

Conrad Edick House
1 River Street
Deposit
Delaware County
New York

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Location: 1 River Street, Deposit, Delaware County, New York

Present Owner: F. Purdy

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Present Occupant: Mr. Purdy

Present Use: Residence and Tourist Lodge

Brief Statement

of Significance: This is the oldest building in Deposit and an example of the Federal style.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Original and subsequent owners: Originally owned by Conrad Edick, a Revolutionary soldier and early Deposit merchant. Conrad Edick was born September 15, 1763, at German Flats, Herkimer County, New York on the Mohawk River, where he remained until the place was burned in 1779, when he moved with his stepfather, Nicholas Weaver, to Stone Arabia, Montgomery County, New York. In the spring of 1780, he volunteered for nine months as a ranger under Capt. Grosselmas, to scout the surrounding country through the woods along the Mohawk Valley after Indians and Tories. He was in Fort Paris when a part of Stone Arabia was burned by the British Indians and Tories under Sir John Johnson and John Brant. Edick moved to Green bush, near Albany, New York, and in the spring of 1781, he enlisted for nine more months and marched to Fort Plain, Montgomery County, New York, on the Mohawk River. During this term of service he was frequently employed in riding express between the forts.

Late in 1781, Edick volunteered at Fort Plain for three years in a regiment being raised by Col. Marinus Willett and was appointed Corporal and served until the regiment was disbanded in 1784.

For two or three years after the war he found employment in different places, then in 1787, he proceeded to a place on the Delaware River, two miles below Deposit, New York, and finally settled in Deposit.

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2. Date of erection: 1802
3. Architect: Unknown.
4. Builder, suppliers, etc.: Unknown.
5. Alterations and additions: Additions and alterations have been made.

B. Historical Events and Persons Connected with the Structure: The structure is located facing the West Branch of the Delaware River very close to the line between Broome County and Delaware County. This line was originally the Fort Stanwix Treaty Line of 1768 and thus marked the western frontier of white settlement in New York State according to the agreement between the Indians of the Six Nations and Sir William Johnson, the British Crown's commissioner. The older portion of the village of Deposit, and its first center, was situated nearby, on the Delaware County side, east of the old Treaty line. Much of the village soon developed on the western or Broome County side. The site of this property is almost on the spot where the Treaty line meets the Delaware River, which it then follows southward. Its location was thus very easily identifiable in the early days.

An old description places the site of this house at the corner of "Water and West Main Streets". Since neither street name now exists, it is thought that "West Main" is "River" and "Water" is "Front" Street.

C. Sources of Information:

Building identification and local notes secured by Mr. T. Granville Parsons of Deposit, 1959-1963.

Clippings and letters supplied by Mr. J. Earl Edick, 208 Oak Street, Binghamton, New York (a descendant), including the following:

Hulce, M. R. Historical Sketches #50 and #51 (reprinted March 15, 1916, and subsequently in the Deposit Courier-Journal) originally published in the Delaware Courier of 1863.

Letter to Charles Edick, Deposit, New York, July 10, 1890 from Dept. Interior, Old War Div., U.S. Bureau of Pensions, reference to biography and war record of Edick.

Other sources: Smith H. P. History of Broome County, N.Y., 1885.

D. Likely Sources Not Yet Investigated: Records and research of the D.A.R. (Coo-coos Chapter, Deposit, New York).

Prepared by Clement G. Bowers
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PART II. PROJECT INFORMATION

These records are part of the documentation of structures in the Southern Tier of New York State, undertaken by HABS in cooperation with the Broome County Historical Society and the Valley Development Foundation, Inc.

The project was under the general supervision of John Poppeliers, Chief of the Historic American Buildings Survey. The historical material was prepared in June, 1963, by Clement G. Bowers of the Broome County Historical Society. Photographs were taken by Jack E. Boucher in March, 1963. The project was edited for deposit in the Library of Congress by Constance Werner Ramirez, July, 1974.