

Samuel G. Demarest House
Demarest Avenue
Hillsdale, Bergen County, New Jersey

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Samuel G. Demarest House
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Owner: Gerrit S. M. Holdrum

Date of Erection: 1808

Architect:

Builder: Samuel G. Demarest

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: Two stories

Materials of Construction: Foundation - sandstone

Exterior walls - frame
construction, shingles on
main unit, clapboards on
wing

Interior walls - plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch; pent roof on
front elevation of wing

Historical Data:

The parents of the builder of this house
Gerrit and Jacomintye Demarest made their will in 1798.
By this will Samuel acquired the land upon which this
house stands. The will was not probated until 1816,
but descendants claim that the house was built in 1808,
and the will states that "Samuel to have his share on
the North side where he has a part of his improvements".

The property was probably promised to Samuel and he built there when he married. The builder, Harvey says, was a captain in the War of 1812.

By will the property passed from Samuel to his son Gerrit S. Demarest. Gerrit by will bequeathed it to his niece Mary L. Holdrum. The present owner obtained the property by deed from her in 1905.

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