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A-80NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
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INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 4

HISTORIC NAME: Garret K. Osborn House +Barn
LOCATION: 88 & 90 East Allendale RdCOMMON NAME:
BLOCK/LOT 1607/7 & 8MUNICIPALITY: Saddle River
USGS QUAD: Park Ridge
OWNER/ADDRESS: Ralph Bogertman
88 East Allendale Rd.COUNTY: Bergen
UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Northing/Easting

DESCRIPTION 90 East Allendale Road, house:

Construction Date: c. 1835

Source of Date: Inskeep; visual

Architect:

Builder:

Style: vernacular

Form/Plan Type: rectangular
c. 20' x 40'

Number of Stories: 2

Foundation: rubble stone, exterior now covered with cement

Exterior Wall Fabric: replacement synthetic shingles, c. 1930's

Fenestration: 5 bays, 6/1, 3/3, basement 6/6

Roof/Chimneys: gable with boxed overhangs, interior off-center chimney on ridge

Additional Architectural Description:

1st and 2nd story windows not aligned, most window sash replaced, rear (so.) end now has grouping of 4 windows on 1st story. So. side has 2 side entrances, both have transoms with interlace design. 1st floor has vernacular transitional mantel with mix of Adamesque and Greek Revival elements. Simple mantel in basement; also in basement is bake oven with round stone arch. Added c. 1930 screened porch on south part of east facade, 1 story with hip roof. House took current exterior appearance by 1946.

PHOTO Negative File No. 4-2a view looking NW

Map (Indicate North) ↑

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4 SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

Houses occupies 0.27 acre site and barn a 0.67 acre parcel. Property has numerous trees, shrubs, flowers. House faces east and its north end fronts East Allendale Road. It is setback only c.10 feet from road. About 70 feet SE of house is frame barn at 88 East Allendale Road which is now a residence. Barn built c. 1830-50 and in 1931-32 it was converted into restaurant. Architect for changes was Harold E. Paddon of Ridgewood. The Colonial Revival door and the chimney were (continued)

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban Suburban Scattered Buildings
Open Space Woodland Residential Agricultural Village
Industrial Downtown Commercial Highway Commercial Other

To west a low-rise office complex of domestic design has recent^{ly} been erected.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Garret H. Osborn House and Barn are examples of early 19th century vernacular frame architecture with an interesting history of modification. The house, according to W. Woodward Clayton writing in 1882, was built on the site of the first schoolhouse in Washington Township. In 1825 the schoolhouse was replaced by one located on a different site (p. 235). The house was probably built relatively soon after 1825. Helen and Mark Inskeep gave it an 1835 construction date. Its construction suggests this date is accurate. The rubble foundation, bakeoven, basement kitchen, a first floor mantel, and other features evidence a pre-1850 construction date. The house's first owner was Garret Hopper Osborn. Osborns owned it until at least

By 1934 the house and related barn were owned by Mrs. Ethel Angell. In 1931¹⁹¹³ the barn had been remodeled into a restaurant according to the design of Ridgewood architect Harold E. Paddon. Colonial Revival style elements were used, which while not archeologically correct, are visually compatible with the original fabric. It is probable the house was remodeled at this time. Mrs. Angell had a candy kitchen in the house as well as her residence.

Rationing of the Second World War caused the restaurant to close. (continued)

ORIGINAL USE: residential PRESENT USE: residential
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent Good Fair Poor
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes Possible No Part of District
THREATS TO SITE: Roads Development Zoning Deterioration
No Threat Other

COMMENTS:

The house is very close to a heavily trafficked road.

REFERENCES:

- 1840 NJHSI 0258-4
- 1840 U.S. Coast Survey Map: on
- 1861 Hopkins Map: G.H. Osborn.
- 1876 Walker Atlas: Gar. H. Osborn.
- 1887 Driving Map: N.H. Osborn.
- 1902 Robinson Map: W.H. Osborn.
- 1913 Bromley Atlas: N.E. Osborn.

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Siting, Boundary Description, And Related Structures (continued)

added at that time. Circa 1946 it was adapted for residential use. It is circa 25' x 40', 2 story, gable-roofed structure with vertical board-and-batten siding. About 2 feet SW of the house is a small boulder wellhouse with overhanging gable roof and lattice work. The superstructure appears early 20th, although well itself probably contemporary with house or older.

About 200' south is a 1½ story barn/garage erected in 1950. It has a central gabled wall dormer on its north facade and a central, gabled ventilator on the roof.

Significance (continued)

In 1946 house and barn were bought by Mr. & Mrs. R.M. Bogertman. The barn was converted from restaurant to a house with relatively few modifications. The house is used as residential rental property. In 1950 a barn/garage was erected of compatible design with the 19th century barn.

References (continued)

- 1964 Inskeep map: Gar K. Osborn, 1835.
Bergen Evening Record article, 7-26-34, in BCHS misc. file.
Mt. Holyoke College Benefit Fall House Tour, Saddle River Area brochure, Oct. 7, 1962.
Interview with Ralph Bogertman, June 15, 1984.



Osborn barn
88 East Allendale Road
looking SE
neg. file #4-3A



1950 barn/garage at
88 Allendale Road,
looking S.
neg. file #4-4A.