

Cedar Log House  
Near Dorchester, Cumberland County, New Jersey

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Owner: Dr. E. Mershon  
1234 W. Allegheny Avenue  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Date of Erection: Probably the latter half of the  
eighteenth century

Architect:

Builder:

Present Condition: Since removed and rebuilt in  
Salem City

Number of Stories: Two

Materials of Construction: Foundation - set on stones

Exterior walls - cedar logs  
with dovetailed corners

Interior walls - rough finish

Roof - pitch

Historical Data:

The earliest record that has been found covering the property upon which this cabin formerly stood belongs to the year 1798 when Peter Reeve purchased it from James Marshall. Reeve sold the property in 1805 to Barzilla Brayman. She deeded it to Samuel Messoc under the same date. It passed from Messoc to Harmon Kruse in 1809. Kruse sold in 1817 to Philip Rice. It was sold out of the Rice family after three or four transfers among members of the family in 1851 to Henry Davis Bane. His

widow sold in 1869 to Druzilla Stowman. In 1926 Rebecca Stowman transferred the property to Frank S. Dykes and Edmund S. Wershon. The latter is listed as the present owner of the property.

This cabin was taken down and moved to Salem where it was erected on the lot of the Johnson House, NJ-219. It is part of the stockade erected for the Swedish celebration held on June 29, 1938.

Bibliography:

A search of Cumberland County court records by C. F. Benjamin, Camden County Office

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