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A three-bay <u>brick</u> structure, the Old Brick Store rises two stories above grade on the west and, on the east, three stories, as a basement occurs at the east grade.

At the lower ground level on the east facade are two doors, located in the end bays. The whole building is laid in Flemish bond. Surmounted by chimneys, the north and south facades are pierced by two circular windows located in each gable. The west facade features fireglazed headers. The center entrance is marked by evidence of a now-deteriorated portico.

In the interior, the basement and first floor are stacked room on room, while the upper floor contains one large space bordered by low windows. Both the upper floor and basement stand unfinished: the rafters and roofing are visible overhead, while the subgrade stonework and dirt floor mark the basement. The main floor is disposed into a center entrance hall backed by a center room and flanked on the north and south by end rooms. Although the chimneys have collapsed, much of the surrounding wood paneling remains, as well as the simply-detailed mantels. The doors connecting the center hall to the main rooms are Dutch split with strap hinges. The interior detailing is of a simple genre including beaded baseboard moldings.

The building, which has served various purposes, is now vacant and ruinous.



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The Old Brick Store at Brick Store Landing, with its date, 1761 or 1767, worked in glazed headers in the west wall, marks the location of what may have been a grain shipping center for southern New Castle County. Pomfret, the three-hundred-fifteen-acre tract where the store stands, was surveyed as early as 1681 by Ephrian Herman, for William Grant, who in turn, conveyed it to Anthony Tompkins. William Penn patented the land to the same Tompkins in 1684. At that time, ships could tie up here.

The Brick Store farm descended through the Naudain family to Rebecca, daughter of Arnold S. Naudain. Through her marriage she brought the farm to William Wilson. Wilson was born in 1810 at his family's Homestead Hall, near Middletown. By the time of his death, his extensive lands, including the Brick Store farm, were renowned as some of the choicest in Delaware. Wilson's program of soil improvement transformed poorly cultivated acreage into fertile land. It was probably during this period that the Brick Store earned its reputation as a business center, as well as the focal point of regional social gatherings. William N. and John T. Wilson inherited the Brick Store farm on their father's death.

In 1888, Alexander Griswold Cummins owned the Brick Store farm. He had returned to Smyrna to oversee his agricultural interests in 1867, after a varied career as a lawyer and as a minister. Cummins read law in the office of Henry J. Williams, and was a member of the Philadelphia bar. However, to satisfy his father's wishes, he studied for the ministry and was ordained at New London, Connecticut in 1861. His six-year ministry was served at Christ's Church in Reading, Pennsylvania.

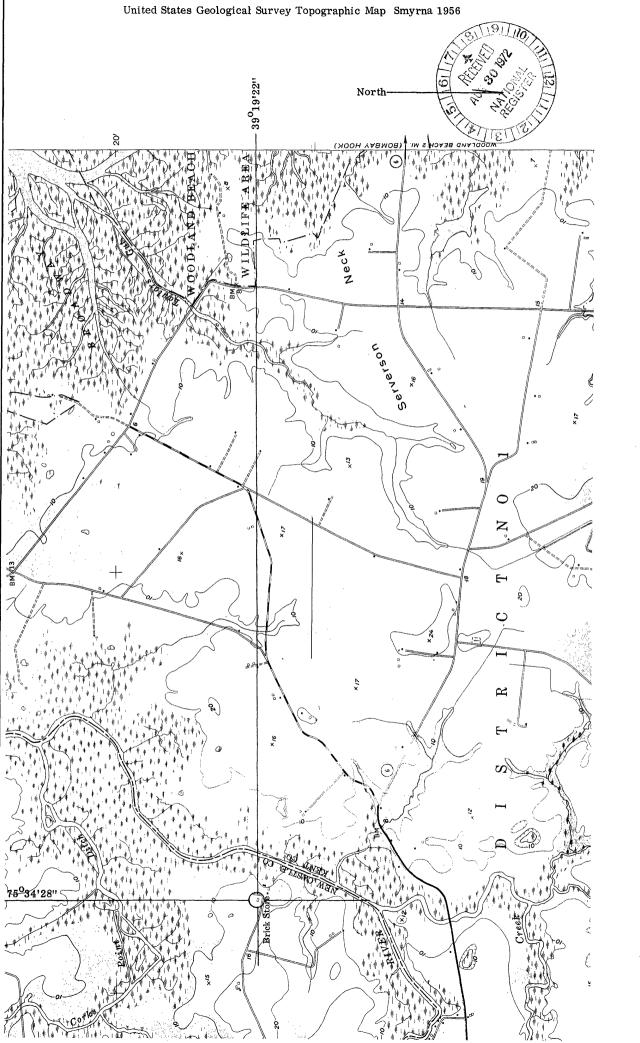
Cummins' eldest brother, George Wilson Cummins, was twenty-four years his senior. He and a brother assumed management of their father's grain marketing business and enlarged it to include shipment of large quantities of grain in their own boats to Wilmington and Philadelphia, and as far north as Boston and Providence. George Cummins owned approximately two thousand five hundred fertile acres in Kent County.

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