

BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

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GENERAL 200

HISTORIC NAME: John C. Stagg House

COMMON NAME:

LOCATION: 308 Sicomac Avenue
(Block 391, Lot 38)

MUNICIPALITY: Wyckoff

OWNERSHIP: Public Private

OWNER/ADDRESS: Jerry Valenta
(same)

REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:

Erskine (1778-80)

Hopkins-Corey (1861) T.V. Terburne

Walker's Atlas (1876) N. Millard

Bromley (1912) A.E. Spurge

Other

RECOGNITION:

National Register BCMS Marker

HABS # 6-678 Bailey

Other N.J. Inventory

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: S. 42° E.

IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Residential

Commercial

Agricultural

Open Space

Other

COMMENTS:

USE

ORIGINAL: Residence

PRESENT: Residence

THREATS

THREATS TO STRUCTURE:

Roads

Development

Zoning

Deterioration

Other

No Threat

COMMENTS:

CONDITION

CONDITION:

Excellent Good

Fair Deteriorated

STATUS:

Occupied

Unoccupied

Work in Progress

ACCESSIBLE:

Yes, Restricted

Yes, Unrestricted

No

This is a fine house, saved several years ago from demolition for a shopping center by the T.O.W.N. organization. It is slowly undergoing restoration by the owner. The frame wing is said to have been completely rebuilt.

PHOTO



MAP



DESCRIPTION**CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:**

Main: 1762-1797/HABS;
 Frame wing (gone): 1747/HABS

BUILDER: Main: Cornelius or John Stagg

FORM/PLAN TYPE: Main: "F" 5 bay, center hall,
 1 room to each side w/ small narrow rooms
 to rear. 1 fireplace in each front room.
 (44'0" x 30'0") Frame wing to east on
 original house foundation.

FRAMING SYSTEM:

- Intermediate Summer Beam
- Intermediate Bearing Wall
- Clear Span
- Other

EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:

East: stucco over sandstone. South: evenly
 cut red sandstone. West & north: semi-
 coursed rubble. Cut quoins on front corners
 w/ brown sandstone lintels.

FENESTRATION:

3'9" x 5'4" M.O. (12/8) w/ splayed
 casings.

ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:

Center bay of southeast front. 3'2½"
 x 6'2" Dutch panelled door w/ 11"
 transom above.

NUMBER OF STORIES: 1-1/2

CELLAR: Yes
 No

CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:

- Stone Arch
- Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
- Other

FLOOR JOISTS:

8" x 9" deep, 26-30" apart.

FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:

7'8"

FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:

20"

GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:

Not visible.

GARRET:

- Unfinished Space
- Finished Space

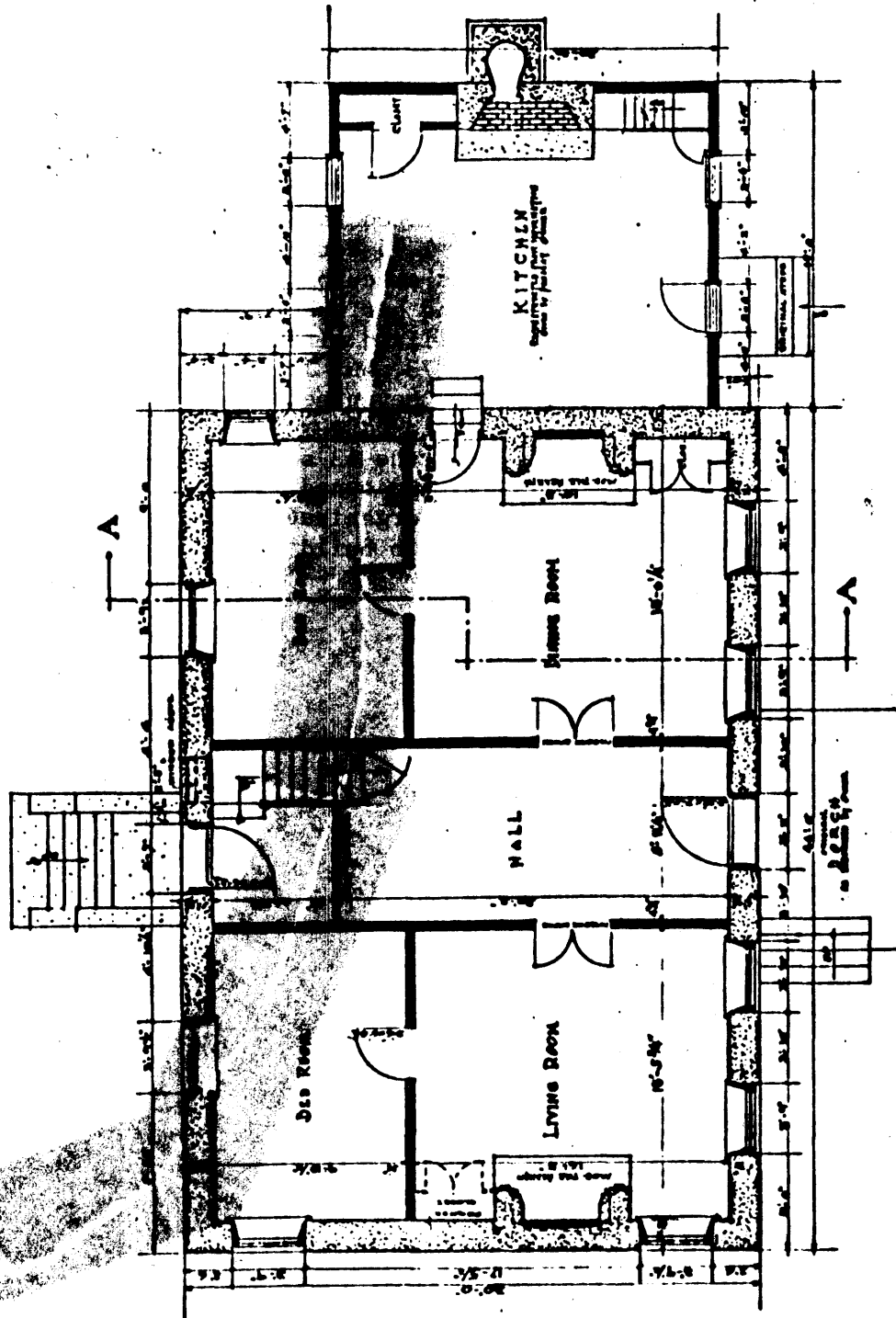
ROOF:

- Gable
- Gambrel
- Curb
- Other

EAVE TREATMENT:

- Sweeping Overhang
- Supported Overhang
- No Overhang
- Boxed Gutter
- Other

This house, while having been altered through the years, still retains a sufficient amount of its original fabric that it should be recognized and retained. We are therefore including it for its architectural significance, for its association with the exploration and settlement of the Bergen County area, and for its remaining historic fabric. As such, it is included in the Thematic Nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for the Early Stone Houses of Bergen County, New Jersey.



FIRST STORY

Daniel Ruttan owned the Sicomac area in 1745. On the Ramapo Tract map of 1767-68, he is shown to have held 469.2 acres. By 1778 Cornelius Stagg bought fifty acres of this tract. The family came from Holland and settled near Rutherford. A George Stagg had leased 136 acres of the Ramapo Tract in 1754, but it is not known when Cornelius arrived. He was a private in the Bergen County Militia. His son, John Cornelius Stagg, married Cornelia Van Blarcom and they had nine children. He stayed on and Cornelius moved to Acquackanonk. In 1786 son John ran a tavern for one year. Father Cornelius sold the house to son John on April 1, 1797. It is said that in 1812, when he was fifty years old, he built the present house, which also housed a grocery store in the cellar. John died in 1830 and his son Albert inherited the house. In 1842 he and his wife Mary Ann sold the house and acres to Richard Terhune. He owned it until his death in 1859. His heirs sold the estate on July 10, 1867 to Susan Fairchild. She and her husband Henry sold the place on February 15, 1868 to Nehemiah M. [redacted] with about 45 acres. He was appointed a Bergen County judge in 18 [redacted] lost the farm in 1880 and a life insurance company owned it for [redacted] years. They sold it on June 30, 1897 to James Dougherty and his wife Mary Ann. In 1919 they sold to Miss Florence Freestone, who sold [redacted] acres to William H. MacDonald and Jessie Florence, his wife, who owned it until about ten years ago when the house was saved, by an [redacted] organization called T.O.W.N., from demolition by a developer who wanted [redacted] a supermarket. -
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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Block 391, Lot 38 - Wyckoff Tax Map

Less than 1 acre

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