

Ruth Mansion House
Leipsic, Delaware

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RUTH MANSION HOUSE
Leipsic, Kent County, Delaware.

Owner: Edward S. Wilson.

Date of Erection: Late 18th Century.

Present Condition: Very good. New roofs, front porch, modern, also second story bay window over it.

Number of Stories: Two and a half and basement.

Materials of Construction: Main portion brick, Flemish bond on front. Structural wood work and floors as usual in colonial work. Shingle roofs.

Other Existing Records: Office of Recorder of Deeds, Kent County, Dover, Delaware.

Additional Data: The main structure follows closely the traditional colonial type. The brick string course between the stories is not unusual but effective. The frame wing is unusual in its narrow two story porch with simple balusters and splayed posts. Note the heavy weather boards on front and shingled side, also the absence of dormers and the consequent dignity of the untroubled roof area. At present the blinds and shutters are both painted green and basement walls whitewashed. The mantelpiece in the living room is particularly good in proportions and in the use of ornament. Its height is 5 feet, 3 3/8 inches.

Lanssat R. Rogers

Approved

Walter H. Paul
District Officer

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