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The Tuttle House was built by Samuel Tuttle in 1796. It is a sturdy building framed with hand hewn oak timbers mortised and pinned together, with bricks laid in the trame. It is two and one half stories high on the one side with a lower wing of one and one half story. It is sided with beaded white clapboard; the windows are many paned with panelled shutters on the living room windows and shutters with moveable slats on the front bedroom window. The house has a high gambrel roof.

The present front door in Victorian with two round top panes of glass in it. The porch is "neo-classic" trimmed with brick. There are two chimneys on the northwest end of the house which provide for two fireplaces on the first floor and two on the second. Another chimney on the other end of the house is for a fireplace in the kitchen.

On the right of the entrance hall is the parlor and back of it a sitting room, each with a large fireplace, finely carved mantel and molded chair rail. About 1900 the chimney closets were torn out and windows cut in the exterior wall on each side of the partition dividing the rooms. In the ceiling of the living room are the iron hooks used to hang the looms.

On the left of the hall is a door leading to the dining room, one step down. Back of the dining room is a bedroom and down three steps a small cold pantry. Panelled doors in the house are hung in their original strap and pintle hinges and nave iron rim locks with brass knobs.

There are two stairways to the second floor, both enclosed. Early in the twentieth century a door was cut in the wall on the second floor to connect the second floor rooms. A dormer window was added in 1898 to the attic area over the dining room.

Other minor changes include a bathroom built over the back porch. The middle window in the dining room was cut down into a door and a small porch has been built on the road side. The property once had out buildings such as woodshed, tool house, corncrib, carriage house, barn, bark house and a tannery.

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The Tuttle Family was prominent in the early history of Whippany and Morris County. The Tuttles were one of the first families to purchase land and settle in what is now Hanover Township. The land that the house is built on was purchased in 1776 by Joseph Tuttle, the father of Samuel who build this house in 1796.

Samuel Tuttle died in 1800 and his eldest son Silas inherited the property. Stephen Tuttle younger brother of Silas who was born in this house graduated at the head of the Class of 1820 at West Point. After he graduated he served as lieutenant in the Corps of Engineer. He also taught at West Point. Silas Tuttle served as a New Jersey Assemblymen from Morris County from 1837-1838.

Architecturally this late 18th century house retains most of its original character with minor alterations and additions. It is a 2 1/2 story gambrel roofed house with a 1 1/2 story gable kitchen wing. It has the typical side hall, double-palor plan.

The Tuttle House is next to the westside of the Old Whippany Cemetery. On March 10, 1851, the Inhabitants of Whippany nad the old graveyard surveyed for it was felt that the piece of land was originally larger than that which they had. The survey proved that there was a discrepancy and part of the said land was in the possession of Silas Tuttle on the northwest side of the graveyard. After a friendly dispute, Silas Tuttle then paid the Inhabitants of Whippany the sum of \$75.00 for the land which the Tuttles had been using for over 80 years. A quit claim was recorded August 27, 1859.

The Tuttle family has played an important part in the development of this area from the early 18th century and the house and property remained in the Tuttle family for over 140 years until the early 20th century. The Tuttles family and Hanover Township both began in the early 1700's and the Tuttles contributed very greatly to the development of the town and to the county.

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