

Saddle River Reformed Church
Upper Saddle River, Bergen County, New Jersey

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Owner: Consistory of Saddle River Reformed Church

Date of Erection: 1819

Architect:

Builder:

Present Condition: Excellent

Number of Stories: One with gallery and steeple

Materials of Construction: Foundation - fieldstone

Exterior walls - sandstone
and fieldstone mixed

Interior walls - plaster,
arch ceiling

Roof - pitch, asphalt
shingles over wood
shingles

Historical Data:

The Dutch Reformed Church of Saddle River was erected in 1784 and was a part of the Congregation of Paramus. Since the congregation was large, another church was built at Saddle River in 1784. The new church was called the New North Reformed Low Dutch Church at Saddle River. A contract was drawn up between the two consistories in which the two congregations agreed that no separation should take place without the consent of the majority of the great consistory. Furthermore, the contract

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generally stipulated that each church should enjoy half of the services of the minister.

The original structure erected at Saddle River was wood and octagonal in shape. There were no pews in the building and each furnished his own seat. No heat was provided. This structure remained standing until 1819 when the present edifice was erected.

In 1811 the church was separated from Paramus and assumed a separate life.

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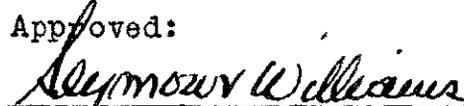
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