

BERGEN COUNTY COUNTY STONE HOUSE HOUSE SURVEY

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GENERAL

HISTORIC NAME: Van Voorhees-Quackenbush
M.H.S.C.
COMMON NAME: Zabriskie House
LOCATION: 421 Franklin Avenue
(Block 234, Lot 6)
Wyckoff
MUNICIPALITY: Wyckoff
OWNERSHIP: Public Private
OWNER/ADDRESS: Town of Wyckoff
Municipal Building

REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:
 Erskine (1778-80)
 Hopkins-Corey (1861) Van Vorhie
 Walker's Atlas (1876) Quackenbush
 Bromley (1912) Quackenbush
 Other
RECOGNITION:
 National Register BCHS Marker
 HABS #6-161 Bailey
 Other N.J. Inventory

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: S 20° W
IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
 Residential
 Commercial
 Agricultural
 Open Space
 Other

COMMENTS: Faces a pond in a pleasant residential, park-like setting.

USE

ORIGINAL: Residence
PRESENT: Museum

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

The house is in very good condition with few alterations. The house and contents (many fine antiques) were willed to the Town in 1973. The kitchen was enlarged to the west, a garage was added to the well house, and a full porch was added to the east.

PHOTO



MAP



DESCRIPTION**CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:**

Wing: Mid 18th c./Bailey & HABS
 Main: 1824/documents

BUILDER: Wing: William Van Voorhees
 Main: Albert Van Voorhees

FORM/PLAN TYPE: "I" 3 bay, side hall, 2 rooms deep each w/ gable end fireplace (28'3" x 32'9") w/ wing to north "B" 2 bay, 1 room w/ gable end fireplace (17'9" x 22'3").

FRAMING SYSTEM:

- Intermediate Summer Beam (Main)
- Intermediate Bearing Wall (Wing)
- Clear Span
- Other

EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC: Main: south front & east stuccoed w/ sandstone quoins, west brick painted white, rear local rubblestone. Wing: rubblestone.

FENESTRATION:

Front 44" x 6'0" (6/6) w/ sandstone lintels.
 Sides 36" x 57" (6/6) w/ no lintels in wing.

ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE: South front, west end bay. Six panel door 36" x 6'4½" w/ recessed panel casing, small fanlight over door and undecorated sidelights. Fancy trim and moldings -- sunbursts and rosettes.

NUMBER OF STORIES:

- CELLAR: Yes
- No

CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:

- Stone Arch
- Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
- Other

FLOOR JOISTS: Main: 4-1/2" x 6" deep, 11-14" apart. Wing: 6-1/2" x 9" deep, 33-34" apart.

FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT: Main 9'7½", Wing 6'10"

FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS: Main 22", wing 18"

GARRET FLOOR JOISTS: Not visible.

GARRET:

- Unfinished Space
- Finished Space

ROOF:

- Gable (Wing)
- Gambrel (Main)
- Curb (Slight)
- Other

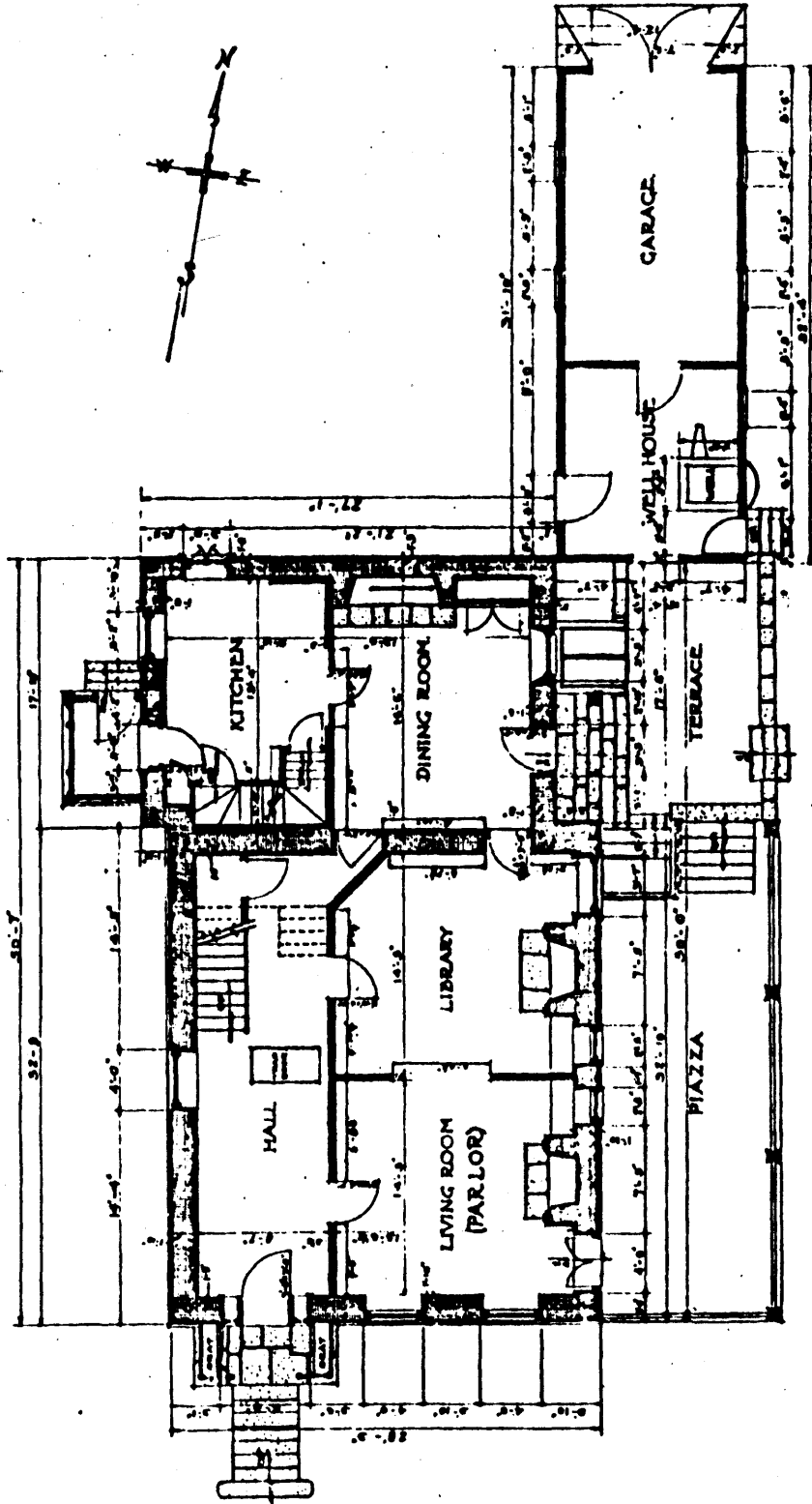
EAVE TREATMENT:

- Sweeping Overhang (Wing, front)
- Supported Overhang
- No Overhang
- Boxed Gutter
- Other

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 •

1/8" = 1'-0"
METRIC EQUIVALENT

ISSUED BY
6-161
NATIONAL ARCHITECTURAL
SURVEY
SCALE 6" = 10' FEET

• THE ALBERT VAN VOORHIS HOUSE •
• FRANKLIN AVENUE - TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF - NEW JERSEY •

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Over 500 acres were purchased here in 1720 by William and Jan (John) Albertse (Van Voorhees). A new deed to them from the Proprietors was made (in "Wikehoff") in April, 1745 for 548.68 acres. This tract lay just west of the present Wyckoff Avenue and they added to it later on the east side. William lived in Hackensack and had eleven children and died in 1745. The surviving sons John, Albert and Abraham divided this tract on May 21, 1767 into 91.50 acres each and Albert (born February 1, 1738) got this parcel. Albert married Jannetje Van Houten about 1760 and had John Albert Van Voorhees on August 21, 1763. Albert was in the Bergen County Militia, was in politics and served as a Justice on the Board of Justices and Freeholders. John Albert married Catharine Bogert about 1784 and had nine children, the first of which was Albert John, born November 3, 1785. John Albert was a Freeholder and a Judge in the Court of Common Pleas. Albert John, known as Albert J. Van Voorheis, married Jan Van Winkle January 2, 1808 and lived with his grandfather (1813) on 95 acres which was divided up on January 21, 1820. Four acres and a house went to Albert J. Grandfather Albert died August 19, 1825 at the age of 87 and it is said that it is his initials that are on the doorknocker. His son John died March 25, 1833 at the age of 69 and left all of his property to his son Albert J. The 1850 census lists six occupants in the house, (although the couple was childless), a white boy and three blacks. Albert died on November 23, 1853 and his wife on July 27, 1863. She bequeathed 5.75 acres and the house to Cornelia L. Packer who sold it on July 16, 1864 to Laurent Lias of New York City who died in 1865. His wife quitclaimed the house and 15.72 acres to Uriah Quackenbush, the thirty year old son of Corrinnes Quackenbush who owned the present "Brownstone Inn". Uriah's son John Henry Quackenbush, (born May 20, 1862) married Elizabeth Cooper in 1882 and they had a daughter Grace on November 4, 1883. John Henry died two years later and Elizabeth remarried. Grace married John Banta Zabriskie, who lived one block north, in 1906 in the house. He was a lawyer and was Assistant County Prosecutor and Judge of the Court of Common Pleas. They had a daughter Marion Grace, who married Thomas Caplinger. Uriah died in 1921 at the age of almost 85 and left the house to granddaughter Grace who then moved in. Judge Zabriskie died in 1951 and Grace lived on until August 14, 1973 when she died at the age of 89. Grace bequeathed the house to the Town of Wyckoff along with its contents and a mainenance fund.

(Source: Reginald McMahon, Bergen County Historical Society)

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Block 234, Lot 6 - Wyckoff Tax Map

Less than 1 acre

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