

JOHN THORNE GLOVER HOUSE

1212 SYLVAN DRIVE



ALSO KNOWN AS THE BREACH-GLOVER HOUSE



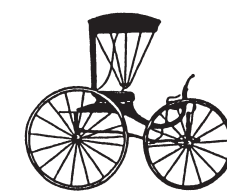
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The John Thorne Glover House is one of four surviving farmhouses in the Borough of Haddon Heights that were built before the Revolutionary War. The others are the Hinchman-Lippincott House at 1019 North Park Drive, the Isaac Glover House at 1908 New Jersey Avenue, and the Colonel Joseph Ellis House at 1009 Sycamore Street.

The John Thorne Glover House was listed on the New Jersey Register of Historic Places in February 1990, and was designated a Haddon Heights Historical Landmark in June 1992 by local Ordinance 903.

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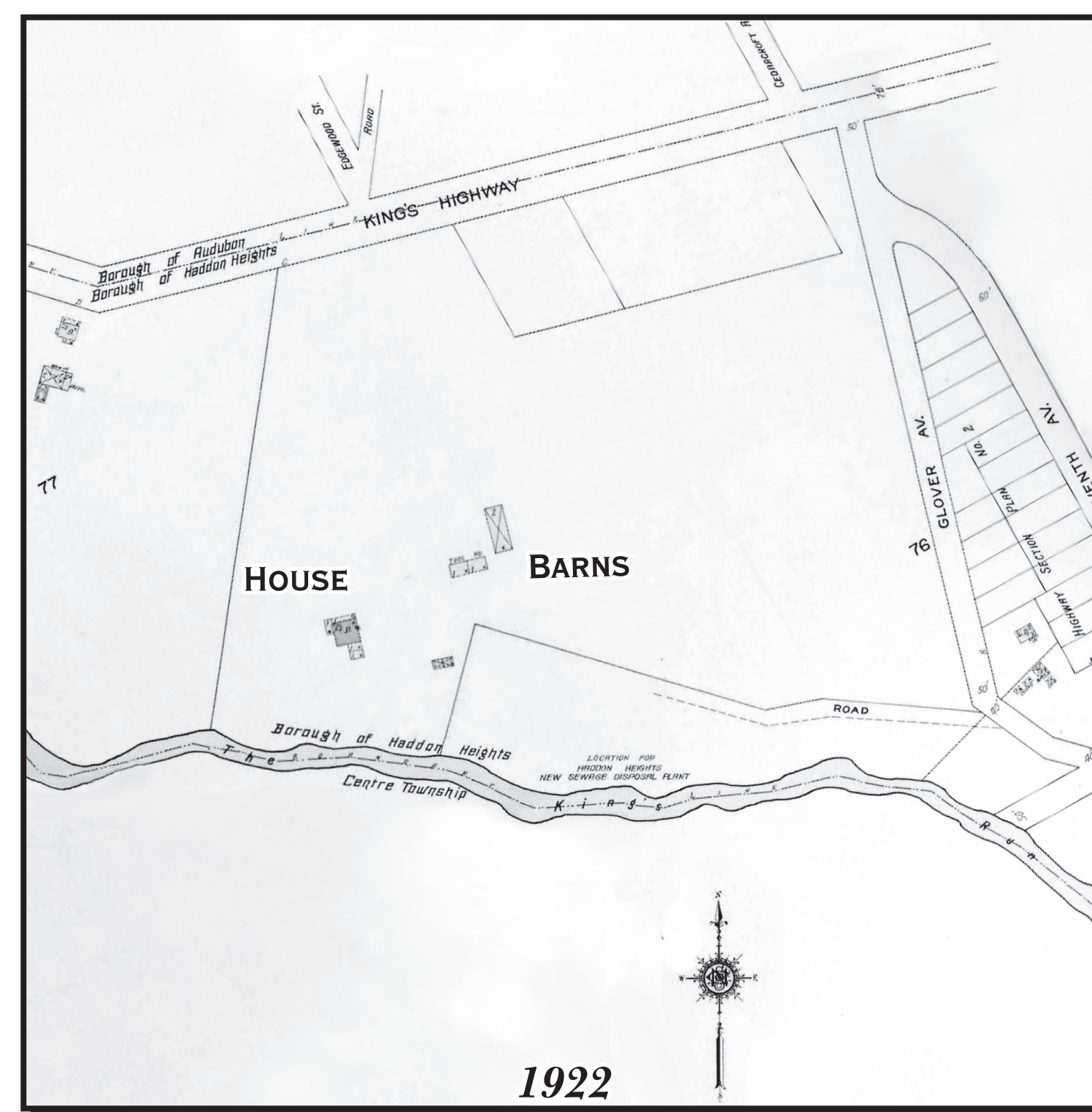
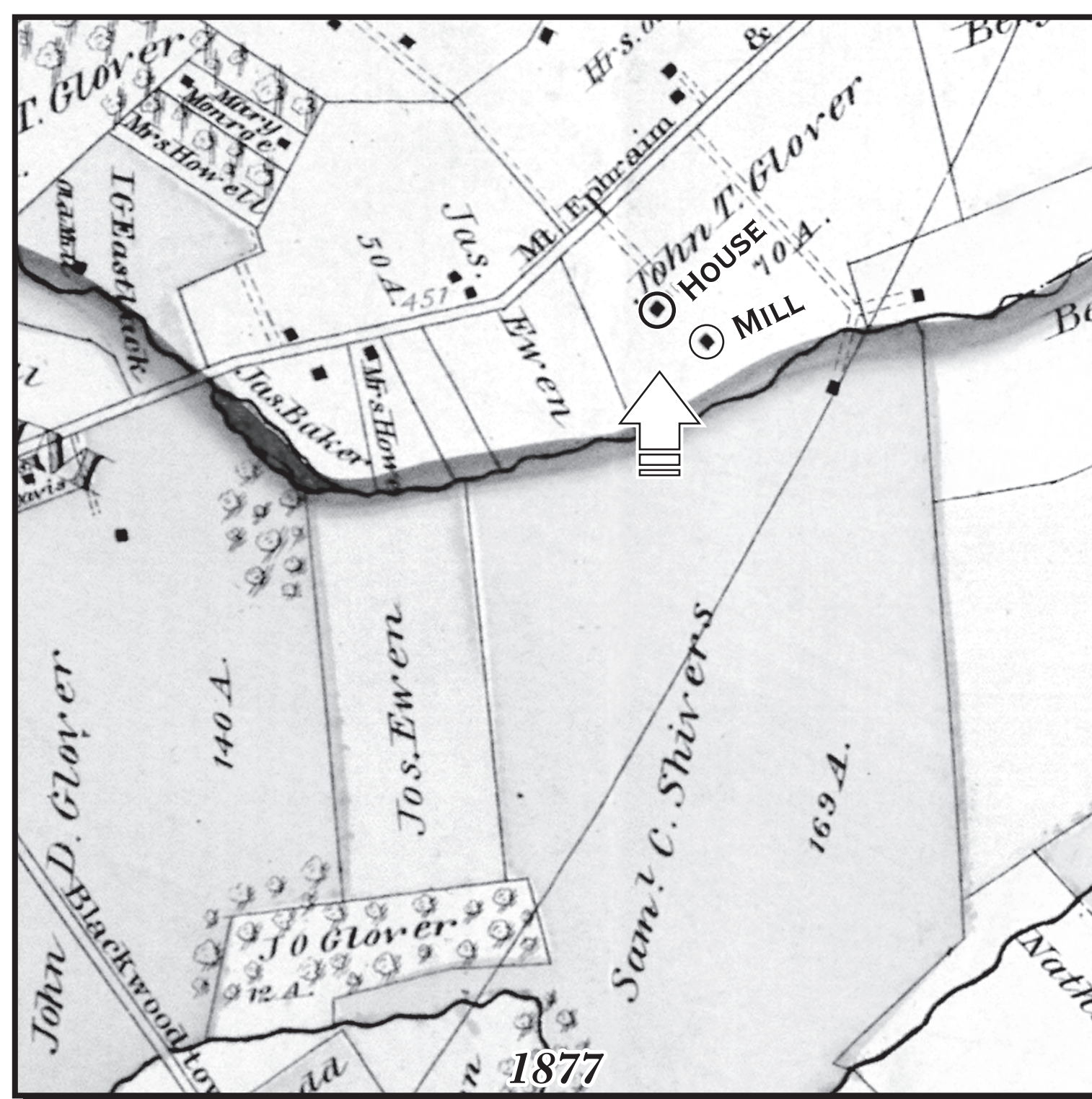
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These two historic photographs show the house from the same view looking southwest with the north façade and the front porch at right. The photograph at left was taken before the roofline was raised with a bracketed attic story and a rear addition was made to the original section. The 1877 and 1922 maps, below, show the property prior to subdivision.



The northeastern section of the standing building is the original house, built in a vernacular Georgian style with one room over one room. The façade faces toward Glover Avenue; the side faces Sylvan Avenue.

Although the land was occupied in 1712 by a farmer named John Siddon, the original portion of the standing house was probably built by Peter Breach. He purchased the property from his father, Samuel, in 1731. After Peter Breach's death, the property was sold in 1776 to Samuel Brown. Brown had been hired by John T. Glover (1729-1807) to operate the Glover Fulling Mill that had been built nearby in 1773-1776. Brown sold the property to John Thorne Glover (1753-1824), who took over operation of the fulling mill, as well as its ownership from his father in 1782. John Thorne Glover ran the mill for 40 years, followed by his son, James T. Glover (b.1788).



In 1863, John Thorne Glover's grandson, also named John T. Glover (b. 1821), built the first addition and added a full width front porch with lattice columns across the north elevation. Circa 1884 Glover further expanded the house by adding another half story and a rear addition to the original portion, while updating the whole exterior in the Gothic Revival style. In the twentieth century, a rear porch was added and subsequently enclosed. There is an early brick smokehouse in the rear yard. The property remained in the Glover family for eight generations. In the 1931 Haddon Heights directory, the property was still listed as "Glover Farms" on King's Highway. By 1936, Sylvan Drive had been introduced and the property was being subdivided for residential development by John Thorne Glover III (b. 1885), an electrician. He and his wife Minnie lived here until c. 1950.