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BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

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GENERAL

HISTORIC NAME: Garret Garrison House

COMMON NAME: Waternook

LOCATION: 980 Ramapo Valley Road ~~(Block 85, Lot 7-A 2)~~

MUNICIPALITY: Mahwah

OWNERSHIP: ☐ Public ■ Private

OWNER/ADDRESS: Mr. & Mrs. Alan Walker
Same

REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:
- ■ Erskine (1778-80) Garret Garrison
- ■ Hopkins-Corey (1861) A. Garrison
- ■ Walker's Atlas (1876) J.A. Garrison
- ■ Bromley (1912) "Riverview"
- ☐ Other

RECOGNITION:
- ☐ National Register
- ☐ BCHS Marker
- ☐ HABS
- ☐ Bailey
- ☐ Other

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: S 30° E

IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:
2-1/2 acres

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
- ■ Residential
- ☐ Commercial
- ☐ Agricultural
- ■ Open Space
- ☐ Other

COMMENTS:

USE

ORIGINAL: Residence

PRESENT: Residence

THREATS

THREATS TO STRUCTURE:
- ☐ Roads
- ☐ Development
- ☐ Zoning
- ☐ Deterioration
- ☐ Other
- ■ No Threat

COMMENTS:

CONDITION

CONDITION:
- ☐ Excellent
- ■ Good
- ☐ Fair
- ☐ Deteriorated

STATUS:
- ■ Occupied
- ☐ Unoccupied
- ☐ Work in Progress

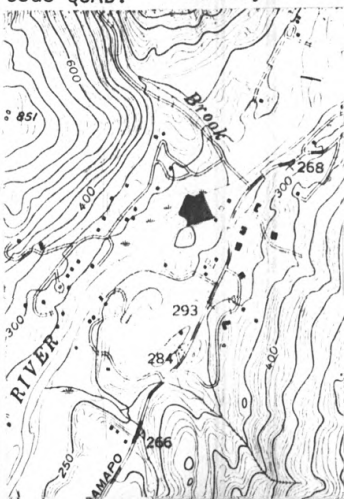
ACCESSIBLE:
- ☐ Yes, Restricted
- ■ Yes, Unrestricted
- ☐ No

There have been several interior changes and modernizations. The chimney in the original section was rebuilt with an exterior stack. Large windows were added to the east wall. A frame kitchen was added to the north. The interior partitions in the main section have been removed.

PHOTO

MAP

USGS QUAD: Ramsey



DESCRIPTION

CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:
Original: mid-18th century, before 1779/ Erskine map; architectural evidence

BUILDER: Garret Garrison

FORM/PLAN TYPE:
Now "H", 3 bay, side hall, 1-1/2 rooms deep with gable end fireplaces (approximately 29' x 29'), with wing type "B" (approximately 14'9" x 22'6").
(See below)

FRAMING SYSTEM:
- ☐ Intermediate Summer Beam
- ☐ Intermediate Bearing Wall
- ■ Clear Span (Original)
- ☐ Other

EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:
Rubble stone painted white with south front bare and largely unpointed. South front originally stuccoed, but recently removed.

FENESTRATION:
Original 32" x 43"; main 35" x 60" (6/6)
Note: Old photograph shows 3 eyebrow indows in the main section.

ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:
Original: west end bay of south front. 41" x 6'4" M.O. w/ 35" x 6'0" door, possibly indicating a change.

NUMBER OF STORIES: 1-1/2

CELLAR:
- ■ Yes (under wing and
- ☐ No part of main)

CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:
- ■ Stone Arch (in wing)
- ☐ Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
- ☐ Other

FLOOR JOISTS:
Main unit: 7½-8" x 9" deep @ 25-29" apart.

FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:
8'5" main; 6'8" wing.

FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:
20"

GARRET FLOOR JOISTS: Original unit: 6-6½"x10" deep 33-36" apart.

GARRET:
- ☐ Unfinished Space
- ■ Finished Space

ROOF:
- ■ Gable
- ☐ Gambrel
  - ☐ Curb
- ☐ Other

EAVE TREATMENT:
- ☐ Sweeping Overhang
- ■ Supported Overhang (Front)
- ■ 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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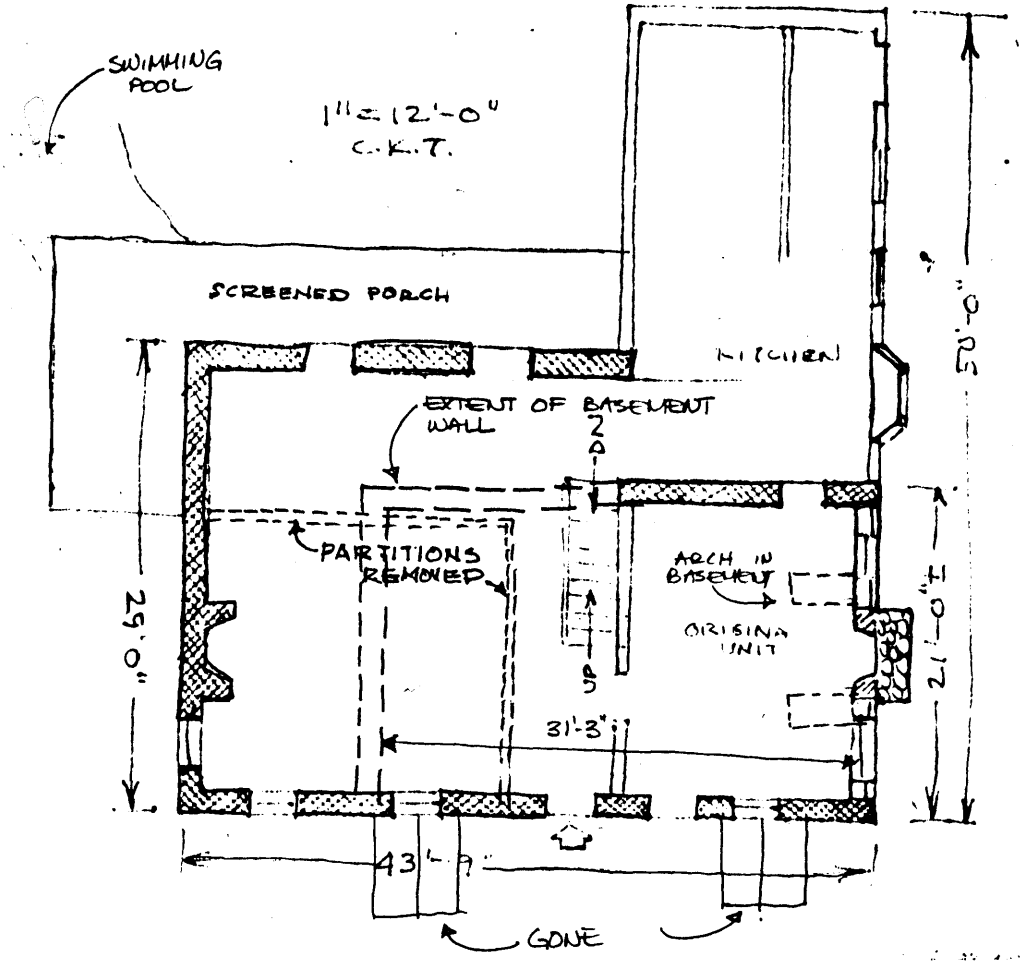

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Block 85, Lot 7-A 2
Mahwah Tax Map

2.34 acres

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