

The Leon Goslin House  
Lower Penns Neck, Salem County, New Jersey

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Owner: Leon Goslin

Date of Erection: 1815

Architect:

Builder: William Johnson

Present Condition: Very good

Number of Stories: Two and one-half

Materials of Construction: Foundation - brick

Exterior walls - brick

Interior walls - plaster

All original chimneys  
inside brick

Roof - pitch

Historical Data:

The father of the builder was James Johnson, a descendant of the Swedish family who immigrated to the Delaware Valley about 1640. According to Shourds, he served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War and afterwards bought land at Penns Neck. His son built the house somewhere around 1815. It remained in the Johnson family until the present century when it was sold to Howard Whitehead, who sold it several years ago to Leon Goslin.

Architecturally, it has a fine doorway and a peculiarly divided south gable.

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A D D E N D U M

Since we wrote our first sketch we have searched the title to this house and find that on April 1, 1802 Francis Redstrake and wife deeded a piece of land containing two hundred and seventy-three acres to James Johnson. By will James Johnson on May 6, 1834 gave to his son William Johnson "that part and parcel of my plantation and premises whereon I now live in the township of Lower Penns Neck." In our first write-up we gave as the builder William Johnson; however, in the light of our search it would seem more likely that it was built by his father James Johnson. The property remained in the Johnson family until 1920.

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