

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

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HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 1

HISTORIC NAME: J.J. Carlock House
LOCATION: 2 Chestnut Ridge Road, NE corner
 Mill Road
MUNICIPALITY: Saddle River
USGS QUAD: Park Ridge
OWNER/ADDRESS: Nelson and Noel Gross

COMMON NAME:
BLOCK/LOT 2102/25
COUNTY: Bergen
UTM REFERENCES:
 Zone/Easting/Northing

DESCRIPTION**Construction Date:** early 19th c.**Source of Date:** visual, Inskip map**Architect:****Builder:****Style:** vernacular**Form/Plan Type:****Number of Stories:** 1½**Foundation:** west wing: low, brownstone ashlar, east wing: medium height, mixed brown-**Exterior Wall Fabric:** stone coursed rubble and ashlar
clapboards**Fenestration:**

west wing: 3 bays, east wing: 2 bays, 6/6, 3

Roof/Chimneys: light knee-high windows
gables; wood shingles, east wing: int. end chimney at east west wing: int.
(cont. below)**Additional Architectural Description:**roof (continued): end chimney at west, exposed brick at location of former bake oven.**Aid. Arch. Descrip.****East wing:** projects forward of west wing**West wing:** 1 bay east entrance porch, Colonial Revival style, appears to date to early
20th c.

Vernacular Greek Revival Style doorway with sidelights and transom.

Both wings have boxed corners and louvered shutters.

Large 1½ story wing attached to rear (north side) of east wing; gable roof, int. chimney, French windows, also 1 story wing with shed roof and gabled entrance pavilion attached to rear of west wing. These rear wings appear to have been built in early 20th c., as have Colonial Revival detailing.

**Map (Indicate North)**

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SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

2.5 Acres. House faces south on Mill Road. Is setback about 20' from road. Tall evergreen hedge is located along road. A lower hedge is along front foundation. To E. are terraces and a swimming pool with handsome Neo-Classical pavilion with hip roof. To N. is a handsome garage of Colonial Revival style which appears to be re-modeled barn. It is 2 stories with 5 bays on S. side. On 1st story are French doors; on second are octagonal windows. This building has a gable roof, mix of clapboard and shiplap siding, and a rubble stone foundation. There is another small accessory (cont. below)

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

Siting, Boundary Description (continued)
 building at the NE. Outdoor sculpture adorns the grounds.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The J.J. Carlock House is a well preserved example of a 3 bay wide, 1½ story early 19th c. frame house with knee-high upper windows. Its two-bay east side wing also has knee-high windows, a favored local architectural feature. This house type was popular in Saddle River (and in Bergen County) in the early 19th century. Other good examples in Saddle River of this vernacular house type are the Van Buskirk-Ackerman House at 150 East Saddle River Road (0258-12) and the Berdan House at 125 West Saddle River Road (0258-D-12).

Little is known about the history of the Carlock house and its occupants. By 1861 there were two Carlock houses in this area; this house being the home of J.J. Carlock. The other house is not extant. Maps of 1876 and 1887 associated the house with J.J. Carlock Jr. According to Robinson's map of 1902, the house still belonged to a Carlock, but ownership had changed by 1913. It is likely the house stopped being the homestead for a farm in the early 20th century and became a country residence. The Colonial Revival porches and rear wings probably were added when this conversion took place. Saddle River contains many farmhouses which are now country houses. The process as represented in the Carlock House is particularly pleasing. The unadorned early 19th century character of the south(main) facade has been maintained except for the addition of a compatibly scaled one-bay Colonial Revival style porch. Additions to the rear of

ORIGINAL 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 Mill Road.

REFERENCES:

- NJHSI 0258-1
- 1861 Hopkins Map: J.J. Carlock
- 1876 Walker Atlas: J.J. Carlock, Jr.
- 1887 Driving Map: J.J. Carlock, Jr.
- 1902 Robinson Map: J. Carlock
- 1913 Bromley Atlas: C. Cappell
- 1904 Inskeep Map: Jno. J. Carlock, Sr., c. 1820

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SIGNIFICANCE (continued)

the house, alterations to the barn, and the construction of a swimming pool and handsome Neo-Classical pavilion have graciously introduced 20th century amenities.



View looking SE showing
early 20th c. rear
wing of the Carlock
House.
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View looking N showing
garage of the Carlock
House.
neg. file # 19848-24