

Brown's College
Hopewell, Mercer County, New Jersey

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Owner: John M. Dalrymple

Date of Erection: Before 1756

Architect:

Builder:

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: Two

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - frame
construction, clapboards

Interior walls - plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch

Historical Data:

This house is built in two sections; it is the oldest house standing in Hopewell.

The first Baptist school in America for higher education was opened here in 1756 by the Reverend Isaac Eaton, pastor of the Baptist Church of Hopewell. It was the cradle of Brown University. The academy was in operation from 1756-1757, declining with the rise of Brown University.

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