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BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

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GENERAL

HISTORIC NAME: John Wopper House
COMMON NAME: Guido's Restaurant
LOCATION: 231 Polifly Road
(Block 111, Lot 1)
MUNICIPALITY: Hackensack
OWNERSHIP: Public Private
OWNER/ADDRESS:

REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:
 Erskine (1778-80)
 Hopkins-Corey (1861) Jac. I. Wopper
 Walker's Atlas (1876) Jacob I. Wopper
 Bromley (1912) no name
 Other
RECOGNITION:
 National Register BCHS Marker
 HABS #6-352 Bailey
 Other N.J. Inventory

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: 545° E
IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
 Residential
 Commercial
 Agricultural
 Open Space
 Other

COMMENTS:

USE
THREATS TO STRUCTURE:

ORIGINAL: residence
PRESENT: restaurant

THREATS TO STRUCTURE:
 Roads
 Development
 Zoning
 Deterioration
 Other
 No Threat

COMMENTS:

CONDITION

CONDITION:
 Excellent Good
 Fair Deteriorated
STATUS:
 Occupied
 Unoccupied
 Work in Progress
ACCESSIBLE:
 Yes, Restricted
 Yes, Unrestricted
 No

A handsome house on a good site, except for the proximity of Route 80. Despite restaurant use and inappropriate decor, the fine mantels and some other early woodwork have been retained. A large addition has been attached across the rear.

PHOTO



MAP



CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:
1816-1818/HABS

BUILDER: John Bopper

FORM/PLAN TYPE: "J", 5 bay center hall
with 4 rooms (3 fireplaces in end walls)
48'-9"x37'-3". North wing is "C", 3 bay
center door 26'-1"x23'-11". South wing
is "C" 3 bay side door 27'-11"x16'-7"
and an addition.

FRAMING SYSTEM:

- Intermediate Summer Beam
 Intermediate Bearing Wall
 Clear Span wings
 Other

EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC: dressed brown sandstone
front in Flemish bond. Other walls are
well coursed brown sandstone

FENESTRATION:

2'-9 1/2"x5'-4" (6/6) sash with splayed
casings in main. Wings: 2'-4"x4'-7" and
2'-4"x5'-0" (6/6)

ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:

centerbay of East front, split leaf
(Dutch) door with fan light and side-
lights. Arched lintel with keystone.

NUMBER OF STORIES: 1 & 1/2

CELLAR: Yes
 No

CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:

- Stone Arch
 Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
 Other

FLOOR JOISTS: 3-1/2"x8"@25"-27" o.c.
in main. Wings are 6"x8"@30"-32" o.c.

FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT: 9'-4 1/2"
in main; so. wing: 7'-10"; no. wing: 8'

FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS: 20"

GARRET FLOOR JOISTS: 7"x9" @ 36"-46"
o.c. in no. wing

GARRET:

- Unfinished Space
 Finished Space

ROOF:

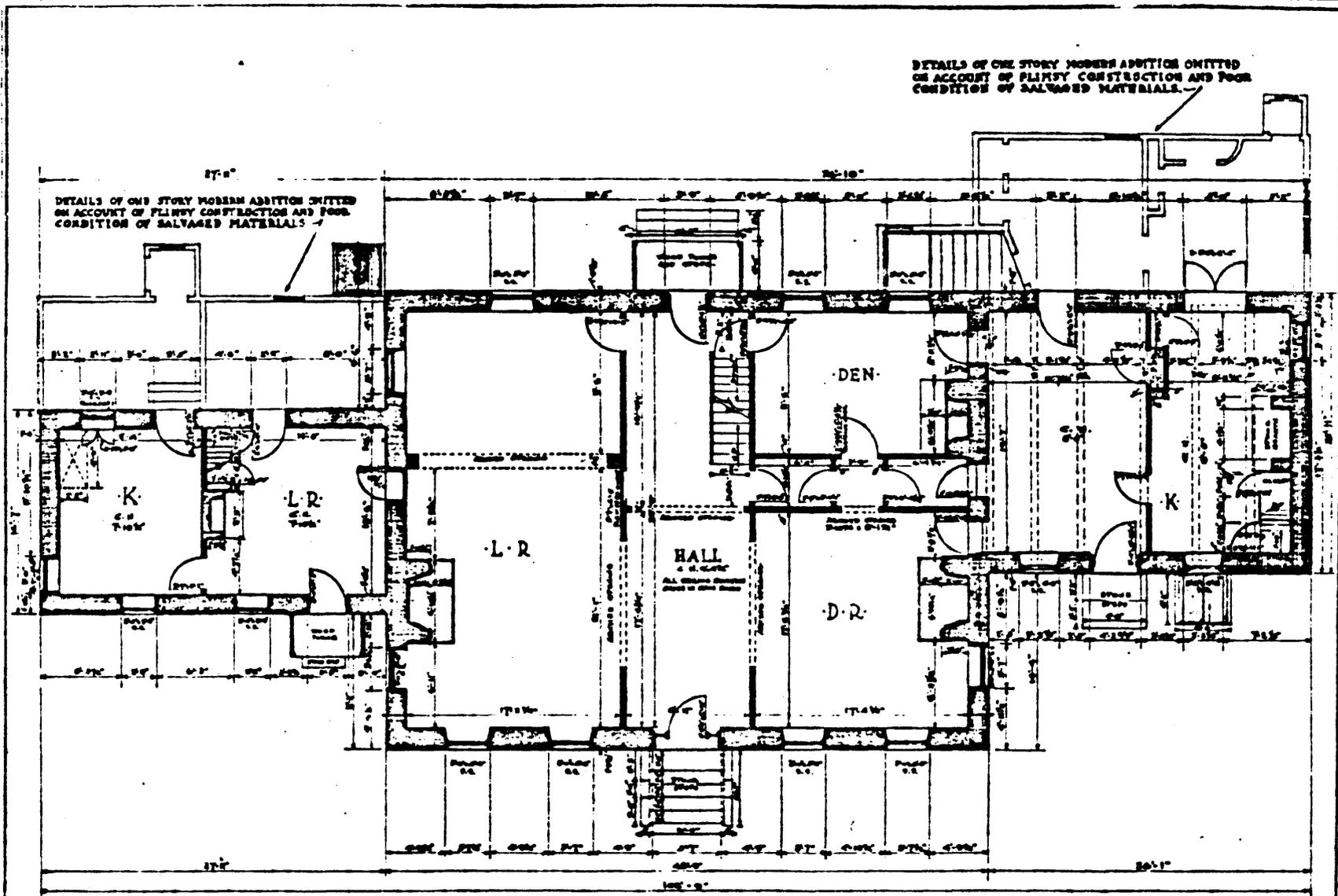
- Gable wings
 Gambrel main
 Curb
 Other

EAVE TREATMENT:

- Sweeping Overhang front-main
 Supported Overhang
 No Overhang wings
 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.

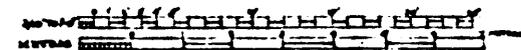




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· FIRST FLOOR PLAN ·



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· 249 POLIFLY ROAD · HACKENSACK · NEW JERSEY ·

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SURVEY NO. NJ-352

HISTORIC AMERICAN
BUILDINGS SURVEY
SHEET 6 OF 21 SHEETS

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The Hopper family is supposed to be of French descent. They went from France to Holland during the Huguenot [sic] persecution. The first Hopper, Andrew, came to America from Amsterdam as early as 1663 and settled in New Amsterdam. One of Andrew's children, William, went to Hackensack in 1686. He was followed by his two brothers Hendrick and Matthew the next year. Hendrick and Matthew purchased two farms extending from the Hackensack River to Saddle River, each built and settled on his farm.

The house of the [HABS] survey was apparently built upon the farm of Hendrick, for we find that in 1770 it was in the possession of Garret, the fifth son of Hendrick. We know that the farm was inherited by Jacob. However, the records are incomplete until we discovered the farm in the possession of John Hopper who built the present house.

The first house on the Hopper farm stood on the opposite side of the road; it was a brown sandstone structure, for we know in the building of the south wing some of the stones from the first Hopper House were used. This wing was for a long time the slaves' quarters.

The new house was built by John and his wife, Maria Terhune, in 1616-1618. It was built largely by slaves, as were many of the earlier houses, working under expert builders who were engaged for the construction.

The exterior is exceptional, especially the front which is built of dressed reddish brown sandstone laid up in Flemish bond. The house shows Georgian influence in its ornamental features. There is a full length hall with two large front rooms with hand carved mantels of classic designs. However, these rooms show the influence of the nineties with floral decorations. These mar the simplicity of the house.

(The above was quoted from HABS data sheet #NJ-352.)

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Block 113, Lot 1 - Hackensack Tax Map

2.86⁺ acres

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