

# BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

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GENERAL

**HISTORIC NAME:** Ackerman-Hopper House

**COMMON NAME:**

**LOCATION:** 652 Ackerman Avenue  
(Block 108, Lot 4B)

**MUNICIPALITY:** Glen Rock

**OWNERSHIP:**  Public  Private

**OWNER/ADDRESS:** Mr. & Mrs. Robert Zabawa  
(same)

REFERENCE

**MAP REFERENCES:**

- Erskine (1778-80) Road not surveyed
- Hopkins-Corey (1861) P.H. Hopper
- Walker's Atlas (1876) Peter H. Hopper
- Bromley (1912) Barney Smith
- Other

**RECOGNITION:**

- National Register
- HABS
- Other B.C. Panorama
- BCHS Marker
- Bailey

ENVIRONMENT

**HOUSE ORIENTATION:** S 10° E

**IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:**

**SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:**

- Residential
- Commercial
- Agricultural
- Open Space
- Other

**COMMENTS:**

USE

**ORIGINAL:** Residence

**PRESENT:** Residence

**THREATS TO STRUCTURE:**

- Roads
- Development
- Zoning
- Deterioration
- Other
- No Threat

**COMMENTS:**  
Seems stabilized.

CONDITION

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- Excellent
- Fair
- Good
- Deteriorated

**STATUS:**

- Occupied
- Unoccupied
- Work in Progress

**ACCESSIBLE:**

- Yes, Restricted
- Yes, Unrestricted
- No

This is an attractive, well built house with unusual pressed metal ceilings in the main wing. The ceilings in the frame kitchen wing have been removed, exposing the unfinished beams. The original fireplaces have been replaced with those of high Victorian style.

PHOTO



MAP



**DESCRIPTION**

**CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:**

Probably first quarter 19th century/  
Architectural evidence

**BUILDER:**

a Hopper

**FORM/PLAN TYPE:**

Modified "H" & "I", 3 bay, 2 rooms  
deep, side hall [30'0" x 32'6"]

**FRAMING SYSTEM:**

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

**EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:**

Evenly cut sandstone

**FENESTRATION:**

6/6, 36" x 64"

**ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:**

Westernmost bay, plain w/ transom  
34" x 7'11"

**NUMBER OF STORIES:** 1-1/2

**CELLAR:**  Yes  
 No

**CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:**

- Stone Arch
- Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
- Other

**FLOOR JOISTS:**

Sawn 4" x 8", 17-24" between

**FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:**

8'10"

**FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:**

20-21"

**GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:**

**GARRET:**

- Unfinished Space
- Finished Space

**ROOF:**

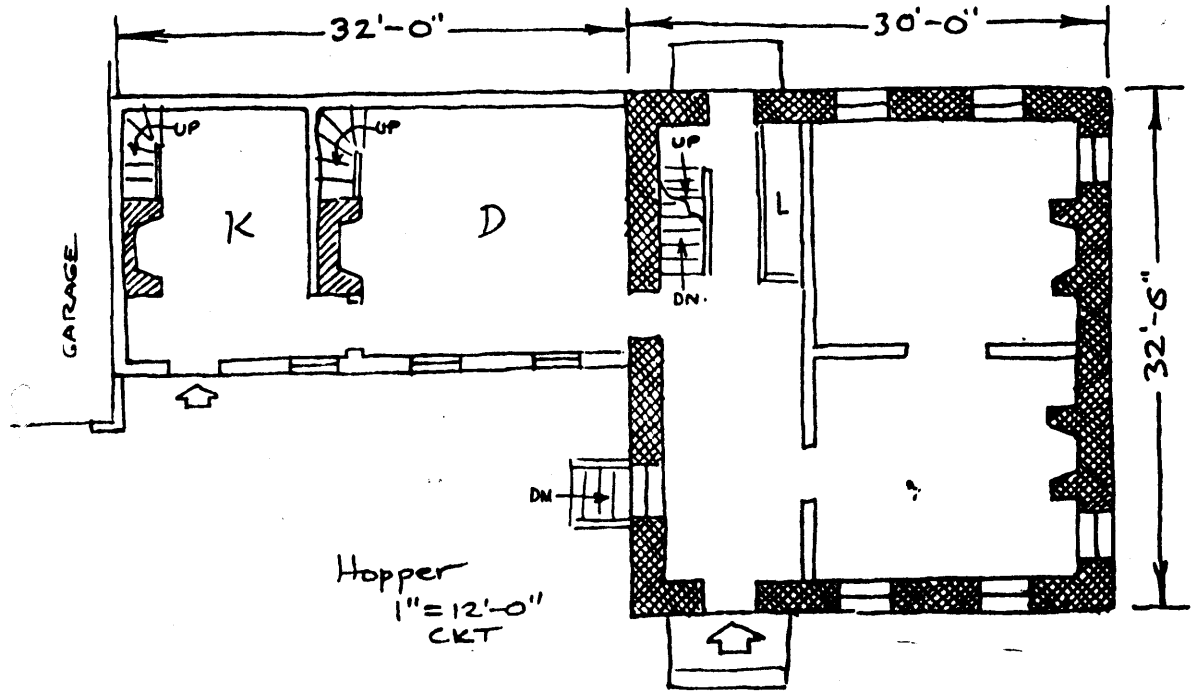
- Gable
- Gambrel
- Curb
- Other

**EAVE TREATMENT:**

- Sweeping Overhang
- Supported Overhang
- No Overhang
- Boxed Gutter
- Other Kick appx. 1'0"

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.

FLOOR PLANS



**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

This property was first owned by John Cadmus who died after the Revolutionary War and the house was sold to Jacob Ackerman or John C. Post by unrecorded deed. It is believed that the house was built by Ackerman between 1760 and 1803, when it was acquired by Henry P. Hopper on Jan. (born April 28, 1784). He married Elizabeth Ackerman and had seven children, 1, 1803. He died in 1870 and the house went to his son Peter H. Hopper (born November 2, 1805). He married Jane Demarest and died on March 3, 1879 childless. The property was purchased by Barney and Emma Vandenberg on Jan. 25, and contained the house and 35.83 acres. They sold in 1907 to Ralph H. Wallace and he sold in 1910 to Peter Schaller of New York City. In May, 1887, 1917 A. DeVer MacDougall purchased the house along with one acre and remained there more than forty years.

(Source: Louise H. Burnett)

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Block 108, Lot 4B - Glen Rock Tax Map

Less than 1 acre

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