

# BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM 172

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**HISTORIC NAME:** Cole-Allaire House

**COMMON NAME:**

**LOCATION:** 112 Prospect Street  
(Block 33, Lots 1A & 2A)

**MUNICIPALITY:** Leonia

**OWNERSHIP:**  Public  Private

**OWNER/ADDRESS:** David & Erika Boyd  
(same)

REFERENCE

**MAP REFERENCES:**

- Erskine (1770-80) W.D. Napre?
- Hopkins-Corey (1861)
- Walker's Atlas (1876) Geo.Y. Allaire
- Bromley (1912) no name
- Other (1867) Mrs. Alair

**RECOGNITION:**

- National Register\*  BCHS Marker
- HABS \*Pending:  Bailey
- Other

ENVIRONMENT

**HOUSE ORIENTATION:** S 50° W

**IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:**

**SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:**

- Residential
- Commercial
- Agricultural
- Open Space
- Other

**COMMENTS:**

THREATS USE

**ORIGINAL:** Residence

**PRESENT:** Residence, with one tenant.

**THREATS TO STRUCTURE:**

- Roads
- Development
- Zoning
- Deterioration
- Other
- No Threat,

**COMMENTS:**

CONDITION

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- Excellent  Good
- Fair  Deteriorated

**STATUS:**

- Occupied
- Unoccupied
- Work in Progress

**ACCESSIBLE:**

- Yes, Restricted
- Yes, Unrestricted
- No

This is an unusual house in several ways - proportion, building material, connected chimneys (in the Mid-Jersey or Del-Mar-Va manner), etc. Now considerably altered by owners father c. 1917. Many changes have been made, including the addition of a large studio; but all in keeping with the period, including sandstone salvaged from four old buildings being used in the wings.

PHOTO



MAP



## CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:

1765/Tradition; main section c. 1810/  
Architectural evidence

## BUILDER:

Probably John Cole

## FORM/PLAN TYPE:

Similar to "I" 3 bay, 2 rooms deep  
(28'0" x 39'0" deep) with wing  
(16'6" x 22'6").

## FRAMING SYSTEM:

- Intermediate Summer Beam  
 Intermediate Bearing Wall  
 Clear Span  
 Other

## EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:

Random but coursed sandstone, meant to be  
stuccoed (which it was) and foundation is  
evenly cut on road (west) side, meant to  
be seen.

## FENESTRATION:

34" x 63" (6/6), applied rectangular  
board lintels.

## ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:

Originally easternmost bay of south  
facade, now two on rear (north).

## NUMBER OF STORIES: 1-1/2

- CELLAR:  Yes  
 No

## CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:

- Stone Arch  
 Brick Arch, Stone Foundation  
 Other

## FLOOR JOISTS:

3-4" by 11", vertically sawn,  
23-25" between

## FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:

8'10"

## FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:

approximately 22"

## GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:

not visible

## GARRET:

- Unfinished Space  
 Finished Space

## ROOF:

- Gable  
 Gambrel  
 Curb  
 Other

## EAVE TREATMENT:

- Sweeping Overhang  
 Supported Overhang (now so. facade)  
 No Overhang (original)  
 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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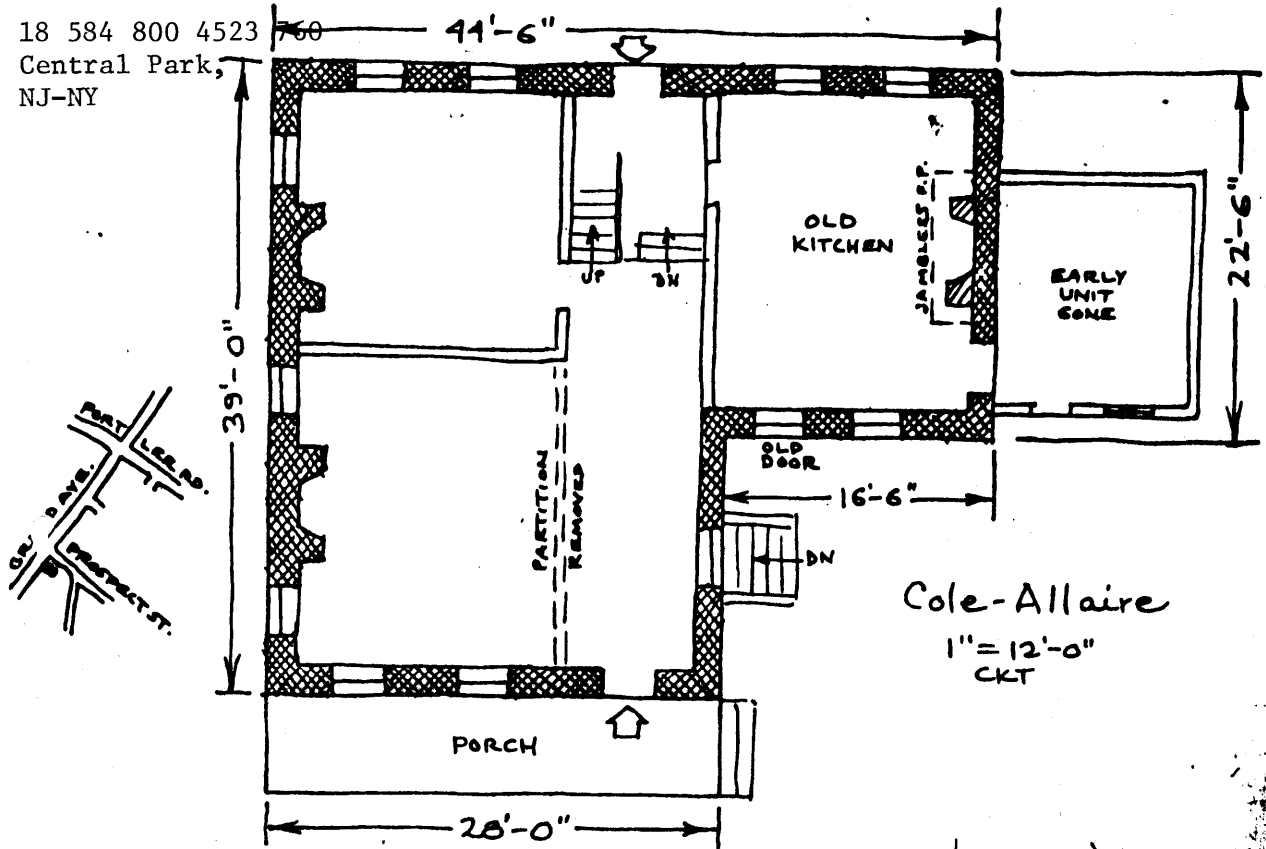
GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Block 33, Lots 1A and 2A - Leonia Tax Map

Less than 1 acre

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Cole-Allaire  
1"=12'-0"  
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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

John Cole bought land here (from the father of Benjamin Westervelt, according to the Vreeland Genealogy) and probably built this house between 1810 and 1830. He sold it with a 52 acre lot to George Y. Allaire of New York City on April 24, 1841. He died in the 1860's and the estate went to his daughter Rebecca Cole on April 14, 1879, from an executor (June 10, 1969). She and her husband sold it on May 1, 1880 to William Mott who sold it in 1885 to Andrew D. Bogert, who subdivided the property into "Leonia Park". The house was sold with about one-half acre to Isabel Maynard on July 1, 1887. Rutherford and Harriet Boyd bought the house on November 14, 1916 and it was, in turn, inherited by their son.

(Source: National Register Nomination Form)

The wing appears to have been built at the same time as the house but it may be earlier. It had a jambless fireplace before the present one and probably was not excavated originally. - CKT