

BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

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INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

<p>GENERAL</p> <p>HISTORIC NAME: Forshoe - Van Orden House</p> <p>COMMON NAME:</p> <p>LOCATION: 109 Summit Avenue (Block 66A, Lot 18)</p> <p>MUNICIPALITY: Montvale</p> <p>OWNERSHIP: <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private</p> <p>OWNER/ADDRESS: Clarence H. Roche (same)</p>	<p>REFERENCE</p> <p>MAP REFERENCES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Erskine (1778-80) Road not surveyed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hopkins-Corey (1861) J. Van Orden <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Walker's Atlas (1876) Thos. Van Orden <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bromley (1912) Wydnass <input type="checkbox"/> Other <p>RECOGNITION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> National Register <input type="checkbox"/> BCHS Marker <input type="checkbox"/> HABS <input type="checkbox"/> Bailey <input type="checkbox"/> Other
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<p>ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>HOUSE ORIENTATION: S 5° W</p> <p>IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES: 20th century garages</p> <p>SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open Space <input type="checkbox"/> Other <p>COMMENTS:</p>	<p>THREATS USE</p> <p>ORIGINAL: Residence</p> <p>PRESENT: Residence</p> <p>THREATS TO STRUCTURE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input 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: Office buildings (corporate headquarters) being built in area.</p>
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<p>CONDITION</p> <p>CONDITION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" 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>The house suffered from a bad fire in this century and most of the first floor was rebuilt. A partition was removed to enlarge the living room. Early in the nineteenth century a frame west wing was built to connect the out kitchen to the main house. It is possible that the main unit dates from 1765, but it has been so severely altered that the early feeling has been lost. The basement is finished so that the structure and changes are difficult to see.</p>
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DESCRIPTION

CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:

1765/Tradition, architectural evidence seems to support

NUMBER OF STORIES: 1-1/2

CELLAR: Yes
 No

BUILDER:

possibly Barent Forshee

FORM/PLAN TYPE:

3/4 house, 2 rooms deep, 4 bay
(34'6" x 29'6" deep)

CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:

Stone Arch
 Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
 Other Cradle under wing.

FLOOR JOISTS:

Not exposed.

FRAMING SYSTEM:

Intermediate Summer Beam
 Intermediate Bearing Wall
 Clear Span
 Other

FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:

Altered, not measured.

FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:

Approx. 22"

GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:

EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:

Cut sandstone, trapexoidal lintels on front. Broken local stone on rear.

GARRET:

Unfinished Space
 Finished Space

FENESTRATION:

6/6

ROOF:

Gable (rebuilt)
 Gambrel
 Curb
 Other

ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:

Second bay from west. Plain.
36" x 6'10".

EAVE TREATMENT:

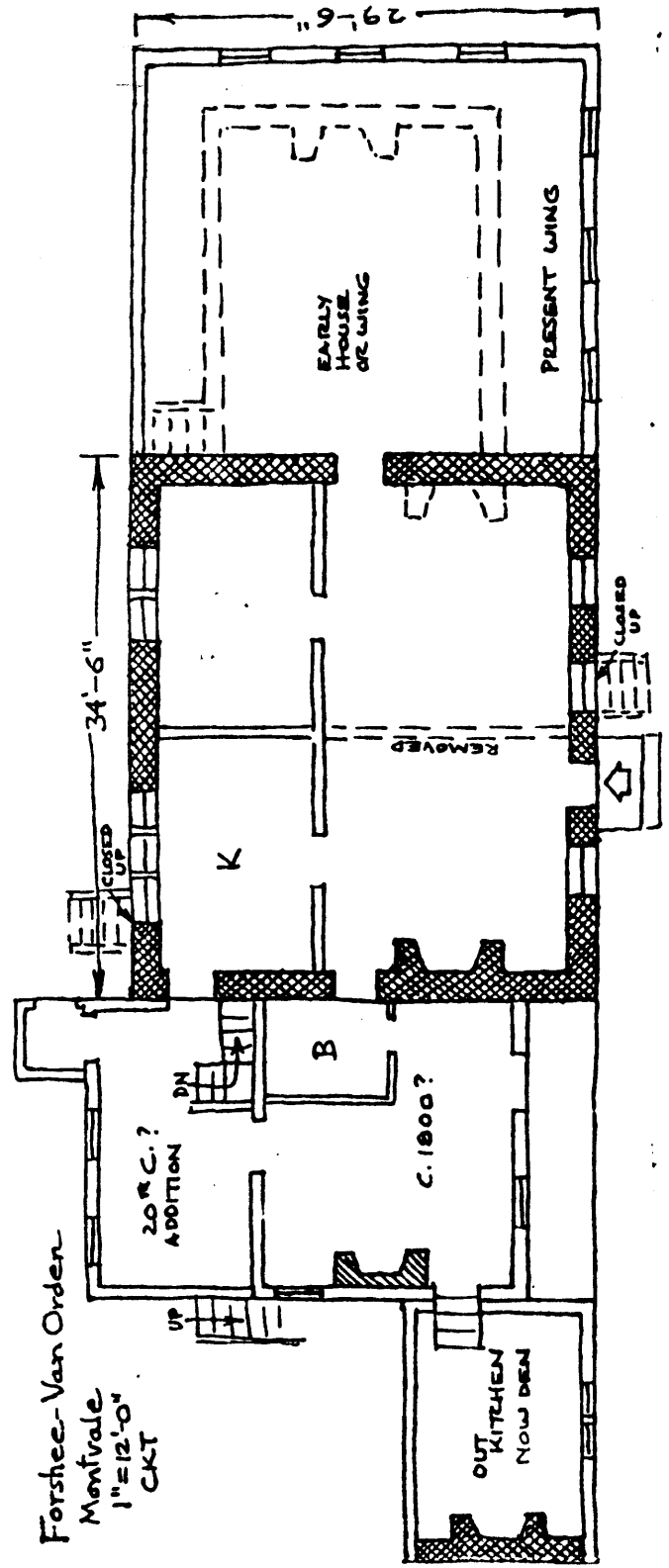
Sweeping Overhang Appx. 30"
 Supported Overhang
 No Overhang
 Boxed Gutter
 Other

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 100

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LOCATION: 109 Summit Avenue, Montvale

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Forshee-Van Orden
Montvale
1"=12'-0"
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OUT KITCHEN
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ADDITION

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REMOVED

CLOSED UP

PRESENT WING

EARLY HOUSE
OR WING

29'-6"

34'-6"

UP

This land was part of the Bayard Patent and contained 415.75 acres when Hendrick Vanderlinda sold the tract on May 1, 1759 to Reverend Samuel Verbryck, "being the tract whereon Peter Mable, Jr. and John Ryer now dwell". Summit Avenue marks the line which later divided the tract into 265.75 acres bounded on the west by the Eckerson and Van Riper lands and later Spring Valley Road on the East. Reverend Verbryck sold the parcel to John "Fersheur" on May 19, 1759 for £199-6-3; it was sited as the "lott whereon Peter Mable now dwells". Shortly after this, Mable moved to his father's land, north of Prospect Avenue in Woodcliff Lake. John Fersheur or Forshee was French and came from Westchester in the mid eighteenth century and bought land in the Old Tappan, Hillsdale and Montvale areas, married Catharine Waldron and had sons Peter, Barent, John, William and Jane. Barent was baptized on September 2, 1730 and married about 1759 Fransyntie Blauvelt of the Hillsdale area. They had five daughters between 1760 and 1777. The land was later divided between Barent and John. The latter inherited part of his father's homestead farm in Hillsdale but sold it in the 1780's and moved to Rockland. On February 25, 1769 John deeded to his son Barent the house and forty acres "now in possession of said Barent" (the south portion of the old tract north of Summit Avenue). He was taxed in September, 1779 for 170 acres in New Jersey (he apparently acquired the entire 265.75 acres by this time), eight horses, eleven horned cattle, ten hogs and a slave. His oldest daughter Catharine was married during the Revolutionary War but her sisters Jane Maria, Hannah, Magdalena and Elizabeth did not marry until after 1785, the probable building period of the stone section of the house. A veranda was built in later years. About 1800-10 a frame kitchen wing was added to the west end and was connected with the earlier outkitchen by three steps down (about 10' x 12' and modernized inside). Barent Forshee was appointed "Fyreman" for the area in 1769-71 and he and John listed in the boundary settlement. He died March 12, 1802 and is buried in the Upper Saddle River Cemetery. His wife and daughters inherited the property and it was divided into forty acre tracts. Jane and her husband Andrew Debaun received the homestead and sold it on March 15, 1803 to Thomas Peterson with 10.5 acres. He had married Sally Mead about 1794. They lived there 65 years with their daughter Maria, who married Jacob Van Orden and then Henry Long. Thomas Peterson died March 16, 1866 and his daughter Maria and her son Thomas Van Orden (born July 18, 1817) inherited. Maria died April 16, 1869. Thomas Van Orden married Lavinia Hopper on January 31, 1835 and had Garret and four daughters. Garret married Ellen Maria Campbell in 1863 and had Lavinia in 1865. Thomas Van Orden, at the age of 90, sold the house and 83.25 acres on September 2, 1907 to Hans J. Widness who assembled 165 acres and operated as Chestnut Ridge Farms, Inc., which was foreclosed in 1916. From 1907 to 1912 the farm was rented to William T. Akers who ran a dairy and raised ducks. On May 18, 1925 the house was sold to the Mary Holland Society with six acres for a summer camp. It was about this time that a fire partly destroyed the house. The Girl Scouts took over in 1944. On February 29, 1956 they sold the property to Anthony Lunetta. The present owners acquired it in 1959.

(Source: Howard I. Durie)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Block 66A, Lot 18 - Montvale Tax Map

5.98 acres

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