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#6. New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory #2186.15, Dept. of Environmental Protection, Box 1420, Trenton, N.J.

#8. Situated in one of the most highly urbanized cities in the United States, this house has stood for over 250 years as an example of an early American homestead and is possibly the oldest house within the present bounds of Newark. A forerunner of the salt-box type of architecture, it was for many years the testing ground for every different phase of American constructional style.

The history of the Sydenham House parallels that of Newark. It had existed years before the very chartering of the city. In 1711 Newark was a new and flourishing settlement founded less than 50 years before under the leadership of Robert Treat and his small group of pioneers.

One of the early settlers who reportedly came over with Treat in 1666 was Edward Handcook who later became a prominent Newark landowner. Handcook's only daughter, Susannah, met and eloped with John Sydenham, a young Englishman. Her father's objections were assuaged when he learned that John was the heir of a rich and influential family in Britain.

Edward Handcook deeded the young couple two grants of land in northern Newark on which the "Sydenham House" was built. The deed refers to the property as four acres on the "highway to Acquacanong" and six acres on the "highway to Waterrson". "Waterrson" and "Acquacanong" refer to Bloomfield and Passaic respectively.

The Sydenham House is a prime example of early American ingenuity in architecture. The House is built on stone foundations with overlapping beams of oak and pine. Many of those beams are the original timbers, cut from the surrounding forests nearly 250 years ago and they still aid in keeping the house on its firm basis.

John and Susannah added a second part to the house consisting of three rooms: the present living room, kitchen and possibly the pantry. The front roof was supposed to have been raised in pre-Revolutionary days and that caused the building to take on the "salt-box" image which was soon to become the major architectural style of the day. In 1835 this image was destroyed when a descendant of the family allowed the back to be raised. The house is today as it was in that year when the last major innovation was made. This homestead, held by the Sydenham family for over 200 years, is the only existing legacy of these pioneer settlers who later achieved prominence in the community.



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