

BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

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GENERAL

HISTORIC NAME: Van Horn-Ackerman *Medisc*
 COMMON NAME: Branford
 LOCATION: 101 Wyckoff Avenue
 (Block 483, Lot 33)
 MUNICIPALITY: Wyckoff
 OWNERSHIP: Public Private
 OWNER/ADDRESS: Arthur P. Madison
 (same)

REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:
 Erskine (1778-80) Van Hoorn
 Hopkins-Corey (1861) G.I. Ackerman
 Walker's Atlas (1876) Robt. Branford
 Bromley (1912) J.E. Branford
 Other
 RECOGNITION:
 National Register DCMS Marker
 NABS # 6-391 Bailey
 Other NJ Inventory

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: S68 E
 IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:
 frame garage
 SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
 Residential
 Commercial
 Agricultural
 Open Space
 Other
 COMMENTS:

USE
 THREATS TO STRUCTURE:

ORIGINAL: Residence
 PRESENT:
 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

One of the more interesting houses built in confusing sequence. Probably center section built first, and the road end last. Kitchen jambless fireplace has been rebuilt, also fireplace in dining room. Otherwise much is as original. Main section had porch at one time.

PHOTO



MAP



DESCRIPTION

CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:
Built in three sections between
1745-1775/ HABS & Bailey

NUMBER OF STORIES: (1½ in main)
CELLAR: Yes
 No (kitchen wing)

BUILDER: Barent Van Horn

CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:

FORM/PLAN TYPE: South sect: "B" 2 bay, 1 room w/ 1 gable end fireplace (17'10" x 17'9"). Middle sect: 1 room rectangle. Main: "H" 3 bay, side hall, 1 room w/ gable end fireplace & small room to rear. (25'3" x 30'6").

Stone Arch
 Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
 Other Pier and lintel under middle section

FRAMING SYSTEM:

Intermediate Summer Beam
 Intermediate Bearing Wall
 Clear Span
 Other

FLOOR JOISTS: Middle 8-10" x 9-10" deep @ 39-42" o.c.; main 7½" x 9" @ 34-46" o.c.

FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:
south 6'10" Mid 7'1" Main 7'8"

FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:
19-24"

EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC: Main: dressed sandstone on east & north walls. Mixed rubble on others. Other 2 wings have coursed sandstone fronts, mixed rubble sides & rears and frame end walls.

GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:

GARRET:

Unfinished Space (Wing)
 Finished Space (Main)

FENESTRATION: Main: 3'0" x 4'11" M.O. (6/6). Middle sect. front: 3'4" x 4'11" M.O. (6/6). Rear: 2'10" x 3'8" M.O. (6/6). Orig. front: 2'8" x 3'11" M.O. (6/6). Orig. rear: 2'2" x 3'0" (4/4).

ROOF:

Gable
 Gambrel
 Curb
 Other

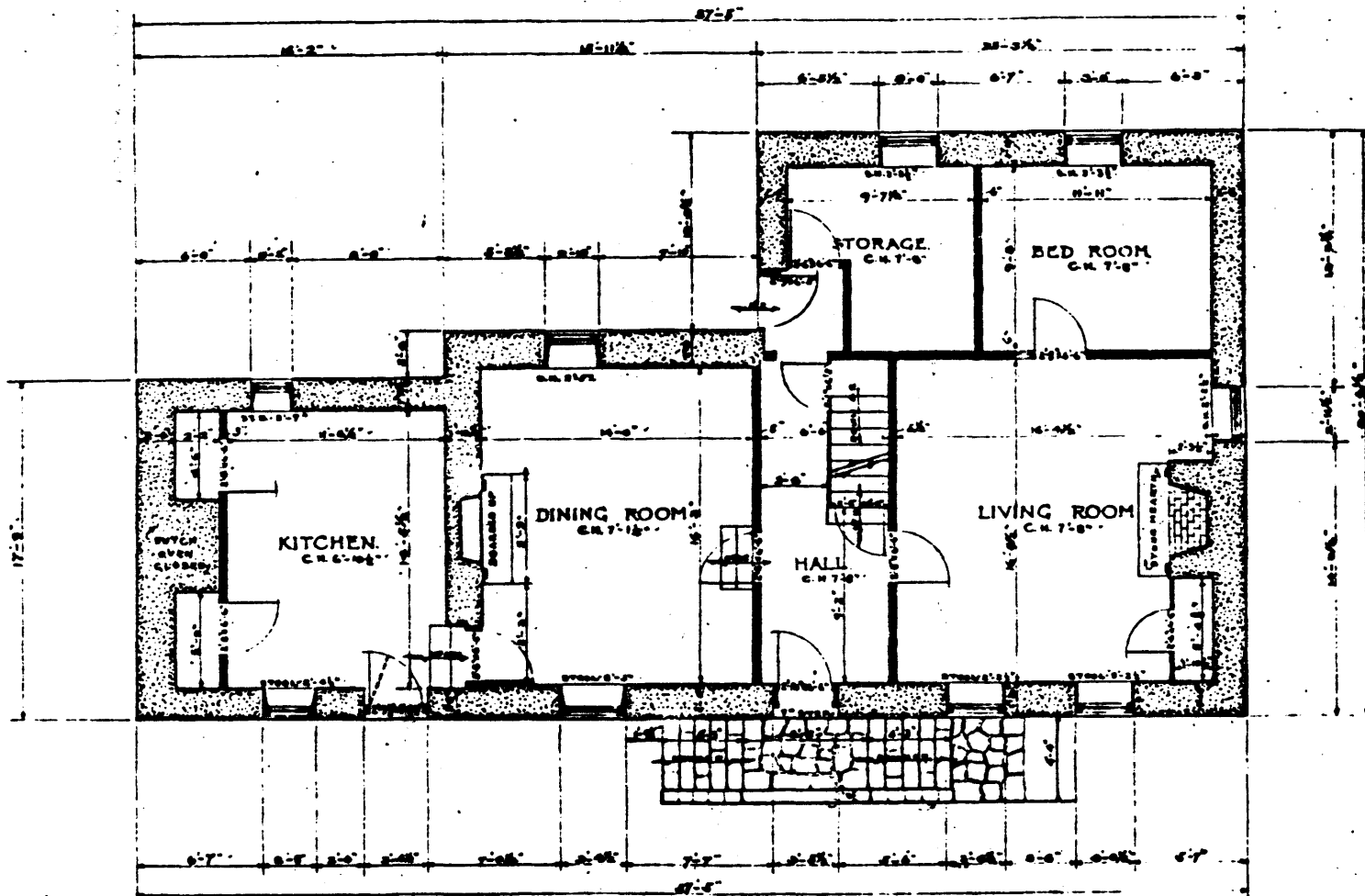
ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE: Main: south end bay of southeast front, 2'10" x 6'5" panel door w/ transom. Original has 2'10" x 6'9" Dutch style split leaf door in east end bay of southeast front.

EAVE TREATMENT:

Sweeping Overhang (Middle front)
 Supported Overhang
 No Overhang (south section)
 Boxed Gutter
 Other (Main has overhang w/ no sweep to it.)

This house is significant for its architecture and its association with the exploration and settlement of the Bergen County, New Jersey area. It is a reasonably well preserved example of the Form/Plan Type as shown and more fully described herein. 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.

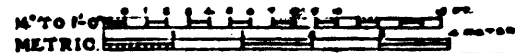
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- FIRST FLOOR PLAN -

NOTE - ALL OTHER DIMENSIONS ARE TO THE FACE OF WALLS.

KEY TO MATERIALS:
 STONE
 FRAME



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 SHEET 2 OF 15 SHEETS

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Van Blarcom name is wrong in latest HABS listing. VAN HORN-ACKERMAN name is chosen as it is probable that the latter built the section nearest the road, and also the house stayed in that family for 48 years. According to Arthur W. Van Horn, the house may have been built by Cornelius Van Horn and title passed to Barent (Barney) Van Horn, his brother. Cornelius, Sr. and his wife, Sarah Blauvelt, were buried on the farm. Cornelius, Sr. children were born here as well as those of his son, Cornelius, Jr. According to Fred T. and Adelene Eckes, Theodorus Pulhameus acquired it in the early 1800's and sold it in 1813 to Daniel Tenure and Paul Van Houten. In 1865 son Garret sold it to his brother-in-law John DeBaun who sold it in 1866 to Robert Branford. In 1907, John Branford acquired it and owned it until the 1940's. Roy and Alice Lake owned it in 1948. Center section has frame end walls and south wing appears to be an addition, but closer inspection must be made. Original section of 1740's may be gone according to tradition. Large section has Federal feeling.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Block 483, Lot 27 - Wyckoff Tax Map

Less than 1 acre

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