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Snowland presents an orderly, if not integral, five-bay southwest frontage. The three bays to the right, including the center entry, comprise the original portion of the house and are stuccoed. Though the roof is devoid of dormers, the facade is graced by a simple box cornice and a belt course.

The rear of the building is rather more medieval in appearance.

The northeast wall is again marked by a division line in the brickwork but unlike the front, it is divided into four bays which are not regularly spaced.

To the southeast of the main house block, a lower wing extends the main axis. The visible brickwork on the wing and the main house is laid in five-course common bond.

The house is now a center-hall Georgian structure, one room in depth and two stories high with an attic. The hall and the southeast room are simply detailed. Both contain crown moulding and chair railing; the southeast room features a paneled end wall with a large fireplace opening. The northwest room, added later, features punch and gouge detailing, including crown moulding, chair railing, and fireplace mantel. The mantelpiece receives a full entablature, supported by fluted pilasters. The door and splayed window casings are paneled.

The second floor, simpler in detail, is similar in disposal to the first floor plan. The windows in the northwest bed chamber are also splayed. The southeast chamber, however, has been divided into two smaller rooms, and a bathroom has been added to the front of the second floor hall.

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A tract of land located on Little Duck Creek called "Belle's Endeavor" was owned by Christopher Southey in 1716. Thomas Green sold it in 1774 to William Barnes, who in turn sold it to Daniel Needham.

By 1790 Andrew Naudain had a house on this tract. The house was called "Snowland" for his wife, Rebecca Snow. The Naudains were a large family in Delaware and Maryland that descended from Elias Naudain, a shipmaster of La Tramblade. Because he was a Huguenot, Naudain fled France in 1682 with his wife and children. Elias Naudain died in England, but his widow and children settled in Delaware and Maryland.

Andrew Naudain sired three sons: Arnold, Andrew, and Elias, all of whom were born at Snowland. Arnold moved to Dover where he studied medicine with Dr. James Sykes. After a career as a major in the War of 1812, he became the Dover postmaster, a state and United States senator and director of the Farmers Bank. Andrew Naudain also practiced medicine and was twice president of the Delaware Medical Society.

Elias Naudain stayed at Snowland, and, after his father's death in 1819, kept a store in front of the house and a granary nearby. By 1830 the property was known as "Naudain's Landing."

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