

# BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

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GENERAL

HISTORIC NAME: Hendrick Hopper House

COMMON NAME:

LOCATION: 724 Ackerman Avenue  
(Block 102, Lots 19A, 19B & 20)

MUNICIPALITY: Glen Rock

OWNERSHIP:  Public  PrivateOWNER/ADDRESS: Mrs. Charles Jacobs  
(same)

REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:

- Erskine (1778-80)  
 Hopkins-Correy (1861) C.I. Hopper  
 Walker's Atlas (1876) C.J. Hopper  
 Bromley (1912) Bernard Hillman  
 Other

RECOGNITION:

- National Register  BCHS Marker  
 HABS  Bailey  
 Other

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: S 62° E  
IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

- Residential  
 Commercial  
 Agricultural  
 Open Space  
 Other

COMMENTS:

THREATS USE

ORIGINAL: Residence  
PRESENT: Residence North East (part)

THREATS TO STRUCTURE:

- Roads  
 Development  
 Zoning  
 Deterioration  
 Other  
 No Threat

COMMENTS:

For sale.

CONDITION

CONDITION:

- Excellent  Good  
 Fair  Deteriorated

STATUS:

- Occupied  
 Unoccupied  
 Work in Progress

ACCESSIBLE:

- Yes, Restricted  
 Yes, Unrestricted  
 No

This is a rambling old house, brought up to date so rigidly that it almost looks like a reproduction. The main section has full shed dormers front and rear and a large family garden room has been added behind the kitchen which does not encroach upon the main structure. The kitchen wing was rebuilt after a fire.

PHOTO



MAP

USGS QUAD: Hackensack



## CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:

c. 1780, c. 1800/R. McMahon  
and/or later, architectural evidence

## BUILDER:

a Hopper

## FORM/PLAN TYPE:

Similar to "F" 3 bay, 2 rooms deep (32'0"  
x 30'3") main section. West wing is  
16'6" x 24'0". East wing is 22'0" x  
18'3".

## FRAMING SYSTEM:

- Intermediate Summer Beam  
 Intermediate Bearing Wall  
 Clear Span  
 Other

## EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:

Evenly cut and tooled sandstone in a  
somewhat Flemish bond pattern, irregular  
on rear.

## FENESTRATION:

35-1/2" x 54" (6/1), rectangular lintels.

## ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:

Center of main w/ c. 1830 style trim,  
west wing altered, east wing door in  
westernmost bay of facade.

## NUMBER OF STORIES: 1-2/2

CELLAR:  Yes  
 No

## CHIMNEY FOUNDATION: 2 cemented

- Stone Arch  
 Brick Arch, Stone Foundation  
 Other

## FLOOR JOISTS:

5-6" x 8-9", 25-27" between

## FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:

8'5"

## FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:

Approximately 22"

## GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:

Concealed

## GARRET:

- Unfinished Space  
 Finished Space

## ROOF:

- Gable  
 Gambrel  
 Curb  
 Other

## EAVE TREATMENT:

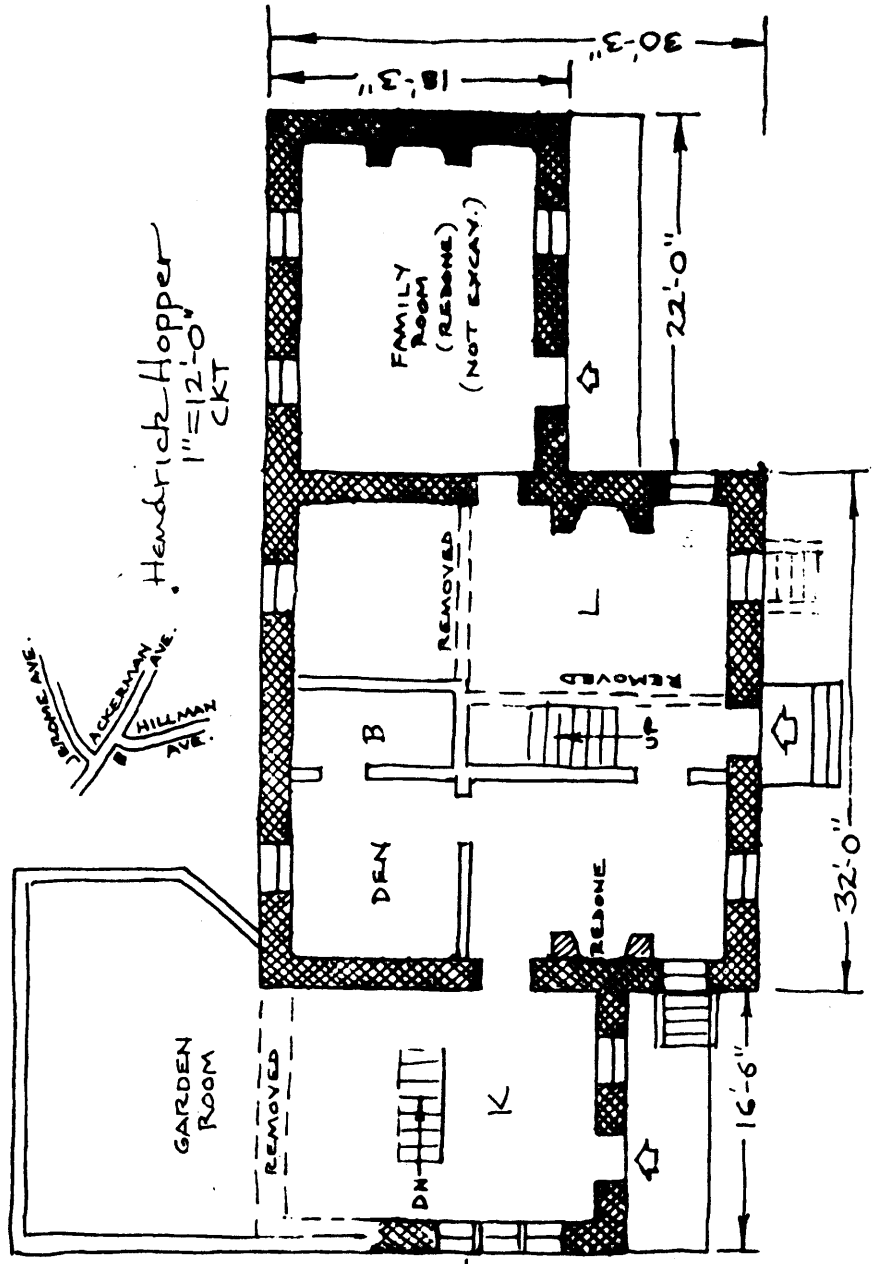
- Sweeping Overhang (straight)  
 Supported Overhang  
 No Overhang  
 Boxed Gutter  
 Other

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.



FLOOR PLANS

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

North wing [actually NE] 'built 1780 by Hendrick H. Hopper in area then called "Small lots". Center section erected by son John in early 1800's. The farmhouse was sold to the Hillman family in 1895, ending four generations and 115 years of continuous Hopper ownership.' (BCHS Marker)

The land was owned c. 1767 by "Richard Townley & Co." and part was purchased by Henry (Jan) Hopper about that time. Hendrick was then about 21 and he was the second cousin of Hendrick J. The latter probably died about 1780 and Hendrick H. paid the taxes on the sixty acres until his death at the age of 45 in 1805. His wife Jacomyntie and two sons inherited the property. John H. remained, married Mary Voorhis and raised eleven children here, so he probably built the main section. The house was once owned by a William Holt. In November of 1965 the house was sold to Charles Jacobs by William Nussbaum. (Search by Reginald McMahon for the Bergen County Historical Society)

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Block 102, Lots 19A, 19B & 20 - Glen Rock Tax Map

Less than 1 acre

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