

BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY  
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

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GENERAL

HISTORIC NAME: Nicholas Zabriskie 1778-1800  
 COMMON NAME: "Seven Chimneys"  
 LOCATION: 25 Chimney Ridge Road  
 (Lot 1, Block 3404)  
 MUNICIPALITY: Washington Township  
 OWNERSHIP:  Public  Private  
 OWNER/ADDRESS: Francis R. & Penny Burde

REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:  
 Erskine (1778-80) Nick S. Zabriskie  
 Hopkins-Corey (1861) B.Z. VanEmburgh  
 Walker's Atlas (1876) No Name  
 Bromley (1912)  
 Other  
 RECOGNITION:  
 National Register  BCHS Marker  
 HABS  Bailley  
 Other

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: S 35° W  
 IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:  
 Out kitchen  
 Other out buildings

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:  
 Residential  
 Commercial  
 Agricultural  
 Open Space  
 Other

COMMENTS:

USE  
THREATS TO STRUCTURE:

ORIGINAL: Residence  
 PRESENT: Residence

THREATS TO STRUCTURE:  
 Roads  
 Development  
 Zoning  
 Deterioration  
 Other  
 No Threat

COMMENTS: A neighbor has been trying to change the corner next door to commercial, so he can build a store.

CONDITION

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

This is an impressive house sitting high on a knoll and stretching about 96 feet across it. To the east is a small building that is said to have been built in 1725 and which may be the building that appears on the Erskine map. There is some Victorianization aside from the second story, but in general, it has been kept to the period.

PHOTO



MAP

USGS QUAD: Hackensack



**DESCRIPTION**

**CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:**

1812/Date stone: "N.Z. 1812", supported by architectural evidence.  
1 45-50/Owner

**BUILDER:**

Nicholas Zabriskie

**FORM/PLAN TYPE:**

"F" or "J" 5 bay, 2 rooms deep, center hall (42'6" x 32'8" plus wings)

**FRAMING SYSTEM:**

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

**EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:**

Well cut sandstone on front, rubble on ends and rear.

**FENESTRATION:**

6/6, 33" x 59", trapezoidal lintels.

**ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:**

Now rear center, but was south center, plain, 39" x 7'3".

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

**CELLAR:**  Yes  
 No

**CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:**

- Stone Arch
- Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
- Other

**FLOOR JOISTS:**

Approximately 5" x 6"

**FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:**

8'0 1/2"

**FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:**

Approximately 20"

**GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:**

**GARRET:**

- Unfinished Space
- Finished Space 2nd fl added.

**ROOF:**

- Gable
- Gambrel
- Curb
- Other

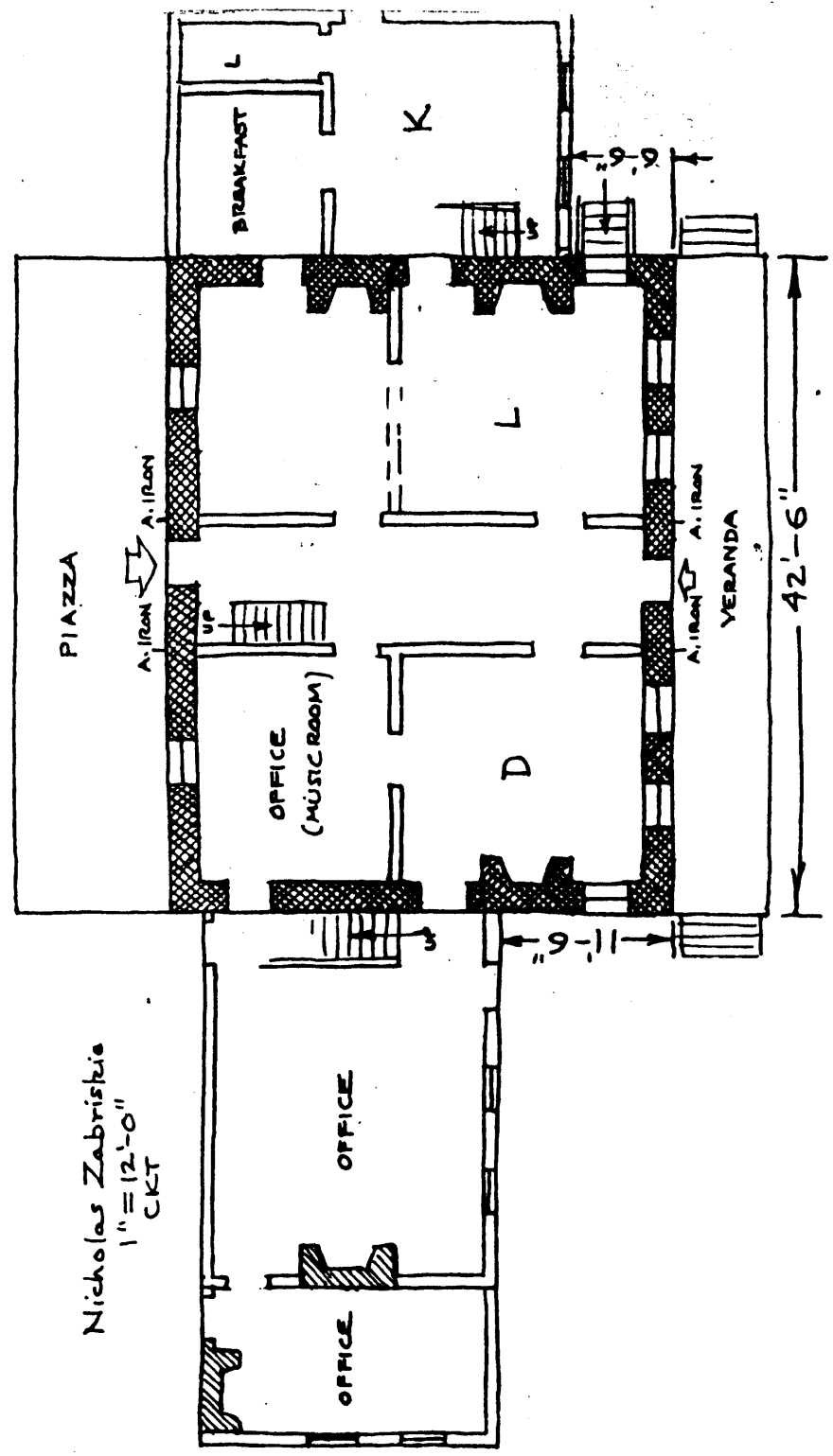
**EAVE TREATMENT:**

- 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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Nicholas Zabriskie  
1" = 12'-0"  
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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Block 3404, Lot 1 - Washington Twp. Tax Map

Less than 1 acre

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