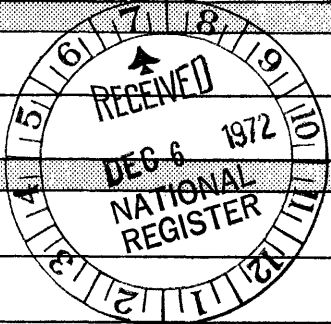


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INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Delaware	
COUNTY: New Castle	
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1. NAME

COMMON:  
Mingquedale Home for Aged Men

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Lobdell Estate, MINQUADALE HOME

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
U.S. Route 13

CITY OR TOWN:  
Wilmington

STATE: Delaware      CODE: 10      COUNTY: New Castle      CODE: 003

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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 type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Nursing Home</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
Mingquedale Home for Aged Men, Inc.

STREET AND NUMBER:  
U.S. Route 13

CITY OR TOWN: Wilmington      STATE: Delaware      CODE: 10

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

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:       Federal     State     County     Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:      STATE:      CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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This house, built in 1864 by George G. Lobdell as his summer home, is two stories tall with an attic, five bays wide, stuccoed, and gable-roofed.

The original interior layout is almost impossible to describe, since the house has been remodeled to suit its present role as a retirement home. The main block of the building, which is the oldest part, has two large and two small rooms on the first floor. The two large rooms are used as a living room and a dining room. The smaller rooms are used as sitting rooms. The second floor contains several small rooms and bathrooms that appear to be quite changed from the original. The attic story has probably remained closest to original; however, it is quite plain and hardly representative of what the rest of the house must have looked like. The cupola is still accessible by what appears to be the original ladder. The large windows in the cupola afford a commanding view of Wilmington and its environs.

The 1891 addition, while useful, is uninteresting, being only a collection of small rooms arranged in a hotel-like fashion.

The exterior of the house is its most interesting feature, having remained close to its original appearance. It is finished in stucco applied to lath. The stucco is now painted white, but was most likely a different color (such as beige) originally. The facade is five bays wide and has three dormer windows equally spaced across it. The windows all contain double hung sash with two large panes of glass per sash. Rows of large brackets run around the entire house under the eaves of the gable roof, under the dormer eaves, and around



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the cupola. The two porches on the house are altered from their original arrangement. The porch on the facade was smaller originally, as was that on the gable end. In addition, there was originally a back porch on the house, which is now part of the dining room. On the back of the house, in addition to three dormer windows like those on the facade, is a two-story-tall bay window, most likely a part of the original parlor and the master bedroom above.

The house fits in the Italianate Revival style. The rather late date for this house is indicated in the fact that not all the conventions of the style were followed, a gable roof having been substituted for the usual flat one, and dormers replacing the usual half story. The cupola, however, is magnificent in its scale - though it is a little large for the house - and is the one element that really follows the Italianate style to the letter.



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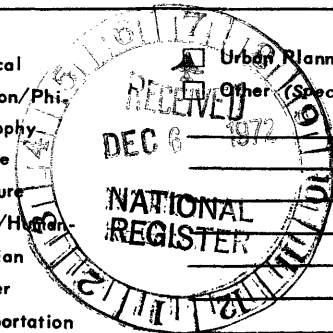
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1864, 1891

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house, originally, was the summer home of George G. Lobdell, a manufacturer of car wheels, whose plant was located in Wilmington. Lobdell became a partner in the company in 1838, succeeding his uncle. Under his direction, the company prospered enormously, 1882 being the year of the greatest expansion. In addition to his judicious management practices, Lobdell prospered because he was something of an experimenter. His endeavors culminated in two patents; one in 1861 for the "Lobdell Improved Single Plate Wheel" and one in 1869 for a "combination wheel." Scharf writes of the company that it

...casts as well as grinds its rolls and has received premiums upon them at the Centennial Exposition, the Paris Exposition and the International Cotton Exposition at Atlanta, Georgia in 1881.

In 1891, his vacation house was made over into a retirement home for Lobdell's employees of both sexes, demonstrating that Lobdell felt a great sense of responsibility for the welfare of his employees.

The house itself is interesting as one of the later expressions of the Italianate Revival in Delaware, with its large brackets and especially fine cupola.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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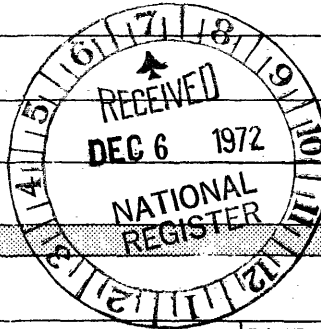
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
Mr. Richard Schmidt

ORGANIZATION: Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs

DATE: 10/12/72

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Hall of Records

CITY OR TOWN: Dover

STATE: Delaware

CODE: 10

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:

National  State  Local

Name E. Berkeley Tompkins  
Dr. E. Berkeley Tompkins

Title Director, Div. of Historical and Cultural Affairs

Date Nov. 27, 1972

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

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

Date 6/4/73

ATTEST:  
[Signature]  
Keeper of The National Register

Date 5/30/73