

THE CHRISTOPHER TUTTLE HOUSE
 (Mr. Charles Damen)
 1786

The Christopher Tuttle house on the west side of Maple Street is the oldest house now standing in the Foxon District of East Haven. This property has been known in later years as the Hiram Jacobs place.

The builder of this house was Christopher Tuttle born on September 26, 1759. He married Abigail Luddington on March 24, 1786 and presumably built this house about that time although a definite record has not as yet been found to substantiate this fact. Christopher Tuttle had eight children, the youngest Sarah Smith Tuttle was born on November 4, 1816 and she married George Henry Jacobs on February 10, 1835. They continued to live in this house until 1849. At that time Mr. Jacobs joined the '49ers and went to California where he died in 1850. From the time of the death of her husband up until the time of her death Sally or Mrs. George Jacobs made her home here in this house with her son Mr. Hiram Jacobs and his family. Mrs. George Jacobs died on July 11, 1910 at the age of ninetythree years having resided in East Haven all her life.

Hiram Jacobs was County Commissioner ~~from~~ ^{during the} years, 1879 to 1893 and Treasurer of New Haven County. He died a few years ago. About a year ago Mrs. Jacobs died and the property has since been sold to Mr. Charles Damen who occupies it at present.

Mr. Charles Grannis, now ninety years old, states that the Christopher Tuttle house is now the oldest house left standing in Foxon. Mr. Grannis lives about a block to the north of the Tuttle house. He further states that the only houses in Foxon that were older than this house were the Grannis house, the Captain Chidsey house and the Maltby house. The last of these three houses to go down before the march of time was the Chidsey house that stood on the corner of Foxon Road and River Street. When this house was torn down about 1925 it was then nearly two hundred years old.