

11 BERGEN COUNTY COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM (2)

GENERAL

HISTORIC NAME: David & Cornelius Van Horn House
 COMMON NAME: "Jones-White House"
 LOCATION: 11 Cedar Lane
 (Block 253, Lot 6)
 MUNICIPALITY: Closter
 OWNERSHIP: Public Private
 OWNER/ADDRESS: Scigliano
 (name)

REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:
 Erskine (1778-80) No name
 Hopkins-Corey (1861) P.J. White
 Walker's Atlas (1876) P.J. White
 Bromley (1912) Curtiss
 Other
 RECOGNITION:
 National Register BCHS Marker
 HABS Bailey
 Other

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: S 30° W
 IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:
 Stone smokehouse and modern garage
 SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
 Residential
 Commercial
 Agricultural
 Open Space
 Other
 COMMENTS:

THREATS USE

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

The original fireplaces are gone and the ceilings have been taken down, revealing unfinished beam beams.

PHOTO



MAP



DESCRIPTION

CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:

c/-1778/Erskine map;
post-Revolutionary/Architectural
evidence.

BUILDER:

FORM/PLAN TYPE:

"F" center hall, 5 bay, 2 rooms deep
(38'4" x 30'6")

FRAMING SYSTEM:

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

EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:

Well cut sandstone, but rough hewn
w/ rubble on rear.

FENESTRATION:

6/6. 37" x 67", trapezoidal lintels

ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:

Center, plain, 36" x 7'5"

NUMBER OF STORIES: 1-1/2

- CELLAR: Yes
- No

CHIMNEY FOUNDATION: Gone

- Stone Arch
- Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
- Other

FLOOR JOISTS:

6-8" x 9½-10",
29-36" between

FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:

7'8"

FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:

20"

GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:

5-6" x 6", 16-17" between

GARRET:

- Unfinished Space
- Finished Space

ROOF:

- Gable
- Gambrel
- Curb
- Other

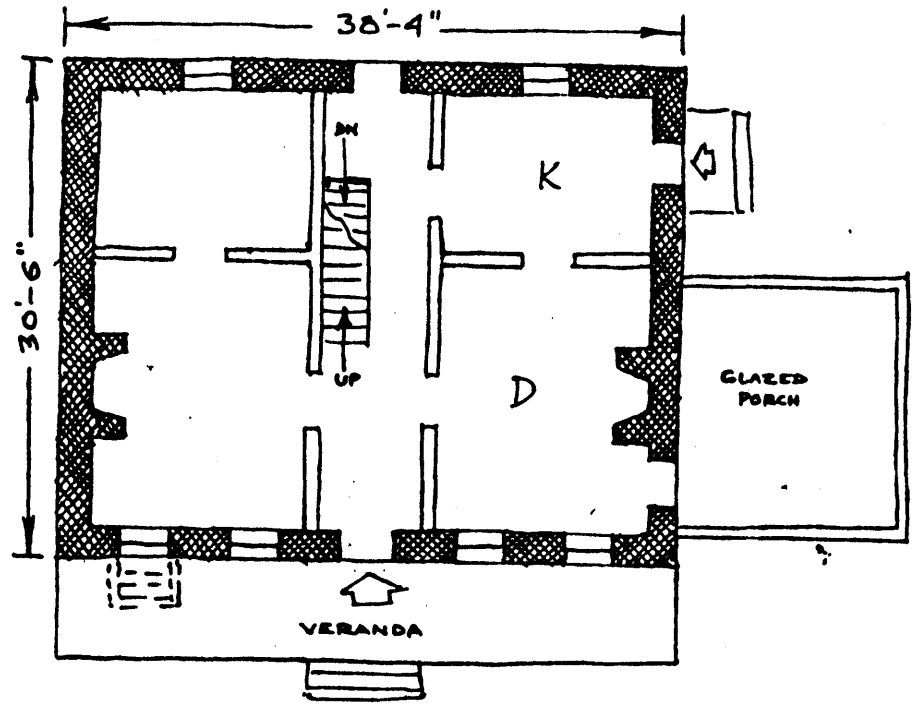
EAVE TREATMENT:

- Sweeping Overhang
- Supported Overhang (Front)
- No Overhang
- Boxed Gutter
- Other

This house is significant for its architecture and its association with the exploration and settlement of the Bergen County, New Jersey area. It is a reasonably well preserved example of the Form/Plan Type as shown and more fully described herein. 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

This house stands on a tract of 720 acres surveyed February 21/22, 1717 and purchased by Cornelius Christianse (Van Horn) from Miles Forster on August 10, 1696 (recorded in Trenton). Before 1765 one of Van Horn's sons or grandsons sold the northeast portion, containing 122-1/2 acres to Jacobus Peck of Schraalenburgh by unrecorded deed. The tract was bounded on the north and east by the Tenakill Brook, on the west by Schraalenburgh (or Tappan) Road, part west and part north by Dwars Kill, and on the south by the land of Abraham Quackenbush (Peck probably built the house shown on Erskine's map). Peck's will, proved October 24, 1775, devised to his son David the Van Horn land "where he then lived". David had married by 1765 and probably had lived there since that time. He was a Loyalist and served as a captain in the New Jersey Volunteers. His farm was confiscated in 1779 and sold to Henry Folks (Volk) on June 3, 1779. Shortly afterward he sold from his farm 1/4 acre with the house to Samuel Cole and his wife, who on March 7, 1800 sold it to Christian Van Horn, who seemed to be reclaiming the Van Horn land (as he also bought back the Volk land around it) for his son David who married February 15, 1800. Cedar Lane was surveyed and opened in 1804 and started 25 links off the northwest corner of David Van Horn's house and ran along the north side of it on its first course. By 1818 it was straightened to its present route. Christian died prior to April 9, 1817. (David probably wanted to improve his situation, tore down the old house and built the new one in 1817, since the new course of Cedar Lane ran almost over the site of the old house. - CKT) David died young on October 11, 1821 and left minor children. In 1833 his wife remarried and the Orphan's Court partitioned the land. The homestead of 4-1/2 acres (with the "Mansion House") was set off to son Cornelius (who Bailey also associates with the house). Near the middle of the century, Peter J. White, son of Jonas White of the Flatts, came into ownership. G. D. Curtis bought prior to 1891 and established the New York and New Jersey Poultry Farm, or Doroskill Farm (corruption of Dwarskill).

(Source: David I. Durie - new information)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Block 253, Lot 6 - Closter Tax Map

1.00 acre

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