

George Read House  
On the Strand  
New Castle, Delaware

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA  
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ADDENDUM  
FOLLOWS...

Historic American Buildings Survey  
Weston H. Blake, District Officer  
909 West Street, Wilmington, Delaware

READ HOUSE  
New Castle, New Castle County, Delaware  
The Strand

Owner: Philip D. Laird.

Date of Erection: Finished 1801, for George Read II.

Builder: Peter Crowding, of Philadelphia, under direction of the owner.

Present Condition: Very good.

Number of Stories: High basement and two and a half stories. Captain's walk deck on roof. Rear service wing. Changes since building exceptionally few except added plumbing and heating. Shingle roofs.

Other Existing Records: ARTS & DECORATIONS MAGAZINE, Nov. 1929. George Fletcher Bennett, Early Architecture of Delaware, p 101, White Pine Series of Architectural Monographs, V<sup>II</sup> ~~III~~, No.6. New Castle on the Delaware, W. P. A., Del. F. W. P., 1936, p 89, 90, 91, 92 and 93.

Additional Data: The front steps are modern, and the unusual elevation of the first story is due to the proximity of the river and the desire for a somewhat higher cellar than usual. This magnificent example of post colonial architecture has been described so often that further comment seem unnecessary.

Lansat R. Rogers

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Addendum to:  
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