

THE ISAAC BRADLEY HOUSE
(Mr. Hamilton Stone)
1694

Permission was granted to Isaac Bradley on October 14, 1683 to "build a tenantable house" upon a two acre piece of land lying west of Stoney River and north of the County Road. (What is now 57 Main St.) The stone plate ~~now~~ in the chimney of the house shows the date 1694 and from that it may be concluded the house was erected at that time.

The house was originally of the story and a half type with stone walls at each end with the front and back of clapboard. The stone in the house was obtained from off the land. The mortar was made of sand, clay, and limeshells burned and obtained from the river and nearby meadows. Isaac Bradley was a carpenter and undoubtedly fashioned out much of the beautiful wood paneling in the house from the neighboring forests.

The property continued to remain in the hands of the descendants of Isaac Bradley until 1900. At that time it was purchased by Mrs. Kingsbury who had the house greatly altered to provide a full two story building. In doing this it became necessary to reduce the width of the house and discard the old sloping roof with its graceful lines.

Since the property left the Bradley hands it has been owned by Mrs. Kingsbury, Mr. Doyle, Mr. Samuel C. Russell and is at present owned by Mr. Hamilton Stone. For a period it was allowed to run down, but its present owner Mr. Stone has done considerable to improve and preserve the property. It is indeed fortunate that its present owner is taking such good care of this fine old Colonial house which has stood forth as an example of the real old Colonial architecture for these many years.

