

Kingsland Homestead  
Boonton, Morris County, New Jersey

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Owners: Mabel Kingsland Head and Cedric Head

Date of Erection: 1808

Architect:

Builder: Isaac Kingsland

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: Main unit two and one-half; wing  
one and one-half

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - frame  
construction; stone end  
with frame gable in west  
elevation of wing

Interior walls - plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - gambrel on main  
part, pitch on wing

Historical Data:

In 1802 Joseph Kingsland bought the land upon which this house now stands from Samuel Ogden. The mantel in the old living room, now the first floor bedroom, has an engraved plate which gives the date of erection as 1808 and the builder as Isaac Kingsland. The property descended from Joseph by will to his son

Isaac. After Isaac's death a division was made of the property; we find that in 1866 lots were drawn and Phineas H. Kingsland drew lot number two with the home, shop, and barn. The next record is the will of Anna H. Kingsland who died in 1932. She left the property to Mabel Kingsland Head.

It would seem as if the wing is a much earlier date than 1808 which is the given date for the main part. The foundation of the main unit shows that there was a structure of some kind on this site before 1808. The house has been restored, but some old pictures show that it probably had beveled siding, that the porch on the main section covered only the front entrance, that the porch along the wing was enclosed, and that the Dutch oven was likewise enclosed by a stone lean-to. The windows in the gables are of recent date. The interior trim was of a corner beaded type with flat surfaces and no back band. In most cases an extra moulding has been applied to relieve the square edge of the original trim. All of the mouldings in the fireplace mantels are machine-run; there is no handwork of any kind on them. The brickwork in the chimney breast of the mantels is at present exposed and unplastered; however, the position of the mantels indicates that originally these were plastered.

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Information from the measuring squad

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