

BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

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INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

GENERAL

HISTORIC NAME: Derick Santa 17-15-57
 COMMON NAME: Dixon Library
 LOCATION: 180 Washington Avenue
(Block 62, Lot 19B)
 MUNICIPALITY: Dumont
 OWNERSHIP: Public Private
 OWNER/ADDRESS: Borough of Dumont

REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:
 Erskine (1778-80) Jacob Quackenbush
 Hopkins-Corey (1861) Mrs. C. Quackenbush
 Walker's Atlas (1876) Isaac Dixon
 Bromley (1912) Sarah A. Dixon
 Other
 RECOGNITION:
 National Register BCHS Marker
 HABS Bailey
 Other N.J. Inventory

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: S 80° E
 IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:

 SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
 Residential
 Commercial
 Agricultural
 Open Space
 Other

 COMMENTS:

USE

ORIGINAL: Residence
 PRESENT: Library

 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 house has been adapted for use as a library. One partition on the north side was removed along with a fireplace on the north wall. However, the building is reasonably intact since a separate new building was added by the use of a connector rather than being attached.

PHOTO



MAP



DESCRIPTION

CONST. JCTION DATE/SOURCE:

Foundation & some walls may be pre-Revolutionary; most is 1780-90/
BCHS marker; Erskine map

BUILDER:

Derick Banta

FORM/PLAN TYPE:

Main: "F", rectangular, center hall, 2 rooms deep (41'6" x 32'0"), w/ frame wing on south end.

FRAMING SYSTEM:

- Intermediate Summer Beam
- Intermediate Bearing Wall
- Clear Span (Support added later)
- Other

EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:

Well squared blocks, but roughly dressed on part, rubble w/ chip coursing on rear.

FENESTRATION:

34" x 68", 2/2 on front; 32 1/2" x 51" 12/8 on rear. Trapezoidal lintels over front.

ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:

Center, has 5-light transom w/ recessed panels & curved top double-leaf door (6'-4" high) w/ diagonal pattern on rear (inside).

NUMBER OF STORIES: 1-1/2

CELLAR: Yes
 No

CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:

- Stone Arch
- Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
- Other

FLOOR JOISTS:

7-8" x 9-10" deep, 31-35" between.

FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:

Unknown

FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:

21-22"

GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:

Not exposed.

GARRET:

- Unfinished Space
- Finished Space

ROOF:

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

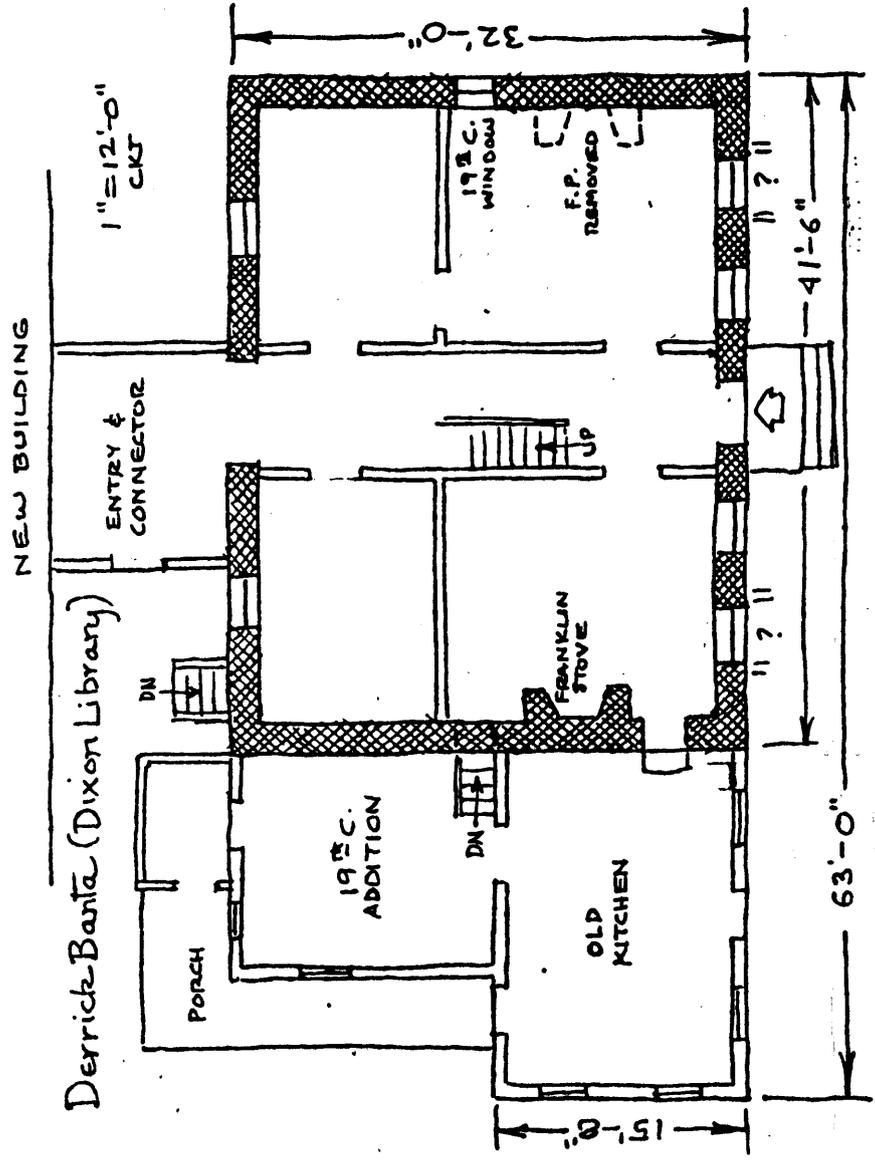
EAVE TREATMENT:

- Sweeping Overhang (Approx. 3')
- Supported Overhang on part.)
- 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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FLOOR PLANS 25



Derick-Banta (Dixon Library)

NEW BUILDING

ENTRY & CONNECTOR

1" = 12'-0"
CKT

PORCH

19th C.
ADDITION

DN

FRANKLIN
STOVE

OLD
KITCHEN

UP

19th C.
WINDOW

F.P.
REMOVED

32'-0"

41'-6"

63'-0"

11'-0"

11'-0"

15'-0"

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This large farm or plantation, located in the center of what is now Dumont, was purchased from Samuel Demarest Senior by Derick Banta and his wife, the former Rachel DeGroot, for their son Seba. The date of his marriage in 1735 to Margrietje Demarest is the basis for the time when they settled here. The farm lying on both sides of Schraalenburgh Road was devised by Seba's Will in 1776 to son Derick and young grandson Samuel. Derick Banta received the homestead and 98½ acres of land on the west side of the road. The homestead was destroyed by fire during the Revolution and rebuilt later by Derick. In March, 1792, he and his wife, the former Elizabeth Benson, sold the farm to their neighbor Jacob Quackenbush. His son John Quackenbush and wife, the former Sally Smith, lived on the Banta farm and he inherited it at his father's death in 1813. He resided here until he purchased the Kipp homestead in 1816. At his death in 1847 his Will devised the Banta farm to son Cornelius who had previously lived here. On April 21, 1862 Cornelius conveyed the homestead and 61 acres of land running west to Woodside Cemetery and Prospect Avenue, to his son John C. Quackenbush. On the same day, he sold this property to Mary Dixon, Wife of Isaac Dixon, of New York City. The homestead remained in the family after most of the land was sold. In 1929 Miss Sarah Dixon devised it to the town for a public library.

(The above is quoted from H. Jeanne Altshuler's Dumont Heritage: Old Schraalenburgh, New Jersey. The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Dumont, New Jersey, 1969.)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Block 82, Lot 19B - Dumont Tax Map

Less than 1 acre

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