



On This Site in 1784

Moore Furman's store

East side of Warren near State

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.



Furman was fond of acquiring real estate; he started buying property in eastern Pennsylvania and throughout Hunterdon County. In fact, he bought a large tract of land about 8 miles northwest of Flemington, where he proceeded to turn a tiny hamlet into a full-fledged town with a distillery, flour mills, a nail factory, a general store, a tavern, and homes, which he named Pittstown.

During the Revolutionary War Furman was living in Pittstown. Furman served with distinction as Deputy Quarter-Master General, and was greatly entrusted by General George Washington.

After the war Furman returned to Trenton and set up shop on this site. He was one of the original founders of the Trenton Academy, a member of the Union Fire Company, a judge in the Court of Common Pleas, and a Trustee of the Presbyterian Church for 27 years. He became the first Mayor of Trenton under the charter of 1792. In 1795 he was made Postmaster.

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

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