

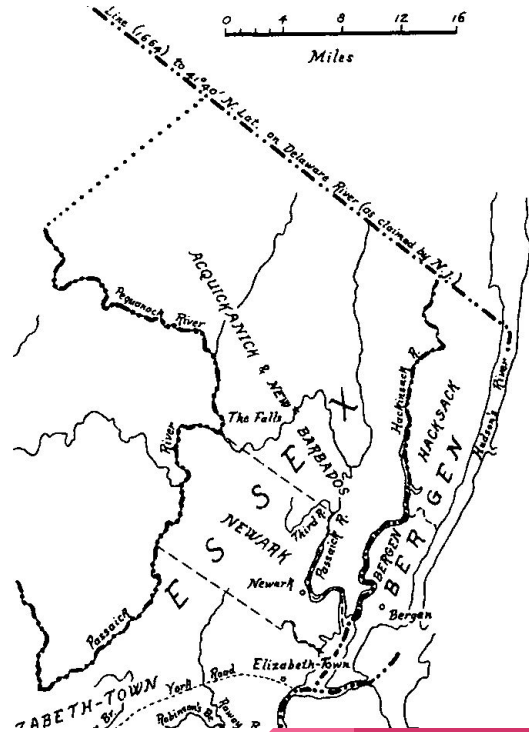


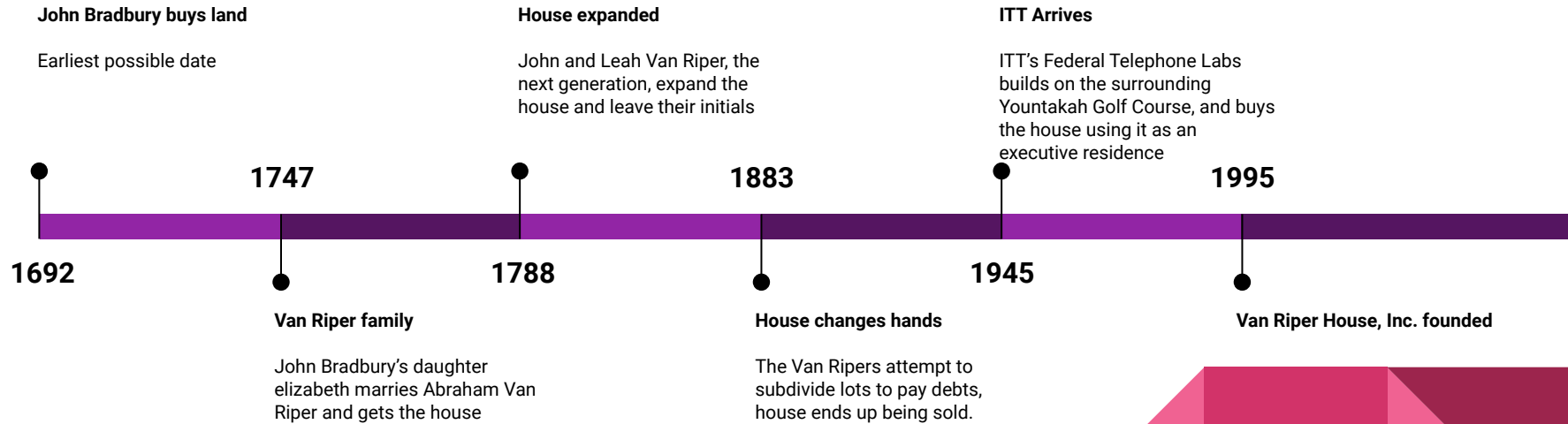
Van Riper House, Inc.

Rotary Club Meeting - October, 10 2019

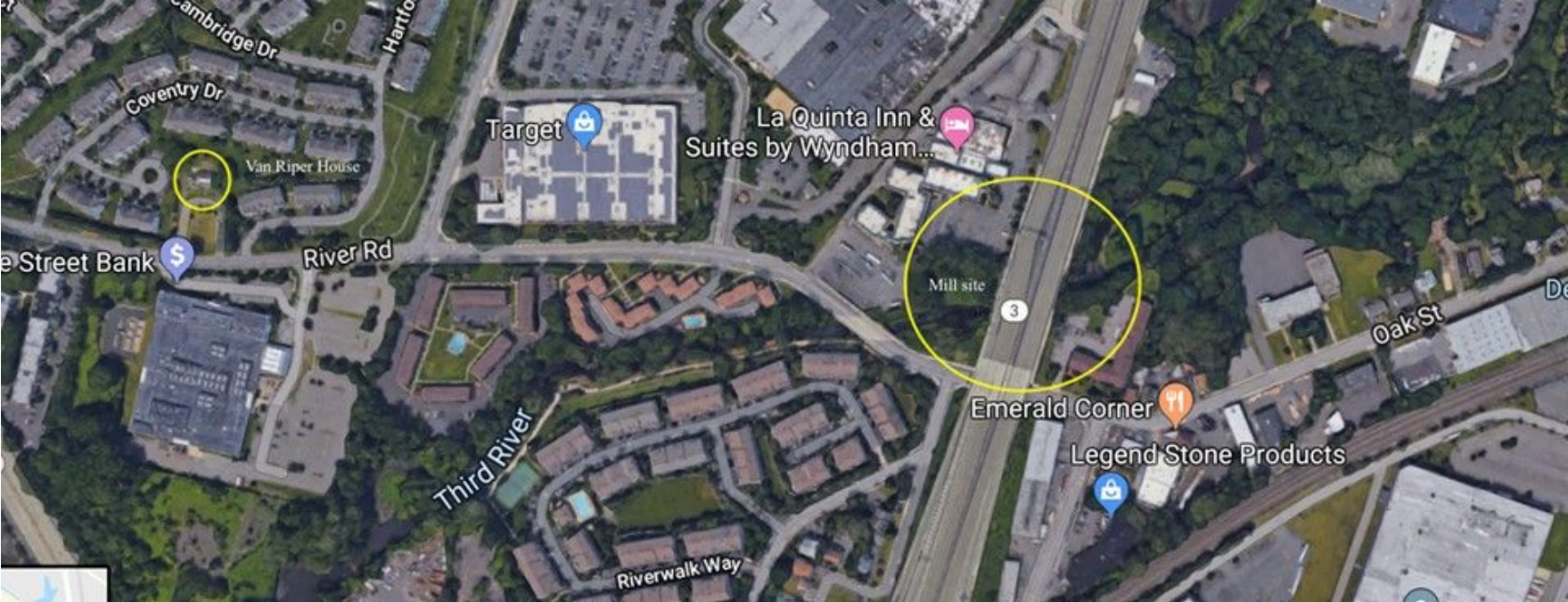
Background

- The Van Riper House is part of one of New Jersey's oldest settlements: Acquackanonk
- John Bradbury bought land on the Third River in 1692
- Between then and 1708, he built the first iteration of the house
- Map shows North Jersey, 1700

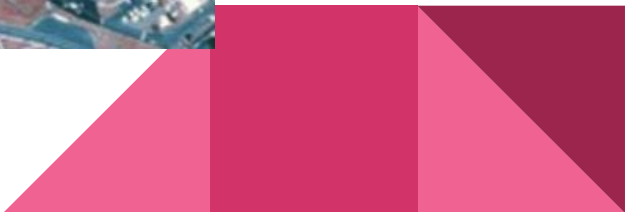




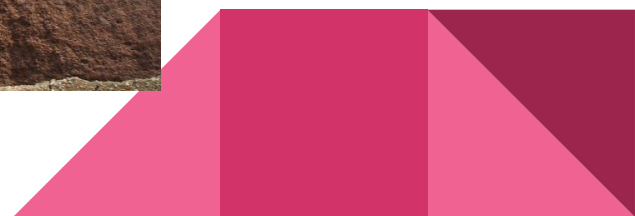
Map




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Current Issues

- Lease expiration - 8/2021
 - Cannot get most grant funding without minimum 15-year lease
 - Met with Commissioner Tucci in August, sent formal request for extension this week
 - Roof
 - Currently a failing cedar shake roof, from 2002
 - Need to determine plans for replacement
 - Best course of action is to do a direct replacement
 - Basement Moisture
 - Need to replace fans
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Ideas for Use

- **Commercial**
 - Brewery/cidery
 - Restaurant
- **Community**
 - Extension of Library
 - Museum
 - Community Garden extension - in process
- **Event Space**
 - Weddings
 - Corporate retreats/functions



Abraham W. Van Riper and Family, circa 1847



Abraham and Clarissa Later in Life



Goals

- Extend lease with Township by 1/1/2020
- Get property added to State and National Registers - Summer 2020
- Identify funding source for roof - end of 2020
- Develop scholarship(s) for historically-inclined NHS students - Winter 2020
- Create event to replace Street Fair (Oktoberfest, etc) on grounds of house
 - Event would be held Spring 2020 (May/June)





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