

The De Forest House
Upper Montclair, Essex County, New Jersey

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Owner: Mrs. Mary Gordon De Forest

Date of Erection: Early Eighteenth Century

Architect:

Builder: Probably a member of Sigler Family

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: Two

Materials of Construction: Foundation - sandstone

Exterior walls - sandstone,
gables - frame

Interior walls - plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch

Historical Data:

The descendants of the Sigler family claim this house is over two hundred years old, which is probable; however, the earliest record found concerns the ownership of David Sigler who was born 1756 and died 1816. He left a life interest in this property to his wife, Jane Paulos. Upon her death in 1832, the property descended to Joseph Sigler, the oldest son of Daniel. Joseph died in 1860, and by his will, his heirs Clement and Mary Jane came into possession

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of the property. Clement was judged incompetent and Mary Jane (Kirstead) became administrator. In 1891 she sold the property to Joshua Wilbur who willed the property in 1895 to his daughter, who is the present owner.

Bibliography:

Information secured by Frank Caufield,
Essex County Office, from court records
and members of the Sigler family

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