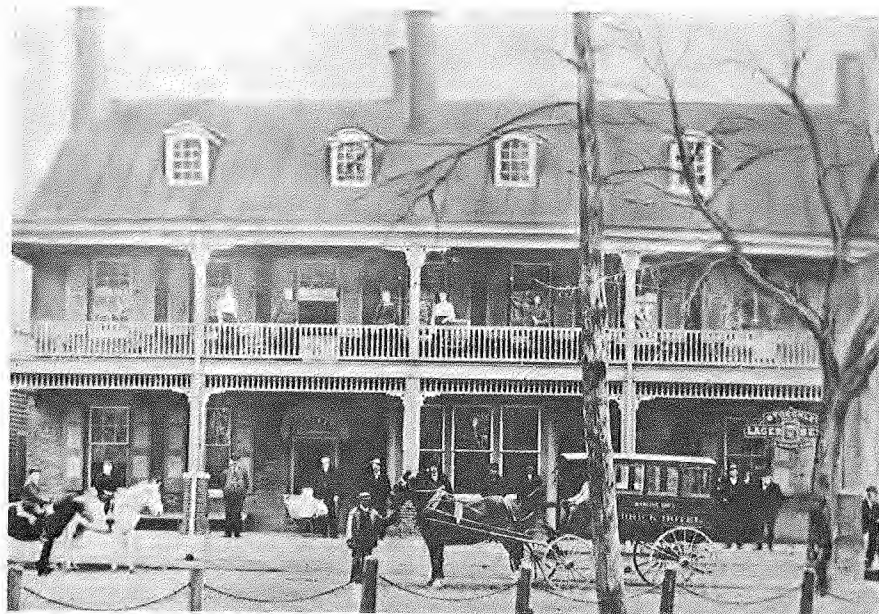


# 16 Miles From Anywhere

A History Of Georgetown, Del.

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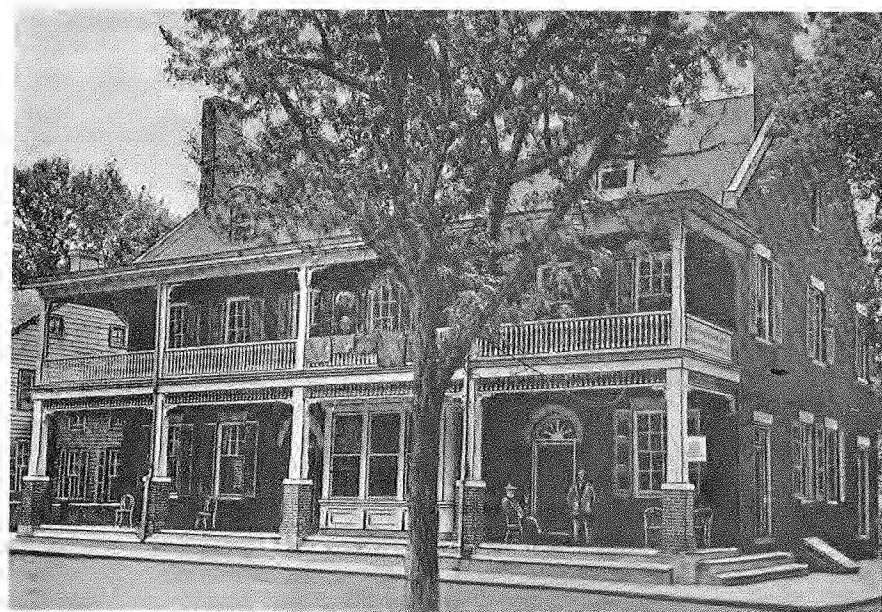
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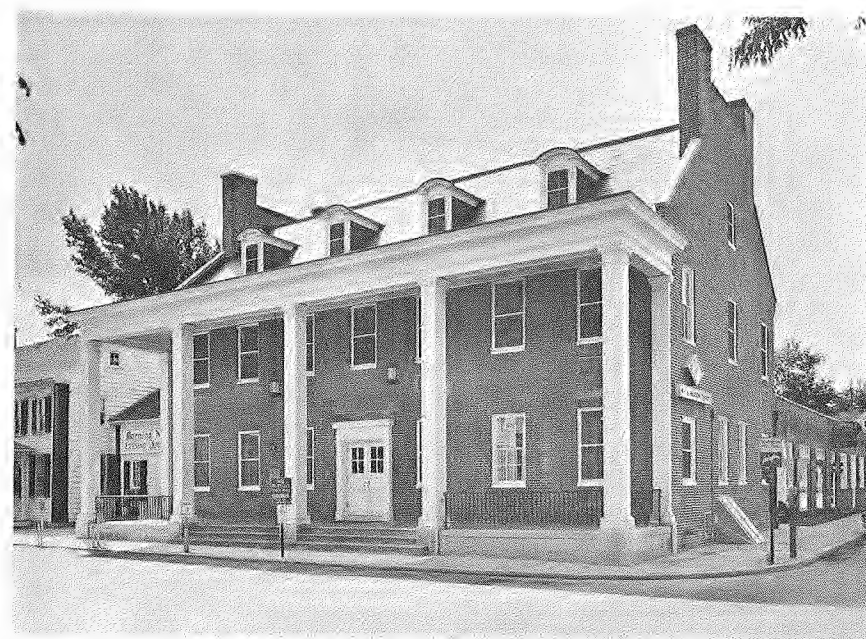
*Brick Hotel about 1890.*



*Brick Hotel about 1940.*



*Brick Hotel about 1920.*



*Wilmington Trust in 1966.*

that site the sadly dilapidated structure underwent restoration in 1975, financed by federal and state funds. The restoration was scheduled for completion in the fall of 1976 so that Georgetown's first court house will be open for visitors during that year's Return Day activities.



*Georgetown's original courthouse on its South Bedford Street site prior to restoration.*

Just off The Circle on North Bedford is the two-story brick and glass Odd Fellows' building. Georgetown's Union Lodge No. 3, I.O.O.F., dates back to 1846. During the nineteenth century the Lodge purchased land at the corner of West Laurel and North Bedford. In 1966 the new building was erected with the first floor's several office spaces being rented to businesses and the second floor being used for meetings of the Odd Fellows and other civic groups.<sup>12</sup>

As Georgetown pauses to reflect on its own past during the nation's bicentennial celebration, its attention is naturally drawn to The Circle. For here it was 184 years ago, "sixteen miles from anywhere," that a new community was fashioned out of semi-wilderness. Here it was that Sussex County built its jail and court house, private investment constructed hotels and banks, and citizens met to socialize, talk business, stage political rallies and protests, and even to riot. Festive Return Day brought scores of Sussex Countians to The Circle but so did the more somber slave auctions,

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