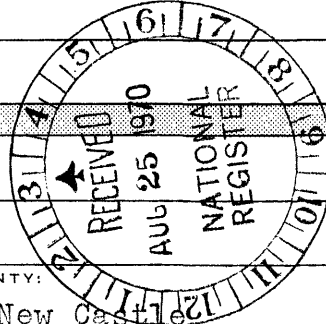


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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <i>Delaware</i>	
COUNTY: <i>New Castle</i>	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER <i>70.10.10.0004</i>	DATE <i>10/2/70</i>



1. NAME

COMMON:
AND/OR HISTORIC:
Obadiah Dinglee House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
107 East 7th Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Wilmington,

STATE: *Delaware* CODE: COUNTY: *New Castle* CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Unoccupied residence</i>
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>for demolition</i>
			Comments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			<i>scheduled</i>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
Wilmington Housing Authority

STREET AND NUMBER:
1100 Todds Lane

CITY OR TOWN: *Wilmington* STATE: *Delaware* CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Register of Deeds for New Castle County

STREET AND NUMBER:
Public Building

CITY OR TOWN: *Wilmington* STATE: *Delaware* CODE:

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: *1/25 acre*

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey (called the Lloyd House)

DATE OF SURVEY: *1941* Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN: *Washington* STATE: *D. C.* CODE:

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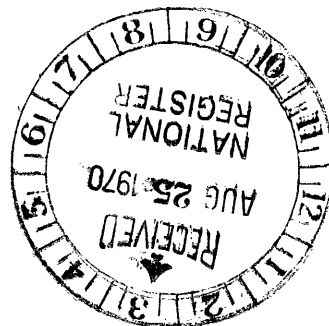
7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Obadiah Dinglee House is a two-story brick dwelling adjoining the Jacob Dinglee House of slightly earlier date. The house was built within the two-year restriction contained in the 1771 deed. The house is 19 feet 6 inches on the front, including a 3 foot 4 inch alley on the first floor level, and extends back 24 feet. The rear wing has been much altered, but evidence in the brickwork strongly suggests an original wing about 10 feet wide and 6 feet deep which contained a winding stairway to the second floor and cellar. A moderate pitched roof covers the main house, with dormers on front and back lighting a generous attic. The rear dormer is original, of shed construction. The front dormer is of later design but nicely detailed, replacing the original shed type. The wooden cornice of the main house is simply moulded in bold fashion, without modillions or dentils. A belt course composed of two projecting courses of brick separated by three courses of brick in the plane of the wall marks the second floor line. Both cornice and courses extend unbroken across this and the Jacob Dinglee House. The brick work on the house front is of good quality, laid in Flemish bond from cornice to moulded water table. The front of the first floor has been severely altered but clear evidence indicates the position of the original door and window. The three second floor windows have the original moulded wood sills and twelve-pane sash with heavy muntins. The interior of the main house on the second floor contains two rooms. The front room contains a corner fireplace. The rear room has a full paneled chimney treatment with cupboards on each side and a paneled end opposite the fireplace enclosing narrow stairs to the attic. The room also contains a chair rail and simple moulded cornice. The original interior of the first floor has disappeared as a result of remodelling, but almost certainly consisted of a hall extending the depth of the main house opening on the stairway at the rear, with two rooms on the right containing fireplaces in the position of those on the second floor. A cellar extends fully under the main house and wing.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1771-1773

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/>	Education <input type="checkbox"/>	Political <input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Historic <input type="checkbox"/>	Industry <input type="checkbox"/>	Science <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Example of 18th century urban residence continually occupied by working families of Wilmington</u>
Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>	Invention <input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>	
Art <input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/>	
Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Theater <input type="checkbox"/>	
Communications <input type="checkbox"/>	Literature <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	
Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>		
	Music <input type="checkbox"/>		

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

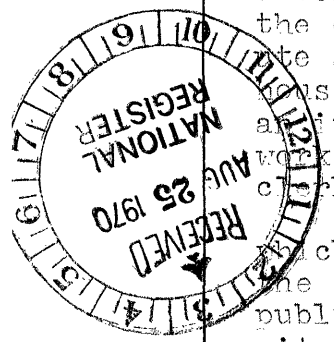
The significance of the Obadiah Dingee House lies not only in its architectural worth but also in being one of the few surviving dwellings of the period of Quaker settlement from 1736 to the early 1800s in downtown Wilmington. The town of Wilmington, as laid out by Thomas Willing in 1736, comprised about eight blocks north of the Christina River and four blocks on either side of Market Street. At this time there were about thirty brick houses, none of which now survive except as fragments.

The important progress in the development of Wilmington began with the arrival of William and Elizabeth Shipley in 1736 from the Philadelphia area, with other Quakers following over the years in substantial number. During this period the manufacturing capacity of the Brandywine mills were developed, a variety of trades were established, and Wilmington became an important port and a center of commerce.

At the time that Obadiah Dingee, a Quaker, built his house in 1773, Wilmington had a population of about 1,100 and was spreading beyond its earlier limits. Obadiah bought the land from Matthew Crips, who ran a very successful pottery on the larger property and whose wife's family, the Stidhams, had owned land in the area since the middle 1600s. Dingee was a cabinetmaker, house carpenter, and joiner. In 1812 Dingee sold the house to Benjamin Devou, a shoemaker and public-spirited citizen. In 1813 Devou joined Rodney's Wilmington Artillerists; he was also a Volunteer Watchman and Patrolman, being "impressed with the danger that impends over the borough from . . . dissolute and depraved persons." The next inhabitants of the house were Devou's daughter and her husband, John Ramo, an iron founder. Succeeding tenants included an ironworker, shopkeeper, tinsmith, boilermaker, carpet weaver, clock, meat cutter, and finally a barber.

Thus the house stands as a survival of the period during which Wilmington developed into a prosperous city, and as the continuing residence of citizens whose industry and public interest has contributed to the well-being of the city.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

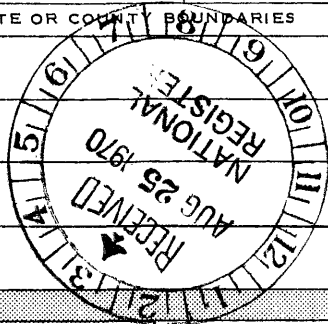
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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Albert Kruse, FAIA, State Preservation Coordinator for the ATA
 ORGANIZATION: Delaware Society for the Preservation of Antiquities
 DATE: 15 Aug, 1969
 STREET AND NUMBER: c/o Lynn D. Sprankle, 202 Country Club Drive
 CITY OR TOWN: Wilmington STATE: Delaware CODE:

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

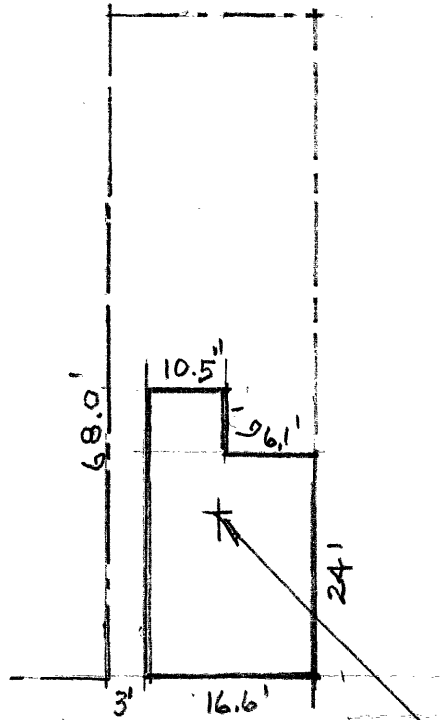
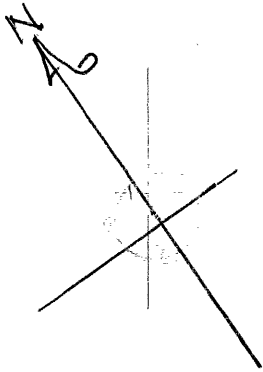
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 Date: August 18, 1970

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

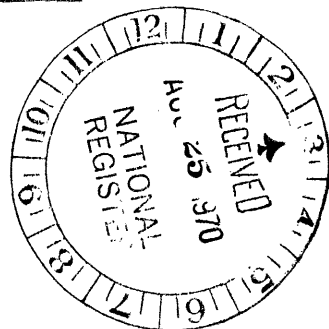
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LONGITUDE 75° 32' 56"

NO. 107 E. 7TH STREET
WILMINGTON - DELAWARE

SCALE 1" = 20'



DATE 8/15/69