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The Hip Roof House is a remarkable example of early 18th Century frame construction. Thought to be the oldest house in Haddonfield, this small 12 story gambrel roof structure occupies its third site. Built about 1736 and moved in 1836 the house was purchased and moved to its present site in 1965. It is about to undergo restoration.

A preliminary investigation was undertaken by Charles E. Peterson, F.A.I.A., in 1967 and in 1969 a more thorough check was made by Architect John D. Milner of Media. His detailed report is being used in final restoration work. He determined the feasibility of such a restoration and the incorporating of a caretaker's apartment within the partially restored house.

EXTERIOR:

The present building consists of a frame 12 story gambrel roof main section with a frame 1 story shed addition in the rear. A study of construction details that indicated the main section was probably built in the early 18th Century and subsequently **im**proved about 1790. The rear shed was added about 1835 and certain alterations made to the main section. Sometime in the 18th Century the rear addition was extended to its present size.

In the original portion the exterior walls are framed with heavy corner posts, diagonal braces and horizontal "nailers". The walls were originally nogged with brick and were covered on the exterior with vertical beaded boards, I1/8"thick. The use of vertical siding at this early period is quite unusual. The siding is original being secured to the original framing members with large roseheaded hand-wrought nails. The new horizontal beaded clapboard siding was installed about 1790 on at least three elevations. The present asphalt shingles placed over the wood shingle are to be removed.

INTERIOR:

The original ceiling of the first floor consisted of exposed floor joists and floor boards, oil whitewashed. Much of it has survived. The board partition that originally divided the first floor was secured to the side joist and it indicates that the original board partition was removed about 1790 and was replaced by the existing rough board and plastered partition with the ceiling then plastered. The front was one one large room and the shed has two rooms.

The second floor has the original beaded board partition seperating the winding stair hall from the two rooms located on the second floor. Batten doors and frames along with wrought iron H hinges are original. Original flooring occurs under the modern flooring. A small two light window in the stairhall served to borrow light from the southeast room for the stairhall. The sash was originally glazed and surrounded with wide trim indicated by the paint-free border removed when plastered.

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The fireplace installed about 1636 replaced the large roomes corner fireplace, which is to be restored. A basement was built under the entire house when moved the last time. The shed section did not have a basement when located in its previous position.

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Architecture:

A little frame house of four rooms, two above and two below is known as the oldest house in Haddonfield to be used continuously as a dwelling, now in its third century. Though it has a gambrel roof, somewhere through the years it became known as the Hip Roof House. Destruction or removal was prevented when it became property of the Historical Society of Haddonfield with funds contributed by citizens interested in its preservation.

Settlement:

Records show that in 1752 Elizabeth Haddon Estaugh, who founded the town of Haddonfield in 1713, purchased the house from the estate of Samuel Mickle, deceased. At her death in 1762, Elizabeth left it in her will to her kinswoman, Sarah Hopkins, wife of the lat. Ebenezer Hopkins, Elizabeth's Mephew. Samuel Mickle settled in Haddonfield with his wife in 1708.

It is believed that the house may have been built at this time. Tradition says that the house once stood at the northeast corner of King's Road and Tanner's Lane. Whether it was moved from the west side of Tanner cannot be ascertained, though there is definite record that by 1820 it occupied the lot that is now 227 Kings Highway East just west of thegEndian King Tavern and it was then known as the Estaugh-Hopkins House. The dwelling was then moved to Ellis Street to make room for three houses built of brick for the three daughters of General John Clement. With the Hip Roof House located so near the Indian King Tavern it saw many of the events of the Revolution and the activities of that time.



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7. Description (Continued)

Hip Roof House Haddonfield New Jersey 34 Camden County 007

Although local tradition states that this house stood at the corner of Kings Highway and Tanner Street, there is no factual documentation to substantiate this story.

In 1820, the house is recorded at 227 Kings Highway, as the Estaugh-Hopkins House. The house was probably built by Samuel Mickle. It is listed in deeds of his as a tenement. Elizabeth Estaugh purchased it from Mickle's estate and left it to Sarah Hopkins, her kinswoman. Sarah Hopkins resided in the house after 1757.

This site, at 227 Kings Highway, is two lots from the western edge of Indian King Tavern. According to Prowell, John Clement purchased the lots in 1836 with the intention of building brick homes for his daughters. The structure called the "Hip Roof House" was moved at this time to 23 Ellis Street.

In 1965, the Historical Society moved the building to its present location, 345 Kings Highway East, in order to save it from demolition. It stands one block east of Indian King Tavern, on the same side of the street. Several structures between the two buildings are 18th century. The Haddon Fortnightly is included in this group. Directly facing the Hip Roof House, on the other side of Kings Highway, is a brick residence, c.1816.

The picture attached to the nomination is a view of the building in its current location.