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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC THE JUDGE'S (House and Law Office)

AND/OR COMMON

Same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

100 and 104 West Market Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY TOWN

Georgetown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

One

STATE

Delaware

VICINITY OF

CODE

10

COUNTY

Sussex

CODE

003

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE
- YES RESTRICTED
- YES UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER: Law Office

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mrs. Mary Houston Robinson, Robt. H. Robinson, Thomas Robinson, Mary Catherine Robinson

STREET & NUMBER

100 and 104 West Market Street

CITY TOWN

Georgetown

VICINITY OF

STATE

Delaware

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Sussex County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

The Circle

CITY TOWN

Georgetown

STATE

Delaware

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Historic American Buildings Survey (Del. 154 and Del. 155)
Delaware Cultural Resource Survey (S-103)

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR

SURVEY RECORDS

Hall of Records

CITY TOWN

Dover

STATE

Delaware

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Judge's house and law office occupy a block on the original town plot of Georgetown (drawn up in 1791) bounded by West Market Street on the southeast, North Alley (closed for more than a century) on the southwest, Laurel Street on the northwest, and North Front Street on the northeast. The section of Georgetown in which the property is located contains some of the earliest surviving structures in the town.

The original structure built by Justice Peter Robinson shortly after 1800 appears to have been a single-pile side hall plan, two-and-a-half story Federal style house with a single-pile, two-bay wing on the southwest end and a single-pile, one-story, three-bay wing running out from the rear of the main section of the house. The original siding, still visible on the outside of the kitchen wing and in a small portion of the first floor rear wall of the house, was wide, horizontal water millsawn beaded weatherboard. Remnants of this same type of siding are also found in other structures of the same vintage and quality in Sussex County, Delaware.

By the time of Justice Robinson's death in the early 1830's, court records indicate that the one story wing on the southwest end of the house had been raised to a full two-and-a-half stories, in a five-bay, center hall style. While this main section of the house appears from the street to be a symmetrical late Federal house with some Greek Revival detailing, the rear of the house is not entirely symmetrical. It is possible from a close examination of the rear of the main section to detect where the original one story or one-and-a-half story wing was raised to a full two stories, probably during the 1820's.

The structure has undergone other alterations during its history. Most changes were made during the mid-19th century, though certain modern alterations have been made as well. In the early 1840's, Judge Edward Wooten, Justice Robinson's son-in-law and the second owner of the house, carried out an extensive remodelling of the interior in Greek Revival style. Hand-hewn cypress shingles, a characteristic siding material of 19th century lower Delaware architecture, were applied to the exterior of the main five-bay section of the house. The small law office on the property is also shingled in the same material. Judge Wooten also added one-story, one-bay Greek Revival flat-roofed porches to the house and the law office.

While the kitchen, located at the rear of the rear wing, underwent an unfortunate major alteration in the 1950's in which all the original paneling was removed, the dining room, situated between the kitchen and the main section, is largely original. It possesses many original details including wide pine floorboards, chair-rail mouldings, four-paneled doors, and door and window trim. The dining room also retains its original arched corner cupboard. Two attic rooms over the kitchen and dining room were rendered inaccessible by the removal of an enclosed kitchen stairway in the 1950's, except through two small, four-pane gable end windows on the northwest gable end of the rear wing. The original kitchen fireplace, said to have been seven feet wide, was also closed in during the 1950's. The exterior end chimney is a rare (by lower Delaware standards) stuccoed brick chimney nine feet wide at the base with a water table and sloped weatherings. The chimney has an arched brick hood. The arched hoods are repeated in the two interior end chimneys in the main section of the house.

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The exterior of the rear wing is largely original with original siding, window trim, and heavy beaded plank outer doors bolted to inner paneled doors. An "L" shaped porch extends along the full length of the rear wing and across the central bay of the main house. The section of the porch at the rear of the main house displays mortise and tenon construction. That running along the side of the rear wing appears later and may have been reconstructed during the early 20th century. The porch in its present design appears in a photo of the house taken in 1900.

The roofs of both wings and the main section of the house are covered with modern asphalt shingles over earlier wooden shake shingles. Both front and rear slopes of the gable roof of the main section contain three symmetrically-placed federal style dormers with classical curved pedimented roofs and six-over-six sash windows. The gable ends contain small six-light casement windows at each side of the interior end chimneys. The windows are shuttered with board-and-batten shutters.

Perhaps the most visible of Judge Wooten's exterior renovations is a one-story gable-roofed addition extending out from the northeast gable end of the main section. This one-bay wing, which was apparently used as a study through much of the history of the house, contains Greek Revival window trim, and a fireplace surround in the same style. The fireplace ties into the chimney running up through the main section. Another fireplace in the parlor at the northeast end of the main section opens into the same chimney as does a third fireplace in the northeast end bedroom on the second floor which has been enclosed. Judge Wooten installed ornate Greek Revival mantelpieces of gray King-of-Prussia marble around the two first floor fireplaces in the main section of the house. Both have Ionic columns supporting the mantelpiece. The baseboards, symmetrical window trim, doorways, and other features of the main section date from Judge Wooten's renovation. The stairway rising from the central hallway to a landing and then to the second floor hallway is Greek Revival in design with simple turned balusters and a ramped railing where the rail meets the landing and second floor hallway posts.

The front doors of both the house and the law office are six-paneled. The doorway of the main house has sidelights and a four-light transom. An ornamental brass knocker on the door is engraved with the arms of the Lords Baltimore. The device was inherited from the ancestral home of General Jesse Green, a descendent of the Calvert family. The doorways leading onto the rear porch from the central hall of the main section are three-paneled on the interior and planked with beaded planks on the exterior. These double doors and the doors leading to the porch from the kitchen and dining room in the rear wing appear to be original.

The attic of the main section is partially finished with plaster walls and simple wood plank floors and baseboards. A crawl space above the attic gives access

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to the ridge of the roof, where it is possible to see the original morticed and tenoned beams on the northeast or older end.

Two second floor six-over-six double hung sash windows pierce the southwest gable end, which also contains two attic level six-light casements. Only one window appears in the northeast gable end, also at the second floor window level at the front corner of the house. The northeast end also contains the two attic level windows and a first floor window at the front corner. It is probable that both of these windows were cut into the wall during the 1840 renovation.

Among the more interesting features of the second floor of the house are a pair of wrought iron and brass carpenter's locks on doors of adjoining bedrooms on the second floor. Although the two rooms, at the southwest end, were originally a single larger bedchamber, a dividing wall was put in during Judge Wooten's renovation. An original single fireplace was converted into two smaller corner fireplaces. The lock on the rear bedroom door bears a brass seal emblazoned with the arms of Great Britain and the notation that the lock was manufactured during the reign of King William IV. The front bedroom door lock seal is emblazoned with an American eagle.

Neither the house nor the law office have basements and both sit on brick foundations. While the exterior of the small gable roofed law office is relatively unaltered, the building has had a modern one-story wing added to the rear. The interior of the original two-bay one-story office was extensively altered during the 1950's and now possesses virtually no original details.

The grounds also include a small gable-roofed cypress shingled milk house, and a small two-bay one room plan house with modern additions which might originally have served as a servant's quarters or summer kitchen. While it contains much original exterior trim on the front facing North Front Street, the structure has been extensively altered inside and out. Although included in the site being nominated, the structure is not considered important to the nomination because of the major alterations it has undergone within the past two decades.

Also located on the site is a fine old boxwood garden which appears to date from the mid-19th century.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES Circa 1810 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Justice Peter Robinson

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Judge's house and law office, on West Market Street, one block southwest of Georgetown's Public Square and Circle, are significant as the home and office of a long line of Delaware judges, government officials, and political leaders. The house is architecturally significant as one of the better preserved 19th century houses in Georgetown, the county seat of Sussex County, Delaware. The law office, though substantially altered, is significant as the last remaining 19th century law office in Georgetown. It is perhaps equally significant that the structure has been used as nothing but a law office since the date of its construction in about 1809 except for several years during the 1960's when it served as the county Red Cross headquarters.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Sussex County Courthouse public records. Interviews with Mrs. Mary Houston Robinson conducted in August and Sept., 1978, by Dick Carter.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

(Note: Georgetown Quad map not equipped with U.T.M. ticks. See Continuation Sheet)

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 39,060 square feet

UTM REFERENCES QUADRANGLE NAME Georgetown

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Dick Carter, Sussex County Historical Preservation Planner

ORGANIZATION

Sussex County Planning and Zoning Department

DATE

October 26, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

The Courthouse

TELEPHONE

302/856-7701

CITY OR TOWN

Georgetown

STATE

Delaware

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

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

Deputy
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Daniel R. Y. Hill

TITLE Chief; Bureau of Archaeology & Historic Preservation

DATE September 19, 1979

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

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

75 Degrees 23 Minutes 17 Seconds Longitude

38 Degrees 41 Minutes 21 Seconds Latitude

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The boundaries of the site being nominated begin at the western corner of West Market Street and North Front Street. The line runs with West Market Street in a southwesterly direction for 252 feet to South Lane and thence in a northwesterly direction with South Lane for a distance of 155 feet. The line turns northeast 90 degrees and runs northeast for a distance of 252 feet. At the intersection of the northeasterly line with North Front Street, the line turns 90 degrees southeast and runs in a southeasterly direction with North Front Street 155 feet to the point of beginning. The nominated area is a rectangle of 252 feet by 155 feet and contains 39,060 square feet.

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Location: Georgetown, Delaware

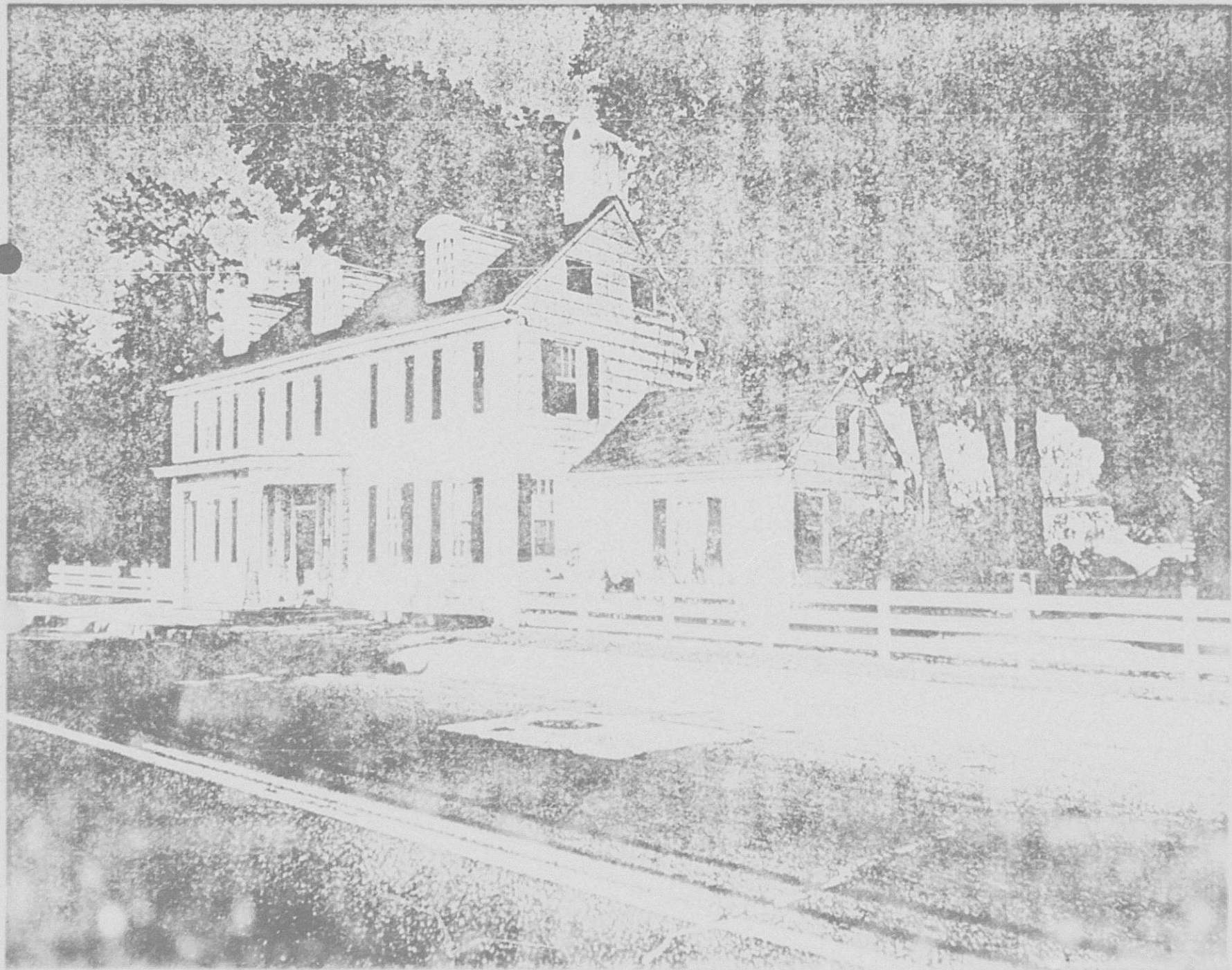
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Date: September, 1978

Location of Negative: Div. of Historical & Cultural Affairs,
B/A&HP, Hall of Records, Dover, Delaware 19901

Description: The Judge's (S-103) from West Market Street

Photograph Number: 1 of 16



Name: The Judge's

Location: Georgetown, Delaware

Photographer: Richard Carter

Date: September, 1978

Location of Narrative: Div. of Historical & Cultural Affairs,
B/A&HP, Hall of Records, Dover, Delaware 19901

Description: The Judge's Law Office at right and house at
left.

Photograph Number: 2 of 16

Name: The Judge's

Location: Georgetown, Delaware

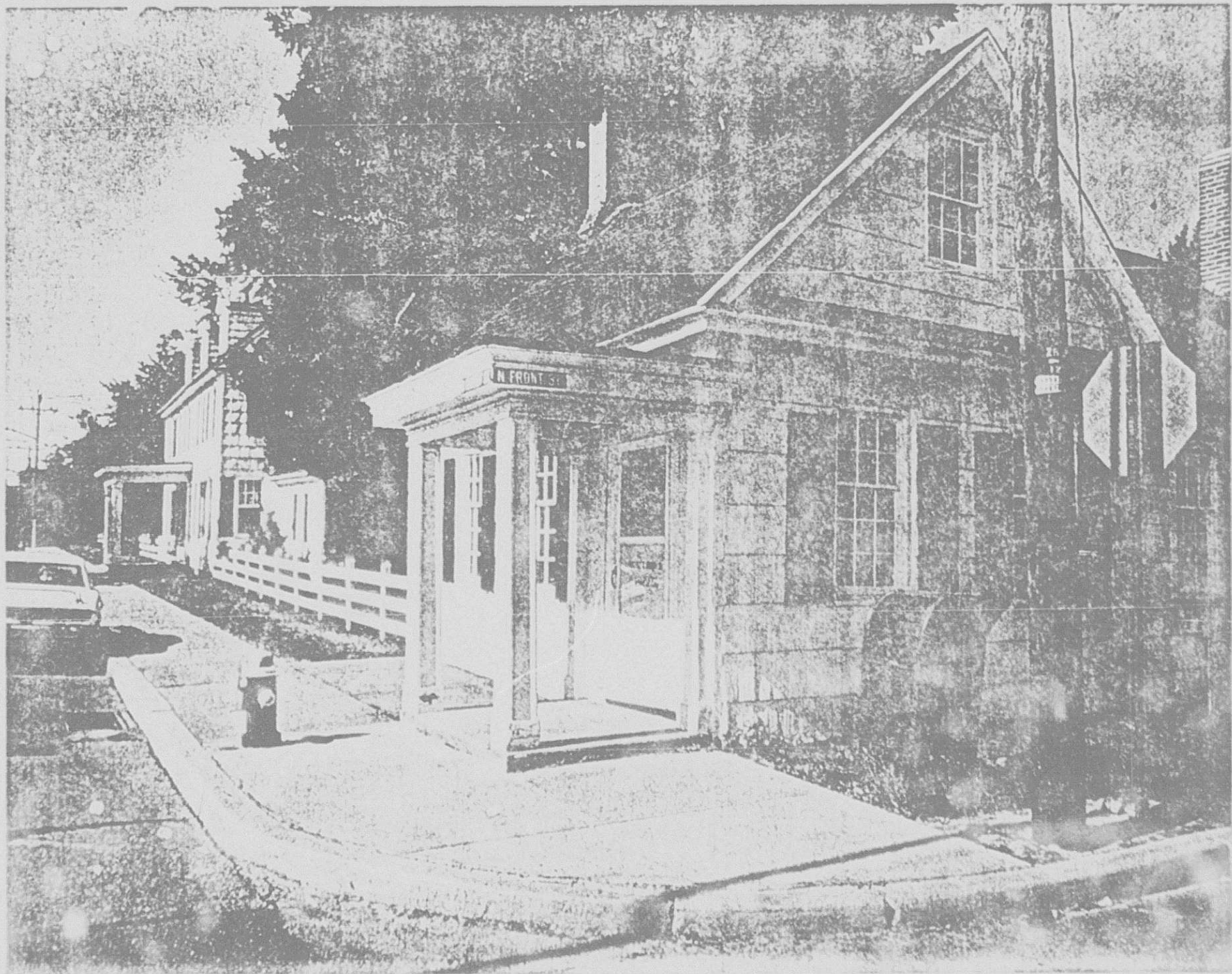
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Date: September, 1978

Location of Negative: Div. of Historical & Cultural Affairs,
B/A&HP, Hall of Records, Dover, Delaware 19901

Description: Close-up of Law Office

Photograph Number: 3 of 16



Name: The Judge's

Location: Georgetown, Delaware

Photographer: Richard Carter

Date: September, 1978

Location of Negative: Div. of Historical & Cultural Affairs,
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Description: View of northeast end of house showing 1840's
wing in foreground.

Photograph Number: 4 of 16

Name: The Judge's

Location: Georgetown, Delaware

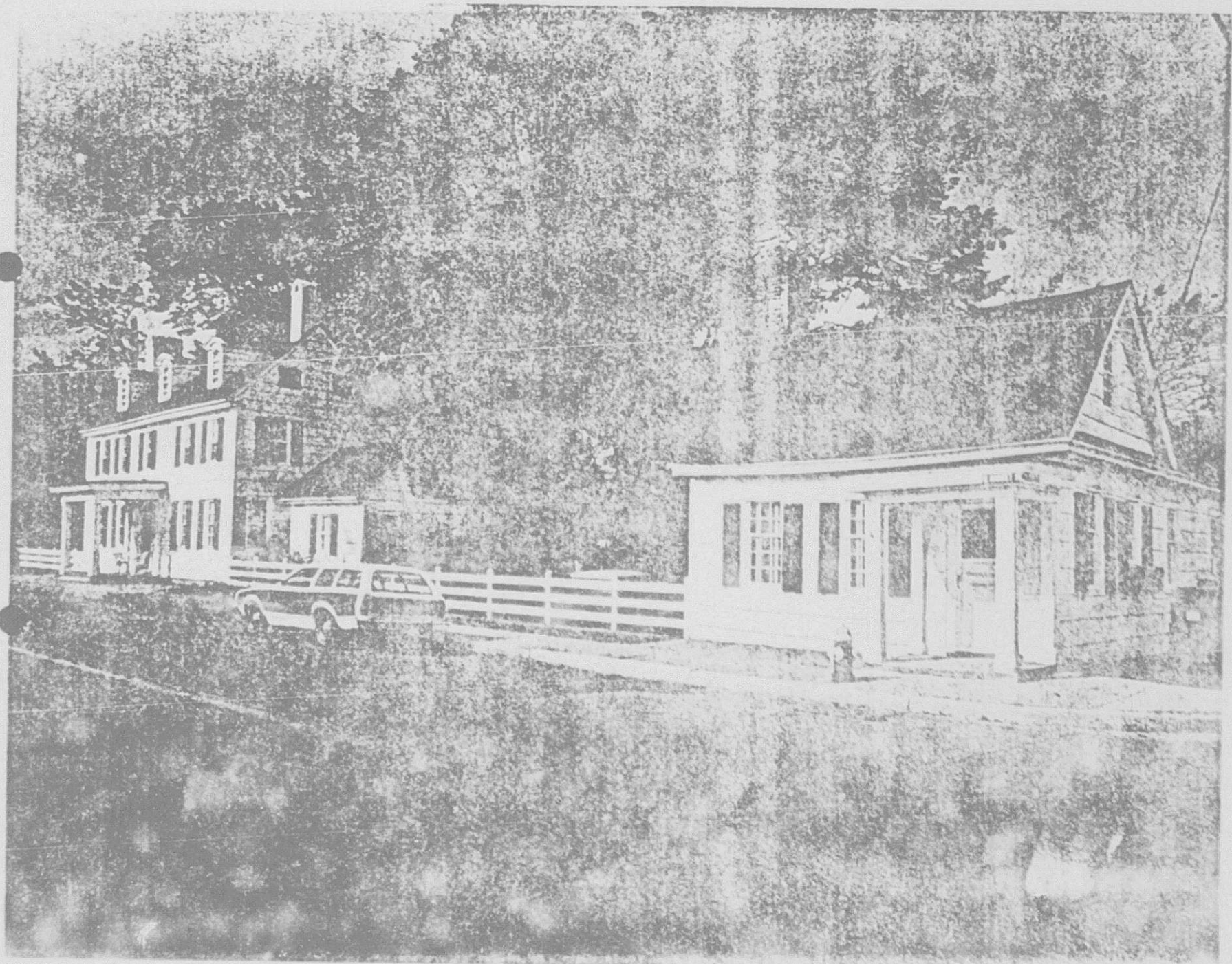
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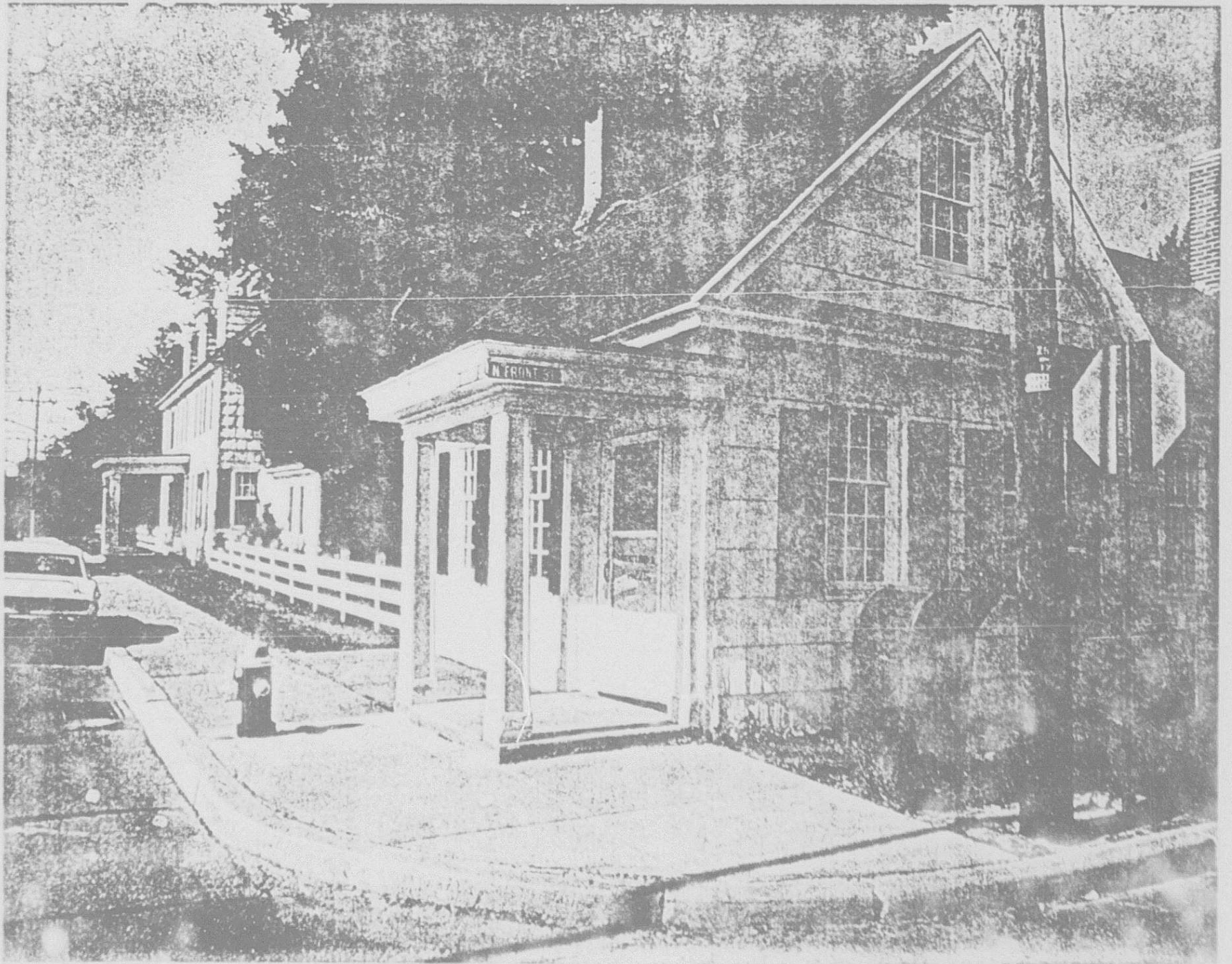
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Location: Georgetown, Delaware

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Date: September, 1978

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Name: The Judge's

Location: Georgetown, Delaware

Photographer: Richard Carter

Date: September, 1978

Location of Negative: Div. of Historical & Cultural Affairs,
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Description: The Judge's from the rear.

Photograph Number: 5 of 16



Name: The Judge's

Location: Georgetown, Delaware

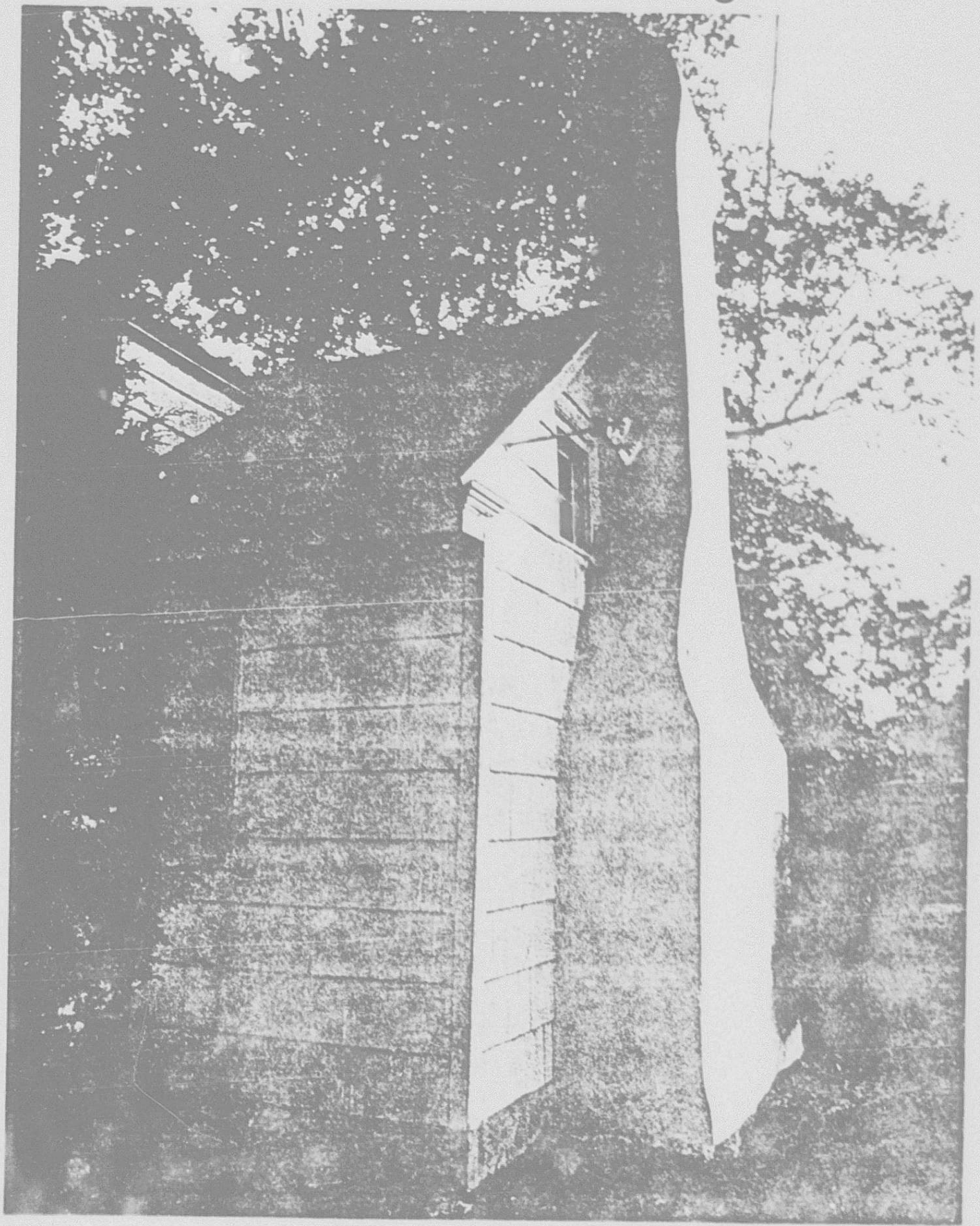
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Date: September, 1978

Location of Negative: Div. of Historical & Cultural Affairs,
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Description: View of kitchen chimney.

Photograph Number: 6 of 16



Name: The Judge's

Location: Georgetown, Delaware

Photographer: Richard Carter

Date: September, 1978

Location of Negative: Div. of Historical & Cultural Affairs
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Description: Small shingled shed to rear of main house.

Photograph Number: 7 of 16



Name: The Judge's

Location: Georgetown, Delaware

Photographer: Richard Carter

Date: September, 1978

Location of Negative: Div. of Historical & Cultural Affairs
B/A&HP, Hall of Records, Dover, Delaware 19901

Description: Small cottage at rear of property from North
Front Street.

Photograph Number: 8 of 16



1938

Name: The Judge's

Location: Georgetown, Delaware

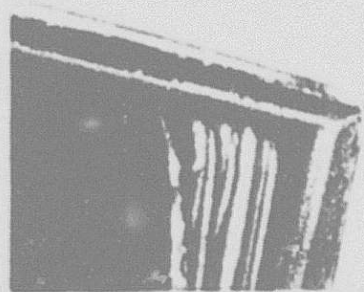
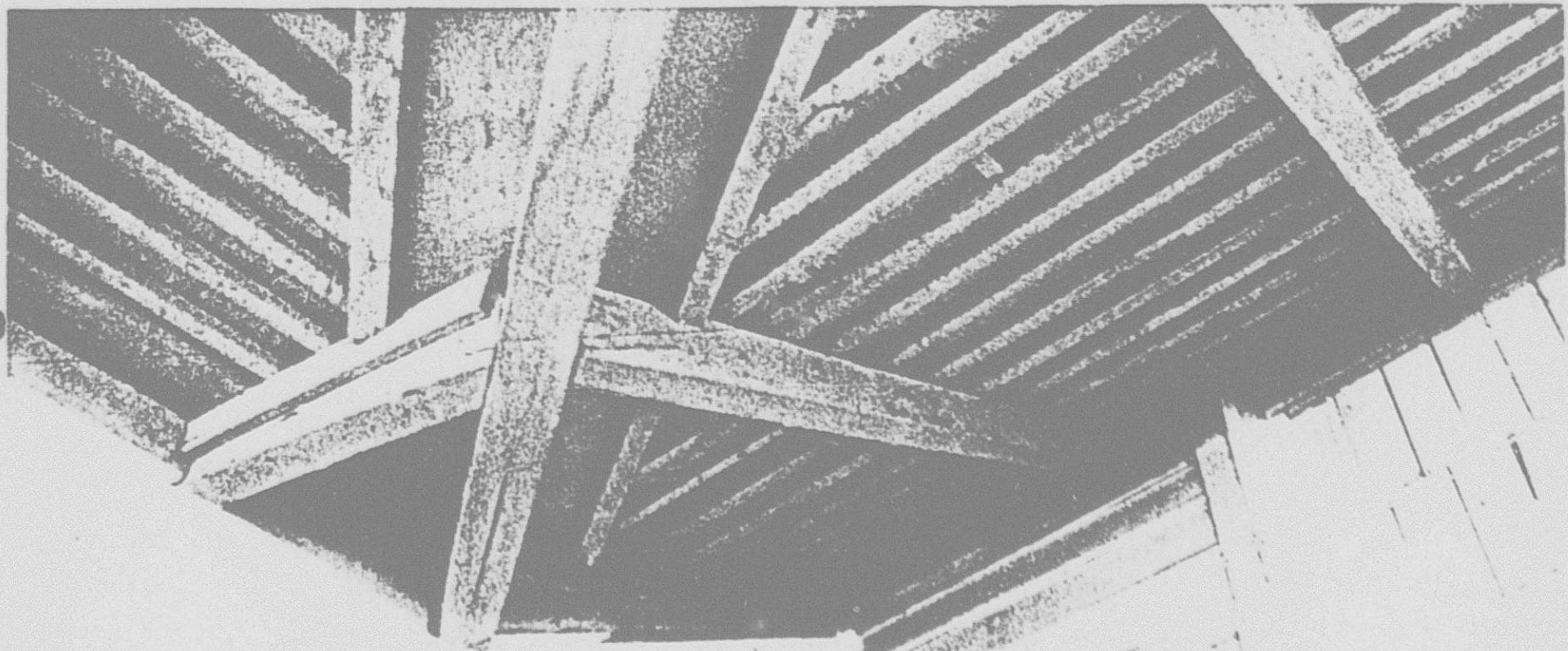
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Description: Detail of back porch construction showing
wide horizontal beaded weatherboard siding at left and
cypress shingles at right.

Photograph Number: 9 of 16



Name: The Judge's

Location: Georgetown, Delaware

Photographer: Richard Carter

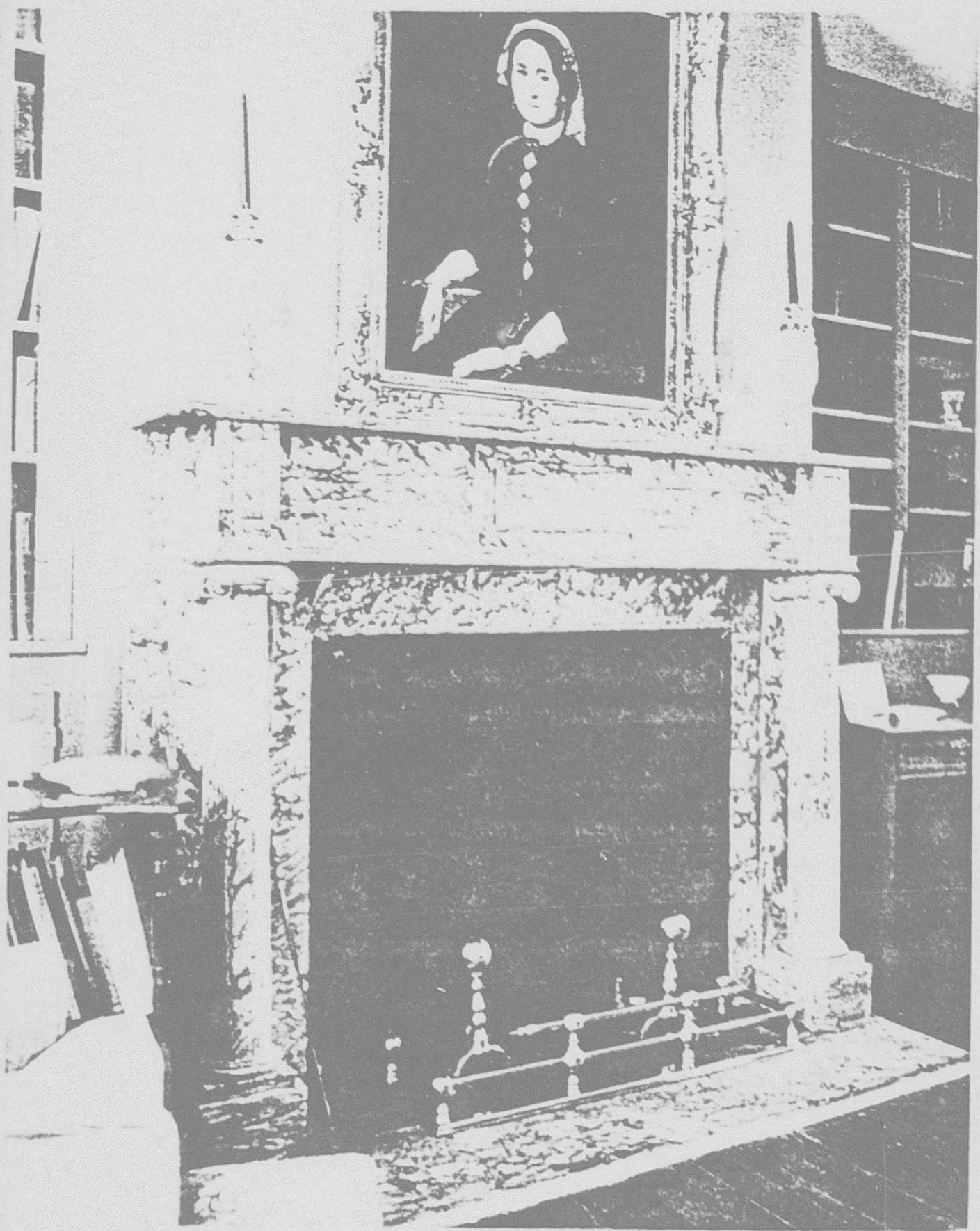
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Location of Negative: Div. of Historical & Cultural Affairs,

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Description: Library mantle piece dating from 1840's.

Photograph Number: 10 of 16



Name: The Judge's

Location: Georgetown, Delaware

Photographer: Richard Carter

Date: September, 1978

Location of Negative: Div. of Historical & Cultural Affairs

B/A&HP, Hall of Records, Dover, Delaware 19901

Description: View of parlor showing marble fireplace surround. Door to 1840's wing is at left.

Photograph Number: 11 of 16



Name: The Judge's

Location: Georgetown, Delaware

Photographer: Richard Carter

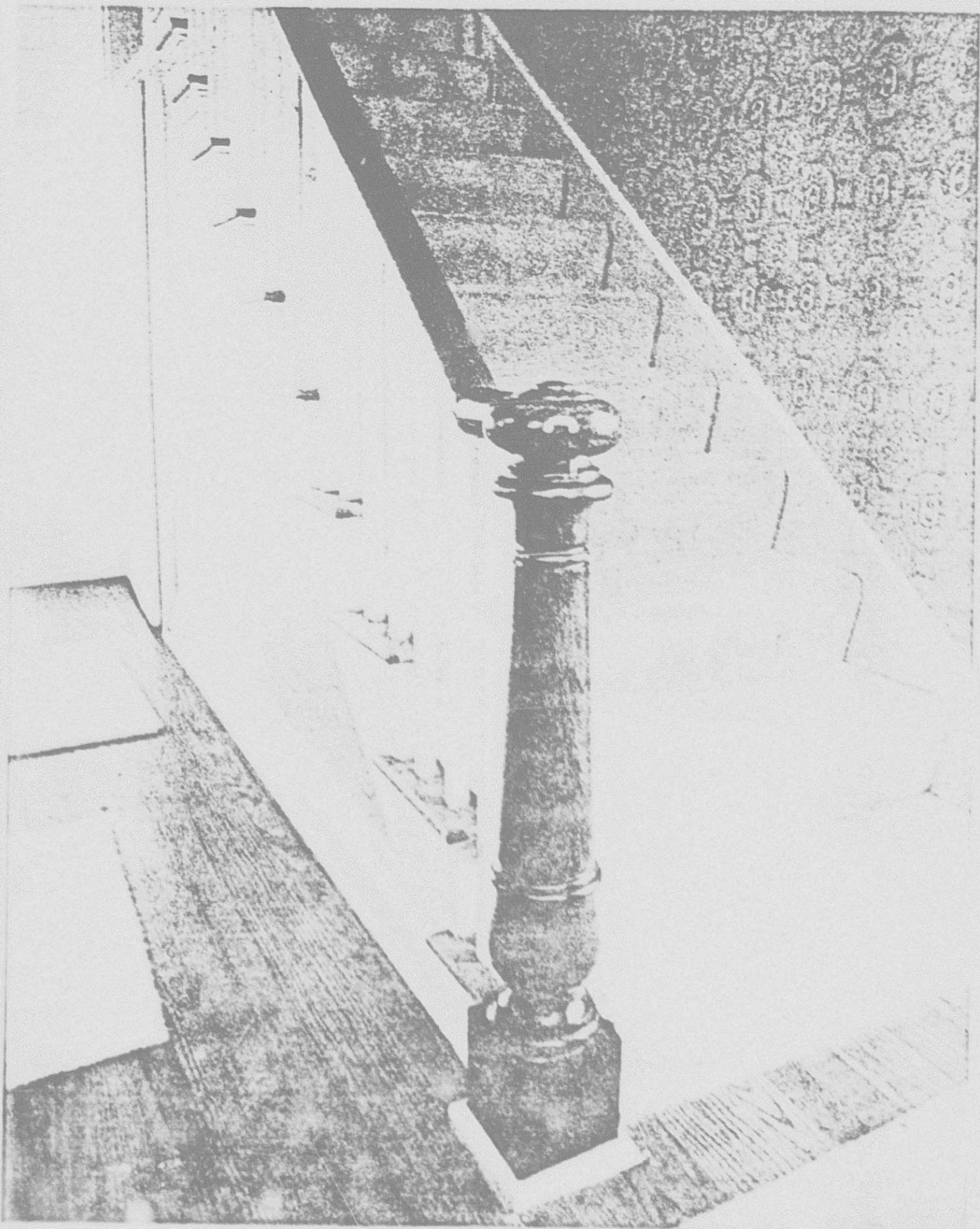
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Location of Negative: Div. of Historical & Cultural Affairs

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Description: Stair balustrade in central hallway.

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Name: The Judge's

Location: Georgetown, Delaware

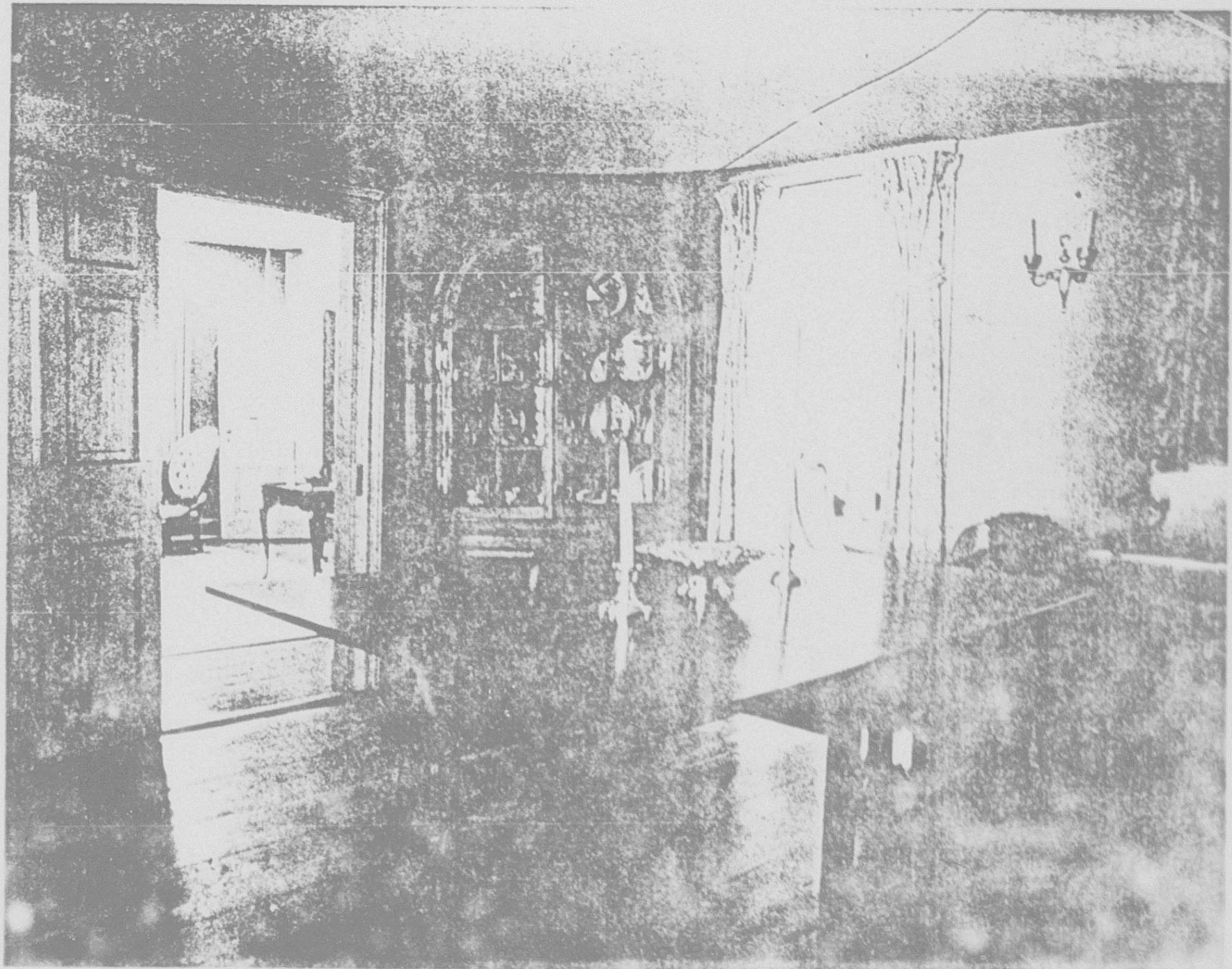
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Location of Negative: Div. of Historical & Cultural Affairs,
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Description: Dining room with original corner cupboard.
Parlor is through door at left.

Photograph Number: 13 of 16



Name: The Judge's

Location: Georgetown, Delaware

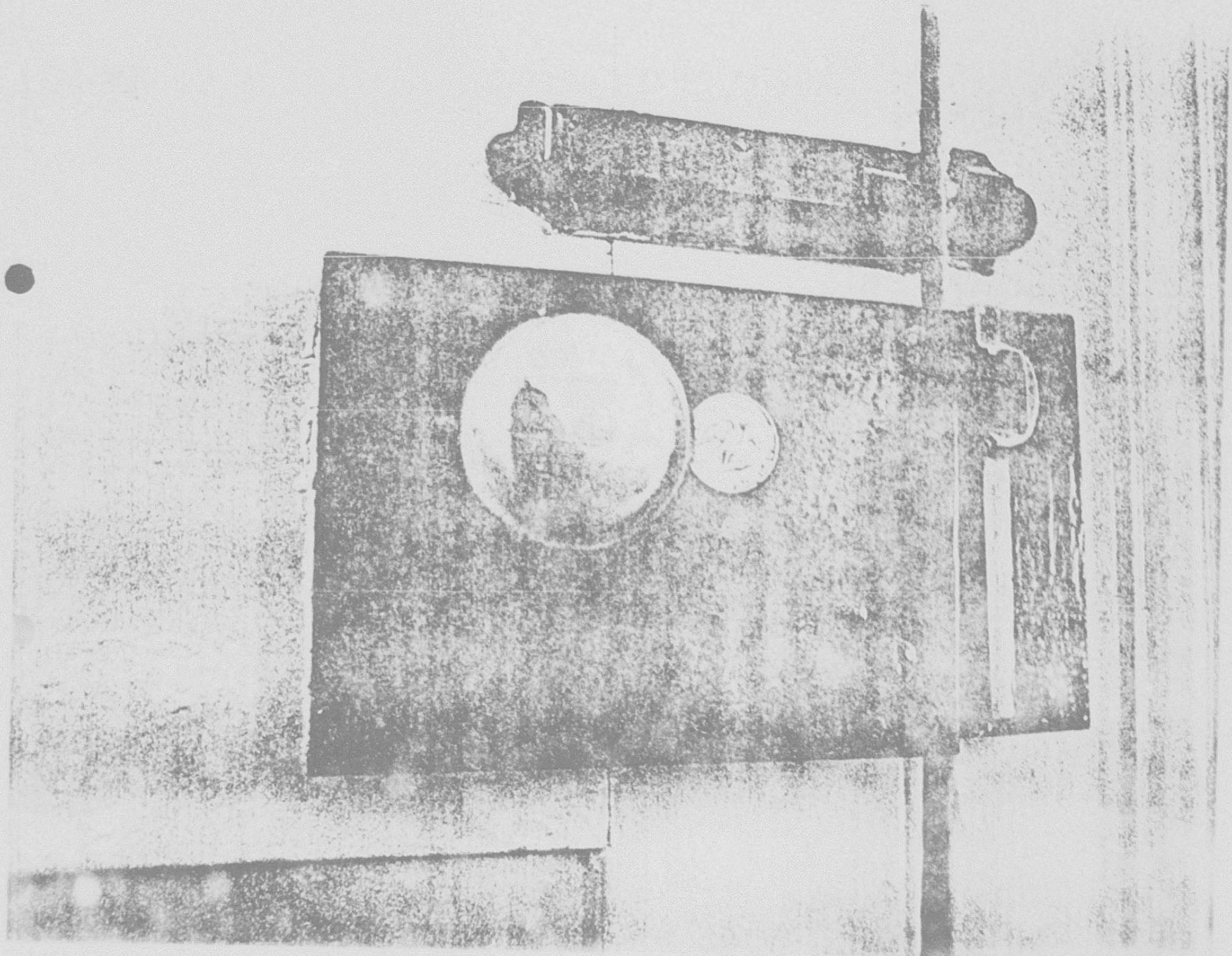
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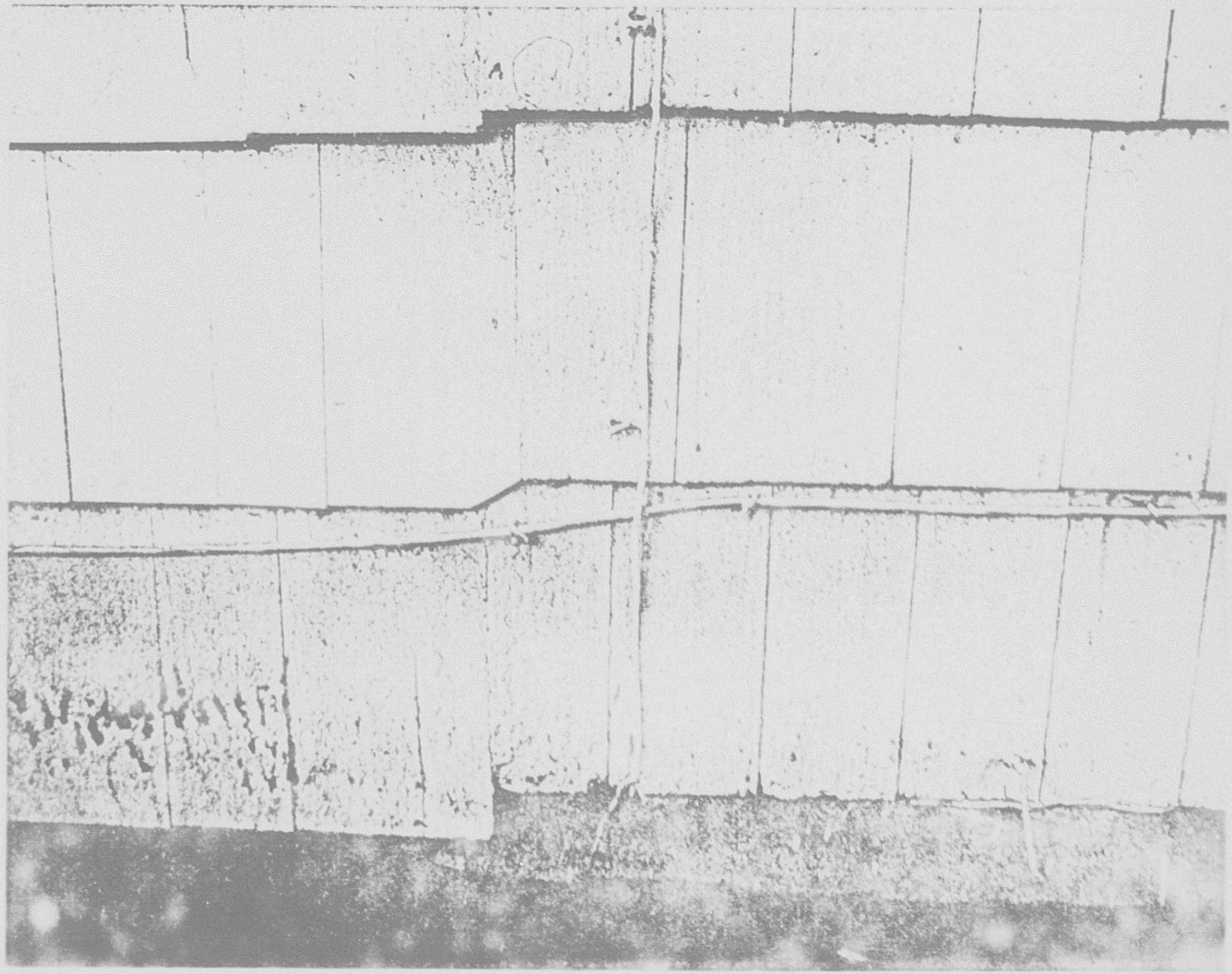
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Description: Carpenter lock on second floor bedroom door,
with American eagle seal.

Photograph Number: 14 of 16



Name: The Judge's
Location: Georgetown, Delaware
Photographer: Richard Carter
Date: September, 1978
Location of Negative: Div. of Historical & Cultural Affairs,
B/A&HP, Hall of Records, Dover, Delaware 19901
Description: View of sidewall of law office showing
hand-split cypress shingles at right and sawn cedar shingles
on newer section at left.
Photograph Number: 15 of 16



Name: The Judge's

Location: Georgetown, Delaware

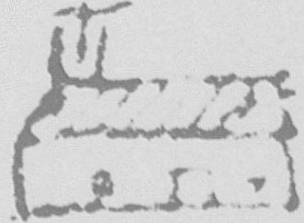
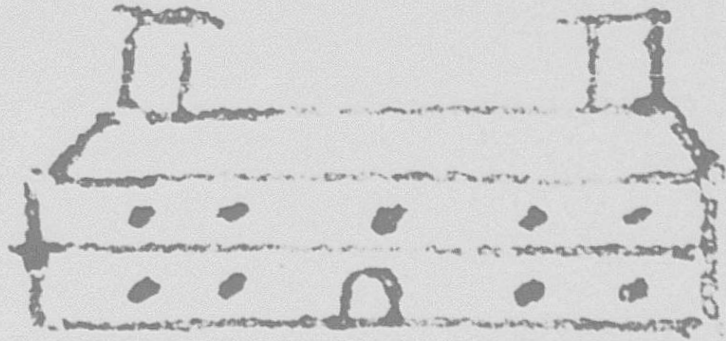
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Location of Negative: Div. of Historical & Cultural Affairs,
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Description: Judge's House and Office in 1840 Orphan's
Court Book.

Photograph Number: 16 of 16

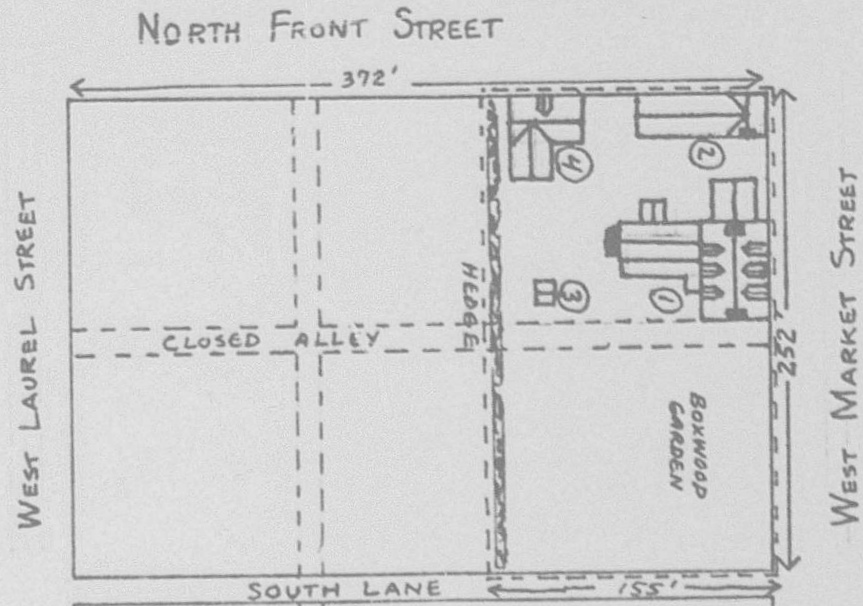


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 HOUSE AND LAW OFFICE
 GEORGETOWN, DE

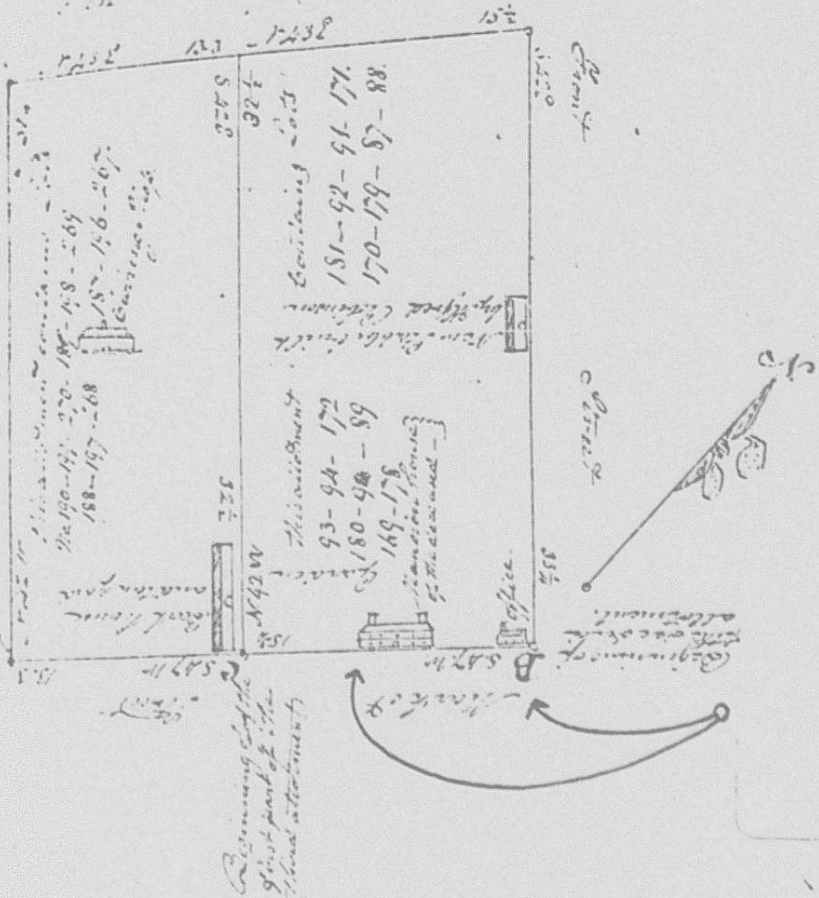
FORM AS SUBMITTED TO O&M



- 1. THE JUDGE'S HOUSE
- 2. LAW OFFICE
- 3. SMALL MILKHOUSE
- 4. SMALL HOUSE - NOT INCLUDED IN NOMINATION

(DOTTED LINE MARKS BOUNDARY OF NOMINATION)

DRAWN TO SCALE AFTER SUSSEX CO. TAX MAP BY R.B. CARTER



Beginning of the division of the third attempt

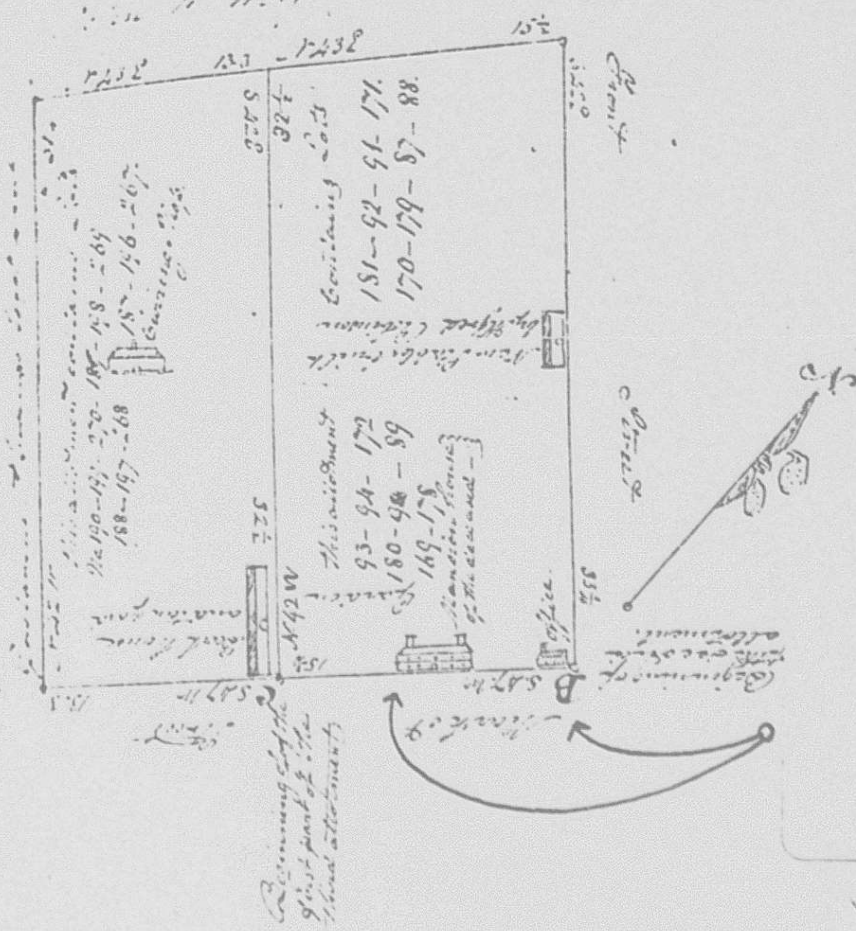
THE JUDGE'S

Photocopy of a page from 1840 Inventory of the property of Justice Peter Robinson, showing five-bay house and law office (house lacking 1840's wing on northeast end.

From Sussex County Orphan's Court Book " S ", Page 241.

The above is a Draught of the Real Estate of the honorable Peter Robinson deceased late of Sussex County and State of Delaware Surveyed and laid down for the purpose of making a division among the heirs of the deced.

For Miles Tindal Surveyor



beginning of the
division of the
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THE JUDGE'S

Photocopy of a page from 1840 Inventory of the property of Justice Peter Robinson, showing five-bay house and law office (house lacking 1840's wing on northeast end.

From Sussex County Orphan's Court Book " S ", Page 241.

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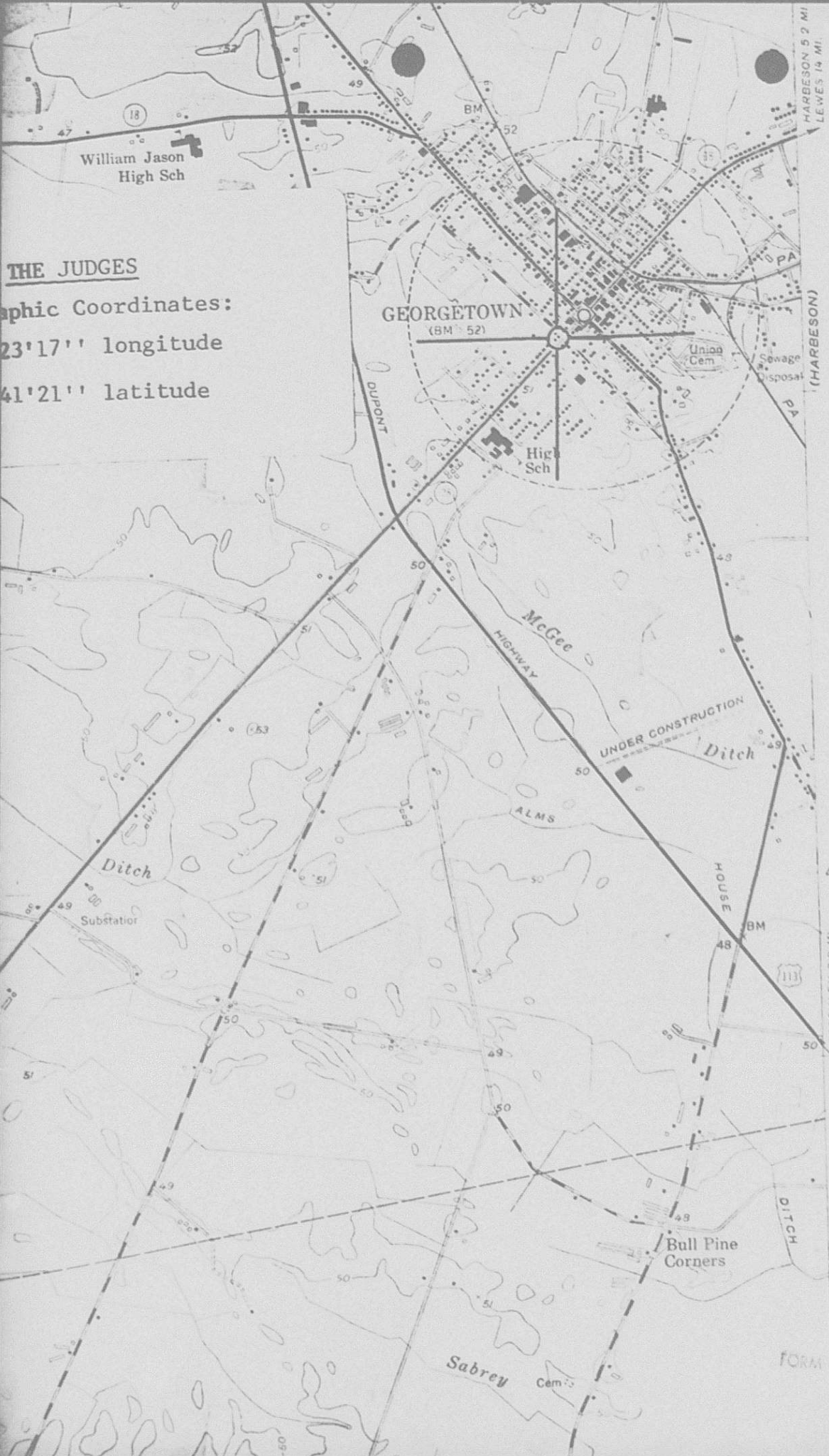
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THE JUDGES

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FORM AS SUBMITTED TO O.A.H.P.

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THE JUDGE'S
Name of Property

S-103
Number

DICK CARTER
Author / Staff

OWNER: MRS. MARY HOUSTON ROBINSON

Personal Contact (date) JUNE 78, Sept 78, Oct. 78

Written Contact (date) 9/25/78

Comments: _____

PHOTOS: Slides Still Photos (date) 10/03/78 Photographer Carter Forms

MAPPING: UTM Sketch Map Quadrangle Forms

SHPO REVIEW OF DRAFT: (date) 10/19/78 Comments: _____

DOCKETED FOR STATE REVIEW BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD ON 10/26/78

PUBLIC NOTICE: (30 days) Published (date) 9/26/78 Clearinghouse notified (date) 9/26/78 (name) _____

Owner notified (date) 9/25/78 Planning agency notice (date) 9/26/78 (name) _____

Interested Parties Notified (names) R. H. Robinson

SHPO REVIEW OF FINAL FORM: (date) _____

FORM SUBMITTED TO BOARD: (date) 10/26/78

BOARD ACTION: (date) 10/26/78 Accept Reject Return for work
(date) _____ Accept Reject Return for work

NOTIFICATION: Owner (date) 11/5/79 Clearinghouse (date) _____

SHPO SIGNATURE: (date) 9/19/79

SENT TO ^{HC+RS} NPS (date) 9/19/79 Clearinghouse 9/19/79

^{HC+RS} NPS RESPONSE: Accept (date) 11/13/79 Reject (date) _____

Return for work (date) _____ Return for work (date) _____

NOTIFICATION: Owner (date) 11/26/79 Clearinghouse (date) 11/26/79

PRESS RELEASE: Statewide Media (date) _____ Local Media (date) _____

CERTIFICATE TO OWNER (date) 15 MAY '80



Bureau of Archaeology & Historic Preservation
Hall of Records
Dover, Delaware 19901
(302) 678-5314

NOTICE TO PLANNING AND
REVIEW AGENCIES OF ACTIVITY RE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

For your information and consideration, we report that pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-665) as administered by this office:

PROPERTY NAME: THE JUDGE'S (House and Law Office)

LOCATION: 100 and 104 West Market Street
Georgetown, Delaware

will be considered by the State Review Board for its eligibility for nomination to the National Register at a meeting on Oct. 26, 1978 at the Redden Forest Lodge.

was judged eligible for nomination to the National Register by the State Review Board at its meeting of _____.

has been nominated to the National Register.

was added to the National Register by the Department of the Interior on _____.

Additional information and copies of nominations are available from our office.

Or from Dick Carter, Sussex County Historical Preservation Planner
Sussex County Planning and Zoning Office, The Courthouse
Georgetown, Delaware (856-7701 Ext. 304)

Distribution:

State A-95 Clearinghouse

WILMAPCO

New Castle County Department of Planning

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Sussex County Department of Planning and Zoning
and/or

Mr. Raley seconded the motion. For action on the motion see Vote II. The motion carried.

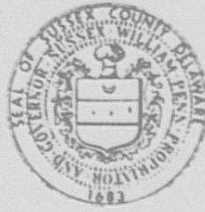
Mr. Henry then explained the National Register and its associated programs. He also pointed out the uniqueness of this meeting in that all of the nominations (except one) being considered were presented and prepared by a County Preservation Planner, a result of the preservation planner program assisted by federal historic preservation funds administered by the Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs.

Mr. Carter then presented the first of his nominations, The Redden Forest Lodge. Mr. Carter's slide presentation included a description of the area to be nominated, the Lodge, the Forester's House and stable. It was also noted that the nomination included the original furniture contained within the Lodge. Mr. Raley noted the remarkable state of maintenance of the building as maintained by the Department of Agriculture. Mr. Homsey then moved that the State Review Board for Historic Preservation declare the Redden Forest Lodge, Forester's House and Stable eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and that the staff of the Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs be instructed to nominate it thereto. Dr. Orr seconded the motion. For action on the motion see Vote III. The motion carried.

The Historic Resources of Georgetown, a series of 5 individual nominations, was presented next by Mr. Carter.

The Judge's, built in 1809 by Justice Peter Robinson, was the first nomination considered. Mr. Carter noted that the 1845 date in the nomination referring to the wing should be 1833. Mrs. Wyrick suggested changing the reference to read, "2nd quarter of the 19th century". Mr. Homsey questioned the components of the nomination. Mr. Carter replied that the nomination included the law office, Judge's House, the boxwoods and the small milk house. Mrs. Wyrick suggested that the reference to Diamond Jim Brady be deleted. Mr. Raley suggested mention be made of the fact that much moving of buildings occurred in Sussex County at this time. Mr. Henry explained that a building which has been moved is still eligible for listing in the National Register as long as its environmental context is not radically changed. Mr. Raley then moved that the State Review Board for Historic Preservation declare The Judge's eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and that the staff of the Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs be instructed to nominate it thereto. Mr. Homsey seconded the motion. For action on the motion see Vote IV. The motion carried.

The Richards Mansion was the second nomination presented by Mr. Carter relating to the Historic Resources of Georgetown. Following the audiovisual presentation of this mansard-style mansion, Miss Downing called for comments from the audience. Jim Fuqua and Henley Graves spoke of



September 24, 1978

Mrs. Mary Houston Robinson
The Judge's
104 West Market Street
Georgetown, Delaware 19947

Dear Mrs. Robinson:

While we've discussed several times my plans to present The Judge's House and Law Office for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places, I'm only now getting around to doing so. This letter, then, is to inform you officially that your property will be considered for nomination to the National Register by the Delaware State Review Board for Historic Preservation at their meeting on October 26, 1978, at Redden Forest Lodge. I'll let you know the precise time of the meeting sometime within the next week or so.

I will be giving you a call within the next few days to set up an appointment to come talk with you about the history of the house and to photograph certain interior and exterior architectural features of it. I think you're already aware of most of the ramifications of listing in the National Register but I'd be happy to answer any questions you might have when I see you.

Sincerely yours,

Dick Carter
Historical Preservation Planner

January 15, 1979

Mrs. Mary Houston Robinson
The Judge's
104 West Market Street
Georgetown, Delaware 19947

Dear Mrs. Robinson:

I am pleased to officially inform you that on October 26, 1978, the Delaware State Review Board approved the nomination of the Judge's (House and Law Office) to the National Register of Historic Places (P.L. 89-665). The nomination will be forwarded to the Department of the Interior for final review. It normally takes three to six months for the review process.

Thank you for your interest in our program.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel R. Griffith
Acting Director/Deputy State
Historic Preservation Officer

DRG/bl



STATE OF DELAWARE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS
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HISTORIC PRESERVATION

September 19, 1979

Mr. Charles Herrington
Acting Keeper of the National Register
Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20243

Dear Mr. Herrington:

I enclose forms nominating the following properties to the National Register of Historic Places:

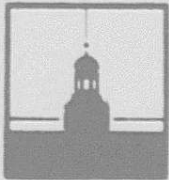
1. St. Paul's Episcopal Church
2. The Brick Hotel
3. The Judge's
4. The Stella Pepper Gyles House
5. The Gardiner Wright Mansion
6. Redden Forest Buildings
7. Early Sussex County Coastal Plantations

If you have any questions regarding these nominations, please call Dean E. Nelson, staff Historian, at the above number.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel R. Griffath
Chief, Bureau of Archaeology and
Historic Preservation

Enclosures



DELAWARE DIVISION OF HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS
Bureau of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
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September 19, 1979

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Additional information and copies of nominations are available from our office.

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC THE JUDGE'S (House and Law Office)

LONG STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE,
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AND/OR COMMON
Same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
100 and 104 West Market Street

CITY/TOWN
Georgetown

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
One

STATE Delaware VICINITY OF CODE 10

COUNTY CODE
Sussex 003

3 CLASSIFICATION

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4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mrs. Mary H. Robinson, Robt. H. Robinson, Thomas Robinson, Mary Catherine Robinson

STREET & NUMBER
100 and 104 West Market Street

CITY/TOWN Georgetown STATE Delaware

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Sussex County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER
The Circle

CITY/TOWN Georgetown STATE Delaware

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Historic American Buildings Survey (Del. 154 and De. 155)
Delaware Cultural Resource Survey (S-103)

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

POST OFFICE FOR
SURVEY RECORDS Hall of Records

CITY/TOWN Dover STATE Delaware

7 DESCRIPTION

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Judge's house and law office occupy a block on the original town plot of Georgetown (drawn up in 1791) bounded by West Market Street on the southeast, North Alley (closed for more than a century) on the southwest, Laurel Street on the northwest, and North Front Street on the northeast. The section of Georgetown in which the property is located contains some of the earliest surviving structures in the town.

The original structure built by Justice Peter Robinson shortly after 1800 appears to have been a single-pile side hall plan, two-and-a-half story Federal style house with a single-pile, two-bay wing on the southwest end and a single-pile, one-story, three-bay wing running out from the rear of the main section of the house. The original siding, still visible on the outside of the kitchen wing and in a small portion of the first floor rear wall of the house, was wide, horizontal water mill-sawn beaded clapboard. Remnants of this same type of siding are also found in other structures of the same vintage and quality in Sussex County, Delaware.

By the time of Justice Robinson's death in the early 1830's, court records indicate that the one story wing on the southwest end of the house had been raised to a full two-and-a-half stories, in a five-bay, center hall style. While this main section of the house appears from the street to be a symmetrical late Federal house with some Greek Revival detailing, the rear of the house is not entirely symmetrical. It is possible from a close examination of the rear of the main section to detect where the original one story or one-and-a-half story wing was raised to a full two stories, probably during the 1820's.

The structure has undergone other alterations during its history. Most changes were made during the mid-19th century, though certain modern alterations have been made as well. In the early 1840's, Judge Edward Wooten, Justice Robinson's son-in-law and the second owner of the house, carried out an extensive remodeling of the interior in Greek Revival style. Hand-hewn cypress shingles, a characteristic siding material of 19th century lower Delaware architecture, were applied to the exterior of the main five-bay section of the house. The small law office on the property is also shingled in the same material. Judge Wooten also added one-story, one-bay Greek Revival flat-roofed porches to the house and the law office.

While the kitchen, located at the rear of the rear wing, underwent an unfortunate major alteration in the 1950's in which all the original paneling was removed, the dining room, situated between the kitchen and the main section, is largely original. It possesses many original details including wide pine floorboards, chair-rail mouldings, four-paneled doors, and door and window trim. The dining room also retains its original arched corner cupboard. Two attic rooms over the kitchen and dining room were rendered inaccessible by the removal of an enclosed kitchen stairway in the 1950's, except through two small, four-pane gable end windows on the northwest gable end of the rear wing. The original kitchen fireplace, said to have been seven feet wide, was also closed in during the 1950's. The exterior end chimney is a rare (by lower Delaware standards) stuccoed brick chimney nine feet wide at the base with a water table and sloped weatherings. The chimney has an arched brick hood. The arched hoods are repeated in the two interior end chimneys in the main section of the house.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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SPECIFIC DATES Circa 1810 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Justice Peter Robinson

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Judge's house and law office, on West Market Street, one block southwest of Georgetown's Public Square and Circle, are significant as the home and office of a long line of Delaware judges, government officials, and political leaders. The house is architecturally significant as one of the better preserved 19th century houses in Georgetown, the county seat of Sussex County, Delaware. The law office, though substantially altered, is significant as the last remaining 19th century law office in Georgetown. It is perhaps equally significant that the structure has been used as nothing but a law office since the date of its construction in about 1809 except for several years during the 1960's when it served as the county Red Cross headquarters.

Justice Peter Robinson, who is credited with building the mansion and office during the first decade of the 19th century, was the son of Thomas Robinson, the state's most powerful and notorious Loyalist leader during the American Revolution. Justice Robinson was also the nephew of an earlier Judge Peter Robinson. The elder Judge Robinson, brother of the Loyalist, is believed to have built the house by some local historians before his death in 1801, but the architectural features of the house and most historical opinion seem to indicate that it was built by the nephew after the death of his uncle.

Justice Peter Robinson II was the leader of the Federalist Party in Sussex County at a time when Federalists had overwhelming support in lower Delaware. He served three terms as Delaware Secretary of State before his death in 1836. Robinson was the father of three children, Thomas Robinson II, Delaware's Congressman during the late 1830's; Alfred P. Robinson, Delaware Secretary of State during the 1850's and father of Chief Justice Alfred P. Robinson; and Mary Robinson, who married Edward Wooten in 1833. The Wootens purchased the house from Mrs. Robinson's brothers and renovated it in the Greek Revival style in about 1840. Wooten was himself made associate Justice for Sussex County during the 1840's and held the position for 40 years, living in the house and using the office throughout his term.

The Wooten's renovations changed the appearance of the house from one of purely federal design to one of predominantly Greek Revival design, although it continued to possess many federal touches. After their death in the late 19th century, the house was inherited by their granddaughter, Mary Wooten of Laurel, who married Judge David Marvel, who also lived in the house and occupied the office during his years as Resident Judge of Sussex County. From 1909 to 1920, Judge Henry C. Conrad, Judge Marvel's successor, rented the house from the Marvels. While living in the house Judge Conrad completed a three-volume history of the State of Delaware. He later went on to become an early Delaware State Archivist.

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 Sussex County Courthouse public records. Interviews with Mrs. Mary Houston Robinson conducted in August and Sept., 1978, by Dick Carter.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 39,060 square feet

QUADRANGLE NAME Georgetown

(Note: Georgetown Quad map not equipped with U.T.M. ticks. See Continuation Sheet)

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME - TITLE

Dick Carter, Sussex County Historical Preservation Planner

ORGANIZATION

Sussex Co. Planning and Zoning Department

DATE

October 20, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

The Courthouse

TELEPHONE

302/856-7701

CITY OR TOWN

Georgetown

STATE

Delaware

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

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

Deputy STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE Chief; Bureau of Archaeology & Historic Preservation

DATE

Sept. 11, 1979

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DATE

ATTEST

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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The Judge's (House and Law Office)

CONTINUATION SHEET	ITEM NUMBER	PAGE
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The late J. Thomas Robinson, the son of Alfred P. Robinson, and his wife, who with her children is the present owner, inherited the house in the 1960's from Judge Marvel's daughter, Ann Burton Marvel duPont. Mr. Robinson was the great-grandson of the builder.

Each successive judge who has occupied the house has used the one-room law office at the corner of the property. Several other lawyers have occupied the office in recent years.

No other property in the county has had such a long association with so many members of the judiciary, and government and political leaders. Although the law office has been substantially altered in recent years, it continues to possess much of its original outside appearance and, as the last early law office, is significant to the legal history of lower Delaware.

The present owner, Mrs. Mary Houston Robinson, states that the house contains one portion of an early Robinson family country house, another portion of which was moved 12 miles to Lewes more than a century ago and attached to the Col. David Hall House (also listed in the National Register). This is quite possible since, because of Sussex County's extremely flat geography, the moving of structures from one point to another had assumed epidemic proportions by the mid-19th century.

In the case of the Judge's, most of the alterations to the original structure, with the exceptions of those carried out to the kitchen and the interior of the law office in modern times, have actually enhanced the property's architectural significance in the sense that each successive style displays some of the finest remaining examples of local craftsmanship. Portions of the mid-19th century landscaping, including a large boxwood garden dating from the period of Judge Wooten's residency, still survive, lending to the overall integrity of the site.



United States Department of the Interior
HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND RECREATION SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

IN REPLY REFER TO:

The Director of the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service
Chris Therral Delaporte

is pleased to inform you that the historic property listed on the enclosed sheet has been nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer responsible for your State's implementation of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, P.L. 89-665 (80 Stat. 915), as amended. It has accordingly been entered in the National Register of Historic Places. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed for your information and convenience.

Enclosures

DIV. OF HISTORICAL
AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS
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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE DELAWARE

Date Entered NOV 13 1979

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Gyles, Stella Pepper, House	Georgetown vicinity Sussex County
St. Paul's Episcopal Church	Georgetown Sussex County
Judge's House and Law Office	Georgetown Sussex County
Brick Hotel	Georgetown Sussex County

Also Notified

Honorable William V. Roth, Jr.
Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
Honorable Thomas B. Evans, Jr.

COPY OF CONGRESSIONAL NOMINATION



DELAWARE DIVISION OF HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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November 26, 1979

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and/or

November 26, 1979

Mrs. Mary Houston Robinson,
Robert H. Robinson, Thomas Robinson
Mary Catherine Robinson
100 and 104 West Market Street
Georgetown, Delaware 19947

Dear Mrs. Robinson:

I am pleased to inform you that on November 13, 1979, the Judge's (House & Law Office) was listed in the National Register of Historic Places. This action was taken by the United States Department of the Interior in response to our nomination of the property.

By this action, the Judge's (House & Law Office) is recognized as possessing unusual significance to the history of Georgetown. Beyond the recognition itself, inclusion in the National Register assures that this office will review all federal projects to determine any effect they may have on the property. Further, all National Register sites are eligible for federal historic preservation grants-in-aid administered by this office. Application forms for these grants are provided annually and we encourage you to consider this useful program.

We will soon be preparing a certificate attesting to the National Register status of the property. If you would like to receive this certificate, please contact Dean E. Nelson of our staff so that we can make arrangements for its presentation.

The State of Delaware shares the pride we hope you feel as a result of this recognition.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel R. Griffith
Chief, Bureau of Archaeology &
Historic Preservation

Enclosures