

John I. Jacobus House  
Towaco, Morris County, New Jersey

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Owner: Anna Schalck

Date of Erection: About 1760

Architect:

Builder: Probably Henry Mandeville

Present Condition: Fair

Number of Stories: Two

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - north and south elevations frame construction; east and west elevations stone with gable ends of siding

Interior walls - plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch with an overhang on the south front elevation

Historical Data:

The land upon which this house stands was surveyed by George Ryerson and returned to Henry Mandeville by a deed of February 21, 1756. Henry Mandeville conveyed it to his son Peter for his lifetime and after the latter's death it was to go to Henry Mandeville. On May 15, 1800 William Mandeville

sold to John I. Jacobus and although the house is apparently a Mandeville house it is referred to locally as being the old Jacobus house. It remained in the Jacobus family until sold to William Bott by Nicholas Jacobus on April 10, 1837. William Bott willed the property to his son Henry H. Upon his death it passed to his six children. It was conveyed by Charles A. Rathburn, Master in Chancery to the present owner on January 19, 1918.

Originally the front and back walls were logs apparently backed against a frame. These were removed in 1881 and the present siding was placed upon the frame. Originally there was a Dutch oven on the east wall which also has been removed.

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