

BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

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GENERAL

HISTORIC NAME: Haring-Blauvelt 1743-50
COMMON NAME:
LOCATION: 454 Tappan Road
 (Block-306, lot-20)
MUNICIPALITY: Northvale
OWNERSHIP: Public Private
OWNER/ADDRESS: Alfred Harr, Jr.
 (same)

REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:
 Erskine (1778-80)
 Hopkins-Corey (1861) J.J. Blauvelt
 Welker's Atlas (1876) E. Buckman
 Bromley (1912) Aaron C. Hill
 Other
RECOGNITION:
 National Register BCHS Marker
 HABS Bailey
 Other

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: S 30° W
IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:
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:

CONDITION

CONDITION:
 Excellent Good
 Fair Deteriorated
STATUS:
 Occupied
 Unoccupied
 Work in Progress
ACCESSIBLE:
 Yes, Restricted
 Yes, Unrestricted
 No

This is a frame-ended house with a frame wing which may be earlier. The interior was not inspected.

PHOTO



MAP



DESCRIPTION

CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:

c. 1810/Architectural evidence

NUMBER OF STORIES: 1-1/2

CELLAR: Yes
 No

BUILDER:

Probably John J. Blauvelt

FORM/PLAN TYPE:

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

CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:

Stone Arch
 Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
 Other

FLOOR JOISTS:

FRAMING SYSTEM:

Intermediate Summer Beam
 Intermediate Bearing Wall
 Clear Span
 Other

FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:

FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:

GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:

EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:

Even but rough cut sandstone w/
frame east wall.

GARRET:

Unfinished Space
 Finished Space

FENESTRATION:

Original 12/12, 36" x 66", trapezoidal
lintels on west end, none on rear,
front hidden by Greek Revival type
veranda.

ROOF:

Gable (Wing)
 Gambrel (Main)
 Curb
 Other

ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:

Away from road, plain w/ rising
sun transom.

EAVE TREATMENT:

Sweeping Overhang
 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.

The main part of this house is unquestionably Federal, but the frame wing may be earlier. However the locally researched history purporting a 1754-1778 date is highly unlikely as the house does not appear on Watkins' 1778 map, nor is it shown on a property subdivision map (#32) dated December 12, 1807. It was probably built about this time however; architectural evidence backs this date up and Catharine Haring married John J. Blauvelt in 1809.

Jan Pieterse Haring (1633-1683), one of the original sixteen Tappan Patentees in 1681, had sons Cosyn and Abraham. The latter received the Northvale land in 1721, except for a portion belonging to David DeClark. He sold about 1750 his c. 1700 house and lands to Abraham Haring prior to 1752 (the land of this house). His will, proved May 5, 1722, left to his son Daniel land on the east side of "Kings Road" and the homestead on the west side opposite Hill Terrace. Daniel was living here in 1779. His son John D. is thought to have built this house. Daniel died in 1806 and the lands were divided among John D., Abraham D. and three daughters of deceased son Cornelius. Daughter Catharine (1790-1844) received this 42 acre parcel and married John J. Blauvelt in 1809. John D. Haring moved to his inherited lands in Rockland. Blauvelt bought his sister Ann's land across the street in 1811 and his sister Elizabeth's land in 1812 (she had married Jacob Ferdon) and sold it back to her in 1845. He sold Ann's land to Henry Cole in 1851. Blauvelt died in 1874 and left the house to Maria, wife of his deceased son Cornelius. When she died in 1887 her sons John and Jacob B. inherited; the latter got the house and 32 acres. On November 11, 1904 he and his wife Rachel conveyed the property to Aaron Hill by whose name the house is known locally. - CKT.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Block 306, Lot 28 - Northvale Tax Map

Less than 1 acre

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FLOOR PLANS

