

Historic Walking Tour

FOUNTAIN SQUARE

Mount Holly's Fountain was first placed at this intersection in 1878. It has been said, the original fountain first stood on the grounds of the Centennial exhibition in Philadelphia. The original fountain was not only lovely, but was a blessing to the horses in hot weather.

21 Mill Street

FIRST UNION BANK

Organized on July 9, 1814 as the Farmers Bank of New Jersey. This was the first bank in Mount Holly and one of the first in southern New Jersey. The Federal style building was erected in 1815 with two later additions.

35 Brainerd Street

HISTORIC OLD SCHOOLHOUSE

This is the oldest schoolhouse in New Jersey, located on its original site. In 1951 the Colonial Dames restored and furnished this building.

High and Garden Streets

FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE

British troops used this building as a Commissary in 1778. The butcher's cleaver marks can still be found on the meeting benches inside.

121 High Street

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The church received its Royal Charter from King George III in 1765 while William Franklin, son of Benjamin Franklin, was Governor of New Jersey. This is the third location for the Episcopal church in Mount Holly.

307 High Street

MOUNT HOLLY LIBRARY

This fine example of a Georgian Style house is the fifth oldest library in New Jersey and was chartered by King George III of England in 1765 as the Bridgetown Library. Among the library's incorporators were William Claypole (father of Betsy Ross' third husband) and Howell Davis (a notorious pirate from the West Indies).

SACRED HEART RECTORY

"THE DUNN ESTATE"

After Nathan Dunn was disowned by the Quaker Meeting in 1816, he moved to China for 13 years. When he returned the "Chinese Cottage" was built at the front of his 23 acre estate. The cottage is now used as a Rectory for Sacred Heart Church.

Trio of Townhouses

The three striking townhouses bear a combination of Greek Revival and Federal style features. They were built by a group of brothers and sisters on land willed to them by their mother in 1830. Originally all three buildings were just two rooms deep and four stories high. Number 242 was once used as a college preparatory school for ladies.

128 High Street

HISTORIC PRISON MUSEUM

This was once the oldest prison in continuous use in the United States. Designed by Robert Mills, architect of the Washington Monument. Mills suggested that all prisoners be taught to read and write, and a New Testament be placed in each cell. This prison narrowly escaped plans for demolition in 1954.

120 High Street

HISTORIC COURT HOUSE

This fine example of Colonial architecture was designed by Samuel Lewis, architect for Congress Hall in Philadelphia. Originally, the Burlington County Court House was located in Burlington City, but became dilapidated beyond repair. A vote was taken in 1795 and Mount Holly was chosen as the new site of the County Court House. This Court House is still in use today.

Park Drive

SHINN-CURTIS LOG HOUSE

circa 1712

This early settler's log house of hand-hewn logs was entirely encased in a house on Water Street (now Rancocas Road) and was uncovered in 1967 when the surrounding house was demolished. It is now owned by Mount Holly Township and maintained by the Mount Holly Historical Society as a museum.

14 White Street

MICHAEL EARNEST HOUSE

circa 1715

This house has been altered very little. Only the porch has been added to the original structure. Early records show that Michael Earnest was a husbandman and that there was a slaughterhouse near the Mill Race.

5 Church Street

JOSHUA HUMPHRIES HOUSE

circa 1742

This house is better known for its most famous early owner, High Sheriff Joseph Mullen, who acquired the property in 1765. The architecture is patterned after an English cottage.

20 White Street

THOMAS BUDD HOUSE

circa 1744

This is the earliest known residence on its original site in Mount Holly. When Thomas Budd was about to lay the first corner stone he called his son Stacey, showed him the stone and knocked him down in order that he might remember it.

Pine Street

RELIEF FIRE ENGINE COMPANY NO. 1

"BRITANNIA FIRE COMPANY"

This is the oldest continuously active volunteer fire company in the United States. It was organized in 1752 as "Britannia Fire Company. The present firehouse building dates from 1892.

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