

Tenant House
Cooper Farm
Glendale, Camden County, New Jersey

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Tenant House
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Owner: The Woodcrest Corporation

Date of Erection: Between 1701-1741

Architect:

Builder: John Kay, Sr.

Present Condition: Dilapidated

Number of Stories: Two

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - siding,
brick between the studs

Interior walls - plastered

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch, shingles

Historical Data:

The land upon which this house was built was part of the grant which James, Duke of York, made to Edward Bylling on August 6, 1680. In 1681 the trustees of Bylling sold this tract to William Welch. The widow of Welch sold the property to John Ladd who in turn sold it in 1701 to John Kay, Sr.

In his will of 1741 Kay left the property, on which was now a house, to his son John Kay, Jr. It remained in the Kay family until 1785 when Rebecca and Isaac Kay, executors to the will of John Kay, Jr., sold to James Poupard. It changed hands during the next fifty years several times; finally in 1835 it became the property of Richard M. Cooper. It remained in the Cooper family until 1926 when the present owners obtained possession.

John Kay was in New Jersey as early as 1684, for we know he purchased land from Francis Collins at that time. He was elected in 1685 to the Assembly of the Province of West New Jersey and held this position intermittently until his death in 1741 or 1742. He served several times as the speaker of the Assembly. He was also an active member of the Council of the proprietors. He served as a justice and judge of Gloucester County. He was a Quaker and was a trustee of the Newton meeting from 1708 until his death; as a matter of fact, the Newton Meetings were held for some time in the home of John Kay.

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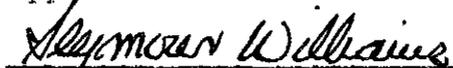
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