

# BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

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**GENERAL**

HISTORIC NAME: Doremus House

COMMON NAME:

LOCATION: 73 Main Street  
(Block 209, Lot 28) →

MUNICIPALITY: Hackensack

OWNERSHIP:  Public  Private

OWNER/ADDRESS: Bernard Linden  
122 Village Circle West  
Paramus, NJ 07652

**REFERENCE**

MAP REFERENCES:

Erskine (1778-80)

Hopkins-Corey (1861) Hrs. of A.G. Doremus

Walker's Atlas (1876) R.A. Doremus / mss

Bromley (1912) No name

Other

RECOGNITION:

National Register  BCHS Marker

HABS  Bailey

Other

**ENVIRONMENT**

HOUSE ORIENTATION: S 68° E

IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Residential

Commercial

Agricultural

Open Space

Other

COMMENTS:

**THREATS USE**

ORIGINAL: Residence

PRESENT: Stores and apartments

THREATS TO STRUCTURE:

Roads

Development

Zoning

Deterioration

Other demolition

No Threat

COMMENTS:

**CONDITION**

CONDITION:

Excellent  Good

Fair  Deteriorated

STATUS:

Occupied

Unoccupied

Work in Progress

ACCESSIBLE:

Yes, Restricted

Yes, Unrestricted

No

This is an old sandstone house which had a two story face, the first floor of which has been removed to install store fronts. The second story has been stuccoed so that its original character is unrecognizable. now. The first floor has been lowered to sidewalk level.

**PHOTO**



**MAP**



**DESCRIPTION**

CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:  
Probably Federal

NUMBER OF STORIES: 2-1/2  
CELLAR:  Yes  
 No

BUILDER:  
Probably Doremus  
FORM/PLAN TYPE:  
Probably side hall, two rooms deep,  
3 bay 32'6" x 39'0"

CHIMNEY FOUNDATION: gone  
 Stone Arch  
 Brick Arch, Stone Foundation  
 Other

FLOOR JOISTS:  
Late

FRAMING SYSTEM: altered  
 Intermediate Summer Beam  
 Intermediate Bearing Wall  
 Clear Span  
 Other

FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:  
Altered

FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:  
24" approximately

GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:

EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:  
Evenly cut sandstone on front (second floor covered by stucco, hidden in wall on first floor), rubble on rear.

GARRET:  
 Unfinished Space  
 Finished Space

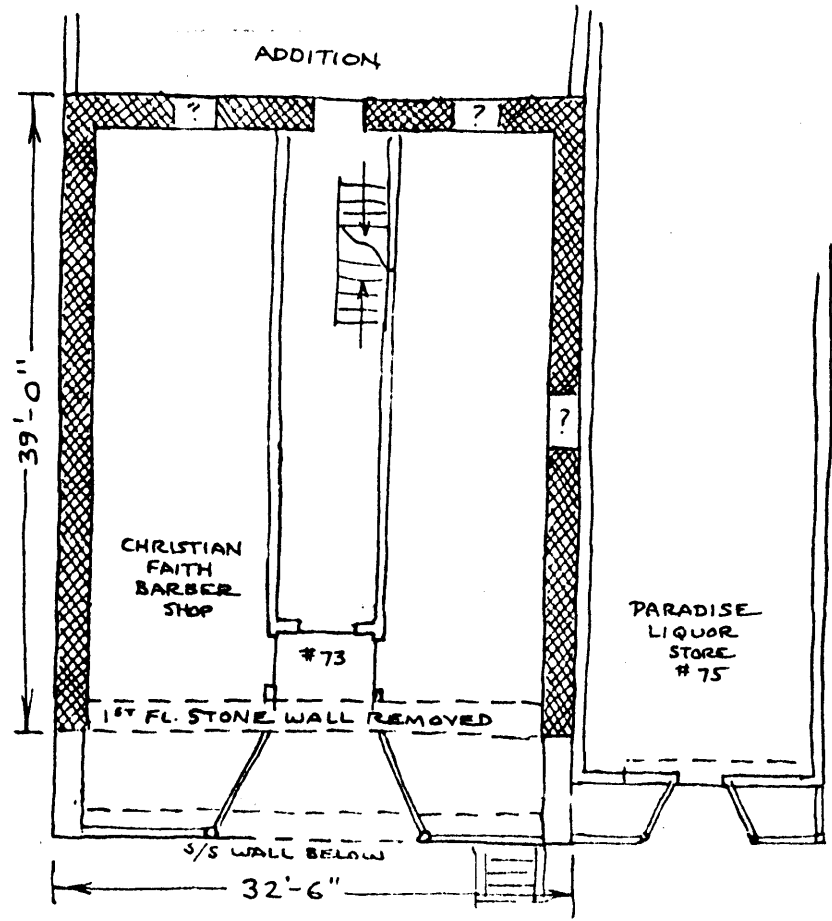
FENESTRATION:  
Altered

ROOF:  
 Gable  
 Gambrel  
 Curb  
 Other

ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:  
Center now

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.



An 1893 newspaper, "The Evening Post", reported that Richard Doremus was "a grizzled resident of \*descendants in one of the stone houses that form such interesting features in the landscape". He was "one of the last drivers of the old four-in-hand" on the Albany Stage which stopped at the Mansion House.

\*Hackensack living with an interesting family of

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Block209, Lot 28 - Hackensack Tax Map

Less than 1 acre

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National Park Service**

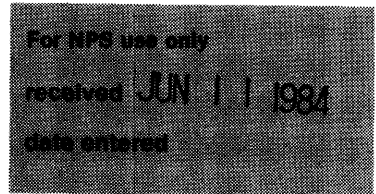
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#233 DOREMUS HOUSE ADDENDUM

This is one of the only two remaining early stone houses in downtown Hackensack. Admittedly this house has lost integrity but it is unique in that there is only one other 2½-storey early stone house in the county that has survived. Removal of the stucco and revising the store front could make this building attractive once more. Neighboring businesses seem to be going in that direction but since this building is just outside the designated "Historic Enclave" and borders on the destruction area of urban renewal it needs all the support it can get. An old photograph of it was included with the nomination form to show its former appearance. It was a 3-bay 2½ storey sidehall house covered with a gambrel roof. The entrance was protected with a small Greek Revival porch. The sandstone construction is evident in the cellar and you can actually look up through the later construction (with a flashlight) and see the remains of the front wall of the first floor. It is very definitely a part of the development of the stone houses.