

Martin House
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20. a. The town of Red Hook is one of the earliest settled towns of the Hudson River Valley and was divided among the Patuxets. Among the earliest settlers was Hendrick Martin who came over in 1727. He took a lease from the Beckman patentee and in 1751 took a lease from the Van Benthuysen patentee. Hendrick built a house it is supposed in 1727 on the Sawkill about 1/8 of a mile from the Old New York and Albany Post Road.

Of the numerous houses built in Dutchess Co. before the Revolution, I think there is probably none in better state of repair than the old Martin House at Red Hook. ^{on Route 9} The Martin House was built by Battelut Martin and legend has it that the rafters of the building were being raised into position at the moment the Declaration of Independence was

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read at Philadelphia in 1776. The
house has always remained in
the Martin Family until 1933.
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The plot on which the building
stands was obtained by Hendrick
Martin in 1727. In 1751 as the story
goes - Hendrick told his son Battelut
that it was time he took a wife and
swarmed for himself.

His father cut a big stick and
striding across the farm, drove it
firmly into the ground. Upon
that spot was erected a solid
substantial plain house with
thick stone walls. It was not until
1776 - that Battelut followed his fathers
advice.

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Heavy wooden beams cut on the
farm, span the room lengthwise.

Walls are of stone and have ^a hollow
space between them, which holds an
air chamber.

In 1812 - Col. Henry Armstrong, son of
John Armstrong, Sec. of War, was in town
recruiting his command for service
against the British. One day he marched
his recruits up to the Sawkill to
give them a swim. Upon their return
their locks still wet, he piled them
into the Martin front yard and
ordered them to take hold of the
frame of the front piazza and
in a jiffy it was in place.

These notes were taken from what
looked like a newspaper with a headline
"The Days of 1776."

Into this house John Martin, grandson
of Hendrick and son of ^{Gittel} Botlo, afterwards
took his bride Isabella Fulton,
relative of Robert Fulton.

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pp. 186 pictures 187 - pp. 254.

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Historic Map of Dutchess Co. 1867.
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In The Days of 1776 -

Article found which seems to be
an old newspaper - given to Mrs.
Cookingham when she moved into the
house in 1934.

Braig Mrs. Louis - personal interview
Red Hook - Oct. 1974 with
a descendant of the original
owners of the house.

Champlin Charles - Village of Red Hook
Historian

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Corkingham, Mrs. Oakleigh W. - Sr.

Personal interview with present
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