

BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

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GENERAL

HISTORIC NAME: Ackerman House
 COMMON NAME:
 LOCATION: 136 Chestnut Ridge Road
 NE corner Woodcliff Lake Road
 MUNICIPALITY: Saddle River
 OWNERSHIP: Public Private
 OWNER/ADDRESS: Edward M. Dohrman
 (same)
 New Owner: Arthur Marron 1983

REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:
 Erskine (1778-80)
 Hopkins-Corey (1861) Wm. Ackerman
 Walker's Atlas (1876) A.W. Ackerman
 Bromley (1912) J. Salzer
 Other
 RECOGNITION:
 National Register BCHS Marker
 HABS Bailey
 Other B.C. Panorama

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: S 30° W (original)
 IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:
 Barn,
 small outbuildings
 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

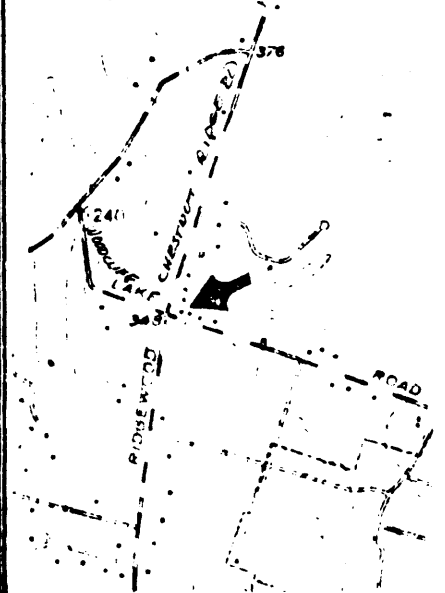
This is an interesting house, especially because of its successful plan change and alterations. A handsome entrance has been added to its west side and a well-scaled French mansard roof now replaces the original roof.

PHOTO



MAP

USGS QUAD: Park Ridge



DESCRIPTION

CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE: 0258-2, page 2

1811/Tradition and architectural evidence.

BUILDER:

an Ackerman

FORM/PLAN TYPE:

Was "H", 3 bay, side hall, with entrance on easternmost bay.

FRAMING SYSTEM:

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

EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:

Evenly cut sandstone on old front, stucco on new front, rubble (painted) on north.

FENESTRATION:

2/2, 32" wide, long Victorian.

ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:

Now on west, broad fan and side lights.

NUMBER OF STORIES: 1-1/2

- CELLAR: Yes
- No

CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:

- Stone Arch (under wing)
- Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
- Other

FLOOR JOISTS: 6-1/2" x 7" and 7-1/2" x 8", 22-27" between.

FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:

6' 4-1/2"

FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:

20" more or less.

GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:

GARRET:

- Unfinished Space
- Finished Space

ROOF:

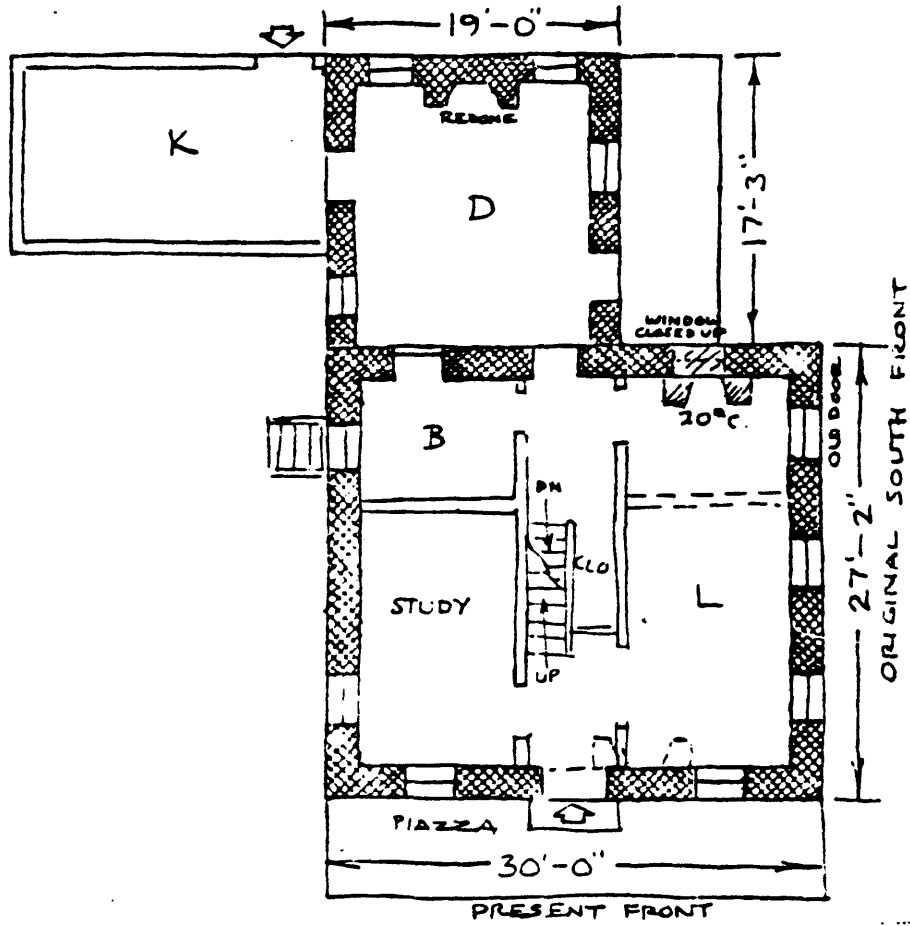
- Gable
- Gambrel
- Curb
- Other Mansard

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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According to Rosa Livingston, Abraham Ackerman married Margaret Holdrum in 1798 and lived here in 1811. Their daughter, Hester, was born here in 1812. Rosa feels the wing was built first and the owners believe it is older than 1811. She lists it as the Abraham P. Ackerman house and Helen Innskeep refers to it as the A. A. Ackerman house. Also associated with the house are Abraham P. Ackerman, born in 1777, who had nine children and a William Ackerman in 1816 (may be typographical error in source report; could be 1861). There are a privy, wash house and a woodshed besides the barn.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Block 1502 Lot 28 Saddle River Tax Map

1.27 acres

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ADDITION

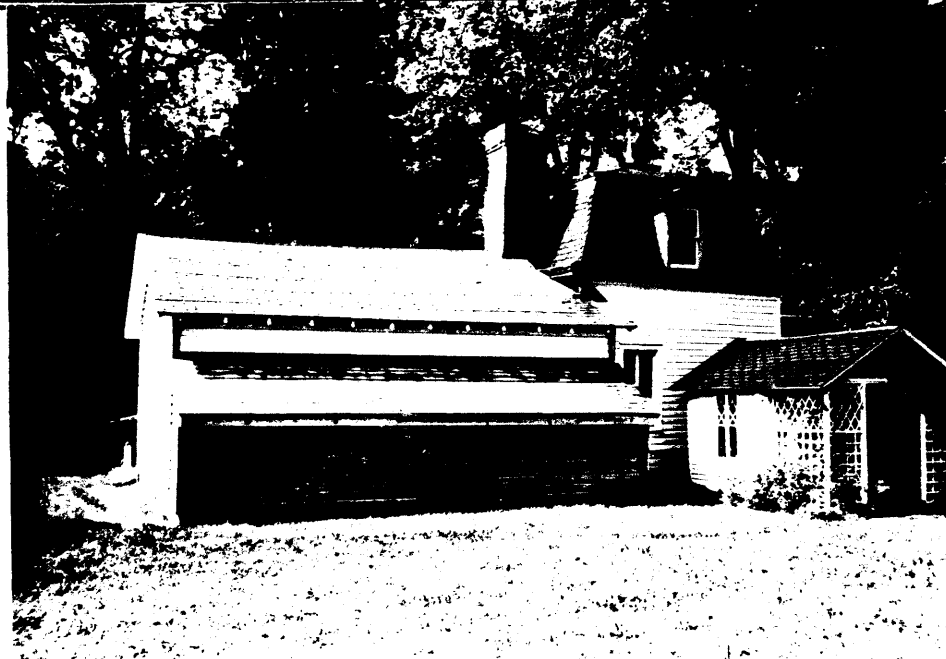
In 1797 Catherina Ackerman, wife of Peter A., purchased 77.70 acres of land including this house site for her son Abraham P. Ackerman (1777-1827). The house was built by 1802 and soon after the kitchen wing was added. Abraham P. Ackerman's son William (b. 1820) added the frame wing behind the kitchen. About 1875-6 William's son, Abraham W. Ackerman, had the mansards built and the entrance changed from the SE corner to the W. side. In 1880 Abraham W.'s wife died and he transferred title to his father William who sold it with about 50 acres of land to James Cosgrove of Brooklyn. Since then the house has had a number of owners.

12-1983, TRB. Information from Research report by Reginald McMahon on the Abraham P. Ackerman House, 136 Chestnut Ridge Road, 1981.



Ancillary Building
at 136 Chestnut Ridge
Road. Photograph
taken in 1984
Neg. file #9-4

ADDITIONS



View looking south showing ancillary building at 136 Chestnut Ridge Road
Photograph taken 1984
Neg. file #9-3



Small ancillary building, privy?, at 136 Chestnut Ridge Road,
Photograph taken 1984
Neg. file #9-1



Non-historic ancillary building
Neg. file #9-2