

BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

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GENERAL

HISTORIC NAME: Van Boutsen-Ackerman House

COMMON NAME:

LOCATION: 480 Sicomac Avenue
(Block 411, Lot 12+1)

MUNICIPALITY: Wyckoff

OWNERSHIP: Public Private

OWNER/ADDRESS: C. Edward & Nancy Daesch (same)

REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:

Erskine (1778-80) Road not surveyed

Hopkins-Corey (1861) J.J. Vanhouten

Walker's Atlas (1876) Maria Ackerman

Bromley (1912) M. Ackerman

Other

RECOGNITION:

National Register BCHS Marker

HABS Bailey

Other

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: S 20° W

IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:
Walter Parsel Tenant House (BABS-NJ-363), moved from Closter in 1974, old frame barn and modern garage

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Residential

Commercial

Agricultural

Open Space

Other

COMMENTS:

USE

ORIGINAL: Residence

PRESENT: Residence

THREATS TO STRUCTURE

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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

Alterations have been sympathetic within the main walls. A second story has been added as have been rooms to the rear. The roof has a wide overhang, giving a hat-like appearance.

PHOTO



MAP



DESCRIPTION

CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:
18th century/Architectural evidence

NUMBER OF STORIES: 2-1/2
CELLAR: Yes
 No

BUILDER:
Probably a VanHouten
FORM/PLAN TYPE:
"C" 3 bay, end entrance, 1 room deep
(26'0" x 20'6) later frame and stone
kitchen wing

CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:
 Stone Arch
 Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
 Other Cradle & Pier (wing)

FRAMING SYSTEM:
 Intermediate Summer Beam
 Intermediate Bearing Wall
 Clear Span w/ added support
 Other

FLOOR JOISTS:
8-9 1/2" x 10", 27-33" between

EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:
Broken stone, painted except on rear.

FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:
7'0"

FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:
20"±

FENESTRATION:
12/8, 32" x 51-1/2"

GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:
Wing, hewn 4" x 7", 16" between

GARRET: Second floor added
 Unfinished Space
 Finished Space

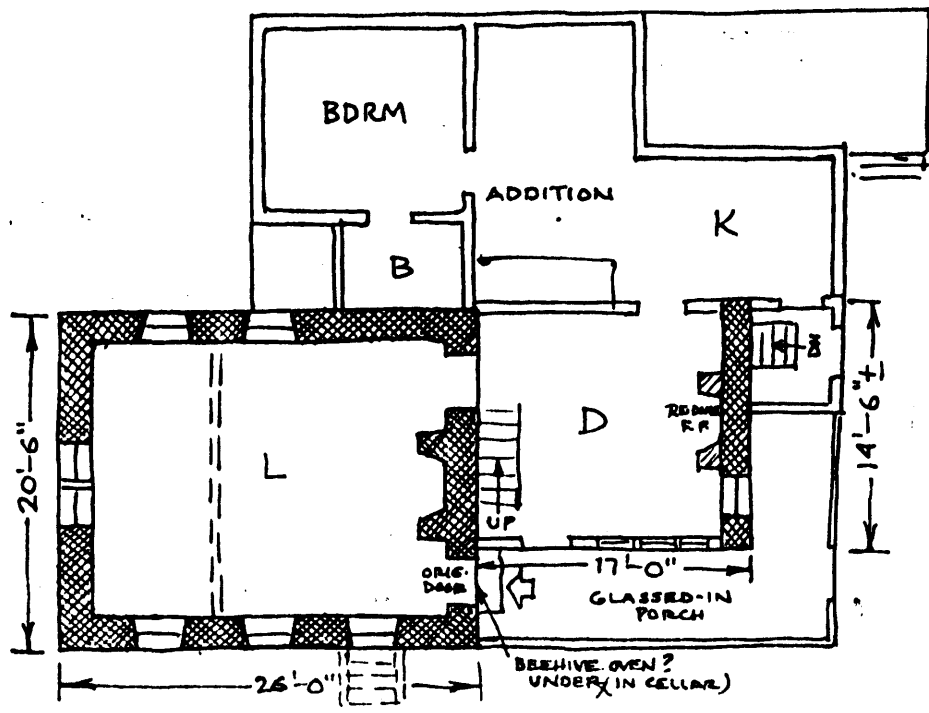
ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:
On east wall, seems original
Cannot see change in front wall, Plain
34" x 6'0"

ROOF:
 Gable (rebuilt)
 Gambrel
 Curb
 Other

EAVE TREATMENT:
 Sweeping Overhang
 Supported Overhang
 No Overhang
 Boxed Gutter
 Other

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 may be the original Van Houten house of the area. All that is known though is that, according to Rosa Livingston, the house was bought by John Van Houten in 1859. His sister Maria married David Ackerman (1814-1873). Their daughter Elizabeth married Jacob H. Cooper and she inherited the property.

The Walter Parsel outbuilding, a tenant house, was moved here from Closter in 1974.

(Source: The Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) NJ-363)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Block 411, Lot 12:1 - Wyckoff Tax Map

2.19 acres

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