

PH0001295
STATE: Delaware
COUNTY: New Castle
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ENTRY NUMBER: 70.10.10.0002
DATE: 10/16/70

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)



SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:
AND/OR HISTORIC: Jacob Dingee House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 105 East 7th Street
CITY OR TOWN: Wilmington
STATE: Delaware

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			Yes: Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>scheduled for future demolition</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME: Rose Levitatz
STREET AND NUMBER: 105 East 7th Street
CITY OR TOWN: Wilmington STATE: Delaware

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
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1/25 acre

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey (called Gray 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.

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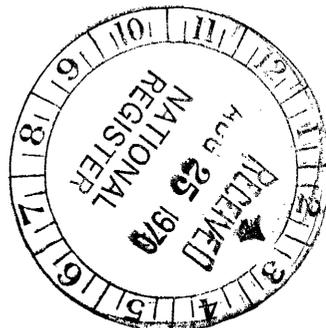
7. DESCRIPTION

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 Jacob Dingee House is a two-story brick dwelling adjoining the Obadiah Dingee House of slightly later date. The main house is 17 feet 5 inches wide on the street front, extending back 24 feet. A waist-like wing 10 feet wide and 6 feet long containing a small winding stairway connects with the rear wing, which is 13 feet 8 inches wide and 31 feet long. The rear wing was built in two sections, the first, contemporary with the main house, being of brick and the second of wood, both two stories high. A moderately pitched roof covers the main house, with a dormer on front and back lighting a generous attic. The present dormers are of later design, replacing earlier and simpler shed types. The rear wing is covered by a single-pitch sloped roof. The wooden cornice of the main house is simply molded in bold fashion, without modillions or dentils. A belt course of two projecting courses of brick separated by three courses in the plane of the wall marks the second floor line. Both cornice and courses extend unbroken across this and the Obadiah Dingee House. The brick work is of very good quality, laid in Flemish bond with dark glazed headers on the second floor and changing to common bond a few courses above the first floor line. A change in street level has exaggerated the exposed height of the basement, produced the late cellar door and increased the number of risers in the late marble steps. There is evidence that there was a water-table and that the wall below the last course of Flemish bond has been rebuilt, probably at the time the street level was changed. The interior arrangement of the first and second floor of the main house is virtually the same. On the first floor a narrow hall with two rooms to the right leads back to a winding stairway. The second floor contains a small L-shaped hall, the front room extending the width of the house. All four rooms contain fireplaces. The brick wing consists of one room on each floor, the first floor room containing a large kitchen fireplace and the second floor a smaller one. A full cellar extends under the main house and the brick portion of the rear 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

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal	Education	Political	Urban Planning
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 Jacob Dingee House lies not only in its architectural worth but 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. Other Quakers followed in substantial number until the early 1800s. 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 center of commerce. At the time that Jacob Dingee, a Quaker, built his home in 1771, Wilmington had a population of about 1,000 and was spreading beyond its earlier limits. Dingee was a joiner and carpenter, and probably a cabinet-maker. He bought his 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's son, Daniel, who grew up in the house, was a member from Sussex of the first Delaware state legislature. In 1796 Dingee sold the house to Jeremiah Woolston, a Quaker, bricklayer and ironmonger. After passing through several hands the house was bought by Elisha Huxley in 1835. Huxley was an ambitious and civic-minded man, a contractor and builder, member of the city council and board of education, and initiator of the plan to use the Brandywine for a public city water supply. He was also a director of the briefly prosperous Whaling Company and of the Farmer's Bank. After Huxley sold the property the house was occupied by a succession of respectable people--a retired captain, a shipjoiner, a clerk, an undertaker, and a jeweller. Thus the house stands as a survival of the period during which Wilmington developed into a prosperous city, and as the continued residence of men whose conscientious industry 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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SE	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"
				39	44	31
					75	32
						56

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Albert Kruse, MAIA, 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

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: *Richard Salinger Jr.*
 Title: State Archivist and State Liaison Officer

Date: August 18, 1970

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

Ernest Allen Cernovsky
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

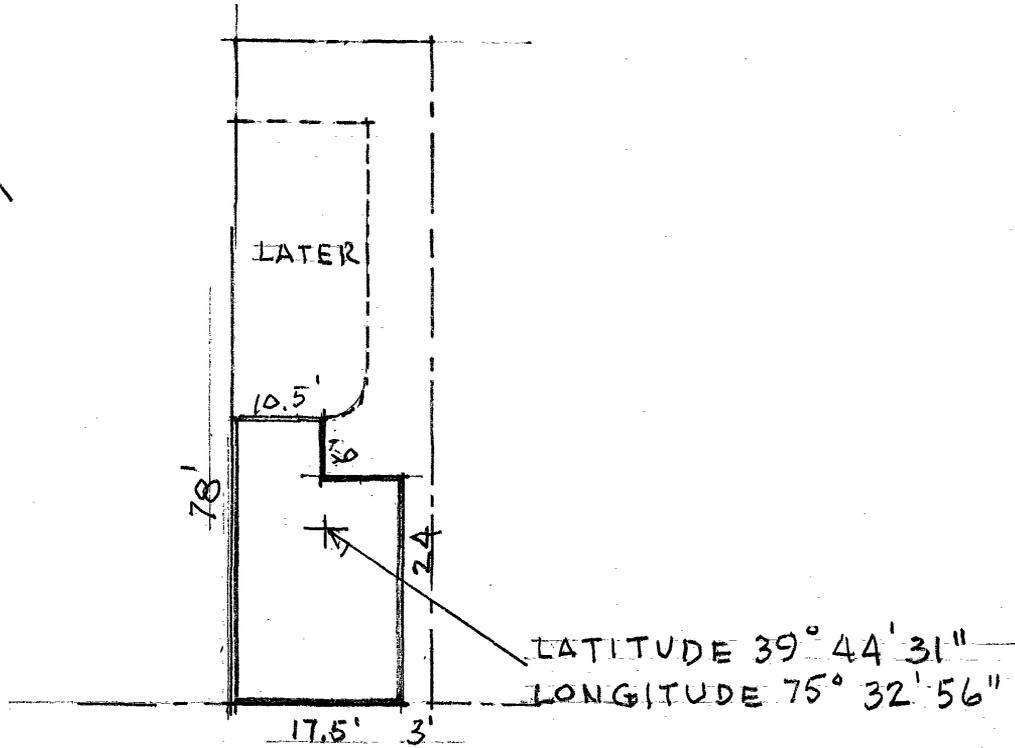
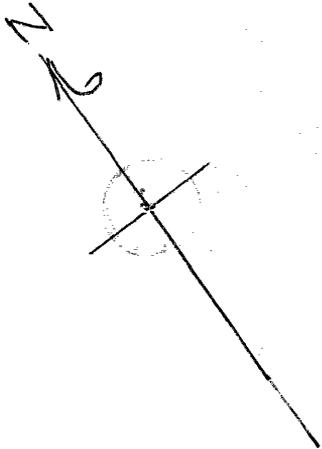
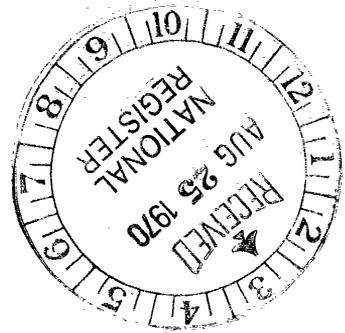
OCT 16 1970

Date _____

ATTEST:
William J. Montegut
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: OCT 14 1970

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NO. 105 E. 7TH STREET
 WILMINGTON - DELAWARE

SCALE 1" = 20'

DATE 8/15/69