



On This Site in 1784

Moore Furman's home

Corner of State Street and Chancery Lane

Moore Furman was a prosperous merchant, ardent patriot, and prominent citizen of Trenton. He was born in Hopewell in 1728, and came to Trenton in his mid-twenties. In 1757 he was appointed High Sheriff of Hunterdon County (Trenton was then the county seat of Hunterdon County) and he was one of the citizens who petitioned the General Assembly to build a barracks in Trenton to house the troops that were continuously passing through town.

During the Revolutionary War Furman served with distinction as Deputy Quarter-Master General, and was greatly entrusted by General George Washington. After the war Furman returned to Trenton, purchased this lot and built a large mansion.

By 1798 the state legislature decided that it ought to provide "a good and convenient house for the accommodation of the governor," and bought Furman's home for \$10,000. On April 4, 1798, Furman wrote to a friend, "I am moving to a new house, a few doors to the westward of the house I sold and ... the Governor is fixing himself and family in the Government House." Subsequent governors, however, preferred to live elsewhere and rent out the house provided for them. The house was finally sold in 1845, and by 1865 the house had been considerably enlarged and reopened as the State Street House.



State Street House

Moore Furman died on March 16, 1808, in his 80th year, and was buried at First Presbyterian Church.