



Thompson-Neeley House

**John Pidcock built the center portion of the Thompson-Neeley House in 1701.**

### **The First Reunion of the Pidcock Family Association**

The first reunion of the descendants of John Pidcock was held August 22, 1913, on the spot called Win-Na-Haw-Caw-Chuck (Wund-achga-chunick or Undachgo-chunick, and has been interpreted to mean "at the hill near the water" or "at the hill this side of the water") and later known as Neeley's Mills where he first settled sometime prior to 1678. The Pidcock Family Association have met here on a yearly basis since the formation of the association in 1913. Following is a transcript from an original newspaper article depicting the first reunion:

*The first annual reunion of the Pidcock Family was held at Neeley's Mill, three miles south of New Hope, last Friday, August 22, on the site of the first settlement of the family in this section. The formal*

*exercised were as follows Roll call, by the chairman, George M. Pidcock, of Bloomsbury, N.J., with responses by about a hundred persons; singing by male quartette; address by chairman and reading of historical paper; address and historical sketch of family and old homestead, by Dr. J. E. Scott, of New Hope. The old house as constructed in three sections, the latest one bearing the date 1757. The party walked up the hill to the site of the grave of Dr. John Bowman, the reputed member of Captain Kidd's buccaneers, who was buried on the Pidcock estate.*

*Later in the afternoon a permanent organization was formed by the election of the following offices President, George M. Pidcock, of Bloomsbury, N.J.; secretary, James N. Pidcock, of White House, N.J.; recording secretary, **L. Raymond Stout**, of Lambertville. It was voted to hold another reunion of the same date next year, at the same place.*

*The historical article read by Mr. Pidcock was in part as follows:*

*"We are descendants of Scotch blood; some of the old people have told me we were Scotch-Irish and our ancestor came from the north of Ireland. In looking the matter up, I find that the name of Pidcock prevails in Scotland and the thing we are most proud of is that we spell the name just the same as they do in Scotland, not one letter has been changed.*

*This was selected as the ideal place to hold our first meeting, it being the original spot where John (or Jonathan) Pidcock, our ancestor, settled when arriving in this country, and as tradition informs us, we are now at the point where the Pidcocks built a*

*saw mill, a grist mill and residence, where they lived and labored for many years. It may be well to mention that with Jonathan Pidcock came Dr. John Bowman and his wife, who settled here, and the hill is called Bowman's Hill and the creek at the foot of the hill is call Pidcock's Creek to this day. The Bowmans and Pidcock settled here prior to 1698, as is proven in the records at Doylestown.*

*Mary Godown Pidcock, the wife of Jonathan Pidcock, my grandfather, was born August 4, 1784, and died June 22, 1876. The first Jonathan was her husband's grandfather, and she often related the family history. It is said that Dr. Bowman, his wife and Jonathan Pidcock and wife are buried on this hill. The Pidcocks were driven from here during the Revolution and their property confiscated by the English, but the Hessians did the work. I will refrain from a long story of sufferings of the family at that time, but if you would be interested, I will point out some interesting places here and across the Delaware in Jersey."*

*Those present were George M. Pidcock and family, of Bloomsbury; Augustus Pidcock and son Edwin, Lawrenceville; David Moore, Raven Rock; **Asher Stout and wife, Arthur Stout and daughter Elizabeth**, Edwin Shick and wife, Mrs. George Pidcock, Mr. Jonathan Holcombe, Mr. Izola Harbourt and daughters Marion and Martha, Geo. W. Parsons and family, Mary Pidcock, George H. Barber, Mr. and Mrs. Fisher Johnson, Mr. E. Mae Bright, Mr. Ann C. Schanck, Miss Eliza Johnson, **Theodore stout and family, L. Raymond Stout**, Mrs. Nelson Pidcock, Mrs. Clarence Pidcock, Allen H. Moore, Leon Moore, Robert H. Fisher and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Smith, Willis H. Smith and daughters Ethel and Sadie, Floyd Higgins, all of Lambertville; Mrs.*

*Charles E. Moore and children Holcolme and Elmer, Pineville; Charles W. Pidcock and wife, Frank R. Pidcock, wife and children Mildred, Frank. Anna and John, Moultrie, Georgia; Clark Pidcock and wife, Mrs. Ella Rose, Mrs. George Chedister, Titusville; F. Raymond Pidcock and wife, Howard C. Smith and wife, Mrs. Anna Cadwalader, Willard Buckman, Trenton; H. S. Bellis and family, Spring Lake; Glen Bellis and family, Trenton Junction; Mrs. Clarence Hoagland and daughter, Hopewell; Mrs. Fanny Davis, Jacob Davis, Ruth Davis, James N. Pidcock and wife and daughter Belle, Miss Gladys Pidcock, Mrs. Harry G. Pidcock, White House; Mrs. Annie Davey, Rockaway; Mrs. Nellie P. Williams, Quitman, Georgia; William Lownes and wife, J. Wilson Pidcock and children Lewis and Mary, Esther Slack, Anna R. Parsons, New Hope; Miss Bessie Pidcock, Chester, N. J.; Albert Chedester, Harry Chedester, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pidcock, E. A. Swope and wife, Mr. Mary P. Bond, Miss Ella S. Bond, Howard C. Bond, wife and children Frank and Louis all of Morrisville; Thomas B. Nuttall and wife, Atlantic City.*

"Pidcock Family Reunion" [newspaper clipping, Aug. 28, 1913]