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Captain Thomas Paine House: Letter from Baker to David Stern, July 28, 1978

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DAVID!

I am so excited I am about to burst --- one of these days perhaps I can wake up and see the world like other grown-ups --- but not yet cuz' its all still too much fun. ~~still~~ research underway some of which is inclosed.

1. Historic Commissions are contaminated with paper work and real stuff gets lost in the files. The house has been colored "pink" which is to say that somewhere along the way someone said "we must look into that one" so color it pink which means National Reg. material. I talked at length with the gal who is (as of two weeks ago) starting the historic survey of Jamestown. She is a paper-work person which is to say that her survey is based more on documentation through literary means other than visual:

"Cajacet" name given to site. Meaning unknown but suspect is Indian.

"Original R.I. Stone-ender" Those are the words I love!
"2nd storey over-hang. 18th century lean-to added to the west. Also small porch added at this time"

Owners since 1870: J. J. Watson
Vose
Keppi
Collins - 1949 - 1978

2. Article in Providence Journal: Sept. 28, 1952
(I have not read it yet) Aug. 3, 1952
3. Book written where house is mentioned and described:

History of Jamestown on C. Island in State of R.I.
By Walter L. Watson
Pub. 1941 - out of print but in Jamestown Library.

Funny thing about all this is that all the families that settled on Jamestown during the 18th century are which family the Hazardreds, set (by adm. justice) on Ebbetts, Waddan. 5 miles down (south)