

Leeds House  
Leeds Point, Atlantic County, New Jersey

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District of New Jersey

Historic American Buildings Survey  
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133 Central Avenue, Rahway, New Jersey

Leeds House  
Leeds Point, Atlantic County, New Jersey

Owner: Jesse Mathis

Date of Erection: 1814

Architect:

Builder: Japheth Leeds

Present Condition: Fair

Number of Stories: Two and one-half

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - stone,  
northeast side stuccoed,  
frame addition added in  
1858

Interior walls - plaster

Inside stone and brick  
chimneys

Roof - pitch

Historical Data:

Some people believe that this building might have been the original Daniel Leeds' home and that the house although it is dated 1814 was remodeled at that time and not newly built; however, we believe from the construction that 1814 is the date of erection. The land upon which the house stands was acquired from Daniel Leeds in 1813. The deed of 1813 is for a quarter of the "plantation on which Samuel Leeds" was then living and which had been devised to Daniel Leeds

by his brother Josiah in 1797. In a deed from Joshua P. Brown to the three sons of Samuel Leeds in 1830 the description mentions "the east end of Japheth Leeds' Stone House".

In 1832 the three sons of Samuel Leeds divided the real estate which they were then holding in common; Japheth received the portion upon which the house stands. Japheth Leeds in 1855 willed his property to his wife Ruth; his wife married William Cowperthwaite and in 1866 the property was deeded by William Cowperthwaite to Elizabeth Clement, Martha L. Bartlett, and Allen T. Leeds. These last mentioned deeded the property in 1867 to Job Mathis from whose heirs the present owner, Jesse Mathis, purchased in 1885.

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