

Moved Houses



Princeton has about 200 buildings that were moved from their original location to another. In addition to preserving the house, this was done in the 1800s because it was less expensive to move an existing house than to buy all new materials and build one from scratch.

This picture shows a house being moved down Nassau Street. Do you recognize things you can still see today at Nassau and Witherspoon Streets?



Sometimes the house was too big to move in one piece, so it was split in two!

*Activity: Find some building materials (Lincoln logs, blocks, etc.) and construct a house. Then find a way to move it to another location. What can you use as a platform? How will it move?

(The first moved houses were rolled on logs!)

If your house falls apart, try again with a different method.

Then try some different scenarios:

Will it still work if you have a bumpy road?

What if there are power lines in the way? How will the house get through?