

John Van Valkenburg House (1812)
Chatham Center, New York

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THE VAN VALKENBURG HOUSE
Chatham Center, Columbia County
New York

Owner: Mr. Frank Middlebrook.

Date of Erection: 1790 (card); between 1785 and 1790(text).

Architect and Builder: No record.

Present Condition: Good.

Number of Stories: Two; one storey wings.

Materials of Construction: Wood.

Other Existing Records: See text.

Additional Data: See following pages.

VAN VALKENBURG HOUSE
CHATHAM CENTER
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The house was built between 1785 and 1790 by the Van Valkenburg family, and occupied by them until it was acquired by a member of the Wilbor family of Old Chatham. The place remained in their hands until about 1919, when a public auction was held and most of the original furnishings were sold, including some of the mantels.

The house itself was sold at auction in 1932, or 1933, at which time all the original mantels, with the exception of that in the kitchen, were sold. The present owner of the house is Mr. Frank Middlebrook of Chatham Center.

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