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In 2008, local residents Lynn & Ed Lester totally restored this 1836 National Historic Registry property. Their goal was to provide both locals and visitors to our town with a quaint place to gather after work, fine dining in an atmosphere

of casual elegance, and first-class lodging accommodations; this reflected the original usage of the property. The result of their efforts is an inn with 14 boutique-style guest rooms and a full-service restaurant & tavern that includes venues for private parties, meetings, weddings, corporate and family retreats. "The Brick" bustles with activity all year long, and has quickly become the centerpiece of our town.

The Greater Georgetown Chamber of Commerce is an excellent source of area information and a vital resource for businesses and visitors. Strong Chamber leadership working in partnership with town and county officials keeps business and tourism in Georgetown viable and competitive. The Chamber Office & Visitor Center is located in the Historic Georgetown Train Station.



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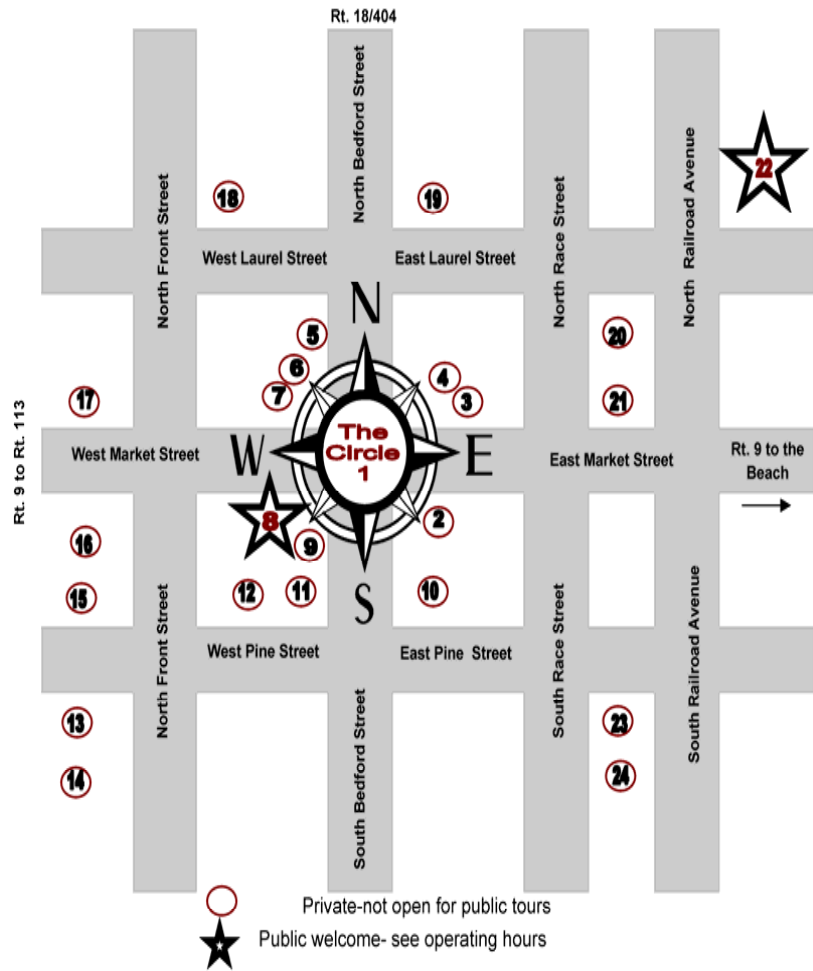
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1. The Circle or Public Square designed by Commissioner Rhoads Shankland following the purchase of 76 acres for the new Sussex County seat on May 9, 1791. Legend has it that a slave girl named Liz was responsible for plowing the center of the Town Square and planting the trees there. The Circle is on the National Register of Historic Places.

2. New Sussex County Courthouse. 1 The Circle. Designed by renowned architect William Strickland, the structure was built between 1837-1839 on the same location as the Old Courthouse. The portico and cupola were added in 1914.

3. Town Hall. 39 The Circle. Formerly the site of a Tavern built in 1820 and called the "Rising Sun," the brick structure was built in 1921 for the Delaware Trust Company. The building was donated to the Town in 1965 by Wilmington Trust Company.

4. Old Fire Hall. 37 The Circle. The first fire apparatus was purchased in 1831 and the Georgetown Fire Company was organized in 1903. The company moved to the old fire hall building on The Circle in 1930 and to their new building on South Bedford Street in 1966.

5. The Mansion House. 28 The Circle. Greek Revival style of the front section of the structure dates to 1830-1866. The older back portion is believed to have been constructed in 1799. The home was once owned by Charles Sudler Richards, who served as Delaware Secretary of State and Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court.

6. The Paynter House. 26 The Circle. Constructed in the early 1800s, the house was occupied by the Paynter Family, which included physicians, a bank president, and a Delaware Supreme Court Justice.

7. Dr. Joseph B. Waples House. 4 West Market St. Constructed in the 1800s, the house was home to the Town's dedicated physician. His office was next to his home adjacent to Sussex County Family Court.

8. The Brick Hotel. 18 The Circle. The inn was constructed in 1836 and served as the Sussex County Courthouse during construction of the new Courthouse. Until the 1950's, it operated as an Inn and Tavern, and then became home to a bank until the late 1990's. It underwent a total restoration in 2008 by local residents, Lynn & Ed Lester, and once again is operated as an Inn & Tavern. Open 7 days a week.

9. Old Farmers Bank. 13 The Circle. Farmer's Bank was chartered in 1807 and a fine brick structure built in 1852. The present Georgian-style structure was constructed in 1971. Farmer's Bank was sold in 1981. Mellon Bank acquired the bank in 1983, and it is now Citizens Bank.

10. Old Georgetown Post Office. 2 The Circle. After 33 separate postmasters and post offices scattered throughout the Town, the cornerstone of

the old post office was laid on June 4, 1932 and cost \$63,452. The structure was acquired in 1994 by the Sussex County Council for meeting chambers and council offices.

11. Old Sussex County Court House. 10 South Bedford St. This building was constructed in 1791-1792 and met the exact dimensions of the former County Courthouse in Lewes; it was moved from its original Circle location in 1837 to make way for the present courthouse. The structure was restored in 1976 and is the oldest wooden Courthouse still in use by the court system (on occasion.)

12. New Century Club Building. 10 West Pine St. Constructed in 1926, the building housed the Georgetown Library until their new building was completed in 2010.

13. The Sorden-Rollins House. 103 West Pine St. The Greek Revival style structure was constructed between 1791-1801.

14. Clayfield Farm. 228 South Front St. The home was built in 1841 by the son of U.S. Senator William Wells and was once owned by Judge James M. Tunnell, Jr., a Delaware Supreme Court Justice.

15. The Benton Harris House. 14 South Front St. The front section of the house was constructed in 1795 by Georgetown's first storekeeper. When he became postmaster in 1799, the home became the post office as was the custom of the time.

16. Dr. Stephen Green House. 8 South Front St. The oldest section of the house dates to before 1810 and around 1868 had a three-bay section added. Dr. Green was a physician who served as Justice of the Peace in 1836 and 1851.

17. The Judges. 104 West Market St. Built in 1809 by Judge Peter Robinson, the Early-Georgian structure has served as the home of several judges, State Supreme Court Justices and two Delaware Secretaries of State.

18. The Peter S. Faucett House. 11 West Laurel St. An excellent example of joining two separate 3-bay houses, the oldest section was believed to have been constructed in 1830.

19. The Alfred Robinson House. 112 North Bedford St. Constructed on The Circle before 1800, this grand residence was moved to its present location in 1857. The giant Magnolia tree is said to have been a gift of a sea captain in the late 1850s.

20. Wesley United Methodist Church. 10 North Race St. It is said that Francis Asbury preached in what would become the Town as early as 1779, although no edifice was constructed until 1802 on West Pine Street near the Church cemetery. Two church buildings later, the present sanctuary was constructed in 1896. The parsonage was added in 1907.

21. Masonic Lodge. 151 East Market St. Constructed in 1843, the Masonic Hall was called the Georgetown Academy and was built with funds raised through a lottery approved by the Legislature for the construction of a school on the first floor. The Academy closed in 1885, and the portico was added in 1920.

22. Historic Georgetown Train Station. 140 Layton Ave. Built as a single story structure just prior to 1868 when the railroad began service to Georgetown, the building was purchased and restored by the Historic Georgetown Association in 1996. Several thousand board feet of the old 1865 lumber was salvaged. 22,000 original paver bricks were used to veneer the building's exterior and loading docks, and old floor joists - many of which are 135 years old - were salvaged to restore the second story. The building is now home to the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce & open Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm.

23. St. Paul's Episcopal Church. 122 East Pine St. Organized in 1794, a wood frame structure was built in 1804. The brick structure was constructed in 1844. A fire in 1987 destroyed the parish house inn the rear. It was rebuilt in 1990.

24. The Old Academy. 104 East Pine St. Private school instruction began in Georgetown in 1812 and its first building was constructed in 1836. It was so named to distinguish it from the Masonic Hall, called the New Academy. Near St. Paul's Church, Georgetown School was constructed in 1885.

