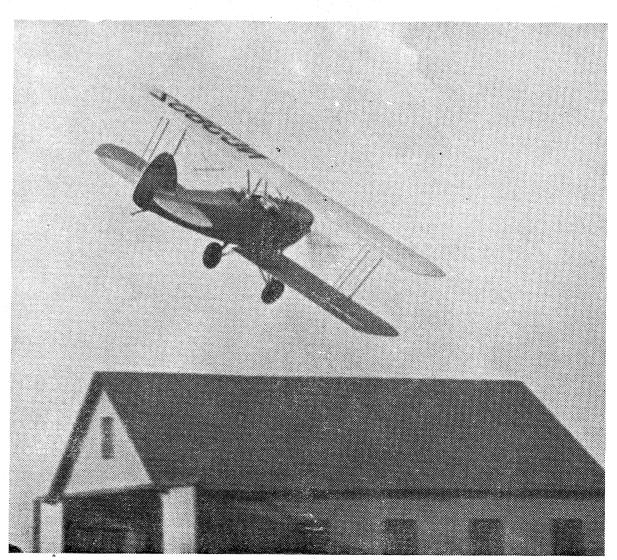
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teresting exhibit of letters and documents of Colonial and Revolutionary period. Portraits of George Read, signer of the Declaration of Independence and Constitution, by Stuart, and of George Ross by Benjamin West.

*12. Chief Justice Kensey Johns House, 3rd and Delaware St. Residence of Dr. and Mrs. Lewis Booker. Built 1789. Fine staircase, mantels, and paneling. Interesting old kitchen.

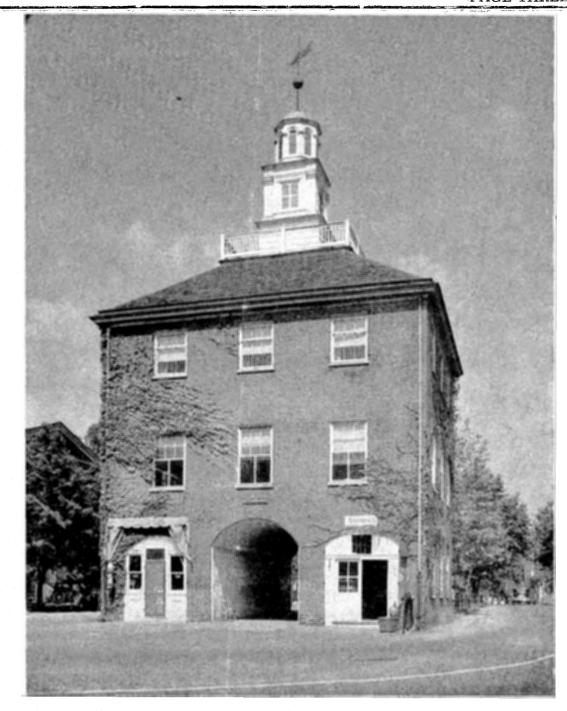
*13. Kensey Johns, Jr., House, East corner of 4th and Delaware St., built 1823. Residence of Dr. and Mrs. Everett Reynolds. Boxwood garden.

*14. Amstel House. Built 1730. North corner of 4th and Delaware Sts. Now Historic Museum. Here Washington attended the wedding of Ann Van Dyke to Kensey Johns, Sr. Portraits of bride and groom hang in drawing room. Portraits by Hesselius (1759) of Mary Brinkol who married Judge Jehu Curtis. Interesting kitchen. Old garden. Chaise made in Paris about 1800.

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THE CHIEF JUSTICE BOOTH HOUSE Residence of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick J. True



THE OLD TOWN HALL
Built in 1823 by the Trustees of the Common

Punishment In Old New Castle

Although the penal code of New Castle and the Colonies, called for punishments which opinion of to-day deems barbarous, they were accepted in those times as a matter of course. The stocks and the pillory, the whipping post, branding, ear - clipping and burning were the methods used in administering justice in New Castle, as elsewhere.

For minor offenses the stocks and the pillory were in constant use; major crimes brought severe penalties, to serve both as warning and punishment. Such, for example, was the sentence by the Dutch governor, D'Hinoyossa, that a man named Turck "be hanged and beheaded."

The women in the Colony were not exempt from corporal punishment. The following sentence was passed, April 5, 1679, upon "Agnita Hendricks, being heretofore presented for hooring, and having three bastard children one after another, the Court doe therefore, think just to order and to sentence that she, the said Agnita Hendricks, be publicly whipped twenty-seven lashes, and pay all costs." Notwithstanding this severe punishment, this woman again offended and was sentenced to thirty-one lashes and banished.

In 1669, when Francis Lovelace was governor, he sentenced one Konigsmarke, known as the "Long Finn," to be severely whipped, to be branded with the letter R upon his breast for being a rebel and opposing the governor's authority, and to be sold as a slave to the planters in Barbados.

In 1717 the General Assembly passed "An act for the advancement of justice and the more certain administration thereof," in which murder and several crimes were made punishable by death, while larceny and some similar offenses "are to be punished the same as provided by the laws of England."

The interpretation of high treason and petit treason makes an interesting study and is best illustrated by a few cases that took place in New Castle at the time. If a man killed his wife he was convicted of high treason, the penalty for which was that he be "hanged, drawn and quartered;" that is he was to be hanged by the neck, but not till dead, for he must be cut down alive and his bowels taken out and burnt before his face. Then his head must be severed and his body divided into quarters to be placed at the disposal of the supreme authority of the State.

The penalty for petit treason was drawing and hanging, and for a woman (following the law of the Driuds) drawing and burning to death. Petit treason included the killing of a man by his wife and the killing of a master by his servant or apprentice.

In 1731 one Catherine Bevan, with the aid of a young servant with whom she had been intimate, murdered her husband and was convicted. She was condemned to be burnt alive, the servant to be hanged. It was designed to strangle her before the fire should touch her, but the flame burnt off the rope and she fell alive into the fire and was seen to struggle.

The killing of a man by his wife was punishable in this manner until the law was changed in 1787; under the new law the woman was hanged but not burned. In the same year, Sarah Kirk, the

flannel and sewed on his outer garment, either on the arm or between the shoulders. The letters used denoted the type of criminals such as "T" for thieves and "F" for forgers. This custom continued as late as 1850 when the convict's jacket was substituted, which the criminal was obliged to wear for three to six months after he was released from jail according to the sentence of the

four inches long, made of red

In 1829 a colored woman named Sarah Ann Morris, who had been convicted of larceny, was sen-

OLD WHIPPING POST AND PILLORY



first woman to be convicted under the new law, was sentenced to be hanged for the murder of her husband.

In 1789 a Negro convicted of felonius assault was sentenced to stand in the pillory four hours "with both ears nailed to the pillory," and "before he be taken down from the same, he shall have both ears cut off close to his head."

In those days the prisoner who had been whipped was obliged to wear a letter an inch wide and

tenced to make restitution, to be publicly whipped with twenty lashes on her bare back, well laid on, and to be sold as a servant to the highest bidder, the money to go to the man from whom the property was stolen. The sentence was executed to the letter and she was sold on January 1, 1830. The bidding was not spirited, as shown by the sale price of fifty cents.

In New Castle the whip consisted of a "cat o' nine tails," the stock of which was twenty

inches long, and the nine lashes twenty-four inches each. The whipping post was about one foot square, with the pillory, which was above, about fifteen feet in height. The pillory used at the workhouse was on the ground level. The wrists of the prisoners were held to the post with iron clasps fitting over staples. The offender was stripped to the waist and fastened to the post by the wrists. Then the warden announced to the sheriff the number of lashes to be given and, as the sheriff applied the whip, the warden stood on the opposite side of the post and kept count of the number of lashes, which in no case was to exceed that prescribed by the court.

It is interesting to note the action taken by the court in a case where too many lashes were inflicted. A half-witted Negro was sentenced to receive five lashes. At the time of the whipping he had succeeded in freeing one wrist, and it is doubtful that he received more than two lashes for he persisted in successfully dodging the whip. When the warden had announced the number, the sheriff, irritated by the dodging, brought the lash down on the Negro's back, causing him to jump a foot from the ground. When the Negro's imprisonment was completed, he called on the attorney-general for damages. The chief justice declared that it was a case without precedent and credited the Negro with one lash, since he was sure that he would be back again; at that time the extra lash would be taken into account in passing sentence.

The pillory was a vise-like instrument having three openings, two for the prisoner's wrists and one for his head. It was used as a punishment for burglary, highway robbery, assault with intent to kill and several other felonious offences, but not for larceny. It was the custom in the Colonies to allow passersby to pelt anyone sentenced to the pillory with rotten eggs and other missiles, yet there is no account of this happening in New Castle. The pillory was last used on February 11, 1905, and was finally abolished by legislative enactment on March 20, 1905, while the whipping post was removed from New Castle to Greenbank where it is still used as punishment in cases of larceny, wife-beating, and some other specified crimes.

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*15. Senator Van Dyke House, corner 4th and Delaware Sts. Residence of Mr. and Mrs. Newlin T. Booth.

*16. Kensey J. Van Dyke House, West corner of 3rd and Delaware Sts. Residence of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Logan, Esq. Built in 1823 by U. S. Senator Nicholas Van Dyke. The marriage of Dorcas Van Dyke to Charles I. duPont took place here 1824. Marquis de La Fayette was a guest at this wedding. All doors on first floor of Santo Domingo mahogany. A good example of early Empire architecture.

*17. Chief Justice Booth House, on Delaware Street, opposite Court House. Residence of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick J. True. Built 1730.

18. Gilpin House, opposite Court House. Old Hotel where many prominent people stopped. Derives its present name from Edward W. Gilpin, Chief Justice (1857 to 1876). Built prior to 1800. Recently remodeled.

19. Wm. Penn House. So called because Wm. Penn spent the night here. One of the oldest houses in New Castle. Modern front.

20. Delaware House, 206 Delaware St.John Crow conducted an inn here in 1804.Recently modernized.

21. Cloud's Row, along North side of Delaware St. Built about 1804.

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New Castle on the Delaware— Each year in flowery May, Steps back into historic past, For one brief gala day.

Ancestral homes are opened wide, Their treasures to display, The ladies are not modern now, But in antique array.

In crinoline and powdered hair, They pose, these high-bred dames, As though the portraits on the walls, Had stepped from out their frames.

And on exhibit, china rare, As fragile as a dream, The sparkle of the ancient glass, And silver's brilliant gleam.

The river in its peaceful flow, Its murmur seemed to say, "Old Town I'm older far than you, By many, many a day.

You hold in reverence, Washington, I'll say this is my pride,
He crossed on me from shore to shore,
Upon my rippling tide."

Then silently the stream passed on, I watched it on its way, And wondered if I'd dreamed the words, The river seemed to say.

The reveries of the past are gone, Dusk falls and blots the day, That old New Castle yearly keeps, Good-bye, until next May.

Written for the "Gazette" by Pauline H. Rogers



HALLWAY ARCH IN THE READ HOUSE



FIREPLACE McINTIRE HOUSE

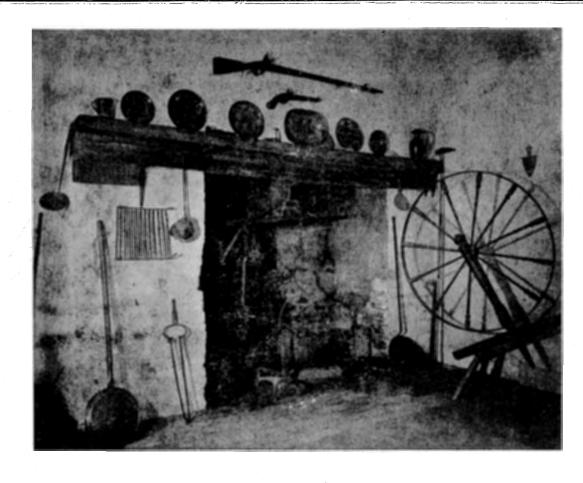
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*22. Colby House, 110 Delaware St. Residence of Miss Ruth Colby. Home of John Van Leuvenigh (father of Zachariah).Front of house built about 1700. Back older. Paneling characteristic of period.

*23. Van Leuvenigh House, on the Strand. Built 1732. Residence of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest duPont, Jr. Here Zachariah Van Leuvenigh brought the news by postboys from the North of Battle of Bunker Hill. Boxwood garden. Portrait of William Madison Peyton by St. Memin (1825).

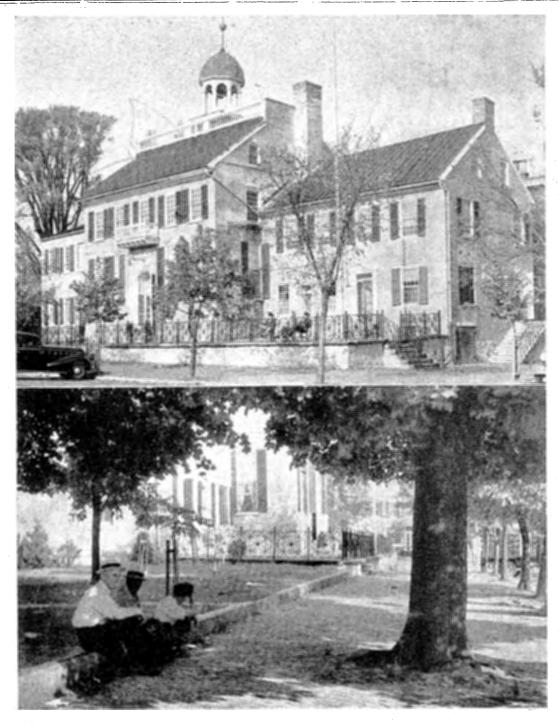
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The Great New Castle Fire of April 23, 1824

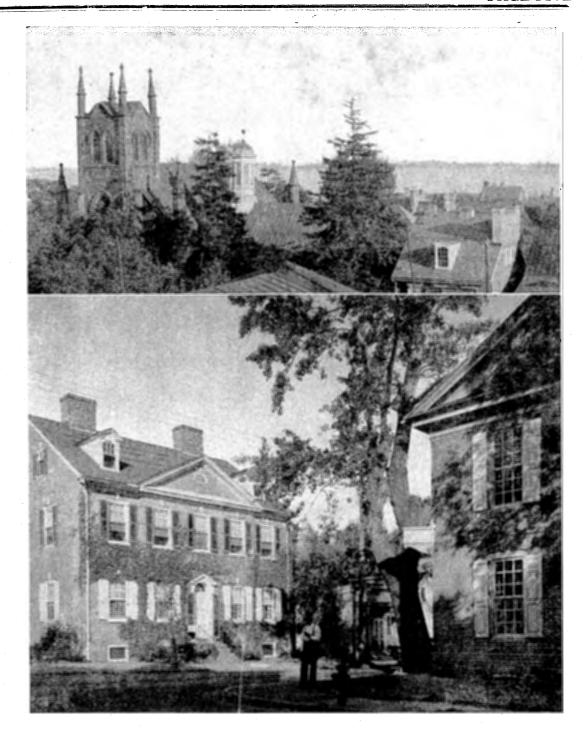
(Description by a correspondent of the American Watchman and Delaware Advertiser, Wilmington, April 27, 1824.)

"Dear Sir-I take up my pen in the midst of bustle, confusion and distress for the purpose of endeavoring to give you some faint idea of the most dreadful conflgration I ever witnessed in Delaware. About 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon a fire broke out in this place in a stable belonging to James Riddle, Esq., with a large quantity of hay and other combustible matter in it, which was in a few moments in an entire flame, which almost instantaneously communicated to a lumber yard adjoining, which was in the immediate vicinity of several frame buildings. The wind was blowing directly up Water Street, almost a gale, and in less than two hours there were 15 or 20 houses enveloped by the destroying element. The large and commodious tavern house belonging to the Union Line, the tavern house, store house and dwelling house of the Messrs. McCullough with nearly all their store goods, with 15 or 20 other houses, were entirely destroyed. The loss sustained by the citizens of this place I think must at the lowest estimation be two hundred thousand dollars; and had it not have been for the timely and vigilant aid we received from the utmost exertions of your fire and hose companies from Wilmington, the loss would have been at least on hundred thousand dollars more. The sufferers in real property are James Riddle, Esq., Jeremiah Bowman, the Messrs. Janvier, Sexton, George Read, Jr., Barnaby Cooper, Dr. McCalmont, and John Steel of Philadelphia. The sufferers in personal property I cannot enumerate at present. So rapid was the progress of the fire that large quantities of store goods and household furniture were destroyed after they were moved into the street. Yours in haste."

Later: Citizens of Boston subscribe funds for sufferers in the fire in return for New Castle's aid to Boston in 1774.



The old Court House (top) and border of The Green along Delaware Street



Tower of Presbyterian Church with Cupola of old Church nearby (top) and (below) Sen. Van Dyke House, residence of Mr. and Mrs. Newlin T. Booth



KENSEY J. VAN DYKE HOUSE Residence of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Logan



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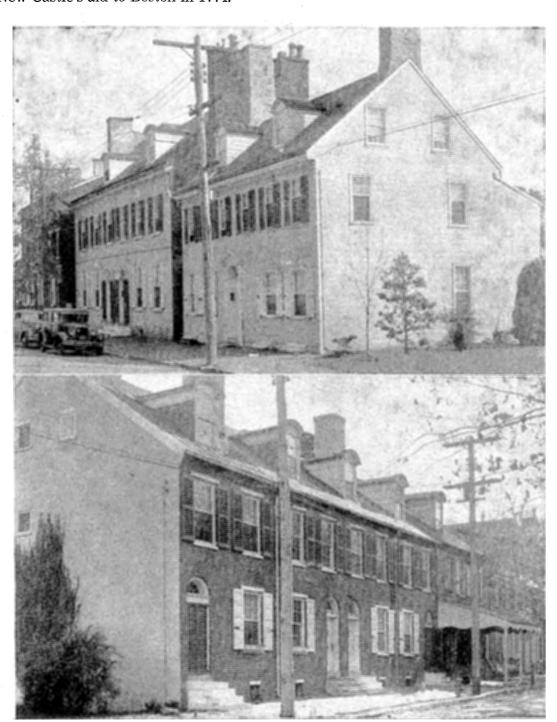
BAG -Of woven fabric with threads of "Cello

SHOES -Of white kid open toe strap sandal with scuffless "Pyraheels"

JEWELRY -Of "Lucite" methyl methacrylate plas-

STOCKINGS —Of nylon yarn

GLOVES -Of rayon with suede finish-in white



RIGHT, "ALONG THE STRAND" On the Strand (above) Survivors of the fire of 1824. (Below) Row built after the fire. The City Council of Boston, upon an appeal by Senator Van Dyke, contributed to the fund for aiding those who had been stricken by the New Castle Fire. Fifty years before New Castle had contributed 200 pounds to Boston at the time that the Port Bill was passed.

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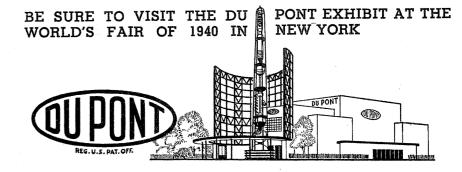
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24-25. The Battery and site of eastern terminus of the New Castle & Frenchtown Railroad. (See Marker). Recently acquired by City and to be converted into a park.

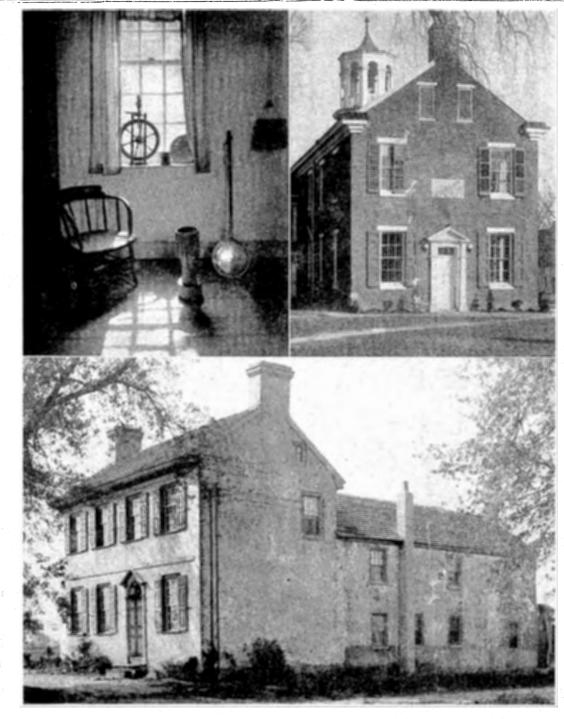
26. Old Jefferson House Hotel, corner Strand and Delaware St. Built about 1810. Confederate prisoners were harbored here during the War. Now in process of restoration as a Colonial Inn.

*27. Old Farmers Bank on the Strand. Residence of Mr. and Mrs. Francis deH. Janvier. Built about 1840. Here are silver, portraits and mahogany belonging to Lydia Darragh who saved the American Army in 1780. Original deed from Indian Chief Sekatarius to Wm. Penn. Letter from George Washington to George Read. Portrait by Cosmo Alexander (1768).

28. Gov. Gunning Bedford House. Built 1730. Residence of Captain and Mrs. L. H. Garrison. Gov. Bedford as a Lt.-Col. in Haslet's famed Delaware Regiment won distinction in the Northern campaigns. Also home of Caleb P. Bennett, 29th Governor of Delaware, who was a great-grandson of Daniel Boone. Served with Col. Hall's Delaware regiment. Commanded forces at New Castle 1812. Birthplace of George Gray, lawyer, Statesman and Jur-

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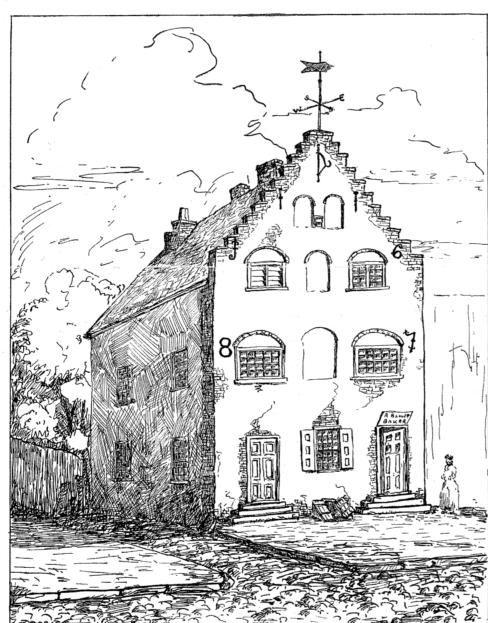
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Above (left): Kitchen Window, Amstel House: (right): South end of Arsenal (below): Grantham Hall, home of Col. Grantham, (below): New Castle.



ARBOR IN THE READ HOUSE GARDEN



OLD TILE HOUSE



GEORGE READ



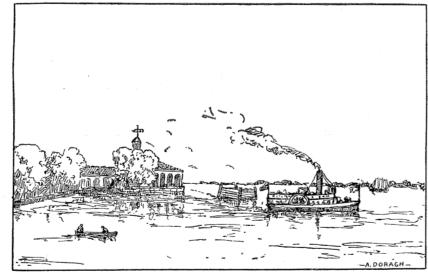
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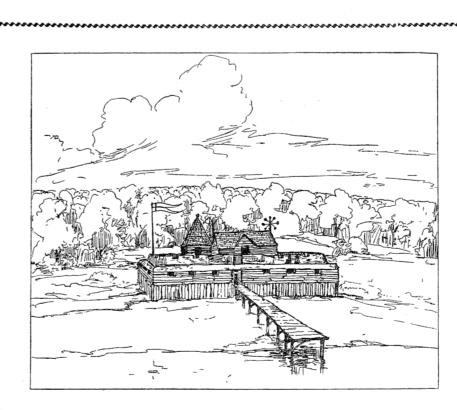
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*30. Built after the fire of 1824. Residences of Mrs. E. E. Rogers and Mrs. John MacLulich. In Mrs Rogers' house are to been seen Sully portraits, Sully letter, hair of George Washington, Andrew Jackson and Charles Carroll, old china, silver, books, etc. In the home of Mrs. MacLulich collection of paper weights. Rear of this house thought much older. (Mrs. Rogers' house is not open this year).

*31. Presbyterian Church Manse, on the Strand, built about 1830. Residence of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. William D. Gibson.

32. Packet Alley (see Historic Marker). *33. Residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ralph Baily, built about 100 years ago, and adjacent to Old Stage Tavern, later known as Boulden's Store. The porch over the pavement supported by posts at the curb, was recently removed. This property is now the residence of Mr .and Mrs. Edward A. Hodge.

In the Baily house, which is open to the public, is a particularly fine Queen Anne walnut desk on frame and the house is furnished with early American pieces.

34. Survivors of the fire. Along east side of Strand, below Green.

*35. George Read House. Built 1801 (see tablet in garden wall). Residence of Mr. and Mrs. Philip D. Laird. Erected by Peter Crowding for George Read, Jr., son of the signer. Perfect specimen of Georgian architecture with fine mantels and panelings. Furnished in period style. Portrait by Sir Peter Lely. A beautiful garden adjoins house. Gen. R. E. Lee colection.

36. Site of Tile House, built 1687.

37. Thomas House (Immanuel Church Parish House) 1801.

38. Site of "The Cave" Inn. On the Strand where the present dwelling of John R. Lambson stands. It was famous among seamen.

39. Old "Spread Eagle" Inn. Stands on West side of 2nd St., northwest of Harmony. Has been modernized. "To such a hotel passengers coming ashore at New Castle were led by negro boys bearing upon their heads, shoulders and backs, luggage sometimes including monkeys and bird cages."

40. The Broad Dyke. Northwest corner Chestnut and 3rd Sts. (See historic mark-

41. Hermitage House, near Wm. Penn school, so named by Senator Nicholas Van Dyke. Main part built about 1747.

42. Deemer House, Northwest corner 6th and South Sts. An interesting comparison to the earlier houses of New Cas-

42.a Stonum (Stoneham on old records). Built about 1750.

43. New Castle & Frenchtown Ticket Box.

44. Glebe House. House and cemetery and adjoining land belonging to Immanuel Church. In 1719 Richard Halliwell gave the property to the Church. Records of the church warrant the belief that the house was built from proceeds of a lottery.

*45. Boothhurst. Family estate for two generations. Residence of Mr. and Mrs. Laussat R. Rogers. Old furniture, books, pictures, etc. On New Castle-Wilmington Road.

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PACKET ALLEY ON THE STRAND

"Here's a remnant left of an old highway, When George of England held royal sway, Only an alley from River to Strand. Yet here are figures from every land. From the tide of travel that over it rolled, For hundreds of years, in the days of old, Lift the veil, and the throng shall pass Before your vision as in a glass. Hear the Conestoga Wain; Hear the teamsters shout again, Before you, pass on its tedious way The stage and four of the ancient day, With brass-bound boxes the Ladies ride, The liveried coachman by their side. Bugles of soldiers greet your ear, For North and South must pass through here,

Mark ye the leaders in Buff and Blue, Washington, Rodney and Steuben too, And Lafayette and Chasteleux, With exiled Louis Napoleon And those who have lost and those who've

These are the visions in memory's eye If you lift the veil at Packet Alley." -Anne Rodney Janvier

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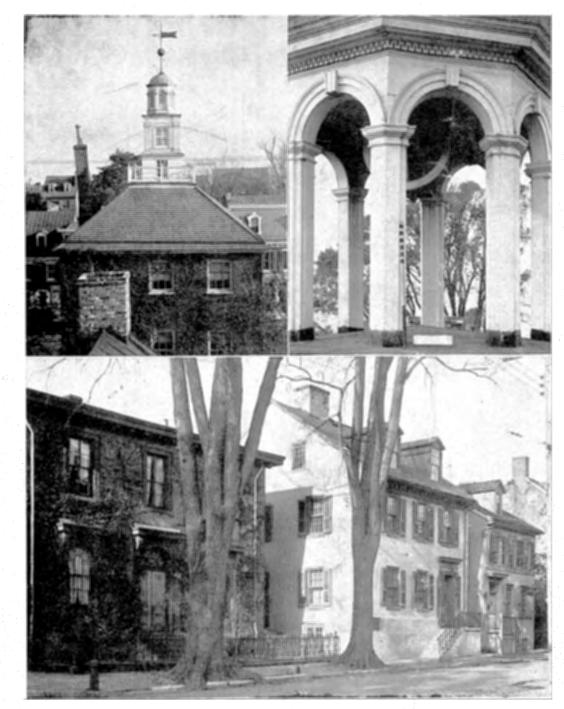
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Above (left): View toward the river from Old Court House Cupola; detail of Court House Cupola. Below: On the Strand, left to right, Old Farmers Bank, residence of Mr. and Mrs. Francis deH. Janvier, Governor Gunning Bedford House, residence of Capt. and Mrs. L. H. Garrison; Residence of Senator George McIntire.



Above (left): Doorway of Judge Rodney House; (right): The Kensey Johns, Jr. House, residence of Dr. and Mrs. Everett Reynolds. Below (left): Thomas House, now Parish House of Immanuel Church; (right): Cloud's Row on Delaware Street.



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46. Swanwick. This unique little house, built in the early part of the last century, is in all probability the work of a French architect. It is considered one of the finest examples of directoire architecture in this country.

The exterior, clad in warm, cream colored stucco, presents facades of most subtley studied designs. The severe simplicity is broken by a belt course, ornamented with a Greek key fret executed in cast iron which surrounds the entire building, dressed below the second floor window sills.

All the windows are French casements. The entrances are accented with porches; The one on the East, or river side, has a Chinese roof and sports a gray and white marble floor. The one on the West side is a semi-circular porch of five arches, roofed with a low half dome.

The entire character of the house is that of elusive elegance.

*47. Buena Vista, on DuPont Highway, 5 miles from New Castle, the home of Hon, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Buck. Built 1842 by Hon. James M. Clayton, Secretary of State under President Taylor. Portrait of Queen Elizabeth painted about 1580 by James Hilliard (1547-1619). Portraits by Gilbert Stuart.

* The residence of Miss Mary E. Shaw on Delaware Street, near 5th. Andirons from Arlington. Table set as in Colonial times. Portrait of Jane Sharpless. Clock in family since 1788.

Story of Umbrella In Amstel House

One of the Strand-inhabiting family of the Reads, Mr. William T. Read, in making his way along the street one black, gusty night, a century and more ago, held his sturdy whalebone - ribbed umbrella firmly aloft to keep off the driving rain. But not firmly enough; he was carrying too much sail, and presently a rougher gust whirled the umbrella away in the direction of the river. A year and a day later—or thereabout—a gentleman rapped the knocker of Mr. Read's door. He had about him a look of the sea and in his hand was an umbrella. Was this Mr. Read's umbrella—Mr. William T. Read's? The caller was captain of a China ship, just returned. When he was outward bound and just off New Castle an umbrella had blown aboard. It bore Mr. Read's name in cross-stitch; and as the mariner knew his position and bearings at the time, as well as the direction of the wind, the rest was easy. To convince any who doubts the tale, the umbrella, fortunately preserved, is still in New Castle, at the Amstel House.



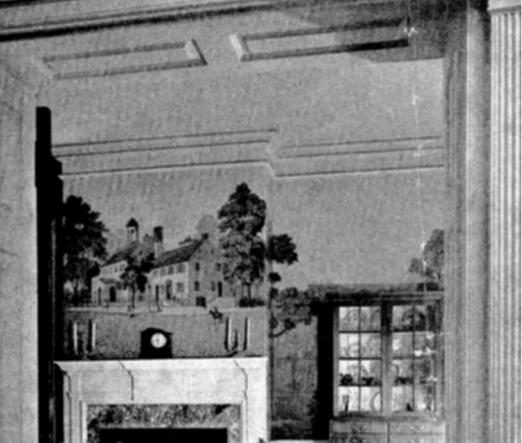
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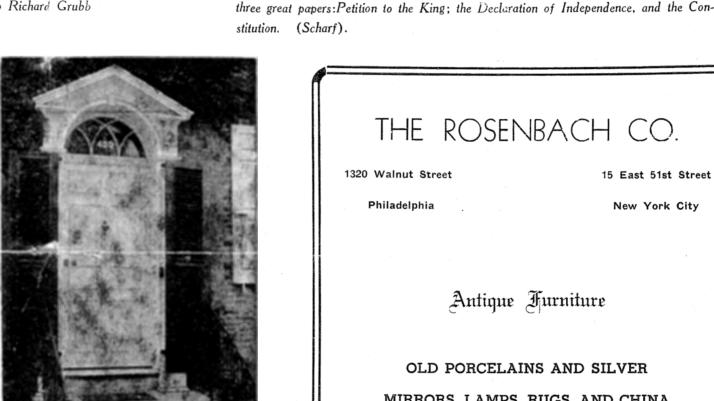


DINING ROOM IN READ HOUSE

This house belongs to the late Georgian period. It is profusely decorated and has an imposing facade and extensive gardens. The Read House was four years in construction A note of September 14, 1797, shows a memorandum of \$1 given to Richard Grubb for rum to treat the hands at the laying of the cornerstone.



FIRE PLACE IN THE READ HOUSE The Read House was built in 1801 by George Read, Jr., son of the Signer who was "One of two Statesmen and the only Southern Statesman that signed all



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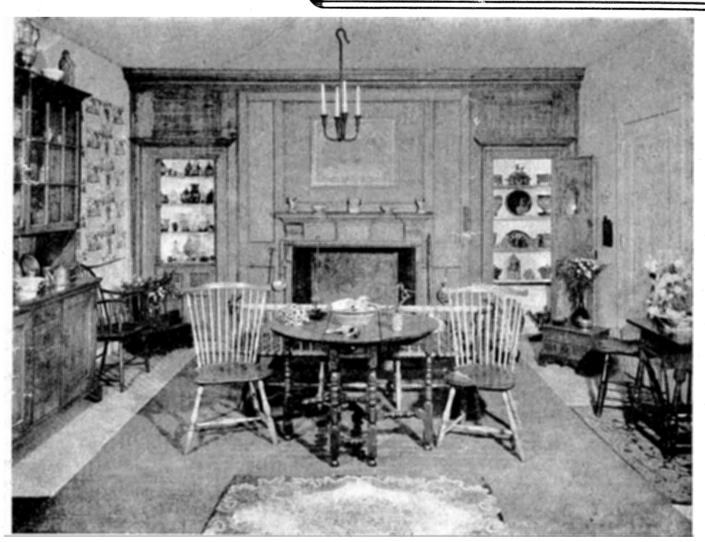
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