

BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

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GENERAL

HISTORIC NAME: David Van Gelder 1778-1800

COMMON NAME:

LOCATION: 37 Wood Crescent Avenue
(Block 3101, Lot 77)

MUNICIPALITY: Ramsey

OWNERSHIP: Public Private

OWNER/ADDRESS: Frank & Connie Marzocca
(name)

REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:

Erskine (1778-80)

Hopkins-Corey (1861) A.V. VanGelder

Walker's Atlas (1876) Abu.V. Vangelder

Bromley (1912)

Other

RECOGNITION:

National Register BCHS Marker

HABS Bailey

Other

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: S 22° W

IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Residential

Commercial

Agricultural

Open Space

Other

COMMENTS:

THREATS USE

ORIGINAL: Residence

PRESENT: Residence

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 is in good shape and is strongly reinforced with concrete walls in places and steel beams. Alterations were made to the interior by previous owner. They include removal of most of wall to living room and all of the ceilings, exposing unfinished beams. The handsome fireplace and mantel remain.

PHOTO



MAP



DESCRIPTION

CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:

c. 1810/Architectural evidence; title search

NUMBER OF STORIES: 1-1/2

CELLAR: Yes
 No

BUILDER:

Probably David Van Gelder
FORM/PLAN TYPE:

"H" 3 bay, 2 rooms deep
(27'8" x 30'0")

CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:

Stone Arch
 Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
 Other

FRAMING SYSTEM:

Intermediate Summer Beam
 Intermediate Bearing Wall
 Clear Span
 Other

FLOOR JOISTS: hewn, 4" x 7½-8½",
24-25" between.

FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:
8'0"

FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:
Approximately 18"

GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:

EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:

Broken local stone except for facade which was stucco w/ sandstone quoins and rear which is shingled frame.

GARRET:

Unfinished Space
 Finished Space

FENESTRATION:

6/6

ROOF:

Gable
 Gambrel
 Curb
 Other

ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:

Easternmost bay, plain, 35½" x 7'0".

EAVE TREATMENT:

Sweeping Overhang
 Supported Overhang
 No Overhang
 Boxed Gutter
 Other

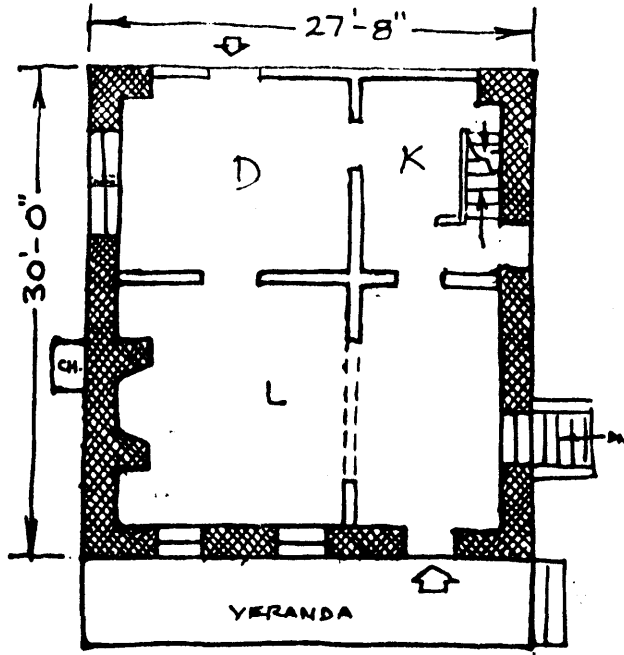
This house, while having been altered through the years, still retains a sufficient amount of its original fabric that it should be recognized and retained. We are therefore including it for its architectural significance, for its association with the exploration and settlement of the Bergen County area, 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.

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FLOOR PLANS



Local historian, Reginald McMahon says that the house was probably built about 1794, after David Van Gelder's marriage to Polly (Mary) Bogert. David was born in 1772 and raised in the house of his father Abraham around the corner to the west. David's son Abraham B. inherited the house in 1845 and lived there until 1876. His sister Pernelphe sold the house on April 18, 1884 to her nephew James R. Goetschius, who sold it on February 6, 1890 to Bruno Saalfeld, who transferred it to Otto Saalfeld in 1903. Otto sold, in 1903, to Lillie Mae Brown with four acres. Mary Ryan bought the property in 1923 and her husband sold it on March 19, 1935 to Frances R. Gini, who sold it on August 6, 1971 to the Marzoccas.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Block 3101, Lot 77 - Ramsey Tax Map

1.91 acres

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