

THE AMOS THOMPSON HOUSE
(Mrs. Leland Thompson)
1750

At 27 Park Place is located the Amos Thompson house, at present owned by Mrs. Leland Thompson and family.

About 1750 this house was erected by Stephen Thompson for his son Amos. Mr. Stephen Thompson had four sons and for each one he built a substantial house, two of which are still standing today.

This quaint Colonial story and a half house varies somewhat from many of the other old houses built in East Haven, in that early day. Instead of the usual massive central chimney this house has a chimney at each end. The arrangement of the fireplaces of there are five, is most interesting. The chimneys are built in the center of both end walls and by facing the hearths at an angle fireplaces are provided for each of the four rooms, taking up less space. The two fireplaces in the first floor rooms on the south half of the house are unusually large and it must have been possible to burn in them immense logs. In the south chamber on the second floor there is also a fireplace. The hearth is so built that it would appear as being set out into the room somewhat after the manner of those in the old English and French cottages of the seventeenth century. The flue tapers away sharply and both the fireplace and flue are of stone and mortar painted white or cream color making a most striking effect. As a result of the chimneys in this house being located at the ends, a central hall has been possible with a long stair case. This is a feature seldom found in most of the story and a half houses built in that period.

The panelwork in the house is an example of the patience and skill of the native joiners of early East Haven. As is customarily found in the pre Revolutionary houses the floors have the very wide boards rather irregular in size.

Practically the only noticeable change to the house on the outside is the dormer window and front porch on the front of the house.

During the two centuries this house has stood looking over the Market Place or Green immediately to the West, it has been in the hands of some one of the Thompson family or relations.