

BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

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GENERAL	HISTORIC NAME: ~ Van Zile House COMMON NAME: LOCATION: 714 Godwin Avenue (Lot 3, Block 55) → MUNICIPALITY: Midland Park OWNERSHIP: <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private OWNER/ADDRESS: Virginia Wayland & Virginia Elliot (same)	REFERENCE	MAP REFERENCES: <input type="checkbox"/> Erskine (1778-80) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hopkins-Corey (1861) A.L. (for A. Losier) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Walker's Atlas (1876) Wm. Leams <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bromley (1912) S. Switzer <input type="checkbox"/> Other RECOGNITION: <input type="checkbox"/> National Register <input type="checkbox"/> BCHS Marker <input type="checkbox"/> HABS <input type="checkbox"/> Bailey <input type="checkbox"/> Other
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ENVIRONMENT	HOUSE ORIENTATION: S 40° E IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES: SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Open Space <input type="checkbox"/> Other COMMENTS:	USE	ORIGINAL: Residence PRESENT: Residence
THREATS	THREATS TO STRUCTURE: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roads <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning <input type="checkbox"/> Deterioration <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> No Threat		COMMENTS: Very close to Godwin Avenue

CONDITION	CONDITION: <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated STATUS: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Work in Progress ACCESSIBLE: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No	This is a small house with an interesting blend of the old and the new. The original unit appears to be the center section with a kitchen wing added later. Updating took place c. 1880 and the roof was raised on the main section (this may have been before mid-century) and a two-story bay window added. In this century the bay was changed into modern glass panes and the floor was lowered in the wing.
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DESCRIPTION

CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:

c. 1736

BUILDER: Possibly John Van Zile and
Hendrick Messeker

FORM/PLAN TYPE:

"B", 1 room, 2 bay (21'0" x 17'8")
with kitchen wing (16'0" x 14'0").

FRAMING SYSTEM:

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

EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:

Painted broken stone and rubble.

FENESTRATION:

31-1/2" x 58" (6/6), rectangular
on rear.

ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:

West bay of main section facade,
33" x 7'1-1/2"

NUMBER OF STORIES: 1-3/4 & 1-1/2

- CELLAR:** Yes (under main)
 No

CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:

- Stone Arch
- Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
- Other

FLOOR JOISTS:

7" x 8" hewn and sawn, 30-43"
between.

FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:

7'9"

FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:

20-21"

GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:

Boxed in wing

GARRET:

- Unfinished Space
- Finished Space

ROOF:

- Gable (raised)
- Gambrel
- Curb
- Other

EAVE TREATMENT:

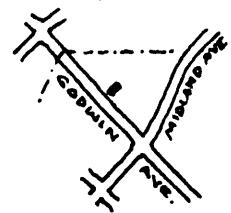
- Sweeping Overhang
- Supported Overhang
- No Overhang (but gutter)
- Boxed Gutter
- Other

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.

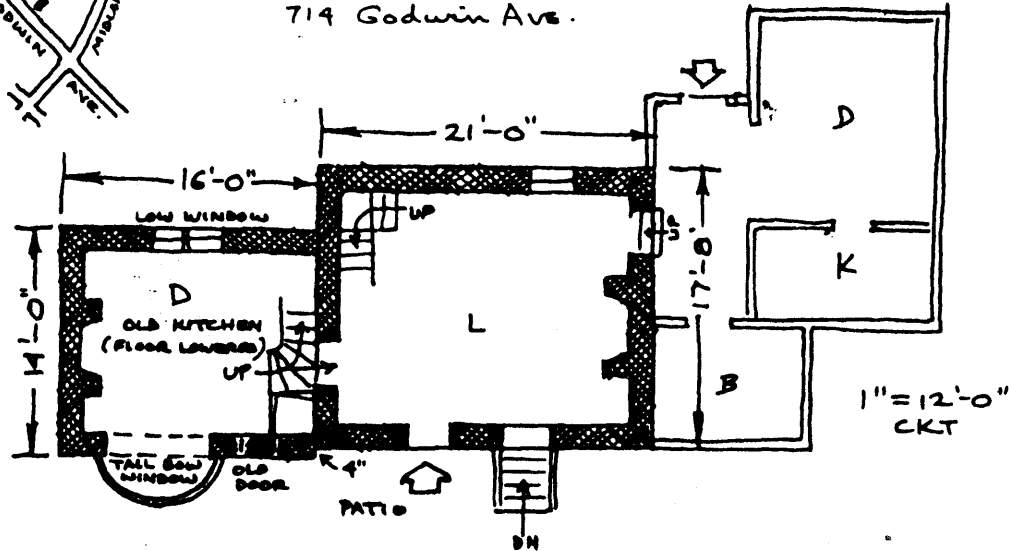
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FLOOR PLANS



Van Zile
714 Godwin Ave.



BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Johannis Van Zeyl bought 157-1/2 acres here on March 18, 1712/13 from John Barbaree, Andrew Frenseau and Peter Fauconier. He was baptized July 23, 1693 and married Helena Van Blarcom in 1720 but probably did not settle here until 1724 (whether or not in this house is not known). He had five children and died prior to 1762. The property was divided among sons John, Egbert and Peter. John, Jr. sold on May 5, 1762 his one-third share to Hendrick Messeker. He had married Marytie Van Zile in 1736 and was taxed in May, 1778 for 136 acres. The property was sold about 1785-6 probably to Balser Mergroff who was listed as a householder. Whether Martin DeGraw is the same person is not known but he died in 1822 and his wife Carsteana inherited the property. She sold to Peter Hopper prior to 1826 and Isaac A. Terhune bought on January 1, 1826. He died September 3, 1831 and left the property to his brother and sister. Margaret Snyder Terhune sold it to Abraham Lozier on March 1, 1832. He remained here until September 21, 1865 when he sold it to Abraham E. Hilton. He sold it to Lewis and William Leavens on September 17, 1865. Several other owners came along until the 1912 subdivision of Oak Park. Paul S. Kempt and his wife Mary bought the house on November 23, 1956 from Phillip Farbanier. The present owners have been here since 1965.

(Source: Howard I. Durie)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Block 55, Lot 8 - Midland Park Tax Map

Less than 1 acre

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