

NOTE.—This house was built by John S. Foster about the year 1813, and occupied by him for several years, when an exchange was made between him and his father, Wakeman Foster, John S. taking the Wakeman house and property, a short distance to the southeast (see page 61), and Wakeman taking this house, where he remained until his death.

The building of these houses was done under the supervision of Rogers Squires, the timber being cut from the surrounding forest, and hewn for beams, rafters and sills, where it fell. The boards were sawn at the sawmill situated a half mile to the south of the house, and near the shore of the Shinnecock Bay—known as the “South Side.” The mill had four immense sails, the motive power being wind. The magnificent Summer residence of Judge James Carter now occupies the site formerly covered by the old sawmill. After the death of Wakeman Foster the house passed into the possession of his youngest son, Maltby Foster, who upon his death gave the property to his son, Josiah Foster, by whom it is now (1895) occupied.