



On This Site in 1784

Micajah How's home

East side of Warren, below St. Michael's

Micajah How was on the committee assigned to find appropriate housing for the President of Congress and suitable meeting space for Congress to meet during the winter of 1784.

How was also one of the citizens who offered space in his own home for Congressmen in need of lodgings; he said he had three spare rooms, with fireplaces. As it turned out, Colonel Richard Henry Lee was staying here when he found out that he'd been elected President of the Continental Congress.



Although not a lawyer, How was for a time one of the judges of the Court of Common Pleases of Hunterdon County, and he also served as High Sheriff under the Colonial Government. He was a vestryman of St. Michael's Church, both before and after the war, and he was one of the founders of the Trenton School Company in 1781, which evolved into the Trenton Academy on Academy Street.

How's wife Sarah was one of the city matrons who sang to George Washington, and his daughter Sarah was one of the little girls in white dresses who threw flowers in the great General's path when he made his triumphant return to Trenton in 1789. How died on January 14, 1799.

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