

BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

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GENERAL

HISTORIC NAME: Tallman-Vanderbeck *House*
 "Lone Star" ~~THH~~

COMMON NAME:

LOCATION: 639 Piermont Road.
 (Block-239, lot 8)

MUNICIPALITY: Closter

OWNERSHIP: Public Private

OWNER/ADDRESS: George Garofalides
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REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:

- Erskine (1778-80) Cornell's Tallman
- Hopkins-Corey (1861) Lone Star
- Walker's Atlas (1876) Vanderbeck
- Bronley (1912)
- Other

RECOGNITION:

- National Register
- BCHS Marker
- HABS
- Bailey
- Other Closter Marker

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: S 30° W

IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

- Residential
- Commercial
- Agricultural
- Open Space
- Other

COMMENTS: Secluded, but near commercial and on busy road.

USE

ORIGINAL: Residence

PRESENT: Residence (Inn or stage coach stop at one time)

THREATS TO STRUCTURE:

- Roads
- Development
- Zoning
- Deterioration
- Other
- No Threat

COMMENTS:

CONDITION

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- Excellent
- Fair
- Good
- Deteriorated

STATUS:

- Occupied
- Unoccupied
- Work in Progress

ACCESSIBLE:

- Yes, Restricted
- Yes, Unrestricted
- No

Currently undergoing restoration and remodeling by owner. Still has many early features intact. The stairway to the 2nd floor has been reversed and the rear door was closed up. An interior partition was removed. Dormers have been added on both sides. An early wing to the east was removed in 1876.

PHOTO



MAP



DESCRIPTION

CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:

Original: pre-1778/Erskine map
This wing: c. 1800/architectural evidence

BUILDER: Probably a Tallman

FORM/PLAN TYPE: "I" 3 bay, side hall, two rooms deep each w/ gable end fireplace (29'2" x 35'3"). Frame kitchen to west. Old wing to east was removed by 1876.

FRAMING SYSTEM:

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

EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:

West & south are well dressed & coursed pale red sandstone. North & east are stucco over rubble.

FENESTRATION:

33" x 52" sash.
Trapezoidal wood lintels on front.

ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:

West end bay of south front. Door is 36" x 6'8".

NUMBER OF STORIES: 1-1/2

CELLAR: Yes (Low)
 No

CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:

- Stone Arch
- Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
- Other

FLOOR JOISTS: 5½-6" x 9½" deep @ 22-27" apart.

FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT: 6'5" clearance

FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:

GARRET FLOOR JOISTS: 6" x 8" deep @ 37-39" apart.

GARRET:

- Unfinished Space
- Finished Space

ROOF:

- Gable
- Gambrel
- Curb
- Other

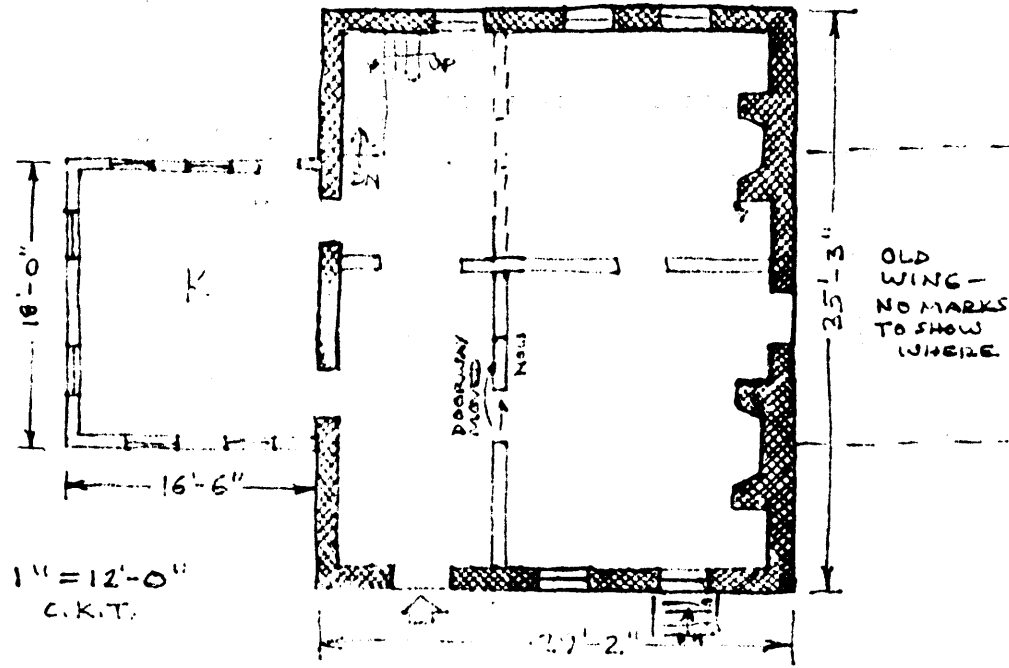
EAVE TREATMENT:

- 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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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Cornelis Tallman owned two buildings here prior to the Revolution and was killed by British raiders, probably in the house just south (now gone). In the mid-19th century it was in use as an inn or stage coach stop run by a Mrs. Vanderbeck and was known as the "Lone Star." It was undoubtedly larger at that time.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Block 239, Lot 6 - Closter Tax Map

6 1/2[±] acres

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