

Ross Hall  
River Road  
Piscataway Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey

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Owner: Mr. J. S. Johnson, River Road

Date of Erection: 1740

Architect:

Builder: Edward Antill

Present Condition: Fair

Number of Stories: Two

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - brick,  
stuccoed

Interior walls - plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - gambrel

Historical Data:

This house was occupied by Edward Antill and his wife Anna, a daughter of Governor Lewis Morris, from 1740 to 1763. Elizabeth, the other daughter of Governor Morris, married Anthony White who built Buccleuch Mansion (NJ-22) on the other side of the river.

Dr. Alexander Ross, who practiced in New Brunswick, occupied the house after the Antills until 1775. Dr. Ross was originally from Scotland and came to New Brunswick by way of the Island of Jamaica. The house bears his name. His wife married as her second husband Charles O. Howard.

In 1792 Miles Smith came into possession of the property from Mrs. Howard. It remained in the hands of the Smith family until 1880 when George W. Metlar became the owner. Metlar was also the owner of Ivy Hall (NJ-360).

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