

BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

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GENERAL

HISTORIC NAME: Terhune House

COMMON NAME:

LOCATION: 161 Godwin Avenue
(Block 293, Lot 9-1)

MUNICIPALITY: Wyckoff

OWNERSHIP: Public Private

OWNER/ADDRESS: A. McKelvey
(same)

REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:

Erskine (1778-80) Area not surveyed

Hopkins-Corey (1861) J. Terhune

Walker's Atlas (1876) Jas. R. Terhune

Bromley (1912) no name

Other

RECOGNITION:

National Register BCHS Marker

HABS Bailey

Other

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: S 2° E

IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Residential

Commercial

Agricultural

Open Space

Other

COMMENTS:

USE

ORIGINAL: Residence

PRESENT: Residence

TREATS TO STRUCTURE:

Roads

Development

Zoning

Deterioration

Other

No Threat.

COMMENTS: The house is right next to the road.

CONDITION

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Excellent Good

Fair Deteriorated

STATUS:

Occupied

Unoccupied

Work in Progress

ACCESSIBLE:

Yes, Restricted

Yes, Unrestricted

No

This house was originally a twin to the Van Blarcom house next door to the south. It has been altered by the removal of the original west wall and an addition being added (early, as the workmanship is much the same). A frame addition was added to the west in 1877.

PHOTO



MAP



DESCRIPTION

CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:
1738/Tradition (1810/Lucht)

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

BUILDER:

CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:
 Stone Arch
 Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
 Other

FORM/PLAN TYPE:

Basic unit with addition to the west,
1 room deep, 4 bay now (18'4" x '8'0",
extended to 31'3").

FLOOR JOISTS:
Not original

FRAMING SYSTEM:

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

FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:
6'8" under beams
FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:
Approximately 20"

EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:

Broken stone

GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:
3.75-4" x 7", 36-39" between

GARRET:
 Unfinished Space
 Finished Space

FENESTRATION:

Redone. Original opening seems to be
28" x 48".

ROOF:
 Gable
 Gambrel
 Curb
 Other

ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:

Rebuilt. 34" x 6'0"

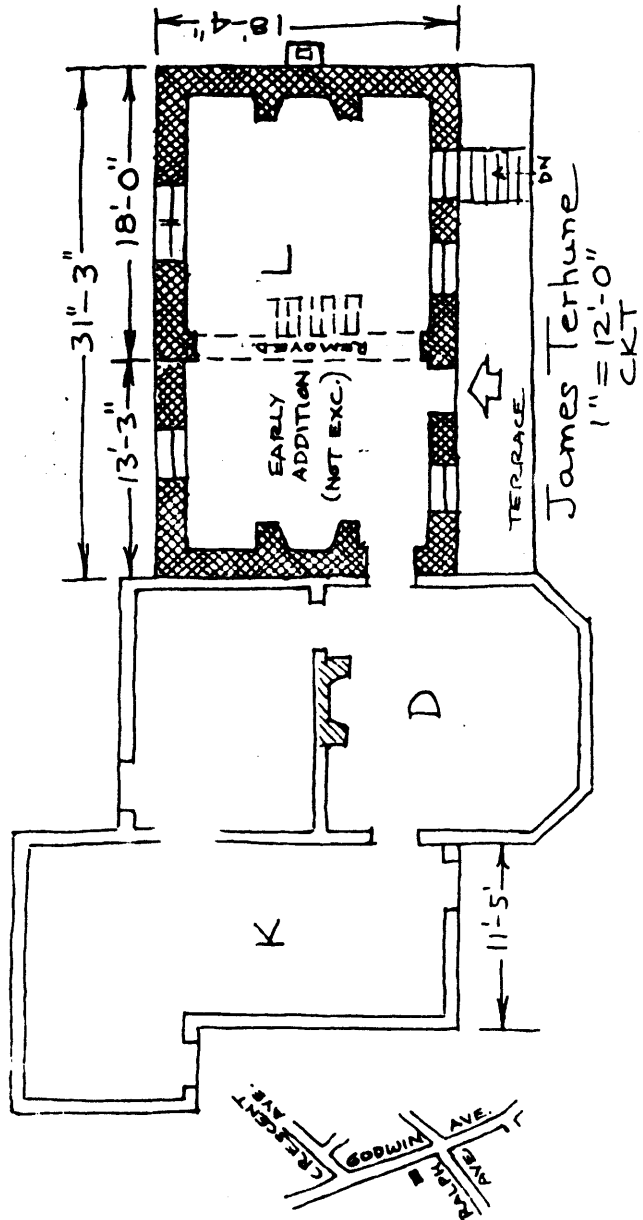
EAVE TREATMENT:
 Sweeping Overhang
 Supported Overhang
 No Overhang
 Boxed Gutter
 Other

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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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This house is on the original 146 acre Ramapo Tract bought by Johannes Van Zile in 1745. It is referred to locally as the Jack Terhune House, but this is not the same Jack Terhune House that was in Wyckoff (photographed c. 1900), so the use of the name "James" Terhune would seem preferable to distinguish between the two. According to Louis H. Burnett, the addition was built in 1877. The house was bought in 1895 by the Van Blarcom family who added the five-sided bay window, the new kitchen and the cold pantry. Architect Harry Allan Lucht and his wife bought the house in 1961 and added the master bedroom, powder room, den and storage area, saving the house which had been condemned in 1960 (Burnett). The present owners, the McKelvey's, have been here nine years. - CKT.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Block 293, Lot 9:1 - Wyckoff Tax Map

Less than 1 acre

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