

7575 Old Post Road (R3)







From Red Hook Walking Guide: Mansion Row; built during the era of the Golden Age in the last half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, when the post-industrial northeast was enjoying a period of prosperity, the three mansions along Post Road north of the Elmendorph were the homes of a succession of several thriving local merchants.

Red Hook was known for its tobacco, tin plate and chocolate manufacturing. These striking houses which line the original Post Road are examples of a number of large village mansions that still remain from that era.

The Griffing/Bates House- This grand house, which formerly had a porte-cochere on the south side, was originally the more modest home of Dr. John Bates, an early physician. The house was bought by C.W. Massonneau, whose family started the town's long-standing Red Hook Tobacco Company. For many years it was the home of Joseph Griffing, the manager of the W.H. Baker & Co. chocolate factories in Annandale, and late in Red Hook Village. Griffing built and operate the Lyceum Theater.

From '75: No known date of construction, done in early American style, huge hard, owned by Joseph Griffing from 1908-1942, any in 1975 by Mr. and Mrs. Evander Mackay. Early photographs of house seen in a 1923 issue of AAA mator

guide book of N.Y. State, shown alongside photo of the Hoffman House. Older photo in '75 x2.