

BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

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| <p>GENERAL</p> <p>HISTORIC NAME: <u>Albert Smith House</u></p> <p>COMMON NAME:</p> <p>LOCATION: <u>289 Wyckoff Avenue</u> <u>(Block 163P, Lot 18A)</u></p> <p>MUNICIPALITY: <u>Waldwick</u></p> <p>OWNERSHIP: <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private</p> <p>OWNER/ADDRESS: <u>Robert & Kay Scavone</u></p> | <p>REFERENCE</p> <p>MAP REFERENCES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erskine (1778-80) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hopkins-Corey (1861) A. Smith <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Walker's Atlas (1876) Alb't. Smith <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bromley (1912) Mrs. Coe <input type="checkbox"/> Other <p>RECOGNITION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> National Register <input type="checkbox"/> HABS <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> BCHS Marker <input type="checkbox"/> Bailey |
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| <p>ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>HOUSE ORIENTATION: <u>8 7° W</u></p> <p>IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES: <u>19th century frame outbuilding and modern garage</u></p> <p>SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Open Space <input type="checkbox"/> Other <p>COMMENTS:</p> | <p>USE</p> <p>ORIGINAL: <u>Residence</u></p> <p>PRESENT: <u>Residence</u></p> <hr/> <p>THREATS TO STRUCTURE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 <p>COMMENTS:</p> |
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| <p>CONDITION</p> <p>CONDITION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <p>STATUS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Work in Progress <p>ACCESSIBLE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No | <p>Now a rambling house with many appendages. The original fireplace is gone (new one built), but the framing for a jambless type exists. The old flooring is gone and the partition removed. The roof has been "raised" and has eyebrow windows.</p> |
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DESCRIPTION

CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:

Pre-Revolutionary/Erskine
Mid 18th century/Architectural
evidence

BUILDER:

FORM/PLAN TYPE:

"C" 3 bay, center door, 1 room with one
gable end fireplace (25'4" x 19'0").

FRAMING SYSTEM:

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

EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:

Rubble stone painted white.

FENESTRATION:

Front: 26" x 54".
Rear: 23" x 38".
All are 6/6 with no lintels.

ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:

Center bay, 35" x 6'0" with double
leaf batten door.

NUMBER OF STORIES: 1-1/2 orig, 1-3/4 now

CELLAR: Yes
 No

CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:

- Stone Arch
- Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
- Other None, jambless type.

FLOOR JOISTS: 8-8 1/2" x 9-10" deep
@ 35-36" apart.

FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:
6'8"

FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:
20"

GARRET FLOOR JOISTS: 5"x7" deep @
30-40" apart (Planed, no bead)

GARRET:

- Unfinished Space
- Finished Space

ROOF:

- Gable (Altered)
- Gambrel
- Curb
- Other

EAVE TREATMENT:

- Sweeping Overhang
- Supported Overhang
- No Overhang
- Boxed Gutter
- Other (Altered)

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.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Tradition states that the house was built c. 1750 and that Alexander Hamilton was once a guest here, which is possible since he spent time at the Hermitage nearby.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Block 163P, Lot 18A - Waldwick Tax Map

1.5+ acres

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