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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 ■ Private

OWNER/ADDRESS: Mrs. Charles Jacobs (same)

REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:

- ☐ Erskine (1778-80)
- ■ Hopkins-Corey (1861) G.I. Hopper
- ■ Walker's Atlas (1876) G.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:

USE

ORIGINAL: Residence

PRESENT: Residence North Wing Lastr

THREATS

THREATS TO STRUCTURE:

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

COMMENTS:

For sale.

CONDITION

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- ☐ Excellent
- ■ Good
- ☐ Fair
- ☐ Deteriorated

STATUS:

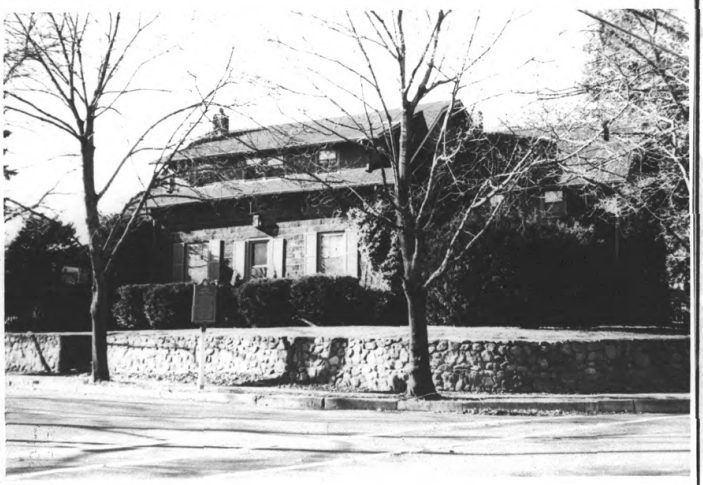
- ■ Occupied
- ☐ Unoccupied
- ☐ Work in Progress

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



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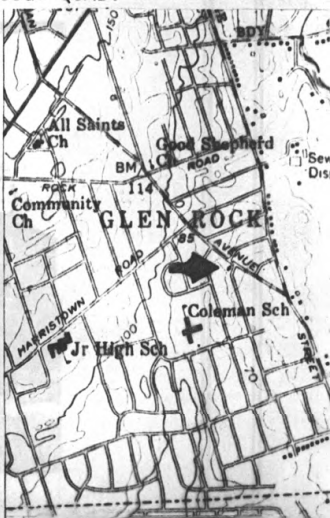
USGS QUAD: Hackensack



DESCRIPTION

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:
- [x] 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: 1-1/2

CELLAR:
- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

CHIMNEY FOUNDATION: 2 cemented arches
- [ ] 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
- [x] Finished Space

ROOF:
- [ ] Gable
- [x] Gambrel
  - [ ] Curb
- [ ] Other

EAVE TREATMENT:
- [x] 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.

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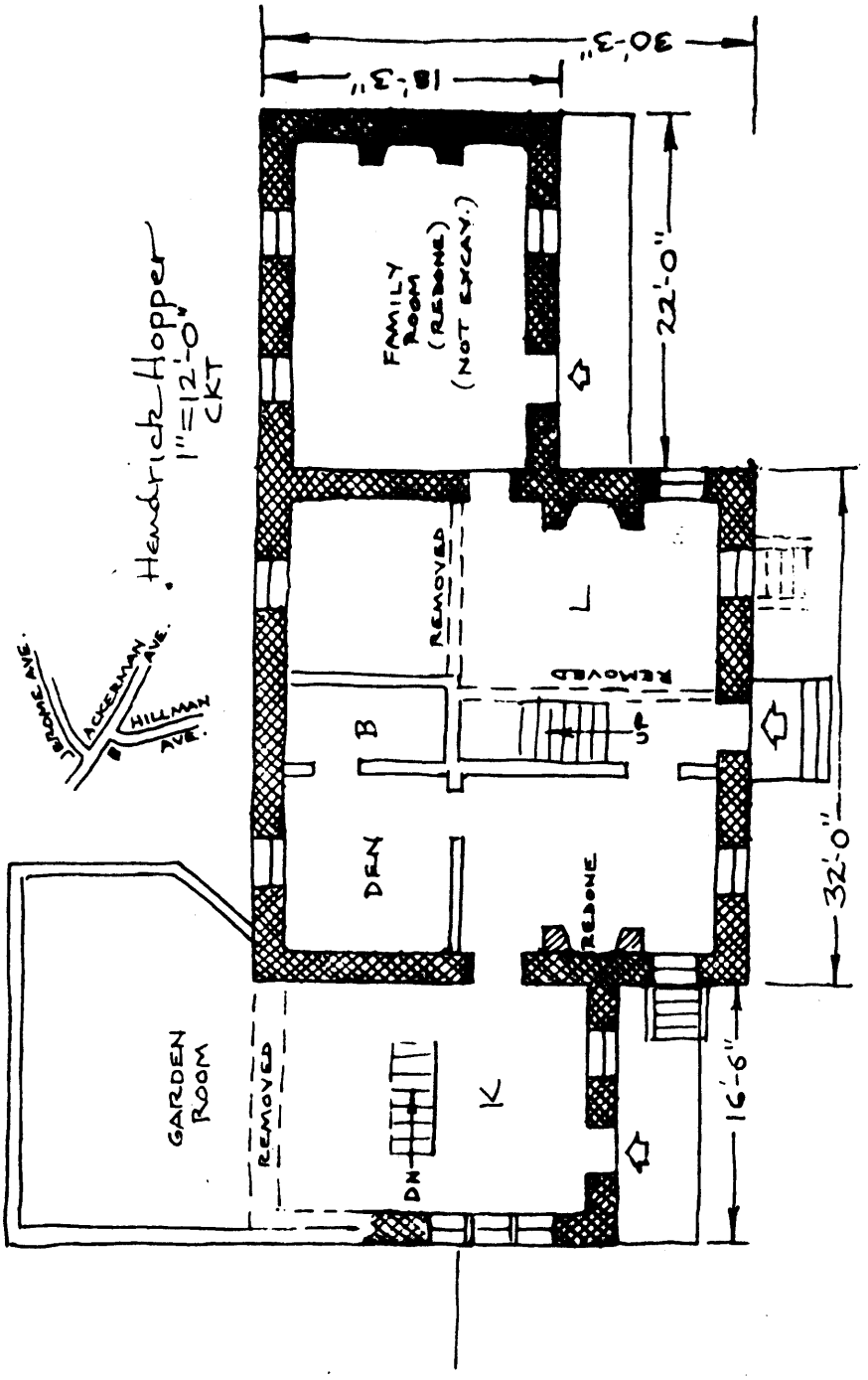

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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, Lots19A, 19B & 20 - Glen Rock Tax Map

Less than 1 acre

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