

# BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

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GENERAL 198

HISTORIC NAME: Corinea Quackenbush Home

COMMON NAME: Bromstone Inn

LOCATION: 625 Wyckoff Avenue  
(Block 235, Lot 15)

MUNICIPALITY: Wyckoff

OWNERSHIP:  Public  Private

OWNER/ADDRESS: J. Toth  
(same)

REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:

Erskine (1778-80)

Hopkins-Corey (1861) C. Quackenbush

Walker's Atlas (1876) "

Bromley (1912) Quackenbush

Other

RECOGNITION:

National Register  BCHS Marker

HABS # 6-702  Bailey

Other NJ Inventory

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: S65°E

IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Residential

Commercial

Agricultural

Open Space

Other

COMMENTS:

USE

ORIGINAL: Residence

PRESENT: Restaurant

CONDITION

CONDITION:

Excellent  Good

Fair  Deteriorated

STATUS:

Occupied

Unoccupied

Work in Progress

ACCESSIBLE:

Yes, Restricted

Yes, Unrestricted

No

THREATS

THREATS TO STRUCTURE:

Roads

Development

Zoning

Deterioration

Other

No Threat

COMMENTS:

This fine old house has long been a tavern, but unfortunately it was only recently that it has undergone a devastating gutting, and is now one big empty room, except for a circular bar. The only remnant of its former plan is the north side back-to-back fire-place pier which has been insensitively stripped to the stone. No "improvements" have been made to the exterior since HABS.

PHOTO



MAP



**DESCRIPTION**

**CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:**

1784/ HABS

**BUILDER:** John A. Van Voorhis

**FORM/PLAN TYPE:** "G" center hall, 2 rooms to each side w/ back-to-back interior fire-places on each side (44'4" x 35'2"). Modern frame wing to north.

**FRAMING SYSTEM:**

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

**EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:**

Coursed ashlar red sandstone front, rubble sides w/ corner quoins.

**FENESTRATION:**

3'10" x 5'5" M.O. (6/6). Trapezoidal stone lintels on front. Rectangular on sides.

**ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:**

Center bay of east front. Dutch style panelled split leaf door w/ transom. Now a modern door.

**NUMBER OF STORIES:** 1-1/2

- CELLAR:**  Yes  
 No

**CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:**

- Stone Arch
- Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
- Other

**FLOOR JOISTS:**

4-6" x 7-9" deep

**FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:**

7'11"

**FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:**

20-21"

**GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:**

Not visible.

**GARRET:**

- Unfinished Space
- Finished Space

**ROOF:**

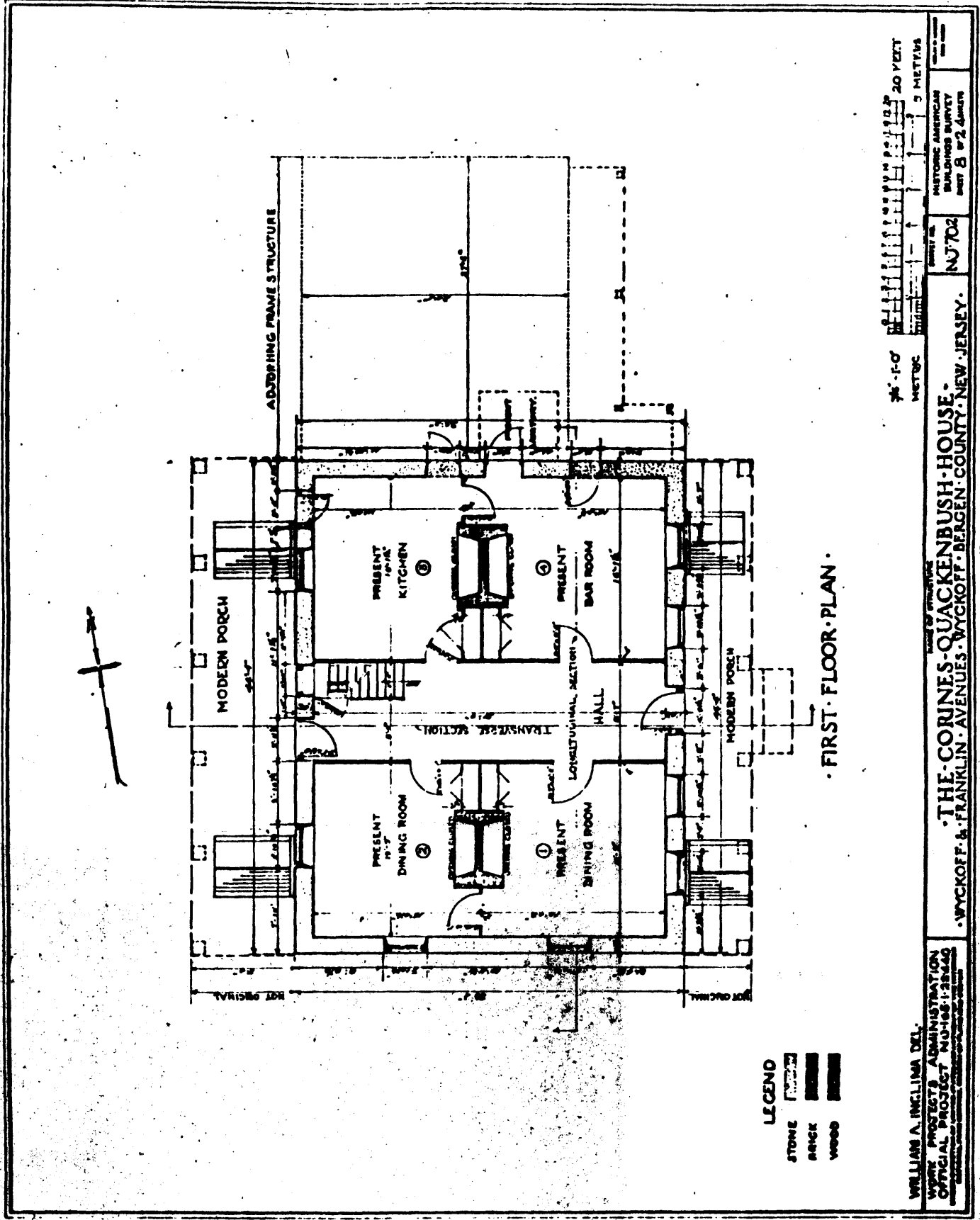
- Gable
- Gambrel
- Curb
- Other

**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.





FIRST FLOOR PLAN

**LEGEND**

STONE [stippled pattern]

BRICK [cross-hatched pattern]

WOOD [solid black pattern]

1/8" = 1'-0"  
METRIC

0 5 10 15 20 FEET  
0 5 METERS

HISTORIC AMERICAN  
BUILDINGS SURVEY  
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WILLIAM A. INCLINA DEL.  
WORKS PROTECTS ADMINISTRATION  
OFFICIAL PROJECT NO. 148-1-2840

NAME OF STRUCTURE  
THE CORINES-QUACKENBUSH HOUSE  
ADDRESS  
WYCKOFF & FRANKLIN AVENUES WYCKOFF BERGEN COUNTY NEW JERSEY

DATE  
NOV 702

Apparently, this house was erected in 1784 for John A. Van Voorhees at the time of his marriage, and on the homestead farm of his father, Albert W. Van Voorhis, whose house stands westward ( NJ-161 ). The actual transfer of the lot from father to son does not appear in the County records.

Mention of the house of this John A. Van Voorhis is apparently made in a deed of 27 September, 1805, conveying to the Reformed Dutch Church a half acre lot "At a place commonly called Wicough and on the East side of the main road leading from the Dwelling House of John Van Voorhis to the Swelling House of John Eccorson", in Franklin Township. (Bergen Deed Bk. W-50). Likewise, in a deed of 16 June, 1838, John Van Voorhis Jr. and wife Sally of Franklin Twp. to the Elders of the Dutch Church of Wyckoff, in which a quarter acre addition to the church lot is conveyed, is mentioned the "East side of the public road leading from the house of the said John Van Voorhis, Jr. to the house of Cornelius Ackerman." The road mentioned is obviously the present Main Street in the village. (Deed Bk. Z3-454). The church has been surveyed as NJ-338.

John Van Voorhis, Jr., to whom was devised the paternal homestead in 1831 as recited above, evidently was residing thereon in 1838. He acquired from his brothers, James and William, by deed of May 6, 1834, the fifty acre tract on both sides of Main Street, south of the church, which they received in the will of their father. (Deed Bk. M3251).

But by deed of August 25, 1840, this John Van Voorhis, Jr. and wife Sally, of Franklin Township, Bergen County, conveyed the homestead farm in four tracts to Corines Quackenbush of same township for \$6,000. Corines Quackenbush willed the homestead farm to his son John C. in 1889, who in turn willed it to his son Abram in 1895. Abram Quackenbush willed it to his daughter in 1908 and she sold it to Hugh J. Edwards in 1920. It was sold to the M. M. Freeman & Co., Inc. in 1933 by Jay Frank Parnly and was used as a "road house" tavern.

(source: HABS #6-702)

#### GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Block 235, Lot 15 - Wyckoff Tax Map

Less than 1 acre

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