

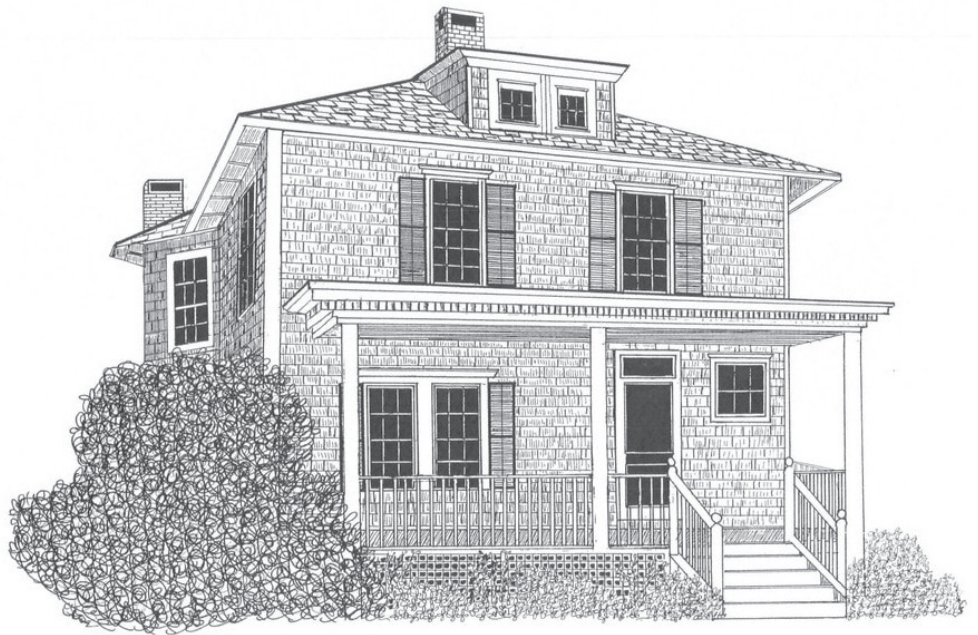
# Foursquares to the Fore:

*An iconic American house type dominates early 20th century Hopewell History*

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

7:00 pm

Presented by Ian Burrow



*Hopewell Foursquare c1900 – Audrey Jones*

## Speaker:



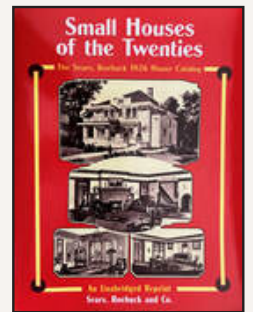
Ian Burrow is a semi-retired archaeologist. He was born, raised and educated in

England. After working there for 10 years as a professional archaeologist, he emigrated to the United States in 1988 to continue his archaeological career in New Jersey and surrounding states. He serves on the Board of the Stoutsburg Sourland African American Museum (among other things).

So common as to be barely mentioned in books on architecture, the Foursquare house is an American icon of the early 20th century. From about 1900 into the 1930's it was one of the most common types of house built in this country, but only relatively recently has its importance and distinctive character been recognized.

At least 52 of these houses still stand in Hopewell Borough today, most of them probably built between 1910 and 1930. Only 11 are shown on the 1912 Sanborn Map.

So why are there so many of these houses? What are their defining features? Could you buy one from Sears? Who built them and lived in them, and what does that tell us about early 20th century Hopewell?



In person in the Fellowship Hall at the Hopewell Presbyterian Church – 80 West Broad Street, Hopewell, NJ.

The in-person event is free and open to the public – no registration is required. Or online virtual presentation via Zoom (registration required. For more information or to register for online, please visit [hopewellvalleyhistory.org](http://hopewellvalleyhistory.org)



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