

BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

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GENERAL

HISTORIC NAME: Vervalen House

COMMON NAME:

LOCATION: 151 ^{West} ~~Loc~~ Street
(Block 49, Lot 5)

MUNICIPALITY: Closter

OWNERSHIP: Public Private

OWNER/ADDRESS: H.W. Rapp
(same)

REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:

- Erskine (1778-80) No name
- Hopkins-Corey (1861) A. Wood
- Walker's Atlas (1876) M. Hale
- Bromley (1912) No name
- Other

RECOGNITION:

- National Register BCHS Marker
- HABS Bailey
- Other

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: S 35° W

IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:
Small frame barn garage, probably 20th century

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

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- Excellent Good
- Fair Deteriorated

STATUS:

- Occupied
- Unoccupied
- Work in Progress

ACCESSIBLE:

- Yes, Restricted
- Yes, Unrestricted
- No

This is a neat but modest sized farmhouse, with evenly cut sandstone, near the site of the earliest Vervalen house. Victorian and later additions make it a comfortable size now.

PHOTO



MAP



DESCRIPTION

CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:

Probably eighteenth century;
actual date unknown.

BUILDER:

Probably a Vervalen

FORM/PLAN TYPE:

Probably was originally a "B"
basic unit, 2 bays, 1 room deep.

FRAMING SYSTEM:

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

EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:

Rough hewn, evenly cut sandstone

FENESTRATION:

2/2, 34" x 56"

ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:

Simple, 32" x 6'10".

NUMBER OF STORIES: 1-1/2

CELLAR: Yes
 No

CHIMNEY FOUNDATION: (not seen)

- Stone Arch
- Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
- Other

FLOOR JOISTS:

FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:

FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:

GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:

GARRET:

- Unfinished Space
- Finished Space

ROOF:

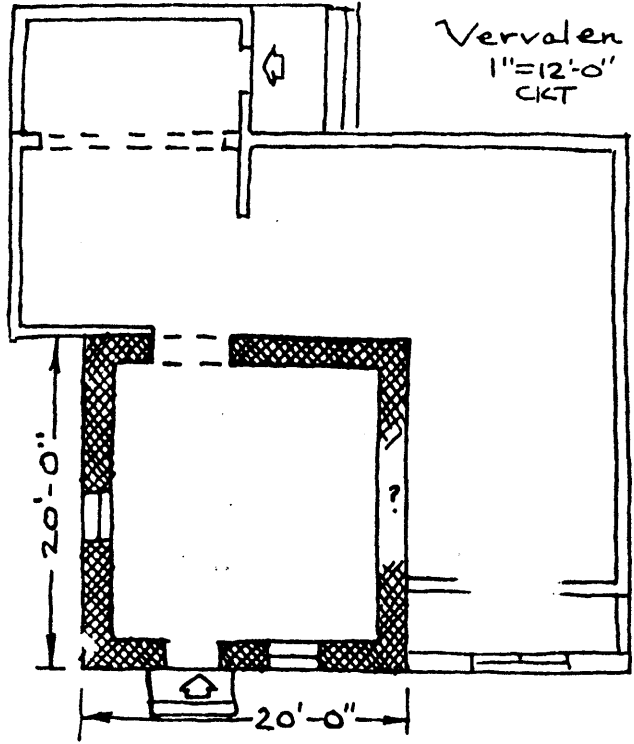
- Gable
- Gambrel
- Curb
- Other

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.

FLOOR PLANS 10



BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This house is approximately on the site of the house of Bernardus VerValen built c. 1713 as shown on the Jas. Alexander survey of the early state lines (1686 & 1719). The stonework is very even for such an early period, but the small size of the house is appropriate. Howard Durie says that Bernardus VerValen was born about 1680, the son of Daniel VerValen and Aleta Schaets. He married Evertie Delamater on April 6, 1713 and later Jannetie Vanderbeck. They had nine children. There are no recorded deeds between Vervalen and subsequent owners. The first record is that Abraham A. and Mary Cole sold the house and 5-1/2 acres to Henry Volk on March 24, 1804. Cole was a stonecutter so he may have built this part of the house. Henry and Marytye Volk sold the house and several lots to Thomas Blanch and Casparus Wandle on March 23, 1811 and on February 23, 1847. They sold to George W. Woods on March 16, 1847. The property came to David Van Valen after 1876. His heirs sold on May 11, 1908 to Alvil O. VanWagoner. - CKT

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Block 49, Lot 5 - Closter Tax Map

Less than 1 acre

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