

Our Mission

To *PRESERVE* and *SHARE*
our town artifacts,
buildings and compelling
historical narratives.

Preservation always requires an investment. We invest our time and energy. Please consider supporting our mission! New members are welcome!

ANNUAL EVENTS

**Dover Community Day at
Thomas J Boyce Park Sep 17th**

**Annual Silent Auction
Social Fund Raiser
Oct 1, 2022 from 4—7 PM at
Tabor-Wing House**

**Christmas Open House
Thanksgiving Weekend
Coordinated with J H Ketcham
Santa's Visit**

**ADDITIONAL DATES
TO BE ANNOUNCED:**

**New!! Open Hearth
Cooking Demos**

**House Tours and Displays at
Tabor-Wing House**

Watch for details on Facebook

Town of Dover
Historical Society, Inc.
Route 22 & N Nellie Hill Rd.
PO Box 767
Dover Plains, NY 12522

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The Town of Dover Historical Society was formed when the Jackson Wing House was razed in 1974. It has since been incorporated as a 501(c)(3).

The Society meets in the historic Tabor-Wing House, on the National Register of Historic Landmarks, located at the intersection of Route 22 & North Nellie Hill Road in Dover Plains, NY, a short walk from the Dover Stone Church, the J.H. Ketcham Fire House and Ketcham's Corners.

The building is now owned by the Town of Dover and is also used for special events.

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dovernynhistoricalsociety.org**

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History

The Tabor-Wing House was built by Thomas Tabor, who was willed the property by his father, Job Tabor, around 1810. It had been thought that Thomas built the house for his

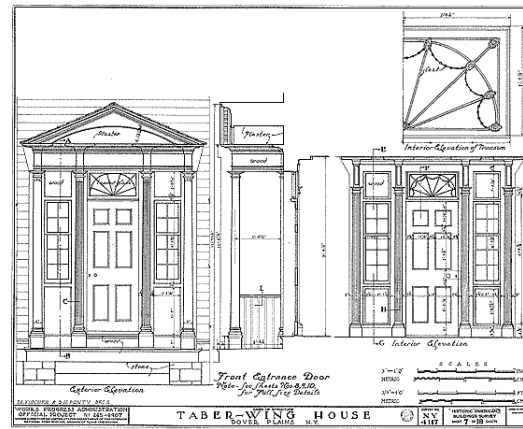


daughter, Sally, who married Mahlon Wing in 1816. However, Sally and Mahlon first lived on a farm in Stanfordville and then in the Town of Amenia. In 1839, they moved to the Tabor-Wing House. Their descendants continued to live in the house until 1928

The Tabor-Wing House is a rare and significant frame residence of the Federal Period which retains an unusually high degree of physical and design integrity. The house exhibits the architectural preferences and practices characteristic of the regional Hudson Valley vernacular tradition. Distinguished for its exceptionally fine architectural details, the structure reflects the social prominence maintained by the Tabor and Wing families in Dover during the early nineteenth century. The exterior details are unusually fine, of a level normally reserved for cabinetry and interior moldings.

Architecture

When built, this house was one of the most architecturally prominent houses in eastern Dutchess County, reflecting the social position of its builder, Thomas Tabor. That many such frame structures have been lost through fire, demolition, decay or alterations places this house in a limited class of survivors.

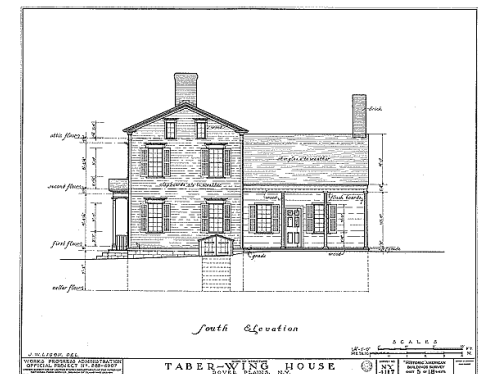


Both its association with Dover's pioneer families and its architectural merit give this building significance. Distinguishing features are the arched leaded glass windows and two narrow windows on each side of the front door, the Palladian window on the second floor, dentil moldings in mantels and cornices and a decorative crown roof on the front entry porch. The hand-hewn roof trusses are held together with wooden pegs. Each fireplace and mantel are original to the house. The kitchen fireplace is original, complete with a bake oven. The copper sink remains in the kitchen. Some doors still have original hand-wrought iron hardware.

Preservation

In 1976 the Historical Society purchased the building and began the restoration and registration process. For many years this building housed the Dover Public Library. In 2003 the Society turned the building over to the Town of Dover but continues to use it as a meeting place and raise funds for restoration work.

More recently, our own Donna Reimer independently researched and added two nearby sites to the National Register. The Second Baptist Church on Mill Street received its designation in 2010. The Dover Stone Church, accessed by a walk across Route 22 from the Tabor-Wing House, was added in December of 2014.



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