



WYCHWOOD GATEHOUSE, LOCATED AT 120 WYCHWOOD ROAD, WAS ORIGINALLY BUILT AS THE "SOUTH GATEHOUSE" OF THE WYCHWOOD DEVELOPMENT IN LATE 1920S. THE SON OF THE DEVELOPER, ARTHUR RULE, JR., FIRST OWNED THIS STRUCTURE. ACROSS WYCHWOOD ROAD IS A MINIATURE GATEHOUSE AT 200 CANTERBURY LANE. NEXT TO THE GATEHOUSE, ON NORTH AVENUE, IS JOHN SCUDDER'S 18TH CENTURY FARMHOUSE.

**OTHER HISTORIC HOMES**  
BY DON WILLIAMS

**Farmhouse** at 157 Brightwood Avenue and Clark Street dates from 19th century.

**Fairbairn House** at 231 Kimball Avenue was built by Robert Fairbairn, owner of Fairacres Thoroughbred Racetrack (current site of Washington School). The lot includes a carriage house and a house containing a serpentine wall and observatory.

**Reeve House** at 314 Mountain Avenue was built around 1740. It is one of the oldest still existing in town. It is Victorian in style situated next to Mindowaskin Park. The Westfield Historical Society seeks to establish a museum in this building. Edgar Reeve left the house to the town in his 1992 will. Mr. Reeve died on December 28, 2001 at the age of 100 years.

**Moses Ross House** at 961 Rahway Avenue was the 17th century home of Moses Ross, an Elizabethtown Freeholder for Essex County (in 1755). It is situated directly across Rahway Avenue from Willow Grove Road. The house now has a steel wall hidden by landscaping in the front to stop stray traffic.

**John Ross House** – Ripley Manor at 231 Elizabeth Avenue is a farmhouse dating from the 19th century. It is located in the development of Chauncey B. Ripley, the same developer of the Boulevard.

**Sip Manor** at 5 Cherry Lane was built in 1664 in Jersey City by Jan Adrianse Sip with the help of local Indians. Arthur Rule moved this landmark, piece by piece, to Wychwood in the 1920s.



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