

Black Gates
Near Rockland
New Castle County
Delaware

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Historic American Buildings Survey
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BLACK GATES (LODGE HOUSES)
Near Rockland, New Castle County, Delaware.
Concord Pike.

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Owner: Alfred I. duPont estate.

Date of Erection: 1809.

Present Condition: Good as to physical condition and freedom from alterations.

Number of Stories: Two in front and one in rear frame addition.

Materials of Construction: Stone in front, frame construction in rear, whitewashed, and shingled roof.

Additional Data: Called Black Gates because originally the entrance to the black powder mill of the duPont Powder Company. Very interesting examples of gate lodges, which are not usual in Delaware estates of the past. They show a French influence in their character, as for instance in the absence of gable ends and in the two story windows with circular tops. These make for simplicity and size to the composition. The contrast between the white walls and dark wooden trim and lattice work is excellent. Altogether they have a "monumentality" which gives them unusual distinction. Date of erection vouched for by Mrs. B. G. duPont.

Laussat P. Rogers

Approved

Wesley H. Blake
District Officer

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