

Oliver Hewlett House  
Main Street, East Rockaway, N.Y.  
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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

District No. NY-5

Historic American Buildings Survey  
Lester B. Pope, District Officer  
Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N.Y.

"OLIVER HEWLETT HOUSE"

East Rockaway, Nassau, New York

Owner

Lynbrook National Bank and Trust Company, A. D. Kelsey,  
President.

Date of Erection

Unknown. (House was known to be old at the time of purchase by Oliver Hewlett in 1800.)

Architect

Unknown.

Present Condition

In poor state of repair.

Number of Stories

Two stories, and attic.

Materials of Construction

Original masonry foundation; otherwise wood throughout. Exterior, original split shingles. Gambrel, shingled roof. Large interior chimneys. In 1800 Oliver Hewlett remodelled the house by extending the second floor to the rear.

Other Existing Records

Deed to property.

Additional Data

The Family.

This branch of the Hewlett family trace their ancestry back to Colonel Richard Hewlett who fought in the French

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and Indian War. He was an ardent and active Loyalist during the Revolution. He died at Gagetown in 1789.

In 1800 his son, Oliver Hewlett, a farmer, purchased--  
The House.

Originally the house was of somewhat different form. Oliver Hewlett remodelled it after he purchased it in 1800 by building an addition over the rear of the first floor.

The form of the main portion exhibits great dignity of outline. It has a fine gambrel roof; the additions in the rear are not without interest. Hand hewn timbers in the attic are held together with dowel pins, attesting to the age of the house. Fireplaces are in all main rooms and there are several mantels unique for their beauty of design and detail. Many of the doors are original and exhibit fine locks and hardware. Ceilings are composed of hand split lath woven together and covered with plaster. Some walls are plastered; others are wood, chair-rail height and the remainder plaster. The original floors are found throughout the house. Windows are of the old "colonial" type containing twenty lights of glass.

The house is gradually approaching a state of great disrepair. This seems unfortunate for it bespeaks of a fine old sturdy, early type of architecture of this section influenced by the Dutch of Manhattan and the New England spirit further east

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on the Island.

Reference

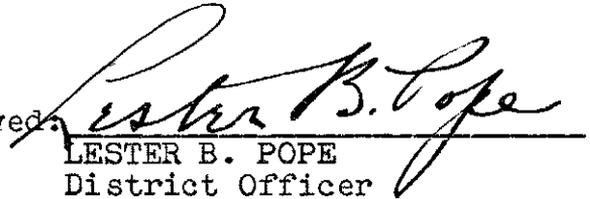
Oliver T. Hewlett

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Local Historical Records.

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