

# BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

## INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

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GENERAL

HISTORIC NAME: Albert Pulis House

COMMON NAME:

LOCATION: 322 Pulis Avenue

MUNICIPALITY: Franklin Lakes  
(Block 1608, Lot 1)OWNERSHIP:  Public  Private

OWNER/ADDRESS: M/M Jean B. Moortgat

REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:

- Erskine (1778-80)  
 Hopkins-Corey (1861) Albert Pulis  
 Walker's Atlas (1876) Albert Pulis  
 Bromley (1912) Carlough

Other

RECOGNITION:

- National Register  BCHS Marker  
 HABS  Bailey  
 Other

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: S 32° E

IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:

Large frame gable-roofed Victorian barn

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: Possible threat from proposed alignment of I287

CONDITION

CONDITION:

- Excellent  Good  
 Fair  Deteriorated

STATUS:

- Occupied  
 Unoccupied  
 Work in Progress

ACCESSIBLE:

- Yes, Restricted  
 Yes, Unrestricted  
 No

The original sections of the house have retained their 18th century character with minimal modern alterations. A new floor was installed over the original and the structure has been shored up with new joists and lally columns. The original roof structure remains and all modern additions have been made behind the original house.

PHOTO



MAP

USGS QUAD: Ramsey



## CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:

c. 1805 /Architectural evidence

## BUILDER:

FORM/PLAN TYPE: Original "B" 2 bay, 1 room w/ 1 gable end fireplace (20'3" x 21'6"); extended to "C" (20'3" x 27'0"). Wing added to west "B" 2 bay, 1 room w/ 1 gable end fireplace (20'3" x 21'0").

## FRAMING SYSTEM:

- Intermediate Summer Beam  
 Intermediate Bearing Wall  
 Clear Span  
 Other

## EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:

Mixed rubble front and rear. Uncoursed. Clapboard and frame sides.

## FENESTRATION:

2'7" x 4'1" sash (6/6)  
 2'1" x 3'5" sash (6/6) rear of wing.  
 Original frames.

## ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:

2 split leaf Dutch style doors on south front. 3'2" x 5'10" altered Dutch door.

NUMBER OF STORIES: 1-1/2

CELLAR:  Yes (Main only)  
 No

## CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:

- Stone Arch  
 Brick Arch, Stone Foundation  
 Other

FLOOR JOISTS: Main: 5½-8½" x 8-9" deep w/ new framing & lally columns.

FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT: 6'5"

FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS: 23"

GARRET FLOOR JOISTS: Main 5-5½" x 8½-9" d @ 33-35" apart; 4" x 7½" @ 19" apart.

## GARRET:

- Unfinished Space  
 Finished Space

## ROOF:

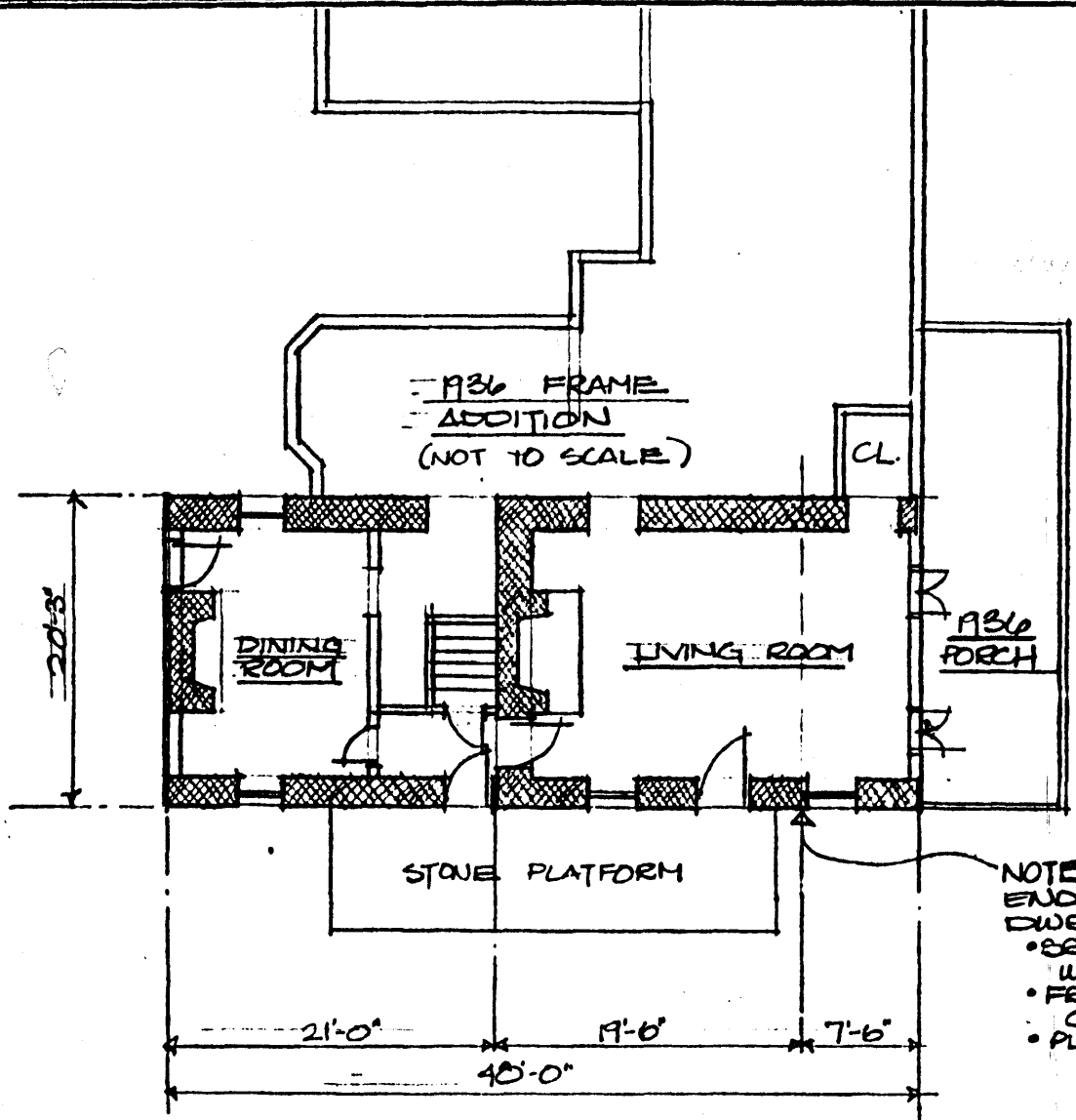
- Gable (Original roof framing,  
 Gambrel see detail)  
 Curb  
 Other

## EAVE TREATMENT:

- Sweeping Overhang present  
 Supported Overhang  
 No overhang - original

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.





1936 FRAME  
 ADDITION  
 (NOT TO SCALE)

DINING ROOM

LIVING ROOM

1936 PORCH

STONE PLATFORM

NOTE: PROBABLE  
 END OF ORIGINAL  
 DWELLING.  
 • BREAK IN STONE  
 WORK  
 • FRAMING MEMBERS  
 CHANGE  
 • PLATE LOC.

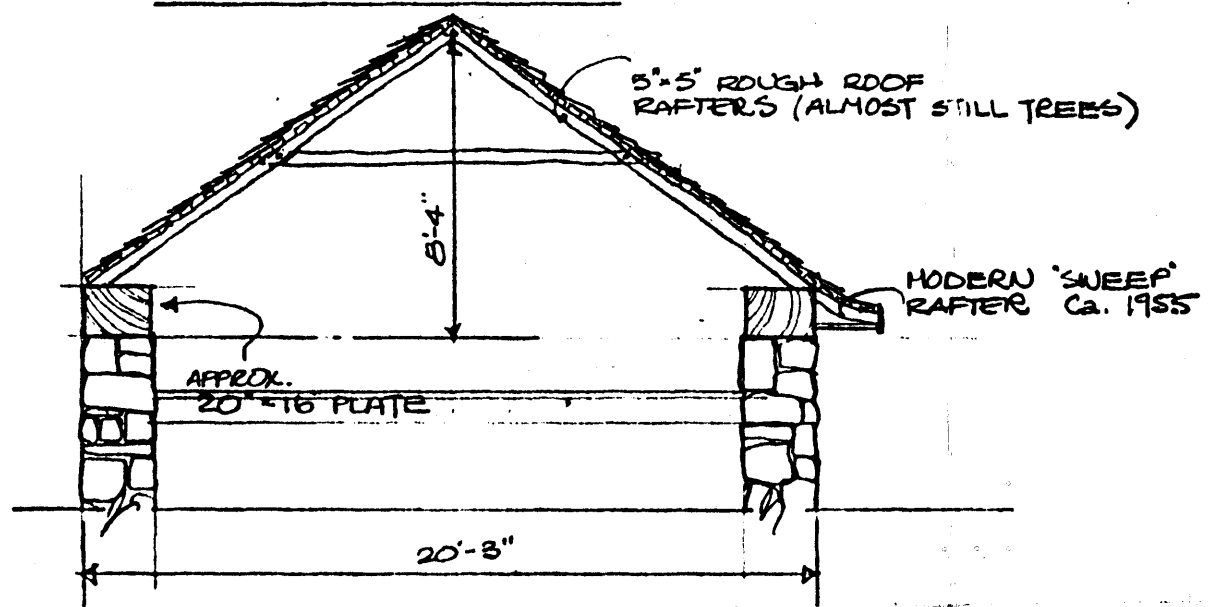
21'-0"      19'-0"      7'-6"  
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 40'-0"

FIRST FLOOR PLAN  
ALBERT PULIS

1"=12'-0"



ROOF FRAMING



5" x 5" ROUGH ROOF  
 RAFTERS (ALMOST STILL TREES)

MODERN 'SWEEP'  
 RAFTER  
 Ca. 1955

APPROX.  
 20" x 16" PLATE

20'-3"

A deed was executed in 1804, but not recorded until 1830, which shows Albert Pulis as the grantee in the sale of 49 acres of Lot 51. Whether he built this old house has not been determined, but the 1861 map places him here. In 1881 his executors sold the land to John H., Abram and Christian Carlough. Ed Carlough was born in this house while his father Abram was the owner.

This charming stone cottage has a pair of entrance doors, and deeply set windows; the two enormous fireplaces have cranes; the stairway is boxed in. Cornelius Bush recalls removing a partition of hogs hair and mud ingredients, and giving the present living room its more generous proportions. Mrs. Wyatt recalls that "they purchased this land for a very little... with a picturesque and ancient stone house."<sup>1</sup> The house itself was used by the farm helper and his family, and barns behind the house were used for the hay and the horses kept here by the Wyatts. The second floor of this house was given over to raising chicks in incubators. Several brooders were placed in front of the farm house. One of these had red flannel flaps, and the chicks that came out after a sudden shower were a wonderful advertisement with their little red feathers.

The Van Heest slope was used by the local children for sleigh-riding. Mrs. Wyatt loved children (as evidenced by her yearly party for the children in the neighborhood.) Once while she was watching them sleigh-riding, she expressed her desire to join them but had no sled. Miss Marie Carlough hastened to tell her that an old fashioned wide table leaf would do. This lady promptly got herself one and joined in the fun.

Mrs. Wyatt told Mrs. Jane Carlough (Mrs. Ed Carlough's mother-in-law) that she had named her daughter Jane after her.

Since Mr. Wyatt used a rather rigid approach to farming which did not allow for the frailties of human nature and the unpredictability of weather, they were relieved when an offer came to buy the entire property.

<sup>1</sup>It was sold to Christopher Wyatt who then built the home at 940 Loch Road, now [sic] owned by Mr. and Mrs. Horace Grenell. The stone house at 935 Loch Road now [sic] owned by Mr. and Mrs. William Bowyer was the carriage house fifty years ago [sic]. When Edward May purchased the property thirty years ago [sic] he took almost a year to finish the dam and Shadow Lake itself. The lake was a very lovely private, club membership spot. The former carriage house was then converted and contained the showers, lockers and refreshment stand. The front lawn was a sandy beach. Later, it was remodelled into a caretaker's home while the Reeve's family owned the land. In 1960 when Shadow Lake was developed, Robert Black converted the structure into the lovely home with a view of the lake from each room.

(The above is quoted from Maria Braun's Franklin Lakes: Its History and Heritage.)

#### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Block 1608, Lot 1 - Franklin Lakes Tax Map

1.389 acres

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