

Know all men by these presents that Francis Land of Virginia in the County of Stafford the Women  
 for & in consideration of the sum of Thirty eight pounds to the in hand paid by Richard Smith and  
 Margaret his wife heirs of George Williams within named the Receipt whereof I do here by  
 acknowledge & myself fully satisfied & paid, do hereby for myself my heirs & assigns  
 and for ever quit & release the said Francis Land & Margaret his wife with the  
 right title interest property claim & Demand that if the said Francis Land now have or ever here to  
 fore have had in or to the within mentioned Tract of Land called & bounded as it is within set  
 forth & described to them the said Richard Smith & Margaret his wife their heirs & assigns  
 me & my heirs for ever so that neither the said Francis Land nor my heirs nor no son or  
 heirs whatsoever by from or under one them or any of them shall ever hereafter have any right  
 title interest or Liberty claim passage or Demand to the within mentioned parcels with or apart  
 or any part or parcel thereof by virtue of the within instrument but shall from the same be utterly  
 excluded & barred for ever by virtue of these presents in witness whereof the said Francis Land have  
 hereunto set my hand & seal this Eleventh Day of August Anno Domini one Thousand seven hundred  
 & Thirty four

Sailed & Delivered in the presence of us  
 John Brice James Brice &c

Francis Land Esq

Acknowledged in the Court of Common Pleas held for the County of Stafford in August Term 1734  
 David Heath protest

# This Indenture

made the Twenty fifth Day of August in the Eight year  
 of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the second by the grace of God of Great Britain King & Ireland  
 King of the Scots &c in the year of our Lord 1734 one Thousand seven hundred & Thirty four  
 between James Thompson of this County of Stafford Esquire and Thomas Berry of the other part  
 the said James Thompson for & in consideration of the sum of Thirty eight pounds Ten shillings  
 current money of this Government to him in hand paid the Receipt whereof the said Thomas Berry his heirs & assigns  
 hereby acknowledge & doth acquit & discharge the said James Thompson his heirs & assigns  
 and every of them for ever by these presents **hath** granted bargain sold alien assign & confirm  
 by these presents doth grant bargain sell alien assign & confirm unto the said Thomas Berry his heirs & assigns  
 one piece or parcel of Land situate lying & being in Christiana Hundred in the County of  
 Stafford of the following tenor to wit the first tract containing ~~one hundred & fifty~~ ~~one hundred & fifty~~ ~~one hundred & fifty~~  
 Acres which is a line of Land called ~~one hundred & fifty~~ ~~one hundred & fifty~~ ~~one hundred & fifty~~  
 Black Oak standing by a Branch of Little Falls Creek which is what is a piece of other hundred  
 thence up the said Branch by the several corners thereof fifty one perches to a corner marked  
 by a standing by the said Branch thence by a line of marked Trees which is a line of said Black Oak  
 and last one hundred & Twenty five perches to a stump standing by the said Road thence by the  
 said Road forty Acres to the first mentioned Stake & place of beginning containing within this  
 bounds Thirty four acres of Land which is part of a tract taken up by virtue of a warrant by  
 the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Proprietor of our Penn in the year 1684 unto Adam Pedham & the said Adam  
 bequeathed the said Land unto his children & the said Land was transferred & sold unto Andrew Giff  
 his heirs & assigns for ever by Henry Pedham the eldest son of the said Adam Pedham as more  
 at large will appear by a Deed signed by the said Henry & confirmed by the heirs of the said  
 Pedham & the said Andrew Giff did in & by a certain Deed or Instrument of writing grant and  
 confirm the said Thirty four acres & six more unto Arthur Fairbairn his heirs & assigns for ever  
 and the said Arthur Fairbairn did in & by a certain Deed or Instrument of writing bearing date the  
 nineteenth Day of February Anno Domini 1734 for the consideration therein mentioned grant & confirm  
 the said Thirty four acres together with all the Appurtenances thereto belonging unto the said James  
 his heirs & assigns for ever as well & by the said Deed of Sale the said James being therein had may more fully appear  
 furthermore if the said James Thompson for myself my heirs & assigns by these presents do make  
 over unto the said Thomas Berry his heirs & assigns for ever the said Thirty four acres of Land  
 together with all Ropes Cabernets buildings ways water & woods underwoods Improvements & Appurtenances  
 whatsoever thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining & the Reversion & Remainder thereof  
 and

# To have & to hold

the said Thirty four acres of

Land & premises with the appurtenances above granted & every pt. & parcel thereof unto the said Thomas Berry  
 his heirs & Assigns for ever to the only & proper use & behoof of him the said Thomas Berry his heirs & Assigns  
 for ever to hold & the Rents & Services of Quitrent now due & to become due to the chief Lord or  
 Lords of the Fee or fees hereof the said Thomas Berry his heirs & Assigns shall pay when demanded  
 And the said Jas: Thompson for him, of his heirs & Assigns shall not be allowed to meddle with the said  
 appurtenances above granted & every part & parcel thereof against him the said Jas: Thompson his heirs  
 & Assigns & against all other persons or persons lawfully claiming or to claim any estate, Right  
 Title or Interest by, from or under him them or any of them shall & will warrant & for ever  
 defend by these presents & that the aforesaid Thomas Berry his heirs & Assigns & Assigns shall  
 peaceably & quietly hold use occupy possess & enjoy etc. & singular the hereby granted premises  
 as aforesaid & that the said James Thompson his heirs & Assigns shall & will from time to time & at  
 all times hereafter upon the reasonable Request sent & Charges in this behalf of the said Thomas  
 Berry his heirs & Assigns make do acknowledge suffer & execute or cause or spare to be made done  
 acknowledged & executed all & every such further & other Act & Acts Deeds & Deeds Covenants and  
 Assurances in this behalf whatsoever for the further better & more effect performing & Surenthring of the  
 said Thirty four acres of Land & premises hereby granted with the appurtenances unto the said Thomas  
 Berry his heirs & Assigns for ever as to the said Thomas Berry his heirs or Assigns or he or their  
 Counsel advised in this behalf shall be reasonably desired or required in witness whereof  
 the said James Thompson hath hereunto set his hand & seal this day & year first above written  
 Witness the hand & seal of the said James Thompson  
 Jas: Hamilton Tho: Gray

James Thompson

Acknowledged in the Court of Great Sessions held for the County of Newcastle the third Tuesday in Aug: 1704

David Skenthly, proctor

# This Indenture

made the fourth Day of March in the year of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred thirty three and in the seventh year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the second by the grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the faith **ARTHUR** Under Secretary Johannes Cock his son of five hundred in the County of New Castle upon Delaware one of the one part and Thomas Berry of the same County aforesaid and son in law of the other part sheweth by virtue of all great grants from **WILLIAM** Duke Proprietary Gov<sup>r</sup>. of the Province of Pennsylvania Territories and Towns belonging did grant unto **ADAM** his son of the County of New Castle a certain tract or parcel of Land called Adams Garden containing one hundred acres of Land situate lying and being in Christiana Hundred of County aforesaid the said **ADAM** dying without making a will his **WILLIAM** son and son in law of the said **ADAM** the said **ADAM** his son and son in law of the said **ADAM** being the lawful Heir of the said **ADAM** the said **ADAM** his son and son in law did grant the same by Act bearing Date the fourth Day of May Anno Domini 1732 unto **THOMAS BERRY** his son and son in law being the said **ADAM** his son and son in law's Heir and this Indenture sheweth that the said **ANDREW COCK** & **JOHANNES COCK** for their consideration of the sum of thirty two pounds of good current lawful money to them in hand paid before the signing & delivery of this present by the said **THOMAS BERRY** his Heir and Assigns who they the said **ANDREW COCK** & **JOHANNES COCK** doth hereby acknowledge & thereof from every part & parcel thereof doth acquit & for ever discharge the said **THOMAS BERRY** his Heir & Assigns for ever & his Heir & Assigns shall be confirmed by this present doth grant & confirm to the said **THOMAS BERRY** his Heir & Assigns a certain part of the said tract beginning at a corner marked with a oak in a line from the first corner to a new line of marked trees ending between this said tract and new line and North fifteen degrees 45' thirty eight perches to a post marked white oak standing by a small brook some by said brook North West one degree 45' twenty four perches to a corner & Hickory in the line of berick under some land some by said line of a line of Robert P. Rivers and that one hundred & eighty perches to an apple standing by a branch of a Maple tree some by said branch south ten degrees 45' twenty two perches to a corner of said line some by said line of James Thompson and East one hundred & eleven perches to a corner of the great brook some by the said brook south five degrees & forty perches to a white oak in Lucy Tomlinsons line thence by the said line East seventy perches to the first corner white oak & place of Separation containing within these boundaries acres be the same more or less together thereto with the woods underwood ~~some perches~~ some perches houses & the same garden Orchards Tenings Rights & Liberties privileges Immunities Hereditaments & Appurtenances to the said piece of Land & Tenements belonging or in any wise appertaining & the Hereditaments & Tenements Remainders & Remainders Tenements & Rights thereof & all the Right Title & Interest use Property claim & Demand whatsoever of them the said **ANDREW COCK** & **JOHANNES COCK** in or to the same or any part or parcel thereof and all Deds Evidence & writings in whatsoever (or copies of the same) touching or concerning the Tenements or any part thereof which the said **ANDREW COCK** & **JOHANNES COCK** hath or shall have in their or either of their possession Power or Custody or which they may come at without suit in Law To have & to hold all the above granted Tenements & all & singular the before mentioned Appurtenances granted or mentioned to be granted to the said **THOMAS BERRY** his Heir & Assigns to the only proper use & behoof of the said **THOMAS BERRY** his Heir & Assigns for ever and the said **ANDREW COCK** & **JOHANNES COCK** their Heirs & Assigns the said hereby granted Tenements & every part and parcel thereof with their Appurtenances unto the said **THOMAS BERRY** his Heir & Assigns & against all Persons by from or under them or either of them shall & will warrant & for ever defend by their presents and also that the said **THOMAS BERRY** his Heir or Assigns shall or lawfully may from time to time & at all times hereafter peaceably & quietly have hold use occupy possess & enjoy the said tract or parcel of Land & Tenements with the Appurtenances before granted or mentioned to be granted or said & every part & parcel thereof & receive & take the full value & profits thereof & of every part thereof to his & their own proper use & behoof without any lawfull suit trouble petition or interruption whatsoever of the said **ANDREW COCK** & **JOHANNES COCK** their Heirs or Assigns or any of them the Quitrent due or to become due to the Heir.

or Lords of the Fee thereof only excepted **and** further that the <sup>sa</sup> Andrew Cock & Johannes Cock & their heirs & all & every <sup>sa</sup> John & Thomas having & lawfully claiming or claiming or may have or lawfully claim any Estate Right Title Interest Property or Demand of into or out of the above granted Premises with their Appurtenances by from or under them or any of them that & with from Time to Time & at all Times hereafter at the reasonable Request Cost & Charges in the Law of the said Tho: Perry his Heirs or Aff: make do acknowledge suffer & execute or Cause or procure to be made done acknowledged & executed all & every such further & other lawful & reasonable Act & Acts Deed & Deeds Conveyances & Assurances in the Law whatsoever for the further better & more perfect Assuring & Suremaking of the said Part of Land & Premises hereby granted with the Appurtenances unto the said Tho: Perry his Heirs & Aff: for ever as to the said Thomas Perry his Heirs or Aff: or his or their Cause learned in the Law shall reasonably be devised added or required The Witnesses whereof the said Andrew Cock & Johannes Cock hath hereunto set their Hands & Seals the Day and Year above written

Witnessed & Delivered in the presence of  
 Pedregon William Coney James Norton

Andrew Cock - (Seal)  
 Johannes Cock - (Seal)

At the Court of the said Lord Bishop of Exeter in the Year 1728

by from or under them or any or either of them shall and with  
 Warrant and for ever defend by these presents And the said  
 Jacob Ford and Jane his Wife William Ford and Elizabeth Ford  
 do hereby constitute and appoint \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ jointly  
 or severally their Attornies or Attorney to acknowledge and deliver  
 these presents in Open Court at Newcastle according to Law In  
 Witness whereof the said Parties <sup>to these Presents</sup> have interchangeably set their  
 Hands and Seals hereunto dated the Day Month and Year first  
 above written.

Shaled and Delivered

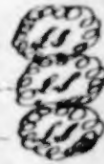
In the presence of us

W<sup>m</sup> Cranston, Beyer Samplugh.

Jacob Ford

William Ford

Elizabeth Ford



Received the Day of the date of the above written Indenture of the  
 above named Benjamin Ford the sum of Three hundred Pounds  
 being the full consideration Money for the above granted Premises.  
 Witness present at signing.

By us Jacob Ford

W<sup>m</sup> Cranston, Beyer Samplugh - £300-0-0

William Ford

Elizabeth Ford

Newcastle County s<sup>r</sup>. The Execution of the Within was proven by Beyer  
 Samplugh one of the Witnesses thereto in Open Court of Com-  
 mon Pleas held at Newcastle for the County of Newcastle of the  
 May Term A.D. 1792. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my  
 Hand and affixed the Seal of said Court.

Recorded July 28<sup>th</sup> 1792.

Sam<sup>l</sup> Bedford pro.

This Indenture made this twenty fifth day of  
 May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and  
 ninety two Between James Brindley and Elizabeth his Wife  
 Administrators of all and singular the Goods and Chattles Rights  
 and Credits which were of Thomas Ogle late of Christiana Hun-  
 dred in the County of Newcastle Yeoman deceased of the one part  
 and Charles Williams of the said County Yeoman of the other  
 part WHEREAS the aforesaid Thomas Ogle being seized in his  
 Demesne as of Fee of and in certain Lands situate in the same  
 Hundred on the nineteenth day of February 1777 died intestate  
 And whereas Administration of all and singular the Goods  
 and Chattles Rights and Credits of the said deceased was by  
 Gunning Bedford Esq<sup>r</sup>. Register for the Probate of Wills and  
 granting Letters of Administration in and for the County afo<sup>r</sup>  
 granted to the aforesaid Elizabeth and as the said deceased at  
 the time of his death was indebted to divers Persons and as the  
 Personal Estate of the said deceased was by no means adequate  
 to the satisfaction of the said Debts they the said James and  
 Elizabeth

Elizabeth preferred their Petition to the Orphans Court of the County aforesaid on the fourth day of October in the year One thousand seven hundred and ninety one stating that by the settlement of the Administration Account of the said Administrators by the said Court there appeared that the sum of Seven hundred and twenty Pounds eleven Shillings and three pence was due from the Estate of the said Thomas Ogle to the said Administrators that the said Thomas Ogle at the time of his Death was seized in his Demise as of Fee of the Tract of Land and Appurtenances herein after described to wit of the Public Inn called the Crooked Billit situate in Christiana Hundred in the County aforesaid together with a Tract of Land thereto appertaining or belonging containing about Eighty Acres and likewise of a Parcel of Marsh part of a larger Parcel called Conrads Cripple containing about Nine Acres which Premises were all the Real Estate which belonged to the said Thomas Ogle at the time of his decease that <sup>was necessary</sup> the said Real Estate should be sold for the purpose of satisfying the aforesaid Debt and other demands subsisting against the same and praying the Court for an order to sell the said Real Estate of the said Thomas Ogle or so much thereof as might be necessary for the purpose aforesaid **AND WHEREAS** the said Orphans Court on the Day and year aforesaid did order the said Petitioners to make Sale of the aforesaid Premises to satisfy and discharge the Debt and demands aforesaid and to make Return thereof to the next Orphans Court **AND WHEREAS** the said Petitioners in pursuance of the order aforesaid after due and public Notice given did on the first day of March in the year One thousand seven hundred and ninety two expose to Sale the said Premises at public Auction and the same with the Appurtenances on the Day last aforesaid was purchased by the aforesaid Charles Williams he being the highest and best Bidder for the sum of Eleven hundred Pounds of which Sale Return was made by the Petitioners to the Orphans Court and the same was confirmed by the said Court on the third day of April in the year last aforesaid **Now this Indenture witnesseth** that the said James Brindley and Elizabeth his Wife by virtue of the Administration granted to them as aforesaid and in pursuance of the Order of the Orphans Court aforesaid and of the power and authority thereby to them given and for and in consideration of the aforesaid sum of Eleven hundred Pounds to them in hand paid at and before the sealing and delivering of these presents the

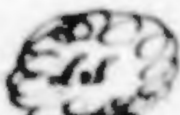
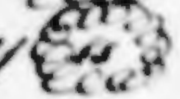
Receipt.

Receipt whereof the said James Brindley and Elizabeth his wife doth bear by acknowledge and thereof and of every part thereof do for ever acquit release and exonerate the said Charles Williams his Executors and Administrators by these presents HERE granted bargained sold aliened released and confirmed and by the authority aforesaid and these presents do grant bargain sell alien release and confirm unto the said Charles Williams his Heirs and Assigns all that the apert Suble Inn called the Crooked Biltland the Tract of Land thereunto appertaining or belonging bounded as followeth to wit Beginning at a corner Black Oak stand- ing on the East side of a little Run called Falls Creek thence traversing the several courses of the said Creek South twenty two degrees West eleven perches thence South seven degrees East twenty four perches South thirty six degrees West twenty two perches South fifty degrees West fourteen perches South thirty degrees West six perches thence East two hundred and twenty six perches along the said Run line North fifteen degrees West forty eight perches thence North fifty one degrees West twenty five perches and eight tenths of a perch and thence West one hundred and sixty one perches to the place of Beginning containing twenty six acres and twenty six perches of Land more or less and all that the aforesaid Parcel of Marsh bounded as followeth to wit Beginning at a corner Stake standing by Englands Creek thence North twenty six degrees and a half East eighty perches to Christiana Creek thence by the several Courses thirty nine perches to a corner Stake thence North sixty eight degrees and a half West sixty four perches and five tenths to the place of Beginning containing Nine Acres three Rods and twenty perches more or less *Hygether* with all and singular the Rights Members and Appurtenances whatsoever therunto belonging or in any wise appertaining and the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders Rods Spices and Profits thereof and all the Estate Right Title Property Interest Blain and demand of the said Thomas Tylic and his Heirs of in and to the same and of in and to every part thereof. **To have and to hold** the said Suble Inn called the Crooked Biltland the Land thereunto belonging, and the said parcel of Marsh and Premises and every the

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appurtenances hereby bargained and sold unto the said Charles Williams his Heirs and Assigns to the only proper Use benefit and behoof of him the said Charles Williams his Heirs and Assigns for ever according to the true intent and meaning of these presents In witness whereof the said James Brindley and Elizabeth his Wife have hereunto set their Hands and seals the Day and Year first above written, sealed and Delivered,

in the Presence of }  
W<sup>m</sup> Dixon Mary Cgle.,

Ja<sup>s</sup> Brindley   
Elizabeth Brindley 

Received of the above named Charles Williams Eleven hundred Pounds being the consideration Money above mentioned.

Mary Cgle £1100-0-0

Ja<sup>s</sup> Brindley,  
Elizabeth Brindley.

Newcastle County J<sup>s</sup> Acknowledged in Open Court of Common Pleas held at Newcastle for the County of Newcastle of the May Term A. D. 1792 In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and affixed the Seal of said Court.



Recorded July 31. 1792.

Sam<sup>l</sup> Bedford J<sup>es</sup>



608 appurtenances hereby bargained and sold unto the said Charles Williams his Heirs and Assigns to the only proper Use benefit and behoof of him the said Charles Williams his Heirs and Assigns for ever according to the true intent and meaning of these presents In witness whereof the said James Brindley and Elizabeth his Wife have hereunto set their Hands and Seals the Day and Year first above written, sealed and Delivered


in the Presence of }  
W<sup>m</sup> Dixon, Mary Cglt.,

Ja<sup>s</sup> Brindley   
Elizabeth Brindley 

Received of the above named Charles Williams Eleven hundred Pounds being the consideration Money above mentioned.

Mary Cglt £1100-0-0

Ja<sup>s</sup> Brindley,  
Elizabeth Brindley.

Newcastle County ss: Acknowledged in Open Court of Common Pleas held at Newcastle for the County of Newcastle of the May Term C<sup>t</sup>. 1792 In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and affixed the Seal of said Court.  
Recorded July 31<sup>st</sup> 1792.  Jun<sup>r</sup> Bedford pro<sup>q</sup>.


This Indenture made this twenty fifth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety two Between Charles Williams of Mill Creek Hundred in the County of Newcastle and State of Delaware Yeoman of the one part and James Brindley of Christiana Hundred in the same County of the other part WHEREAS Thomas Cglt of Christiana Hundred in the County aforesaid being seized in his Demise as of Fee of and in certain Lands situate in the same Hundred on the nineteenth day of February in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven did Intestate and WHEREAS Administration of all and singular the Goods and Chattles Rights and Credits of the said deceased was by Gunning Bedford Esquire Register for the Probate of Wills and granting Letters of Administration in and for the County aforesaid granted to Elizabeth then Widow of the said Thomas Cglt and now Wife of the said James Brindley and as the said deceased at the time of his Death was indebted to divers Persons and as the personal Estate of the said deceased was by no means adequate to  
the

609 the satisfaction of the said Debt ~~that~~ they the said James Brind-  
ley and Elizabeth his Wife presented their Petition to the Orphans  
Court of the County aforesaid on the fourth day of October in the  
year One thousand seven hundred and ninety one stating  
that by the settlement of the Administration Account of the  
said Administrators by the said Court there appeared that  
that the sum of Seven hundred and twenty Pounds eleven  
Shillings and three pence was due from the Estate of the said  
Thomas Ogle to the said Administrators that the said Thomas  
Ogle at the time of his Death was seized in his Possession of  
Free of the Tract of Land and Appurtenances herein after descri-  
bed to wit of the Public Inn called the Crooked Billet situate  
in Christiana Hundred in the County aforesaid together with a  
Tract of Land thereunto appertaining or belonging containing  
about Eighty Acres and likewise of a parcel of Marsh part of a  
larger parcel called Conrads Cripple containing about Nine  
Acres which Premises were all the Real Estate which belonged  
to the said Thomas Ogle at the time of his decease that it was  
necessary that the said Real Estate should be sold for the  
purpose of satisfying the aforesaid Debt and other demands  
subsisting against the same and pray<sup>ing</sup> the Court for an  
Order to sell the said Real Estate of the said Thomas Ogle or  
so much thereof as might be necessary for the purpose afo<sup>r</sup>  
AND WHEREAS the said Orphans Court on the Day and Year  
aforesaid did order the said Petitioners to make Sale of the  
aforesaid Premises to satisfy and discharge the Debt and  
demands aforesaid and make Return thereof to the next  
Orphans Court AND WHEREAS the said Petitioners in pursu-  
ance of the Order aforesaid after due and public notice given  
did on the first day of March in the year One thousand seven  
hundred and ninety two expose to sale the said Premises  
at Public Auction and the same with the appurtenances  
on the day last aforesaid was purchased by the said Charles  
Williams he being the highest and best bidder for the sum of  
Eleven hundred Pounds of which Sale Return was made by  
the Petitioners to the Orphans Court and the same was con-  
firmed by the said Court on the third day of April in the  
year last aforesaid AND WHEREAS the said James Brindley  
and Elizabeth his Wife by virtue of the Administration  
granted


610 granted to them as aforesaid and in pursuance of the Order  
of the orphans Court aforesaid and of the Power and authority  
thereby to them given and in consideration of the aforesaid  
sum of Eleven hundred Pounds did by their Deed duly execu-  
ted under their Hands and Seals and dated the twenty fifth  
day of May in the year One thousand seven hundred and  
ninety two convey unto the said Charles Williams the  
Premises aforesaid **Now this Indenture wit-  
nesseth** that the said Charles Williams for and in conside-  
ration of the sum of Eleven hundred Pounds good and lawful  
Money of the Delaware State to him in hand paid by the  
said James Brindley at and before the enrolling and delivery  
of these presents the Receipt whereof the said Charles Willi-  
ams doth hereby acknowledge and thereof and of every part  
thereof doth forever acquit release and exonerate the said  
James Brindley his Executors and Administrators by these  
presents **WITNESSETH** granted bargained sold aliened released  
and confirmed and by these presents **WITNESSETH** grant bargain  
sell alien release and confirm unto the said James Brindley  
his Heirs and Assigns all that the aforesaid Public Inn  
called the Crooked Billet and the Tract of Land thereunto  
appertaining or belonging bounded as followeth to wit:  
Beginning at a corner Black Oak standing on the East  
side of a little Run called Falls Creek thence traversing the  
several courses of the said Creek South twenty two degrees  
West eleven perches thence South seven degrees East twenty  
four perches South thirty five degrees West twenty two per-  
ches South fifty degrees West fourteen perches South thirty  
degrees West five perches thence East two hundred and twen-  
ty six perches along Lucy Tomlinsons line to Daniel Fews  
line thence along the said Fews line North fifteen degrees  
West forty eight perches thence North fifty one degrees  
West twenty five perches and eight tenths of a perch and  
thence West one hundred and sixty one perches to the  
place of Beginning containing Seventy six Acres and  
twenty six perches of Land more or less and also all that  
the aforesaid parcel of Marsh bounded as followeth to wit  
Beginning at a corner Stake standing by Englands Creek  
thence North seventy five degrees and an half East eighty  
perches to Christiansa Creek thence by the several courses  
thereof

611 thereof forty nine perches to a corner Stake thence Northwardly  
eight degrees and an half West sixty four perches and five tenths  
to the place of Beginning containing Nine Acres three Roods  
and twenty perches more or less Together with all and  
singular the Buildings and Improvements Rights Members  
and Appurtenances whatsoever to the said Tract of Land and  
parcel of Marsh belonging or in any wise Appertaining and the  
Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof  
and all the Estate Right Title Interest Property claim and de-  
mand whatsoever of the said Charles Williams and his Heirs  
of in and to the same and of in and to every part thereof  
To have and to hold the said Public Inn called the brook  
ed Billet and the Tract of Land thereunto belonging or apper-  
taining and the said parcel of Marsh and Premises as above  
described with every the Appurtenances hereby bargained and  
sold unto the said James Brindley his Heirs and Assigns to the  
only proper use benefit and behoof of him the said James Brind-  
ley his Heirs and Assigns forever according to the true intent and  
meaning of these presents In witness whereof the said  
Charles Williams hath hereunto set his Hand and Seal the  
Day and Year first above Written;

Subscribed and Delivered  
in the Presence of  
Wm Dixon, Junr, Mary Cyle,

Charles Williams 

Received of the above named James Brindley Seven hundred  
Pounds being the consideration Money above mentioned,  
Mary Cyle. £100-0-0 Charles Williams.

Newcastle County sh. The Execution of the Within was proven by  
 William Dixon Junior one of the Witnesses thereto in  
open Court of Common Pleas held at Newcastle for the  
County of Newcastle of the May Term A.D. 1742. In Testimony  
whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and affixed the Seal of  
said Court.

Geo. Bedford pref.

Recorded August 1<sup>st</sup> 1742.

611 thereof forty nine perches to a corner Stake thence Northwardly  
eight degrees and an half West sixty four perches and five tenths  
to the place of Beginning containing Nine Acres three Roods  
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singular the Buildings and Improvements Rights Members  
and Appurtenances whatsoever to the said Tract of Land and  
parcel of Marsh belonging or in any wise Appertaining and the  
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and all the Estate Right Title Interest Property claim and de-  
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of in and to the same and of in and to every part thereof  
To have and to hold the said Public Inn called the Crook  
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described with every the Appurtenances hereby bargained and  
sold unto the said James Brindley his Heirs and Assigns to the  
only proper use benefit and behoof of him the said James Brind-  
ley his Heirs and Assigns forever according to the true intent and  
meaning of these presents In witness whereof the said  
Charles Williams hath hereunto set his Hand and Seal the  
Day and Year first above Written;

Sealed and Delivered  
in the Presence of  
Wm Dixon, Junr Mary Cyle,

Charles Williams

Received of the above named James Brindley Seven hundred  
Pounds being the consideration Money above mentioned;  
Mary Cyle. £100-0-0 Charles Williams.

Newcastle County ss: The Execution of the Within was proven by  
William Dixon Junior one of the Witnesses thereto in  
open Court of Common Pleas held at Newcastle for the  
County of Newcastle of the May Term C. 1792. In Testimony  
whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and affixed the Seal of  
said Court.

Geo. Bedford Juxr.

Recorded August 1<sup>st</sup> 1792.

This Indenture made the twenty third day of  
May in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and  
ninety two Between James Marshall of the Township of  
Newlin in the County of Chester and State of Pennsylvania  
Yeoman and Jane his Wife of the one part and James Brindley

62 of Christiana Hundred in the County of Newcastle and State  
of Delaware Woman of the other part W<sup>m</sup> M<sup>r</sup> James  
Marshall late of the Township of West Bradford in the County  
of Chester deceased by virtue of a good and firm conveyance  
duly had and executed bearing date the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June Anno  
Domini 1782 became lawfully seized in fee of and in law certain  
Lots or parcels of Land situate in Christiana Hundred in the  
County of Newcastle aforesaid lying contiguous and bounded  
by Lands late of Thomas Ogle deceased John and Peter Hen-  
drickson and by lines of division of the original Tract being  
late the Estate of John Tomlinson dec<sup>d</sup> and being so thereof seized  
departed this life first having made his Last Will and last  
Will in Writing which has been duly proved and remains  
in the Registers Office for the s<sup>d</sup> County of Chester and wherein  
among other things are the following Words viz "I give devise  
and bequeath unto my son James Marshall a Tract of Land  
in Christiana Hundred in the County of Newcastle which I  
solely purchased of Tomlinsons containing about seventy six  
Aeres which I give to him <sup>his</sup> Heirs and Assigns forever" which said  
James Marshall the Devisee with his Wife are party to these  
presents Now this Indenture witnesseth that the  
said James Marshall and Jane his Wife for and in considera-  
tion of the sum of Four hundred and thirty six Pounds of  
good and lawful Money currency of Pennsylvania to them in  
Hand paid by the said James Brindley at and before the  
Sealing and delivery hereof the receipt of which is hereby  
acknowledged HAVE granted bargained and sold Aliened  
enjoyed released and confirmed and by these presents DO  
grant Bargain and sell Alien Enjoyn release and confirm unto  
the said James Brindley his Heirs and Assigns all that the  
following described Tract of Land divided into two Lots or  
parcels by a public Road but bounded together as follows viz.  
Beginning at a corner Stone in a line of Land late of Thomas  
Ogle dec<sup>d</sup> and in the South Westerly side of the Henriet Road  
thence along said Road South thirty five degrees East twenty  
five perches and eight tenths to another corner Stone on the side  
of said Road thence by another part of the original Tract South  
sixty eight degrees West eighty six perches and six tenths to a  
Stone and South twelve degrees and three quarters East forty  
one perches to a Stone near a small stream of Water and  
South

613 South forty two degrees and a half West crossing said Stream  
 several times fifty four perches to a Stone near the South East  
 side thereof and in the line of Peter Hendricksons Land thence  
 with the same North forty degrees and a quarter West crossing  
 a public Road that divides said Tracts one hundred and fifty  
 eight perches and one tenth to a corner Black Oak of John Hen-  
 dricksons Land thence with his line and a line of Land late of  
 the said Thomas Cyle North eighty seven degrees East and re-  
 crossing said public Road one hundred and ninety seven  
 perches to the place of Beginning containing by computation  
 exclusive of the said public Road Seventy six Acres and fifty  
 five perches of Land be there more or less thereof being the same  
 Lots or parcels of Land above mentioned Together with all  
 and singular the Houses Buildings Woods Ways Waters  
 Watercourses Rights Liberties Privileges Improvements and  
 Appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging or in any wise  
 appertaining and all the Estate Right Title Interest property  
 claim and demand of him the said James Marshall and  
 Jane his Wife of in and to the same or any part thereof **To**  
**have and to hold** the above described parcels of Land  
 and Premises and every part thereof with the appurtenances  
 unto the said James Brindley his Heirs and Assigns to the  
 only proper use and behoof of him the said James Brindley  
 his Heirs and Assigns forever Subject to a proportional part  
 of the Quit Rents payable to the chief Lord or Lords of the Fee  
 And the said James Marshall for himself and his Heirs  
 doth hereby covenant and agree with the said James Brind-  
 ley that he and his Heirs the above mentioned Lots or parcels  
 of Land Hereditaments and Premises hereby granted and  
 every part thereof with the appurtenances unto the said  
 James Brindley his Heirs and Assigns against him the said  
 James Marshall and Jane his Wife and their Heirs and against  
 all and every other Person or Persons whatsoever any thing  
 having or lawfully claiming by from or under him them  
 or any of them shall and will Warrant and forever defend  
 by these presents In witness whereof the said James Marshall & Jane  
 his Wife have hereunto set their Hands & Seals the Day & Year first above written  
 Sealed and Delivered in the presence of } James Marshall  
 David Brinton. Joseph Pierce } Jane Marshall

Received

614 Received the day of the date of the above written Indenture of  
the within named James Brindley the sum of Four hundred  
and thirty six Pounds being the consideration Money in full  
above mentioned Rec<sup>d</sup> p<sup>us</sup>.

Witness present.


£436<sup>00</sup>0

James Marshall

Jane Marshall

David Brinton. Jo<sup>r</sup>. Pierce.

Newcastle County sh<sup>r</sup>. Acknowledged in Open Court of Com-

 mon Pleas held at Newcastle for the County of New  
castle of the May Term A. D. 1792, In Testimony  
whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and affixed the Seal  
of said Court.

Recorded August 1<sup>st</sup> 1792.

Jun<sup>r</sup>. Bedford pro<sup>q</sup>.



State of Delaware

Newcastle County

Be it remembere that on this day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and Sixty three personally came before me Isaac P Walker a Notary Public for the State of Delaware Benjamin Gorman party to this Indenture known to me personally to be such and taken and read this indenture to be his deed Given under my hand and Seal of Office the day and year aforesaid

Isaac P Walker Notary Public

Revised for Record March the Twenty first A D one Thousand Eight hundred and Sixty four

A. S. Thamm Recorder

Exp. 3

This Indenture made the Twelfth day day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Sixty Four between Elizabeth Brindley and Rebecca D Brindley both of Christiana <sup>and Henry Gorman of the District of Columbia</sup> ~~in the County of Newcastle and the State of Delaware~~ in the United States of America and Talley his wife parties of the first part and Henry du Pont Eleuthere Du Pont and Lemmot du Pont of Christiana hundred aforesaid parties of the second part Witnesseth that the said parties of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of Eighteen thousand dollars lawful money of the United States of America unto them well and truly paid by the said Henry du Pont Eleuthere Du Pont and Lemmot du Pont at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents the Receipt whereof is here by acknowledged have granted bargained sold aliened enfeoffed release conveyed and confirmed and by these presents do grant bargain sell alien enfeoff release convey and confirm unto the said Henry du Pont Eleuthere Du Pont and Lemmot du Pont and to the Survivors of them his heirs and assigns All that certain parcel and tract of Land situated in Christiana bounded above and about three miles from the City of Wilmington bounded on the north west by the road called the "Centre Road" leading from the Brandywine Creek to the Red Clay Creek on the north west by lands of Isaac Hendricks on the South west by lands of Henry Grant on the South east by lands late of John Coyle on the North east by the Kentret Turnpike road and on the East by a road leading from the Kentret road to the Lancaster Turnpike road containing within said parcel One hundred and eighty Acres be the same more or less being the same parcel and tracts

of Land which was the homestead and residence  
of James J Brindley late of Christiana a Trust and  
apportioned deceased and which James J Brindley  
(widow of The said James J Brindley) Elizabeth  
Brindley Rebecca J Brindley Henry C Thomas and  
and Sally his wife by Indenture bearing date  
the fourteenth day of September 1860 and re-  
corded in the office for recording deeds &c at Ken-  
sington and for Stentcastle County aforesaid in Book  
I Vol 7 Page 244 &c sold and conveyed unto Rich-  
ard Brindley of Christiana Trust and apportioned  
in fee simple and the said Richard Brindley  
having deceased intestate the same deceased  
and came under and by force and virtue of the  
Laws of the State of Delamare unto his sisters  
Elizabeth Brindley Rebecca J Brindley and Sally  
Thomas (formerly Sally Brindley) in fee. Together  
with all and singular the Buildings all and  
house Barn improvements ways roads waters  
man courses rights liberties privileges hereditame-  
nts and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto bel-  
onging or in anywise appertaining and the rents  
issues and remainders rents issues ~~profits~~ and profits  
share of and all the estate right title interest  
property claim and demand whatsoever of them  
the said parties of the first part in law equity  
or otherwise hereof or in and to the same and  
every part and parcel thereof to have and to hold  
the said Farm and Tract of Land above described  
hereditaments and premises here by granted or con-  
veyed or intended so to be with the appurten-  
ances unto the said Henry du Pont Eleuthere J  
du Pont and Sammot du Pont and to the Surviv-  
or of them his heirs and assigns to and for the only  
proper use and behoof of the said Henry du Pont  
Eleuthere J du Pont and to the Survivor of them  
his heirs and assigns forever as joint tenants  
and not as tenants in common And the said  
parties of the first part for them selves their  
heirs executors and administrators do by these  
Presentments covenant grant and agree to and  
with the said Henry du Pont Eleuthere J du Pont  
and Sammot du Pont their heirs and assigns that  
they the said parties of the first part and their  
heirs all and singular the hereditaments and  
Premises herein above described and granted or con-  
veyed or intended so to be with the appurten-  
ances unto the said Henry du Pont Eleuthere J du  
Pont and Sammot du Pont their heirs and assigns  
against them the said parties of the first part  
their heirs and against all and every other party

or persons whom we lawfully claim in or  
to claim the same or any part thereof by  
from or under him them or any of them shall  
and will by these presents remain and forever  
defend In witness where of the said parties of  
the first part have hereunto set their hands  
and seals dated the day and year first above  
written

Sealed & delivered  
in the presence of  
as to Elizabeth Brindley  
Rebecca B Brindley and Sally  
B Thomas

Albert W Smith  
Notary du Pont  
as to Henry B Thomas  
S Thomas Jr  
Capt 1<sup>st</sup> US Artillery  
Col B Nott

Elizabeth Brindley  
Rebecca B Brindley  
Henry B Thomas  
Sally B Thomas

MS  
Stamp  
\$20.

Received the day of the date of the within na-  
med Henry du Pont Cleuthere du Pont & Lam-  
mot du Pont full satisfaction for the considera-  
tion money within mentioned

Elizabeth Brindley  
R. B. Brindley

State of Delaware  
New Castle County } Be it remem-  
bered that on this twelfth day of January in the y  
ear of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and fifty four personally came before me Al-  
bert W Smith a Notary Public for the State of de  
clare one Elizabeth Brindley Rebecca B Brin-  
dley and Sally B Thomas wife of Henry B Tho-  
mas parties to this Indenture known to me  
personally to be sent and severally acknowl-  
edged this Indenture to be their deed and the  
said Sally B Thomas being at the same time  
privately examined by me apart from her hus-  
band acknowledged that she executed the said  
Indenture willingly without compulsion or  
threat or fear of her husband's displeasure shown  
under my hand and Seal of Office the day and  
year aforesaid Albert W Smith Notary Public

State of Louisiana }  
Parish of Orleans } Be it remem-  
bered that on this fifteenth day of February A D 1864 eight  
hundred and fifty before me to wit a  
Notary Judge of the United States provisional  
Court for the State of Louisiana a court of record  
in and for said State of Louisiana a personally  
came Henry B Thomas and Sally B

his wife one of the parties to this Indenture known to me personally to be such and generally acknowledged this indenture to be true and the said Sally B Thomas being at the same time privately examined by me apart from her husband acknowledged that she executed the said indenture willingly without compulsion or threat or fear of her husband displeasure given under my hand and seal the day and year above said

Charles A Peabody  
Judge of the United States  
Provisional Court for the State of  
Louisiana

State of Louisiana  
Parish of Orleans I John J Peabody Clerk of the United States Provisional Court above named do hereby certify that John such Clerk and that Charles A Peabody whose name is above written was at the time above mentioned and now is Judge of said Court duly appointed and sworn In testimony whereof I have here to subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the said Court at the City of New Orleans this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February 1864  
John J Peabody

Received for Renda March Twenty Second A.D. one thousand eight hundred and Sixty four  
A. C. Shannon Receiver

This Indenture Made the twenty fifth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Sixty two Between Daniel H Veasey and Delia his wife of Wilmington City Newbasse County State of Delaware one of the one part and Isaac Dorman of White Clay Creek hundred New Castle County State of Delaware one of the other part Witnesseth that the said Daniel H Veasey for and in consideration of the sum of one thousand and twenty dollars lawful money of the United States of America unto him well and truly paid by the said Isaac Dorman at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath granted bargained sold conveyed and confirmed and by these presents doth grant bargain sell alien release release convey and confirmed unto the said Isaac Dorman his heirs and assigns

due from the estate of the said Thomas Ogle to the  
Adm<sup>r</sup>. That the s<sup>d</sup> Thomas Ogle at the time of his  
decease was seized in his demise as of fee of the  
tract of land & appurtenances herein after described  
to wit of the ~~crooked~~ publick inn called the  
crooked hill situated in Christiana Hundred  
in the County afo<sup>d</sup> together with a tract of land  
thereunto appertaining or belonging containing  
about ~~one~~ eighty acres. And likewise a parcel  
of marsh part of a larger parcel called Courard's  
cripple, containing about nine acres. Which  
premises were all the real estate which belonged to  
the s<sup>d</sup> Thomas Ogle at the time of his decease.

That it is necessary that the s<sup>d</sup> real estate should  
be sold for the purpose of satisfying the afo<sup>d</sup> debt  
& other demands subsisting against the same.

Petitioners therefore pray for an order to  
sell the s<sup>d</sup> real estate of the s<sup>d</sup> Thomas Ogle  
or so much thereof as may be necessary for  
the purpose afo<sup>d</sup>.

Geo. Brindley  
Elizabeth Brindley

At an Orphans Court held at  
Newcastle for the County of Newcastle  
the Fourth Day of October in the  
Year of Our LORD One thousand  
seven hundred and ninety one, Before  
James Latimer, Thomas Robinson &  
Alexander Porter, Esquires, Justices &c.

Upon the Petition of James  
Brindley and Elizabeth his Wife Admins of  
Thomas Ogle, deceased, setting forth, that  
by the Settlement of the Administration Account  
of the said Administrators by this honourable  
Court, it appears that the Sum of Seven hundred  
and twenty Pounds eleven Shillings and  
three Pence is due from the Estate of the said  
Thomas Ogle to the said Adrs. that the  
said Thomas Ogle at the Time of his Death was  
seised in his Demesne as of Fee of the Tract of  
Land and Appurtenances herein after described  
to wit, Of the public Inn called the Crooked  
Billit situated in Christiana Hundred in  
this County, together with a Tract of Land  
therunto appertaining or belonging containing  
about Eighty Acres and likewise of a Parcel  
of Marsh Part of a larger Parcel called  
Conrad's Cripple containing about Nine Acres  
which

which Premises were all the real Estate which  
belonged to the said Thomas Ogle at the Time  
of his Decease... that it is necessary that the  
said Real Estate should be sold for the  
Purpose of satisfying the aforesaid Debt and  
other Demands subsisting against the  
same... And praying the Court for  
an Order to sell the said real Estate of the  
said Thomas Ogle, or so much thereof as  
may be necessary for the purpose aforesaid. It  
is Ordered, that the said James Brindley &  
Wife Ads as aforesaid make Sale of the Premises  
aforesaid to satisfy <sup>and discharge</sup> the Debt & Demands aforesaid; &  
that they make Return thereof to the next  
Orphans Court..... Jan 7 1792 Cont.

I do certify, that the  
aforegoing is a true Copy of the  
Record, at New Castle. Given  
under my Hand & Seal of Office the  
Day and Year aforesaid.  
Geo. Booth  
for Clk Orp. Co<sup>t</sup>

By virtue in pursuance  
first day of March  
exposed to public  
after having given  
the said sale, and  
of the said County  
one thousand one

By virtue in pursuance of the within order on the  
first day of March last past, in the County afo<sup>r</sup> the  
exposed to public sale the premises within mentioned  
after having given due notice of the time & place of  
the said sale, and sold the same to Charles Williams  
of the said County afo<sup>r</sup> Farmer, for the sum of  
one thousand one hundred pounds. March 1<sup>st</sup> 1792

J<sup>r</sup>. Brindley  
Elizabeth Brindley



119 This Indenture made the ninth day of August in the twenty fourth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the second by the grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and fifty between Thomas Berry of the County of Newcastle on the County of Newcastle on Delaware Governor and Elizabeth his wife of the one part and Thomas Ogle of Christiana Hundred and County of Newcastle aforesaid Blacksmith of the other part Witnesseth that the said Thomas Berry and Elizabeth his wife and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and thirty four Pounds Ten pence current Money of this Government to them lawfully and truly paid by the said Thomas Ogle as or before the sealing and delivery of these presents the Receipt whereof they the said Thomas Berry and Elizabeth his wife do hereby acknowledge and themselves therewith fully satisfied contented and satisfied and thereof and of every part and parcel thereof do release acquit and for ever discharge the said Thomas Ogle and his heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns by these presents have granted Bargained Sold aliened released Enfeoffed and confirmed and by these presents do grant Bargain Sell alien release Enfeoff and confirm unto the aforesaid Thomas Ogle his heirs and Assigns a certain Tract or parcel of Land situate lying and being in Christiana Hundred and County of Newcastle aforesaid Beginning at a corner Tract or parcel of Land situate lying and being in Christiana Hundred and County of Newcastle aforesaid and said Tract South twenty two degrees west eleven perches thence South seven degrees East twenty four perches South thirty five degrees West twenty six perches South Fifty degrees West Southern perches South thirty degrees West five perches thence East ten degrees North and twenty six perches along Lucy Tomlinsons Line to Daniel Jewes Line thence along the said Jewes line North fifteen Degrees West forty eight perches thence North fifty one Degree West twenty five perches and right fourth parts of a perch and thence West one hundred and thirty one perches to the place of Beginning containing Several Six acres and twenty six perches of Land more or less Together with all and singular the Houses outhouses Barns Stables Edifices Buildings Improvements Gardens Crocades Meadows Marshes Scrumps Fountains Terraces Walks Ways Water courses Woods underwoods Timber and Fuel Plantings Lawns and Fishings Seelings Mines Minerals Quarries Rights Liberties Privileges Hereditaments and Appurtenances whatsoever to the said Tract or parcel of Land belonging or in anywise appertaining and lying and being within the Bounds and Limits of the said County of Newcastle and the Precincts and River of the said County and Remainders Rents Fees and profits thereof And all the Estate Right Title Interest Use Possession property Claim and Demand whatsoever of them the said Thomas Berry and Elizabeth his wife of in or out of the Land and premises aforesaid and every part thereof and all such Draughts Evidences and Writings touching or concerning the same to have and to hold the aforesaid hereby granted Premises or mentioned or intended to be hereby granted and conveyed by part and parcel thereof with the appurtenances unto the said Thomas Ogle his heirs and Assigns to the only proper use and behoof of the said Thomas Ogle his heirs and Assigns for ever Under the yearly Rent to become due to the said Lord or Lords of the Fee thereof and also under a certain Mortgage of the above granted Premises made by the aforesaid Thomas Berry partly to these presents unto the Trustees of the General Loan Office for the County of Newcastle as the principal and Interest thereof amounting to the sum of fifty one Pounds Ten shillings and seven pence as by the said Mortgage Deed bearing date the second day of June anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and forty seven may appear and the said Thomas Berry for himself his heirs Executors and Administrators and for his wife and every of them doth covenant promise grant and agree to and with the said Thomas Ogle his heirs and Assigns in manner and form following that is to wit that he the said Thomas Berry and his heirs the said Tract of Land as the same is above bounded and limited and every part and parcel thereof with the Appurtenances unto him the said Thomas Ogle his heirs and Assigns from and against him the said Thomas Berry and his heirs and against all and every other Person and Persons whatsoever lawfully claiming by from or under him her him or any of them shall and lawfully warrant and for ever defend by these presents And also that the said twenty six acres and twenty six perches of Land as the same is above bounded and limited and every part thereof is free and clear of and from all and every former and other Gifts Grants Bargains Sales Leases Releases Wills Testaments Deeds Mortgages Judgments Executions Extents Rents Arbitrages of Courts and Incumbrances of any kind whatsoever the said Rent of Mortgage aforesaid excepted & foregone and the aforesaid Thomas Berry and his heirs shall and will from time to time and at all times hereafter upon the reasonable Request and at the proper Costs and Charges in the Law of him the said Thomas Ogle his heirs or Assigns make do acknowledge and execute or cause to be all and every such further and other reasonable and lawful Aids and Fees Conveyances and Assurances in the Law whatsoever for the further and better conveying and Suremaking of the aforesaid twenty six acres and twenty six perches of Land and premises and every part and parcel thereof with the appurtenances unto the said Thomas Ogle his heirs and Assigns as shall be by him the said Thomas Ogle his heirs or Assigns or by his or their Council learned in the Law be reasonably advised devised or required Except as before excepted In Witness whereof the said Thomas Berry and Elizabeth his wife have hereunto set their hands and seals the first and year first above written and further before the signing and sealing the above Premises the said Thomas Berry do Impower John Richardson Esq. to deliver the said Deed in open Court on his behalf

Sealed & Delivered in the presence of  
 J<sup>r</sup> M. Kinly David Bush

Thomas Berry —  
 Elizabeth Berry —

Newcastle County To wit Elizabeth Barker being Examined to the Execution of the within Deed doth say that she of her own Voluntary and free will did Sign her name and executed the same and that without any persuasion of her husband Thomas Berry or any other person whatsoever with Acknowledgement was taken this 2 day of September 1752 before me  
 David Bush

The Execution of the above written Deed & power of Attorney was proved by David Bush Esq. one of the Witnesses thereto and the same was acknowledged in the Court of Common Pleas held for the County of Newcastle in November 1752  
 Witness my hand and Seal of the County of Newcastle this 22 day of November 1752  
 Nich<sup>l</sup> Williams Esq. Justice of the Peace

To all Whom these Presents shall come I Nicholas Mears of the County of Newcastle on Delaware Governor do hereby certify that the within Copy of the said Deed is a true and correct Copy of the original thereof as the same is now in my possession and I have compared the same with the original thereof and find them to be a true and correct Copy of the original thereof and I have signed the same in the presence of the said Thomas Berry and Elizabeth his wife and of the said John Richardson Esq. and of the said David Bush Esq. and of the said Nicholas Mears on the twenty second day of May 1752 for the hundred & twenty four Pounds Ten shillings and seven pence current Money of the said Government

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# THE DU PONTS

HOUSES AND GARDENS  
IN THE BRANDYWINE

1900-1951

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PORTFOLIO OF HOUSES



*Crooked Billet*

CROOKED BILLET, 1682 foundation and hearth, 18th-century inn, 1878, Wilmington, Delaware  
 OWNERS: Multiple owners; William du Pont; William du Pont Jr.; Jean Ellen du Pont and second husband, James Hoge Tyler McConnell  
 ARCHITECT: Unknown (alterations, 1938)  
*Private residence*

In 1878 this 30-acre property, called the Brindley Farm, was part of William du Pont's Pelleport. Twentieth-century additions flank the original portion of the house, which was once an inn known as the Crooked Billet. William du Pont Jr. renovated the house in 1938 and gave it to his daughter Jean Ellen when she was widowed in 1943. On the National Register of Historic Places, it is still owned by family members.



*Rencourt*

RENCOURT, 1890, New Castle County, Delaware  
 OWNERS: Alexis Irénée du Pont and his second wife, Elizabeth Canby Bradford  
 ARCHITECT: Theophilus Parsons Chandler (1890); Robeson Lea Perot (alterations, 1899)  
*Demolished 1950s*

The heavy-looking stone house, built of Brandywine granite, was named for the first wife of P. S. du Pont de Nemours—Nicole Charlotte Marie Louise Le Déé de Rencourt. The residence had deep porches, a mansard roof, and an oval-shaped conservatory off the library. Four family houses were built nearby: Valmy, the Porter Schutt house, Dogwood, and Doggone.

LYNDHAM, 1901, New Castle County, Delaware  
 OWNER: Evelina du Pont  
 ARCHITECT: Bissell & Perot  
*Private residence*

Lyndham was one of the first true Colonial Revival houses in Wilmington. The building details are a combination of poured concrete and terra-cotta rather than limestone. Evelina du Pont was the favorite maiden aunt to dozens of nieces and nephews. Her generosity and good humor made Lyndham a favorite gathering spot for the family. The house is no longer owned by the family.



*Lyndham*

POINT LOOKOUT, ca. 1902, New Castle County, Delaware  
 OWNERS: DuPont Company; Francis G. du Pont; A. Felix du Pont; Lydia du Pont  
 ARCHITECT: Unknown  
*Private residence*

## General Orders

Head Quarters, Burmingham [Pa.]<sup>1</sup> Septemr 9th  
1777.

Parole: \_\_\_\_\_ Countersign: \_\_\_\_\_

Intelligence having been received, that the enemy, instead of advancing towards Newport, are turned another course, and appeared to have a design of marching northward—this rendered it expedient for the army to quit Newport and march northward also; which occasioned it's sudden movement this morning.<sup>2</sup>

Such of the troops as have not been served with Rum to day, are as soon as possible to be served with a gill a man.

The Major and Brigadier Generals of the day, accompanied by the Quarter Mr General, will immediately reconnoitre the environs of the camp; and fix on the proper places for the posting of picquets, for its security.

Varick transcript, DLC:GW.

1. GW on this date established his headquarters nearly a mile east of Chadds Ford, Pa., in the house of Benjamin Ring (c.1737–1804). GW remained there until 11 Sept., but it was not until 7 Feb. 1778 that he paid Ring £22.10 for "30 person[s] eating at 6 different times" (vouchers and receipted accounts, 1776–80, DLC:GW, ser. 5, vol. 29; see also household account book, 11 April 1776–21 Nov. 1780, DLC:GW, ser. 5, vol. 28).

2. Lt. James McMichael of Greene's division says in his diary entry for this date: "At 4 A.M. we received marching orders and proceeded E.N.E. to the Crooked Billet, on the great road from Wilmington to Lancaster; thence thro' Kennett township, Chester county [Pa.], crossed the Brandywine and turning S.E. encamped in the township of Birmingham, being extremely fatigued for want of rest and severe marching" ("McMichael's Diary," [-] [William P. McMichael. "Diary of Lieutenant James McMichael, of the Pennsylvania Line, 1776–1778." *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* 16 (1892): 129–59.] 149; see also "Old Virginia Line," 289). The Continental troops crossed Brandywine Creek at Chadds Ford, Pa., about two miles north of the Delaware state line (see Pickering and Upham, Life of Pickering, 1:154). John Chadd (d. 1760), who had operated a ferry at the ford since the 1730s, owned a house and tavern nearby.

British engineer Capt. John Montresor says in his diary entry for this date: "At 2 o'clock P.M. Lt.-General Kniphuysen with the 3rd division and 2 more British Brigades marched for Kennett's square [Pa.] via New Garden [Pa.] and arrived at his ground at 11. At sunset this evening the 2 other divisions of this Army under Lord Cornwallis and Major-General Grant marched from Head Quarters at Nichols's House Mill Creek Hundred by a bye road to Hokesson Meeting house [Del.]—Quaker meeting 4 miles distance and encamped. . . . At ½ past 5 this afternoon the Commander in Chief [Howe] received accounts of the rebel army having evacuated Newport and Wilmington and taken post at Chad's ford on the Brandywine Creek" (Scull, Montresor Journals, 448; see also Muenchhausen, At General Howe's Side, 30; Lydenberg, Robertson Diaries, 145–46; André, Journal, 44–45; Baurmeister, Revolution in America, 104–6; and Ewald, Diary, 80).

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# GENERAL ORDERS, 9 SEPTEMBER 1777

## General Orders

Head Quarters, Burmingham [Pa.]<sup>1</sup> Septemr 9th  
1777.

Parole: Countersign:

Intelligence having been received, that the enemy, instead of advancing towards Newport, are turned another course, and appeared to have a design of marching northward—this rendered it expedient for the army to quit Newport and march northward also; which occasioned it's sudden movement this morning.<sup>2</sup>

Such of the troops as have not been served with Rum to day, are as soon as possible to be served with a gill a man.

The Major and Brigadier Generals of the day, accompanied by the Quarter Mr General, will immediately reconnoitre the environs of the camp; and fix on the proper places for the posting of picquets, for its security.

Varick transcript, DLC:GW.

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be appointed to receive the same And in Case of non  
payment thereof within ninety Days next after the  
same shall become due that then it shall and may be  
lawful for Us our Heirs and Successors our and their Re-  
ceivers or Receivors into and upon the hereby granted Land  
& Premises to Remain and the same to hold and possess  
untill the said Quit rent and all Arrears thereof together  
with the Charges accruing by reason of the payment and  
the Entry the fully paid and Discharged Writings  
James Hamilton Esquire Lieutenant Governor of the  
said Province and Counties who in presence and by  
Witness of certain Powers and Authorities to him for this  
purpose (inter alia) granted by the said Proprietaries  
have come unto for his Hand and caused the Great  
Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed at  
Philadelphia this twenty sixth Day of March in the  
Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and  
Fifty the twenty third Year of the Reign of King  
George the Second over Great Brittain &c. and  
the thirty Second Year of the said Proprietaries Go-  
vernment — James Hamilton Seal  
Recorded April 7<sup>th</sup> 1750

Thomas Penn and Richard Penn  
Esqrs True and Absolute Proprietaries and Governors

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in Chief of the provinces of Pennsylvania and Counties of New  
Castle Kent and Sussex in Delaware So all unto whom  
these presents shall come greeting Whereas by patent  
dated the first Day of October 1669 from Francis Lovelace  
Esquire Governor of New York there was granted unto  
Robert Scott John Marshall John Cousins and John Terry  
as a certain Tract of Land Situate on the West Side of  
and near the River Delaware therein described to be  
lying and being on the East Side of Christina River or  
Creek, commonly called the Mill Kill or Archers the  
Mill on the East with the Bounds of Christiana Town or  
John Mather's Land (Containing about four hundred acres  
be it more or less under the yearly quit rent of one Bushel  
of Wheat of Hundred acres by the Patent on Record  
on Record on New York and an Exemplification thereof  
under the proper Seal now produced appears And Where-  
as by Witness of several Major Grants and Conveyances  
in Law the Right of and in the said four hundred acres  
Tract of Land became afterwards vested in a certain Sir  
John Delagrave who by his Deed Poll of the six-  
teenth Day of September Anno Domini 1684 for the  
Consideration therein mentioned did grant and convey unto  
a certain Lucas Statham in fee a certain piece or Tract  
of Land being the quantity of two hundred acres part  
of the above mentioned four hundred acres Tract and therein  
and therein described to be situate lying and being on the West

West Side of Delaware River and on the North Side of Chris-  
 tiana Creek bounded on the East with a marked corner white  
 Oak by the side of the Deer Creek and from thence by the  
 said Creek by several Courses Ninety two perches to a corner  
 marked White Oak and from thence by a Line of marked  
 Trees forty six perches to a corner marked Hickory stand-  
 ing upon a Stony Hill from thence by several Courses  
 thirty eight perches to a corner marked Corner Tree at the  
 Side from thence thirty eight perches to a corner  
 marked White Oak from thence North by West Sixty two  
 perches to a corner marked White Oak from thence North  
 West forty three perches to a corner marked White Oak  
 at the Head of a Small Branch of the Mill Creek  
 thence West by South forty four perches to a corner marked  
 Spanish Oak thence by a Line of marked trees South  
 by East three hundred and fifty perches to a marked  
 White Oak corner Tree Standing by the Mouth of Cap-  
 broad Creek and from thence along the Marsh Side by  
 several Courses to the first mentioned White Oak standing  
 at the Side of Deer Creek One hundred & fifty nine per-  
 -ches and an half by the same Record. And still more  
 fully appears And Whereas by virtue of a Warrant  
 dated the thirtieth Day of July 1685 from the then  
 Commissioners of Property there was granted Surveyed and  
 laid out on the first Day of August then next following  
 unto the said Lucas Stedham a Certain Tract of Land

Situate lying and being on the North Side of Christiana Creek  
 aforesaid Beginning at a corner marked White Oak being a  
 Corner Tree of Lucas Stedham Land and also of Andrew  
 Stalcope Land and from thence by Andrew Stalcope Line  
 North Eighteen Degrees East One hundred perches to a corner  
 marked Spanish Oak thence North fifty three Degrees  
 West twenty seven perches to a corner marked Red Oak  
 standing in a Line of a piece of Land belonging to  
 John and Andrew Stalcope and Samuel Peterson and from  
 thence bounding with the said Land South thirty Degrees  
 West eighty eight perches to marked red Oak then S.  
 47° W. 42 perches to a corner marked White Oak thence  
 S. W. 62 perches to a corner marked Red Oak thence  
 S. W. 6° thirty four perches to a corner marked White Oak  
 Standing in one of the Lines of the aforesaid Land  
 and by a Small Rivulet side which Divides this from  
 Samuel Petersons Land and thence down by the said Rivulet  
 Side South thirty two Degrees West fifty two perches South  
 thirty six Degrees West sixteen perches South nineteen  
 Degrees West eighteen perches South twenty three Degrees  
 East thirteen perches S 27° W. 20 perches to a corner mar-  
 -ked Spanish Oak standing by the said Rivulet Side  
 thence up another small Rivulet w. divides this from Le-  
 ganges Land North twenty five Degrees East forty perches  
 North thirty three Degrees East thirty six perches North forty  
 eight Degrees East thirty four perches to a corner marked

and Oaks of Lucas Stedham Land aforementioned thence bounding with the said Land East by North forty four perches to a corner marked White Oak thence South forty nine Degrees East forty three perches to the first mentioned White Oak containing and laid out for Sixty five acres of Land as in and by the said Warrant and Survey remaining in our Surveyor General's Office appears. And Whereas the said Lucas Stedham by his Deed Poll dated the twentieth Day of September 1711 for the Consideration therein mentioned did grant and Convey unto his two Sons Timothy Stedham and Lucas Stedham and their Heirs in Fee All that the said two Hundred acres Tract of Land hereinafore described and conveyed to him the said Lucas Stedham the Elder by the said Amos Delegrange as aforesaid and also the said Sixty five acres Tract of Land herein before described and Surveyed to and for the said Lucas Stedham the Elder as aforesaid. And Whereas the said Timothy Stedham did afterwards by his Deed Poll of the twenty Seventh Day of May 1723 for the Consideration therein mentioned give grant and convey unto his Brother Amos Stedham in Fee All his the s<sup>d</sup>. Timothy Stedham's Estate Right Title Interest Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the said Several Tracts of two hundred acres and Sixty five acres of Land with the Appurtenances as in and by the said Several last recited Deed Poll more fully appears. And Whereas the said Lucas Stedham the

Younger is since deceased Intestate leaving Issue Peter Stedham and James Stedham his two Sons and six Daughters Viz<sup>t</sup> Christiana now Wife of John August, Susanna, now Wife of Peter Lightbrakes Althicks Mary now Wife of Joseph Scull, Sarah now Wife of John Wabrother, Elizabeth now Wife of Alexander Porter and Anger Stedham, who together with the said Amos Stedham the Elder have all agreed and jointly brought us to grant them our Warrant of Resurvey of and for the said two hundred acres Tract in Order for the better to ascertain the Lines and bounds thereof and also the Overplus if any contained within the Lines of the said two hundred acres Tract and upon return thereof to grant our Patent of Confirmation for the said two hundred acres of Land and the Overplus if any shall appear to be contained within the Lines thereof and also for the said Sixty five acres Tract unto the said Amos Stedham the Elder and the said Peter Stedham and James Stedham the younger in manner hereafter expressed and approved. And Whereas in pursuance of our Warrant for the purposes aforesaid I issued under the Seal of our Land Office dated the nineteenth Day of February last past requiring our Surveyor General as well to Resurvey the said two hundred acres Tract and to certify to us the Overplus Land therein contained if any as also to accept the s<sup>d</sup>. Survey of the said Tract called Sixty five acres hereinafore described and to make return thereof into our Secretary's Office the said Warrant hath



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then accordingly executed and our Surveyor General in Virtue  
thereof hath certified the Bounds & Limits of the said two  
hundred acres together with the marsh above mentioned to  
be as follows Viz<sup>t</sup>. Beginning at a Corner Stake on  
the South Side of a Small Branch and from thence  
Extending by Land in the possession of Edward Roberson  
South thirteen Degrees forty minutes East three hundred and  
Twenty Six perches to a post by Capboard Creek & from  
thence extending along the several Courses thereof fifty  
nine perches and a half to the mouth of the same thence down  
the aforesaid Mill Creek on the several Courses thereof two  
hundred and five perches to a Stake thence by marsh in  
the possession of Edward Roberson aforesaid and Isaac  
Chandler North thirty four Degrees and three quarters of  
a Degree East thirty eight perches and a half to a Stake  
North thirty eight Degrees West forty one perches to a Stake  
and North thirty nine Degrees East thirty two perches to a  
Stake by a Gut thence down the same Gut on the several  
Courses thereof to the mouth of the same thence up Deer  
Creek on the several Courses thereof four hundred and three  
perches and one quarter of a perch to a marked Spanish  
Oak thence by Land belonging to the Heirs of Andrew  
Stalcoff deceased North Sixty one Degrees and a half  
West fifty one perches to a marked White Oak thence  
by the Sixty five acre tract abovementioned North forty  
nine Degrees and one quarter of a Degree West forty  
six perches to a marked White Oak and South Twenty

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nine Degrees West forty four perches and three quarters of a  
Perch to the place of Beginning containing three hundred  
acres (forty four acres of which are marsh) and an Allow-  
-ance of Six acres per Cent for Roads and Highways And  
the Notes and Bounds of the tract called Sixty five acres  
to be as follows, that is to say, Beginning at a corner  
marked White Oak of Andrew Stalcoff's Land and from  
thence Extending by the same North sixteen Degrees East  
One hundred perches to a marked Spanish Oak thence  
North fifty three Degrees West twenty seven perches to a mark-  
ed Red Oak thence by the Lands of John and Andrew  
Stalcoff and Samuel Peterson South thirty degrees West  
Eighty eight perches to a marked Red Oak thence North forty  
seven Degrees West forty two perches to a marked White Oak  
thence South West by West Sixty two perches to a marked  
Red Oak thence North West by West thirty four perches  
to a marked White Oak standing by small Rivulet's side  
which divides this from the said Samuel Peterson's Land  
thence down by the said Rivulet's Side South thirty two  
Degrees West fifty two perches South Sixty six Degrees  
West Sixteen perches South nineteen degrees West eight-  
-teen perches South twenty three Degrees East thirteen  
perches and South twenty seven degrees West twenty perches  
to a marked Spanish Oak standing by the said Ri-  
-vulet's Side thence up another small Rivulet which  
divides this from Land formerly Arnoldes LeGrand's  
North Twenty four Degrees East forty perches North thirty  
three Degrees East thirty six perches North forty eight de-

-grey East Sixty four perches to a marked Spanish Oak  
 thence by the above described Tract East by north forty four  
 perches to a corner marked White Oak and South forty nine  
 Degrees East forty three perches to the place of Beginning  
 containing Sixty one acres and one quarter of an acre and  
 the usual allowance for Roads as aforesaid as in and by the  
 said Warrant of Recovery and Surveyors aforesaid  
 remaining in our Surveyors General's Office and from thence  
 certified into our Secretarys Office more fully appears &  
 Now know ye that at the Special Instance and  
 Request of the said several Parties and in Consideration of  
 the Sum of One hundred and fifty pounds lawful money  
 of Pennsylvania to our Use paid by the said James Ste-  
 -ham the Elder and Peter Stehman and James Stehman  
 the Younger The Receipt whereof we hereby Acknowledge  
 and thereof do Acquit and for our Discharge the said  
 James Stehman the Elder and Peter Stehman and James  
 Stehman the Younger and their Heirs and Assigns by  
 these Presents and of the yearly Quit rent herein after  
 mentioned and reserved We have given granted re-  
 -leased and confirmed and by these Presents for Us our  
 Heirs and Successors Do give Grant Release and Con-  
 -firm unto the said James Stehman the Elder and Peter Ste-  
 -ham and James Stehman the Younger and their Heirs  
 and Assigns All that the said herein before described  
 Tract of Land and Marsh containing in the whole three  
 hundred acres and allowance aforesaid and also the said  
 described tract of Sixty one acres and one quarter of  
 an acre of Land With all Mines Minerals Quarries Mea-  
 -sures

-ures Marshes Swamps Springs Wells and  
 -works Timber and Trees Ways Waters Water Courses Libe-  
 -ties profits Commodities Advantages Hereditaments and  
 Appurtenances whatsoever therunto belonging or in anywise  
 Appertaining and lying within the Bounds and Limits aforesaid  
 three full and clear fifth parts of all Royal Mines free  
 from all Deductions and Expences for Digging and  
 Refining the same And also One fifth part of the Ore  
 of all other Mines delivered at the pits mouth only accepted  
 and hereby reserved And also you Give Right and Li-  
 -berty to and for the said James Stehman the Elder and  
 Peter Stehman and James Stehman the Younger and  
 their Heirs and Assigns To Hawk Hunt Fish and  
 Fowl in and upon the hereby granted Land and pre-  
 -mises or upon any part thereof To have and  
 to hold one moiety or half part of the said three  
 hundred acres Tract of Land and Marsh and Sixty one  
 acres and one quarter of an acre of Land hereby grant-  
 -ed or mentioned so to be with the Appurtenances unto  
 them the said James Stehman the Elder his Heirs and  
 Assigns To the only proper Use and Behoof of the said  
 James Stehman his Heirs and Assigns for ever And to  
 have and to hold the said other moiety or half  
 part of the said three hundred acres Tract of Land and  
 Marsh and Sixty one acres and one quarter of an acre  
 of Land with the Appurtenances unto them the said Peter  
 Stehman and James Stehman the Younger their Heirs &

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of us, James To the Use and behoof of them the said Peter  
Stukhan and James Stukhan the younger and of their said  
Sister several Sisters Christiana Susanna Mary Sarah  
Elizabeth & Augustin and their Heirs according to their  
Heirs according to their several and respective Estates  
purporting Shares and Interests in them & used or being  
by Force and Virtue of the Act of General Assembly of  
the said County entitled an Act for the better settling  
Inheritance Estates or otherwise hereunto to be hol-  
-den of us our Heirs and Successors Proprietaries of  
Pennsylvania and County aforesaid as of free Manner  
of Rochlands in the said County of New Castle in free  
and Common Burgeage by Fealty only in Lieu of all other  
Services Yielding and Paying therefor yearly  
to us our Heirs and Successors at the town of New Castle  
in the said County County at or upon the first day of  
March in every year from the first Day of March last  
past three Bushel and an half of good Merchantable  
Winter Wheat that is to say three Bushels of Wheat  
for the three hundred acres and one half Bushel for  
the Sixty one acres and a Quarter and one whole year  
Rent on every Alienation to such Person or persons as shall  
John Sims to him be appointed to Receive the same And  
in Case of Non payment thereof within ninety Days  
next after the same shall become due that then it shall  
and may be Lawfull for us our Heirs and Successors  
our and their Receiver or Receivers into and upon the  
herby granted Land and premises to re-enter and the  
same to hold and possess until the said quit rent and  
etc

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all Arrears thereof together with the Charges accruing  
by means of such Non payment and Rent to be fully paid  
and Discharged Witness James Hamilton Esquire  
Lieutenant Governor of the said Province and Counties  
who in Pursuance and by Virtue of certain Powers and  
authorities to him for this purpose (inter alia) granted  
by the said Proprietaries hath hereunto set his Hand  
and caused the great Seal of the said Province to be  
hereunto affixed at Philadelphia this twelfth Day  
of July in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven  
hundred and fifty the twenty fourth year of the Reign  
of King George the Second over Great Britain &c.  
and the thirty third year of the said Proprietaries  
Government James Hamilton Seal  
Recorded August 15. 1750

Thomas Penn and Richard  
Penn Esquires true and absolute Proprietaries  
& Governors in Chief of y<sup>e</sup> Province of Pennsylvania  
& Counties of New Castle Kent & Sussex on Delaware  
to all unto whom these presents shall come Greeting  
Whereas in Pursuance & by Virtue of a Warrant under  
Seal of y<sup>e</sup> said Province bearing Date the six-  
teenth Day of April in y<sup>e</sup> Year of our Lord 1705 from  
y<sup>e</sup> said Commissioners of Property the one Surveyor &  
Laid out unto y<sup>e</sup> Heals of y<sup>e</sup> said County of New Castle  
A certain Part of Land in St. Georges Hundred within  
y<sup>e</sup>

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1 NAME

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HISTORIC

Brindley Farm

AND/OR COMMON

Crooked Billet

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Intersection of Barley Mill Rd. & Kennett Pike

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Wilmington

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Delaware

VICINITY OF

CODE

10

One

COUNTY

New Castle

CODE

002

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
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<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. Jean du Pont McConnell

STREET & NUMBER

Crooked Billett, Kennett Pike

CITY, TOWN

Wilmington

STATE

Delaware

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Public Building

STREET & NUMBER

Rodney Square

CITY, TOWN

Wilmington

STATE

Delaware

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Survey of Delaware Historic Sites and Buildings, N-529

DATE

1972

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Historic Registrar's Office; Division of Historical and Cultural  
Affairs, Hall of Records

CITY, TOWN

Dover

STATE

Delaware

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The subject property is an irregular tract, containing 28.34 acres, at the southeast corner of the intersection of Kennett Pike and Barley Mill Road, near Wilmington. Although the property is completely surrounded by suburban development, it retains its rural character. The house, carriage house, and barn, remain as reminders of an earlier period.

Crooked Billet is a five-bay, stone, two-and-a-half-story, eighteenth-century structure, with later rear wings and a modern side porch. A modern portico covers the central front door. The house was extensively remodelled during the present century, but the basic features of the original tavern have survived in the main (front) section of the house.

There are two major outbuildings on the tract: a large bank barn and a carriage house. The carriage house, now a garage, is two stories high, of stone, with two brick-arched bays. It contains a datestone of 1807. The barn is frame, covered with composition siding, and consists of three main wings. The elevated main wing is entered through a large pair of double doors; extending to the rear on either side are smaller wings. The ground floor of the main wing is a stone foundation; the smaller wings have stone foundations covered with stucco. These basements contain the stalls for horses..

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Crooked Billet property is the last, surviving farm property in a sprawling suburban district. With its barn, carriage house, and pastures, it retains its rural character on a relatively small tract. It is one of the few surviving eighteenth-century Delaware tavern buildings, and a rare surviving example of early rock construction.

An inn or tavern, called Crooked Billet, is mentioned in a deed to this property dated 1792. Since 1750, only two families have owned it. The five-bay, main stone section is the oldest part of the house. A carriage house, also built of stone, is dated 1807. Other wings and outbuildings have been added by more recent occupants, but the original structure retains much of its earlier appearance.

Since 1864, the property has belonged to the du Ponts. In that year, the Brindley family sold approximately 180 acres to Henry, Lamot, and Eleuthere du Pont, partners in the nearby powder mills. In 1882, Henry du Pont, the senior partner in the firm, acquired full title. His son, William, lived there but did not receive the property until Henry du Pont's death seven years later.

William du Pont began his service with the family firm at the age of 17, in 1878, managing "the farm," which amounted to thous ands of acres surrounding the Brandywine powder mills. In 1880, he became secretary of a new subsidiary, Repauno Chemical Company, which manufactured dynamite at a plant near Gibbstown, New Jersey. High explosives were relatively new and untested; Lamot du Pont, the president of Repauno, died in 1882 when an experimental device exploded. Shortly thereafter, William du Pont became president of both Repauno and the Hercules Powder Company, which operated a similar plant in Ohio. He moved the companies' offices from Philadelphia to Wilmington; eventually, they became a part of the larger DuPont Company that was incorporated in 1902. His granddaughter, Mrs. Jean du Pont McConnell, has occupied the house for approximately twenty-five years.

The property was originally patented to Adam Stedham in 1684. After passing through several hands, the central tract of 80 acres passed to Thomas Ogle, a blacksmith, in 1750. He died on February 19, 1777, but the estate was not settled until 1791, after his minor children came of age. His widow married James Brindley,

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Blaine T. Phillips, manuscript history of title to Crooked Billet, 1974, in Historic Preservation Section files, Hall of Records, Dover, Delaware

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 28.34

UTM REFERENCES

A	18	449480	4402480	B	184	449480	4401950
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C	18	448910	4401950	D	18	448910	4402480

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property is surrounded on all sides by streets. On the northeast, boundary is Kennett Pike; on the northwest it is Barley Mill Road. Subdivision streets bound the property on the southeast and southwest, where it adjoins the Westover Hills development

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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Edward F. Heite, Historic Registrar

ORGANIZATION

Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs

DATE

October 1974

STREET & NUMBER

Hall of Records

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STATE

Delaware

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

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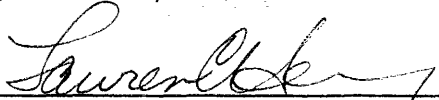
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As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

NAME:

Lawrence C. Henry



TITLE

: Director, Division of Historical & Cultural Affairs

DATE

2/27/76

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Acting DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

9/28/96

ATTEST:

DATE

9/27/76

Acting KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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an innholder, who bought the Crooked Billet Inn through a straw man from the estate in 1792. About the same time, Brindley acquired other tracts to accumulate an 180-acre farm, which his family finally sold in 1864. The two-story, stone carriage house is said to have been built by the Brindleys in 1801. This building stands near the old trace of Barley Mill Road (since replaced by Del. 141), which formerly ran alongside the inn, where the present Crooked Billet driveway runs.





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**1** NAME

HISTORIC

Brindley Farm

AND/OR COMMON

Crooked Billet

**2** LOCATION

CITY/TOWN Wilmington

\_\_\_VICINITY OF

STATE Delaware

COUNTY New Castle

**3** PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT Willard Stewart, Inc., Wilmington,  
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DATE OF PHOTO 1974

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**4** IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

East facade.

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"CROOKED BILLET" - NORTH CORNER - 1974

(2)

NFS No. of 9-28-76

Title: Brindley Farm

New Castle Co., Delaware

Loc. \_\_\_\_\_

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Brindley Farm New Castle Co., Delaware MAY 12 1976 (7  
"CROOKED BILLET" - WEST END FOLLOWING ADDITION 1970

(STONE FOR ADDITION IN OLD BARN AS PURCHASED -  
BARN FORMERLY LOCATED AT TOP OF "PENNY HILL"  
LOCATION OF PRESENT CATHOLIC CHURCH - DATE STONE  
ON SIDE BETWEEN 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR WINDOWS - RATHER THAN  
AT PEAK)

SPF -Doe

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"Bridley Farm" New Castle Conn. Llanaw  
~~"CROOKER BILLET"~~ - SOUTH EAST - 1970

MAY 12 1976

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"CROOKED BILLET" GARAGE - FORMERLY CARRIAGE BARN  
FOR CHANGE OF COACHES - 1950

EAST-SIDE - FACING HOUSE

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BRINDLEY FARM New Castle Co., Delaware MAY 12 1976  
"CROOKED BILLET" - BARN STABLE - 1974 - NORTH

FIRST IMPROVEMENTS IN 1945 - ADDITION OF  
SHINGLES OVER OLD WOOD SIDES -  
RAMP ENTRANCE -

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"CROOKED BILLET" - BARN + STABLE - EAST - 1974

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"CROOKED BILLET" - DATE STONE OVER LOFT DOOR <sup>(39)</sup>  
IN NORTH SIDE OF GARAGE

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"ROOTED BILLET" - ORIGINAL BED-ROOM - 1974

(3)

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FPS Number 9-28-76

Title: BRINDLEY FARM

New Castle Co., Delaware

Loc. original bedroom

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