

The Samuel Nicholson House
Elsinboro Township, Salem County, New Jersey
SALEM VICINITY

HABS-NJ-259

HABS
NJ
17-SAL.V
2-

PHOTOGRAPHS
WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA
District of New Jersey

Historic American Buildings Survey
Seymour Williams, A.I.A., District Officer
133 Central Avenue, Rahway, New Jersey

N.J.
17-SAL.V.
2.

The Samuel Nicholson House
Elsinboro Township, Salem County, New Jersey

Owner: Dilwyn Cuff

Date of Erection: 1752

Architect:

Builder: Samuel Nicholson

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: Two and one-half for main section
Two for wing

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - brick,
Flemish bond front

Interior walls - plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch

Historical Data:

Samuel Nicholson, the builder of this house, was the son of Abel Nicholson (NJ-305). The Nicholson family was one of the original members of the Fenwick Colony. They were large land owners as the number of Nicholson Houses in the Elsinboro and Mannington districts will attest.

HABS
NJ
17-SAL.V
2-

SAMUEL NICHOLSON HOUSE
NEAR SALEM, N. J.

The house was built on the north end of the Nicholson allotment in 1752. The gable of the south elevation bears the initials "S. S. N." and the date "1752". Samuel Nicholson lived there all his life. In 1876 it was owned by Thomas Fogg. Since that time it has changed hands many times until it became in the possession of the Cuff family.

The house is patterned after the Hancock House (NJ-54). The fireplace in the kitchen is one of the largest in the section. Each chamber upstairs has its own fireplace. The cellar is paved with huge bricks with buttressed abutments to make separate compartments. The brick work of the front leads one to believe that there was originally a pent roof along the side.

Bibliography:

Sickler, J. S. The Old Houses of Salem County Salem, Sunbeam Publishing Company, 1924

Field book and drawings of the survey

Walter C. Cuff

Supervising Historian

Approved:

Seymour Williams

SEYMOUR WILLIAMS, A.I.A.
District Officer