



One of the best kept secrets in America along the Hudson River: Gomez Mill House

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One of the best kept secrets in America lies along the Hudson River five miles north of Newburgh New York. It is the *Gomez Mill House*, built in 1714, by the Colonial Jewish leader Luis Moses Gomez, and has been one of the oldest continuously lived in residences in the United States.

It is a landmark richly intertwined with America's complex history being a site of an Indian ceremonial ground, a frontier trading post, the oldest surviving Jewish dwelling in North America, a center of patriotic activity during the Revolutionary War, home to arts and crafts artisans, and to social activists of the early 20th century.

Among the five historic families who lived there over its nearly 300 year history, included Wolfert Acker, grandson of Washington Irving's 'Wolfert Acker' of his short story, *Wolfert's Roost*. Acker lived at the Mill House from 1772 until his death in 1800. From there he ran a mill, a ferry from Newburgh to Beacon, and served as an Orange County Revolutionary leader for George Washington, whose headquarters were five miles south of the site.

The mission of the Gomez Foundation for Mill House, which owns and operates the Museum and site since 1984, is to preserve the site and present its history to the public. Descendents of four of the five owners (Gomez, Acker, Armstrong, and Hunter) are available for interviews.

The *Gomez Foundation for Mill House* is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 established to support the preservation, conservation and public programs of the Gomez Mill House. Gomez Mill House, the oldest Jewish Dwelling in North America. Located in Marlboro, NY, it is on the National Register of Historic Places. Visit www.gomez.org to learn more about programs for adults and children, how to visit the museum, or learn about upcoming scholarly conferences on the subject of Jewish Merchants.

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