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BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

GENERAL

HISTORIC NAME: ~~Nicholas~~ Holdrum - Van Houten House

COMMON NAME:

LOCATION: 43 Spring Valley Road ~~(Block 63A, Lot 1)~~

MUNICIPALITY: Montvale

OWNERSHIP: ☐ Public ■ Private

OWNER/ADDRESS:
Kenneth M. & Joanne (Judy) Allen

REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:
- ☐ Erskine (1778-80)
- ■ Hopkins-Corey (1861) J.Van Houten
- ■ Walker's Atlas (1876) J.Van Houten
- ■ Bromley (1912) J. Van Houten
- ☐ Other

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

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: S 30° W

IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:
2.21 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

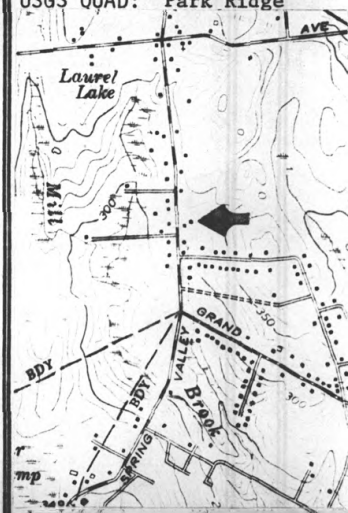
ACCESSIBLE:
- ☐ Yes, Restricted
- ■ Yes, Unrestricted
- ☐ No

The house retains many original features characteristic of the late 18th century. The roof has been rebuilt after several fires, and probably overhung several feet (rather than the existing one foot). Dormers have been added during the 20th century. There are new floors (over the old) and a modern window sash. A breezeway and a garage have been built to the rear.

PHOTO

MAP

USGS QUAD: Park Ridge



DESCRIPTION

CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:
1778/Bailey;
c. 1780/Architectural evidence

BUILDER:
Nicholas Holdrum

FORM/PLAN TYPE: "F", 5 bay, center hall, one room to each side, each w/ gable end fireplace and small narrow room to rear (44'1" x 31'0"). Frame wing to west.

FRAMING SYSTEM:
- [x] Intermediate Summer Beam
- [ ] Intermediate Bearing Wall
- [ ] Clear Span
- [ ] Other

EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:
Well dressed red sandstone front. Sides are sandstone rubble with dressed sandstone corners.

FENESTRATION:
32" x 60" sash (6/6). Are modern sash.

ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:
Center bay of south front. Recessed panelled casing w/ Dutch style split leaf door (34" x 6'3") and transom.

NUMBER OF STORIES: 1-1/2

CELLAR:
- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:
- [ ] Stone Arch
- [ ] Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
- [x] Other Shouldered arch of stone

FLOOR JOISTS:
7" x 8" deep @ 30" apart w/ 11-14" floorboards.

FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:
7'6"

FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:
16" front, 20" sides.

GARRET FLOOR JOISTS: 6-7" x 9½" deep @ 32-33" apart.

GARRET:
- [ ] Unfinished Space
- [x] Finished Space

ROOF:
- [ ] Gable
- [x] Gambrel
  - [x] Curb
- [ ] Other

EAVE TREATMENT:
- [x] Sweeping Overhang
- [ ] Supported Overhang
- [ ] 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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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Block 63A, Lot 1 - Montvale Tax Map

2.21 acres

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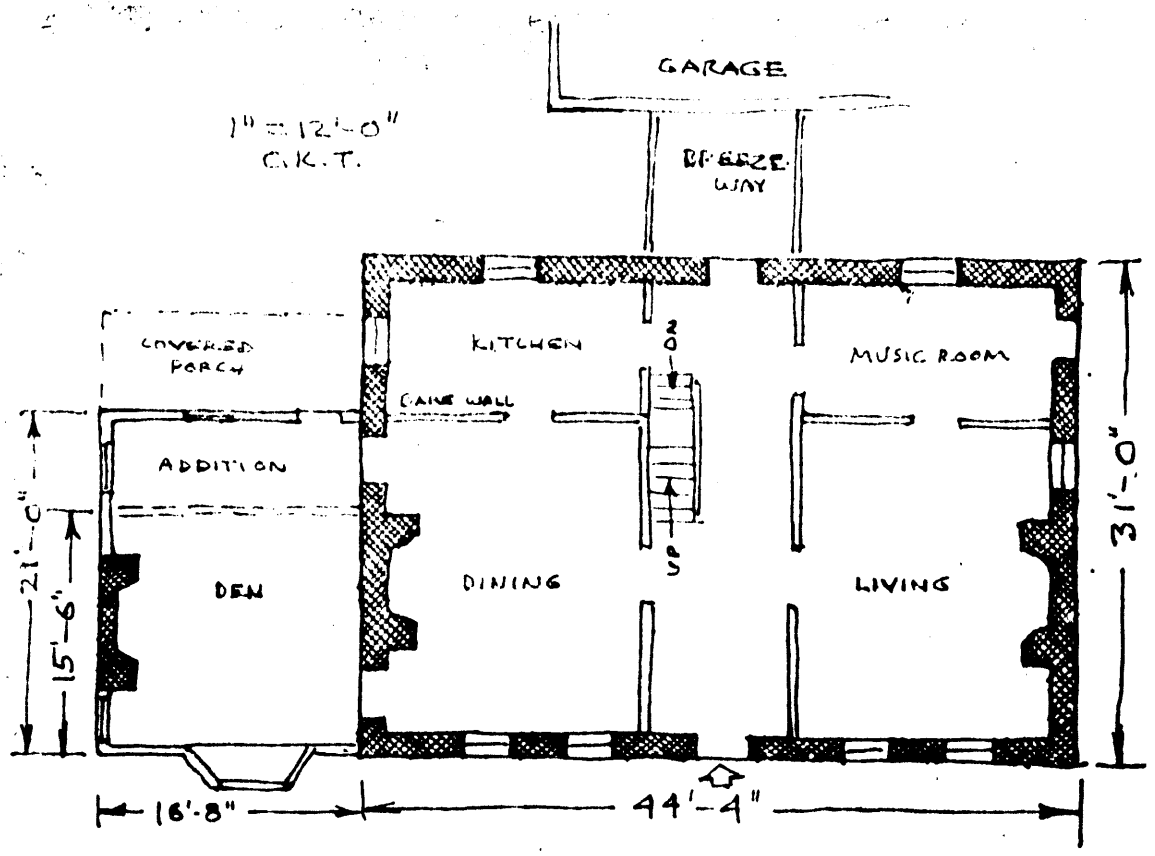

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This house was built about the time of the Revolution, possibly shortly after, by a Holdrum; the date 1778 is said to be cut in an attic beam. William Haldron was a blacksmith; he emigrated and settled at Flushing and later at Harlem, and was drowned on or about Dec. 6, 1687. His son John married May 18, 1707 Cornelia Van Tienhoven, widow of Andries Holst and granddaughter of Cornelis Van Tienhoven, the Secretary of New Netherland. They removed to Tappan about 1713. Their son William Holdrum, bap. May 16, 1708 at New York City, married 1734 Margrietje Peters, daughter of Claes Peters of Rockland Co., on Dec. 18, 1760. William bought 258 acres west of the Hackensack River and south of the State line, from Rev. Benjamin Vanderlinde, and resided here the balance of his life. William had nine children including Claes, William, Jan, Abraham and Cornelius. It is not known who built this house, but it may have been Cornelius, as he is known to have lived in this vicinity. Cornelius Holdrum, b. Oct. 22, 1749 at Tappan, d. May 31, 1831, married Elizabeth Haring, and had three children: James C. born 1785, William C., and Cornelius C. The house was eventually inherited by Catherine Holdrum, b. Dec. 2, 1827, d. Oct. 8, 1866, married May 14, 1846 (as his first wife) John Wanamaker, b. April 4, 1827, d. March 30, 1904; they had two daughters Elizabeth and Sarah. (John Wanamaker's daughter by his second wife believes Catherine's father to have been a Cornelius Holdrum.) About 1850 John and Catherine Wanamaker exchanged houses with James Van Houten. His son Garret had a son Edmund Van Houten, who sold the house about 1925...

(The above is quoted from Rosalie Fellows Bailey's Pre-Revolutionary Dutch Houses and Families in Northern New Jersey and Southern New York. New York: Dover Publications, Inc., 1968.)