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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Delaware	
COUNTY: New Castle	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
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1. NAME

COMMON:
Sutton House

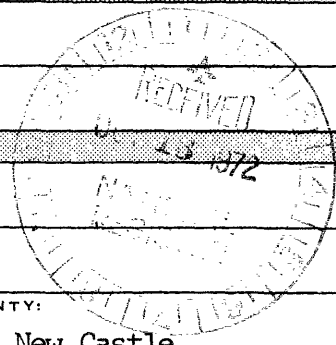
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Broad and Delaware Streets

CITY OR TOWN:
St. Georges

STATE Delaware	CODE 10	COUNTY: New Castle	CODE 003
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3. CLASSIFICATION

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

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
James N. Sutton IV

STREET AND NUMBER:
Broad and Delaware Streets

CITY OR TOWN: St. Georges	STATE: Delaware	CODE 10
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Public Building

STREET AND NUMBER:
Rodney Square

CITY OR TOWN: Wilmington	STATE: Delaware	CODE 10
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
A List of Delaware Heritage Buildings and Areas in New Castle County

DATE OF SURVEY: 1963 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Greater Wilmington Development Council

STREET AND NUMBER:
300 Delaware Avenue, Suite 1320

CITY OR TOWN: Wilmington,	STATE: Delaware	CODE 10
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7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Sutton House, in St. Georges, is a three-bay, two-and-a-half-story brick structure with a lower rear wing. The southeast, or front, and the northeast facades are laid in Flemish bond, with common bond below the first floor level; the northwest and the southwest facades are laid entirely in common bond.

The front, or southeast, facade features a semicircular fanlight over the portal, which occupies the left bay, and flat wooden lintels with dentil detailing over the windows.

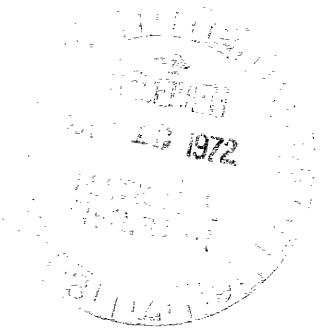
On the northeast facade two lines of fenestration occur between the chimney lines in the gable portion. The roof in this front portion has been extended over the gable walls, the brick massing joining the chimneys has been removed, and hammer-beam detailing has been added below the eaves. A two-story porch presently covers the entire northeast facade of the rear wing.

One door punctuates the southwest facade at the right bay of the rear wing. On the gable end portion, a line of fenestration occurs left of center, and the extended roof and hammer-beam detailing are repeated.

The first floor of the front section, composed of two rooms adjoining a side hall, is ornamented by bulls-eye corner block detailing on all doorways and windows, and on the two fireplaces. The windows in this section also feature a modest splay in the casings and paneled wall section below the sills.

Detailing in the rear wing, as well as in the southern bedrooms, is of a simpler variety than that of the first-floor rooms. The disposal of rooms on the second and third main floors is patterned on the first with the addition of a south room over the entrance hall. The rear wing on both floors is one room deep and two rooms in length with an enclosed box stair connecting the two floors and basement.

The basement foundation walls are of random-cut stone below grade, surmounted by brick laid in common bond. Two dependencies, to the west, remain: a smokehouse, possibly original, laid in common bond brick and a stable sheathed in board-and-batten siding.



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SIGNIFICANCE

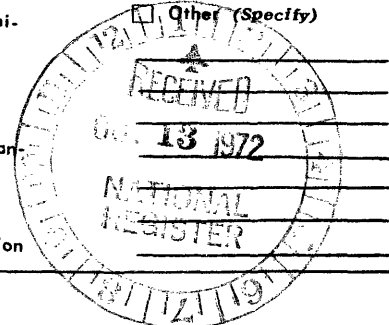
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1792-1815

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 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 type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Residents of the town of St. Georges know the Sutton House as one of the earliest structures in the area. For nearly two hundred years, generations of Suttons have lived in the house and have been associated with the settlement and growth of St. Georges.

John Sutton, born in 1767, was the son and namesake of the first of his family to settle in Delaware. His father farmed near Dover, where, presumably, the son was born. John Sutton moved to St. Georges as a young man, and served as the town's first, and, for a time, only merchant. His descendants date their house between 1792 and 1796. An older part of the house, now a kitchen wing, may have been finished during those years. The main portion of the house probably was completed by 1815.

John Sutton first appears in New Castle County Deed Records as a purchaser of St. Georges land in 1801. Apparently he continued to buy land, coming to own, at one time, half of the land that comprised the town. The right-of-way for the road leading from St. Georges to Delaware City was his gift to the County. As a Jeffersonian Democrat, Sutton served on the Levy Court and in the State legislature.

John Sutton's eldest son, James, returned to St. Georges to practice medicine after taking a degree at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. He opened the first drugstore in St. Georges, located in the first floor of the Sutton House. In addition to the drug business, Dr. James Sutton turned his varied talents to operating bark, saw, and grist mills in the town, and to serving as its postmaster for forty years. As a member of the Light Horse Company of St. Georges he maintained order during the building of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal.

James Sutton's fourth child Albert continued his father's drug business in St. Georges. Fittingly for the grandson of one of the town's largest early landowners, he was one of the incorporators of St. Georges in 1877 and served as a member of the town council. In 1885 President Cleveland appointed him postmaster.

The house is now occupied by James N. Sutton IV, five generations removed from the first Sutton to settle in St. Georges.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Biographical and Genealogical History of the State of Delaware. 2 vols.
 Chambersburg, Pennsylvania: J. M. Runk & Co., 1899.

New Castle County Deed Book W. Vol. 2, p. 540.

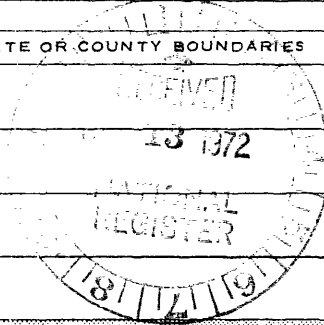
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE			
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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: One-half

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Miss Rosemary Troy and Mr. Vincent Rogers

ORGANIZATION: Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs DATE: 7/17/72

STREET AND NUMBER:
Hall of Records

CITY OR TOWN: Dover STATE: Delaware CODE: 10

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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:

National State Local

Name E. Berkeley Tompkins
 Dr. E. Berkeley Tompkins

Title State Liaison Officer

Date 10-6-72

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

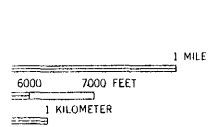
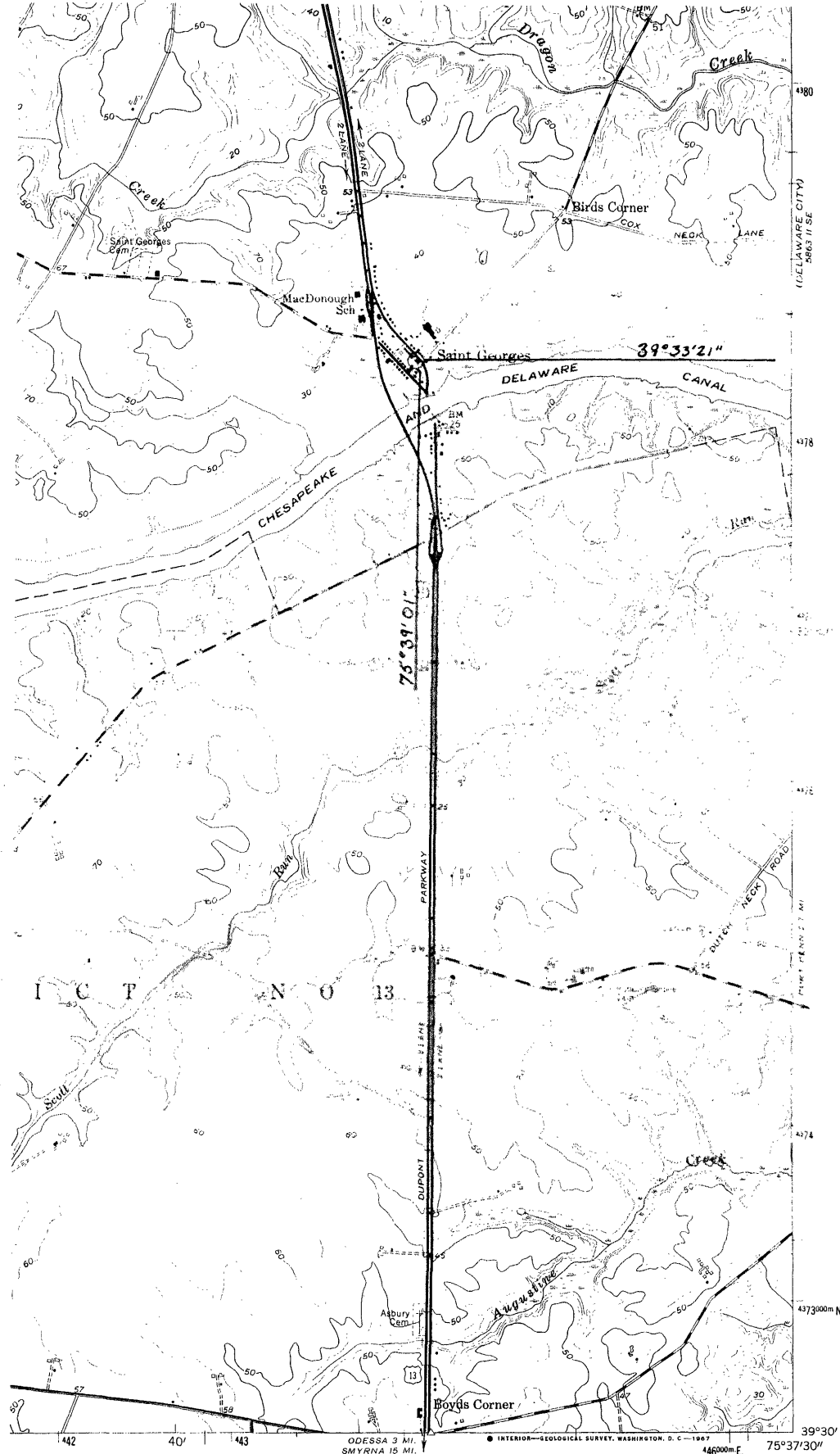
Robert M. Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 4/24/73

ATTEST:
John P. [Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

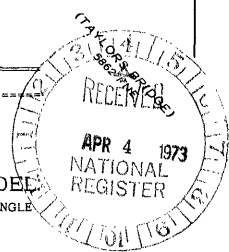
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	4 LANE 16 LANE	Light-duty	---
Medium-duty	4 LANE 16 LANE	Unimproved dirt	---
U. S. Route	○	State Route	○



SAINT GEORGES, DEL.
 SW1/4 WILMINGTON 15' QUADRANGLE
 N3930-W7537.5/7.5

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