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

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Owner and Occupant: Miss Mary L. Bacon

Date of Erection: Probably 1760-1770

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Original owner supposed Samuel Ewing (1739-1783)

Present Condition: Original, well maintained, but rampantly  
vine-covered

Number of Storeys: One and a half and two and a half, over  
cellar

#### Materials of Construction

Foundation: Stone masonry

Exterior walls: Stone masonry, stuccoed face; part frame  
rear clapboarded

Interior walls: Masonry partywall and frame partitions

Chimneys: Brick above roof

Roof: Gable, wood-shingled

#### Historical Data:

The following reference to this house written by a native resident of the village, appears in print:—"The old stone plasteredhouse now in possession of Jeremiah Jones, on the opposite side of the street from his residence at North Greenwich, dates back to colonial days and was used as a tavern at one period of its history. It was built by Samuel Ewing, and at one time owned by George Githens, which gave it the name of Githens place."(a)

In a manuscript history of the family of Ewing, compiled by one William Belford Ewing, and examined in possession of Mr. Robert Ewing of Main Street, Greenwich, it is stated that Samuel

(a) Bessie A. Andrews, Colonial and Old House of Greenwich, New Jersey, 1907, p. 44.

Ewing, born 23 April 1739, son of the immigrant Thomas Ewing (b) of Greenwich and his wife Mary Maskell, built the house here considered, and that a nephew was one Enos Ewing.

In attempted verification of the two above statements that Samuel Ewing (c) built (i.e. originally owned) the house here surveyed, the title to this property has been traced back through succeeding owners only to the year 1803 and to one Enos Ewing as appears in the County Records.

By a deed of 10 February 1803, this Enos Ewing (d) and wife Rachel, of Cumberland County, conveyed to Jeremiah Davis of same place, for \$900, "A certain Tenement and lot of land and swamp in the township of Greenwich, butted by lands belonging to Abner Ewing on the South side, by Pine Mount Run on the west, by lands belonging to James B. Hunt on the North, by the Main Street of Greenwich on the east; supposed to contain three acres and a quarter", together with all and singular the improvements, timber, trees, etc.

(b) Thomas Ewing, b. 1696 Londonderry, Ireland, came via L.I. to Greenwich, Salem Co. now Cumberland, and d. there 28 February 1744/5 ae. 52 per grvst. in Presb. Chyd., having mar. 27 March 1720 Mary Maskell who d. 17 Dec. 1784 ae. 84, dau. of Thomas Maskell of Bacon's Neck, Greenwich Township (whose house see NJ-582), and had issue: -Maskell 1721-96, Thomas 1722-1771, Meroy d. inf., Mary 1725, Samuel d. inf., John 1732-1788, Lydia d. inf., Joshua 1736-1785, Samuel 1739-1783, and James 1744. (Jos. L. Ewing, Sketches of the Families of Thomas Ewing et al., 1910. See also Collections NJ Hist. Soc. IX, 108; N.J. Archives XXX, 171; F. B. Andrews, Thombst. Inscript. Pres. Cem. Greenwich copied and publ. 1915.)

(c) Samuel Ewing, b. 23 April 1739 in Greenwich, Cumberland County, 6th of the 7 sons of the immigrant Thomas Ewing, d. 25 Dec. 1783 in Salem Co., having mar. per license of 19 Feb. 1763 Mary Miller, a dau. of John Miller of Hopewell Township, Cumberland County, and had sons Samuel, Ephraim, William and Thomas. (Jos. L. Ewing, cited above; Robert P. Du Bois, Record of the Family of Thomas Ewing, 1855; N. J. Archives XXXIV, 348.)

(d) John Ewing, b. 7 June 1732 in Greenwich Township, Cumberland County, 4th of the 7 sons of the immigrant Thomas Ewing, d. 1788 intestate in same county, having mar. 13 May 1755 Hannah Bacon and had issue: Abner, John, Hannah, Enos, Jeremiah, Hannah and Thomas, of whom Enos Ewing d. 9 August 1834 ae. 73 per grvst, in Presb. cem. Greenwich, having mar. 9 December 1783 his 1st cousin Rachel, dau. of Maskell Ewing, who d. 23 February 1837 ae. 77, and had issue: Amy d. inf., Mary mar. Chas. B. Fithian and Sarah mar. Ephraim Bacon. (Jos. L. Ewing and F. B. Andrews, cited above.)

Jeremiah Davis the grantee abovenamed, held the property until 11 December 1820, on which date he gave a deed conveying the same  $3\frac{1}{4}$  acre lot "with all and singular the buildings" to Samuel Githens, both parties being described as residents of Greenwich Township.

Subsequently, by deed of 23 October 1847, the executors of the will of said Samuel Githens late of Greenwich Township, deceased, conveyed to George C. Mulford of Mannington Township, Salem County, for \$700, the same  $3\frac{1}{4}$  acre lot above described, reciting testator's title from Davis. By deed of same date, the grantee passed title to Samuel Mulford, also of Mannington, one of the said executors, and he retained possession until his death, when it passed to his widow Hannah and later to Joseph G. Mulford of Mannington. The last named conveyed the lot, with other land to Rhoda Tomlinson of Greenwich Township, Cumberland County, on 1st September 1866 for \$3000, and she as Rhoda Tomlinson of Greenwich Village devised by will of 31 January 1874 to her daughter Rebecca (e) wife of Jeremiah Jones "my house where I live, and the land connected therewith, which I bought of the heirs of Hannah Mulford" during her lifetime and afterwards to be sold and the proceeds divided among devisee's children, Charles T., Catherine B. and John T. Jones.

By 30 September 1935, Edwin E. Jones and wife, of Lynnbrook, N. Y. had obtained possession (by inheritance or otherwise not of record in Cumberland County) on which date he conveyed to Katherine B. Williams of East Orange the same tract in Greenwich Township "being the dwelling house formerly occupied by Rhoda Tomlinson as a place of residence, and the land connected therewith, which she bought of the heirs of Hannah Mulford deceased, and is bounded north by land of late Jeremiah Jones, on the west by land of late Eliza Kellogg's and on the east by Greenwich Street."

From Katherine B. Williams, still of East Orange, the property passed to the Cumberland Developing Company on 23 March 1938, who in turn conveyed it on 11 June following to Miss Mary L. Bacon of Bridgeton, same county, and she remains as owner and occupant of the house at the time of our survey in 1939.

(e) The house, marked "Mrs. R. Jones 6" acres, is shown on the west side of Greenwich St., 4th bldg. south of Presb. cem. and opposite the Presb. parsonage and a house marked J. Jones in the map of the village of Greenwich, plate 26, in 1871. This agrees with the identification of the house by B. A. Andrews as cited in note (a) supra.

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Reference:

Search of title in Cumberland County records at Bridgeton and in the office of Secretary of State by Oscar F. Benjamin, H.A.B.S. research editor, reported 10 January 1940.

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