

Wm. Meade Prince House
Westport, Connecticut

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WM. MEADE PRINCE HOUSE

Westport, Fairfield County, Conn.

Owner: Wm. Meade Prince, Myrtle Ave., Westport, Conn.

Date of Erection: 1817

Architect or Builder: Lewis Raymond

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: Two and One-half

Materials of Construction: Stone foundation
Shingled hip roof
Clapboard sidewalls
Brick chimney

Other Existing Records: Coley's Manuscript History of
Westport.
Commemorative History of Fairfield
County.

List of Photographs:

1. South Elevation
2. Detail - Front Entrance
3. Mantel Detail - North Room - First Floor
4. Mantel Detail - West Room - First Floor

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Within a few minutes walking distance of the center of Westport, overlooking the Saugatuck River, stands the William Meade Prince House on the corner of Myrtle Avenue and St. John's Road.

Although it is not as old or as exquisite in detail as some of the other houses of this town, it is nevertheless very picturesque in its surrounding. It has a very distinctive white picket fence which I am inclined to think is original, and a very fine front entrance which is quite ornate in its design. These features, coupled with the hip roof and the beauty of the country itself, make for a very pleasing picture.

This dwelling, which is now owned by William Meade Prince, was known in earlier times as the Lewis Raymond House after its original owner who built it in 1817. It is believed that it was built from a smaller structure which was bought from James Beatty earlier in that same year.

Lewis Raymond came from New Canaan, Connecticut, in 1812 and soon after became a well known figure in the cotton manufacturing business of the town. He became the supervisor of the Saugatuck Company when it was organized in 1814. This company failed, however, in 1815 when the war with Great Britain ended and a new influx of English materials flooded the United States. He still continued his endeavors in this line, however, being connected with the Richmondville Co. in 1818, and later being one of the larger and first stockholders of the Branch Manufacturing Company, all of which met with failure.

Lewis Raymond married three times during the course of his lifetime, and his youngest daughter, by his second wife, married one Henry A. McDonough, who is often mentioned as being the early owner of this structure of which I am writing. Two of their sons served as officers in the Civil War having enlisted from this very same house.

SOURCE of Information: Coley's Manuscript History of Westport
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