

The Steelman House
Pennsauken Township, Camden County, New Jersey

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The Steelman House
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Owner: Mr. Raymond P. Steelman

Date of Erection: Between 1728-1749; frame piece
added in 1935 for kitchen

Architect:

Builder: Samuel Burrough, Sr.

Present Condition: Good

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

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - stone;
the gable on wing siding

Interior walls - plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch with dormers
on the main house, gambrel
roof with dormers on the
wing; penthouse between
first and second story
front of two and one-half
unit

Historical Data:

The first purchase of land by a member of
the Burrough family in Pennsauken was made on November
16, 1698 by Samuel Burrough from Joseph Heritage.

Five years later Burrough purchased the Bromly Tract (NJ-223) and in 1723 his son, Samuel, Jr., moved there. In 1728 Samuel, Sr. purchased from Joseph Matlack the land upon which this house stands. The house itself is first mentioned in a deed from Samuel, Jr., to his brother, Jacob, dated third month, fifth, seventeen forty-nine, fifty, which says that:

"The said Samuel Burrough party to this present Identure, for and in consideration of the natural love and affection which he hath for his brother Jacob Burrough, doth confirm unto Jacob a certain Messuage, tract of land and plantation, now in the possession or occupation of Richard Bidgood."

The land remained in the Burrough family until 1763. Since that time it has been in the ownership of about twenty people. By two deeds, one in the year 1807 and another in 1809, the land became the property of Thomas Burrough who owned it until 1829. This Burrough may or may not have been of the same family.

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