Thorne-Glover Plantation House

Also known as the Isaac Glover House | *1908 New Jersey Avenue* | *Built c.1702 & c.1750*

The Thorne-Glover Plantation House is one of four surviving farmhouses in the Borough of Haddon Heights that were built before the Revolutionary War. The 2½ story brick house is rectangular in plan and built in two sections. The eastern three bays date to the early-18th century, perhaps as early as 1702. The porch with four stuccoed-brick elephantine columns was added to the façade around 1900.

In 1702, John Thorne purchased this property as part of a large land track from John Reading. It is believed that he built the earliest portion of the standing house. In 1768, he bequeathed the property to the husband of his daughter Mary, John T. Glover (1729-1807), who built the nearby Glover Fulling Mill. John T. Glover later divided the property between his two surviving sons, John Thorne Glover (1753-1824) and Isaac Glover (b. 1760, m. Phoebe Duell) in his 1802 will: "To my son Isaac all that plantation wherein he now lives…."

Isaac Glover left the plantation to his son, John Duell Glover (b. 1797). In his will filed in 1834, Isaac Glover wrote: "I give and devise and bequeath unto my son John D. Glover his heirs and assigns forever All that Plantation where he now lives containing one hundred and twenty-six acres…."

Camden County maps from 1857, 1860, and 1877 all show the property as owned and/or occupied by John Duell Glover. After Glover's death, ownership passed to his son, John D. Glover, Jr. (1839-1921). The younger Glover owned the property until his own death at age 83.

The Thorne-Glover Plantation House was listed in the National Register of Historic Places as the "Isaac Glover House" on 23 September 1994, in the New Jersey Register on 28 February 1990, and was designated a Haddon Heights Historical Landmark in June 1992 by local Ordinance 903.

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In memory of Lynn Laitman





