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Elmendorph Inn, 7562 North Broadway

RHWG: In the National Historic Register. Built c. 1760, this is one of the two earliest buildings in the village. It was a stagecoach stop, inn and tavern, as well as a town meeting place and the site of Red Hook's first kindergarten. It contains a working kitchen fireplace and an unusual reconstructed beehive oven. Threatened with destruction in 1975, the federal-style inn with Dutch gambrel roof was saved and restored through a community effort. It has been restored by Friends of Elmendorph as a community meeting place, and is the home of the Egbert Benson Historical society of Red Hook. Open most Tuesdays or by appointment.

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Also formed here was "The Society for the Apprehension and Detention of Horse Thieves of the Lower Village." This group met until the early 20th century when it disbanded because they felt that modern day law enforcement agencies could handle the task. In the 1890s the Inn was owned by Edward Martin and he supported a private kindergarten held there. Many authentic architectural details are retained. A private non-profit organization, "Friends of Elmendorph, Inc." is endeavoring to have the building restored and preserved as a National Historic site.