

# STORIES of New Jersey

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## THE DUTCH COLONIAL ARCHITECTURE OF NORTHERN NEW JERSEY

About 200 of the old houses built by the Dutch settlers from New Amsterdam between 1664 and 1830 are still standing throughout northern New Jersey. A few similar houses remain in southern New York State but the majority are in Bergen County, where they form so natural a part of the landscape that they have come to be considered a local architectural style.

Dutch settlers first crossed the Hudson in search of farm and grazing land which they purchased from the Indians. They soon tired of ferrying the river daily to work on their farms, so they built log cabins. No traces of these shelters remain.



The Old Demarest House at River Edge