

TOMS HOUSE CONTAINS RELICS OF EARLY STAMFORD



A quaint corner of the old Toms House built in 1839 at Cove Village is pictured in the artist's sketch. It is the entrance to the little house which attracts one to a most interesting collection of relics pertaining to early Stamford. Even on the porch itself one may see an old church pew which once belonged to our First Congregational Church when it stood on our present Bank St. Also nearby one can see the old chair where Capt. Charles Hobby used to sit while guiding his clipper ship into Cove Harbor. A coach lamp hangs overhead, and a door knocker of sleigh bells will recall the big snow blizzard of 1888. The collection belongs to Mrs. William H. Dippel, known to her

village neighbors as "Aunt Clara," and who is a close relative of the Toms family, which first settled at Toms River, N. J., in 1664. It was long after the first settlement that George Washington Toms came to Stamford in 1840, and occupied the little home in Cove Village. There are other collections of early Stamford in the low ceilinged parlor and dining room, including a doll display orce owned by the late Mary Scofield when a little girl, also beautiful china and glassware which reflect the sun's rays in some remote corner. There too, a Civil War collection represents the brave Stamford boys who fell in the battle of "Bull Run" and "Gettysburg."

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