

Braislin House  
Crosswicks, Burlington County, New Jersey

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA  
District of New Jersey

Historic American Buildings Survey  
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133 Central Avenue, Rahway, New Jersey

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Owner: Mary Braislin

Date of Erection: First section probably during  
the 1770s

Architect:

Builder:

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: Two and one-half main part;  
two story and one story additions  
in the rear

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - frame  
construction, clapboards

Interior walls - plaster;  
panel stairway

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch

Historical Data:

The land upon which this house now stands was granted by Mahlon Stacy on January 29, 1677 to Thomas Foulk. Three hundred and twenty acres was surveyed for Foulk in 1684. By deed of March 10, 1724 the tract was deeded to his son Thomas, Jr. At that time it contained two hundred and twenty acres. Whether the house stands on the one hundred acres Thomas Sr. apparently sold off or on the piece that descended to his son, is impossible to determine. In 1775 the property came into

the possession of Joel Middleton; he received title from Daniel Ellis, sheriff. The tract with the house then contained eleven and one-half acres. The executors of Middletown sold in 1830 to Peter Bruere. Between that date and 1871 four transfers are recorded. In 1871 Elizabeth Braislin became the owner; the title passed to Mary Braislin in 1912.

Crosswicks was settled in 1681 by members of the Society of Friends. During the Revolutionary War a skirmish took place there. A British officer and several men were wounded and local tradition has it that this house was used as a temporary hospital.

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