

The Hampton Hospital House
Bellmawr, Camden County, New Jersey

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Owner: William W. Jaggard

Date of Erection: 1756

Architect:

Builder: James Hillman

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: Two

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - brick on
three sides, rear stone

Interior walls - plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch with dormers

Historical Data:

It has been impossible to get a complete search on this property. In 1689, the land was owned by John Hugg, Sr. who conveyed it to John Hugg, Jr. in that year. It remained in the Hugg family until 1718 when John Hugg, Jr. sold to William Sell. In the following year Sell sold to William Hampton, Sr. In 1756 William Hampton, Sr. transferred to William Hampton, Jr.

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The date in the gable of the west elevation is 1756; this means the house was built by either William Hampton or his son. This is as far as the records go. There is a break here probably due to the war. In the Itinerary of the Camden County Historical Society it is stated that this house "was used by the Gloucester County Militia as a military hospital during the Revolution when Colonel Josiah Hillman lived there."

Bibliography:

Title searched by O. F. Benjamin, Camden County Office

Itinerary of the Camden County Historical Society Spring Pilgrimage May, 1936
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A further search on the so-called Hampton House in the records of the Gloucester County Historical Society reveals that James Hillman and not William Hampton was the builder. In a "Scrap Book" in the Gloucester County Historical Society, there was discovered a picture entitled "The Warrick Place"; a description was appended which is as follows:

"Built by James Hillman in 1756. During the Revolution, occupied by Paul Troth, who had married the daughter of James Hillman. Used as a hospital during the Revolution. It is known as the "Farm Studio" and is now the home and workshop of the young artist, William Shuck".

A further search shows that James Hillman married Mary Smallwood in 1754. The house bears the date 1756, and Hillman was the owner of the ground in 1756. It seems that James Hillman left the property to his son James, who died intestate and without issue; therefore, the property descended to his two sisters Mary and Elizabeth. Mary was the wife of Paul Troth and Elizabeth the wife of William Zane. Zane conveyed it in 1786 to Paul and Mary Troth. Thus, the records and a description under the picture in the Gloucester County Historical Society Scrap Book agree.

Bibliography:

Records of the Gloucester County Historical Society, of Old Gloucester County at Woodbury, and of the Secretary of State's Office at Trenton searched by O. F. Benjamin

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