

## BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

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GENERAL

HISTORIC NAME: John Smith House

COMMON NAME:

LOCATION: 290 Forest Road.  
(Block 84, Lots 12-568)

MUNICIPALITY: Mahwah

OWNERSHIP:  Public  Private

OWNER/ADDRESS: Albert & Elaine Turner  
(same)

REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:

Erskine (1778-80)

Hopkins-Corey (1861) J.A. Smith

Walker's Atlas (1876) Jno. A. Smith

Bromley (1912) A.J. Smith

Other

RECOGNITION:

National Register  BCHS Marker

HABS  Bailey

Other

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: S 20° W

IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

- Residential
- Commercial
- Agricultural
- Open Space
- Other

COMMENTS:

THREATS TO STRUCTURE

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

A second story was added in 1877 to this old farmhouse, but this does not particularly detract from the appearance. The interior is basically the same even to its handsome carved identical mantels. A kitchen wing (frame) has been added to the rear.

PHOTO



MAP

USGS QUAD: Ramsey



**DESCRIPTION**

**CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:**

c. 1800/Architectural evidence

**BUILDER:**

**FORM/PLAN TYPE:**

Similar to "E" 5 bay, 1 room deep  
(42'0" x 20'2")

**FRAMING SYSTEM:**

- Intermediate Summer Beam
- Intermediate Bearing Wall
- Clear Span
- Other

**EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:**

Broken stone and rubble all around.

**FENESTRATION:**

2/2

**ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:**

Center of south facade 34-1/2" x 6'1"  
door + 11" sunrise transom.

**NUMBER OF STORIES:** 2-1/2

**CELLAR:**  Yes  
 No

**CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:**

- Stone Arch
- Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
- Other

**FLOOR JOISTS:**

3 1/2-4 1/2" x 8", 28-29" between

**FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:**

7'8"

**FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:**

Approximately 20"

**GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:**

Not visible

**GARRET:** 2nd floor

- Unfinished Space
- Finished Space

**ROOF:**

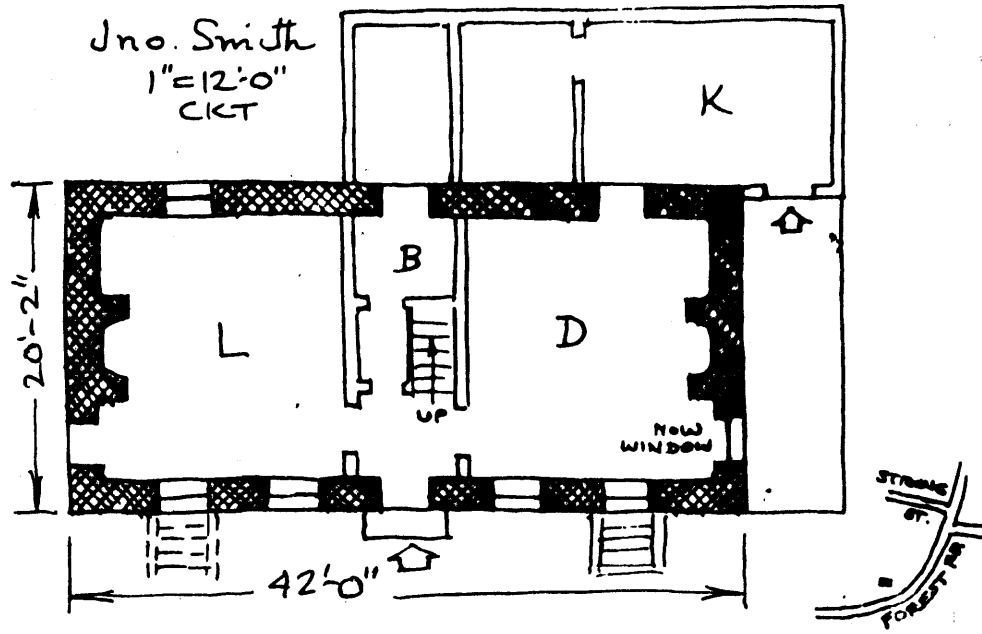
- Gable
- Gambrel
- Curb
- Other

**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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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Block 84, Lots 12-D&B - Mahwah Tax Map

1.01 acres

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