

BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

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INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

GENERAL

HISTORIC NAME: Isaac Bogert House

COMMON NAME: Melody Farms

LOCATION: 640 Campgaw Road.
(Block 85, Lot 53)

MUNICIPALITY: Mahwah

OWNERSHIP: Public Private

OWNER/ADDRESS: Ralph & Norma Pickard
(same)

REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:

- Erskine (1778-80) Road not surveyed
- Hopkins-Correy (1861) H.V.I. Vanderhoef
- Walker's Atlas (1876) H. Vanderhoef
- Bromley (1912) H. Van Rolf (7)
- Other

RECOGNITION:

- National Register
- HABS
- Other
- BCHS Marker
- Balley

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: S 28° W

IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:
Carriage house

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

- Residential
- Commercial
- Agricultural
- Open Space
- Other

COMMENTS:

THREATS USE

ORIGINAL: Residence

PRESENT: Residence

THREATS TO STRUCTURE:

- Roads I-287 noise
- 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

The unusual layout of this house is its outstanding feature. It has earlier features and looks as if it were original. Unfortunately, the floor has been rebuilt (where it isn't on grade). It is understood that clapboards on the main wing can still be seen in the roof peak. The fireplaces have been moved from their original positions. Picture windows have been installed. The heavy beaded beams remain in the living room.

PHOTO



MAP



DESCRIPTION

CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:

1752-60/Bailey, supported by architectural evidence

NUMBER OF STORIES: 1-1/2

CELLAR: Yes
 No

BUILDER:

CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:

Stone Arch
 Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
 Other

FORM/PLAN TYPE:

Non-typical plan type

FLOOR JOISTS:

9-10" x 8", 34-36" between

FRAMING SYSTEM:

Intermediate Summer Beam
 Intermediate Bearing Wall
 Clear Span
 Other

FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:

8'0" clearance

FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:

Approximately 20"

GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:

7" x 8", 34-36" between

EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:

Stucco front and east wall on main, broken stone on wing.

GARRET:

Unfinished Space
 Finished Space

FENESTRATION:

6/6, 34-1/2" x 58" main, 12/8 in wing and rear of main.

ROOF:

Gable
 Gambrel
 Curb
 Other

ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:

Off center, plain w/ transom, wood tracery, door 6'3", casing 7'5"

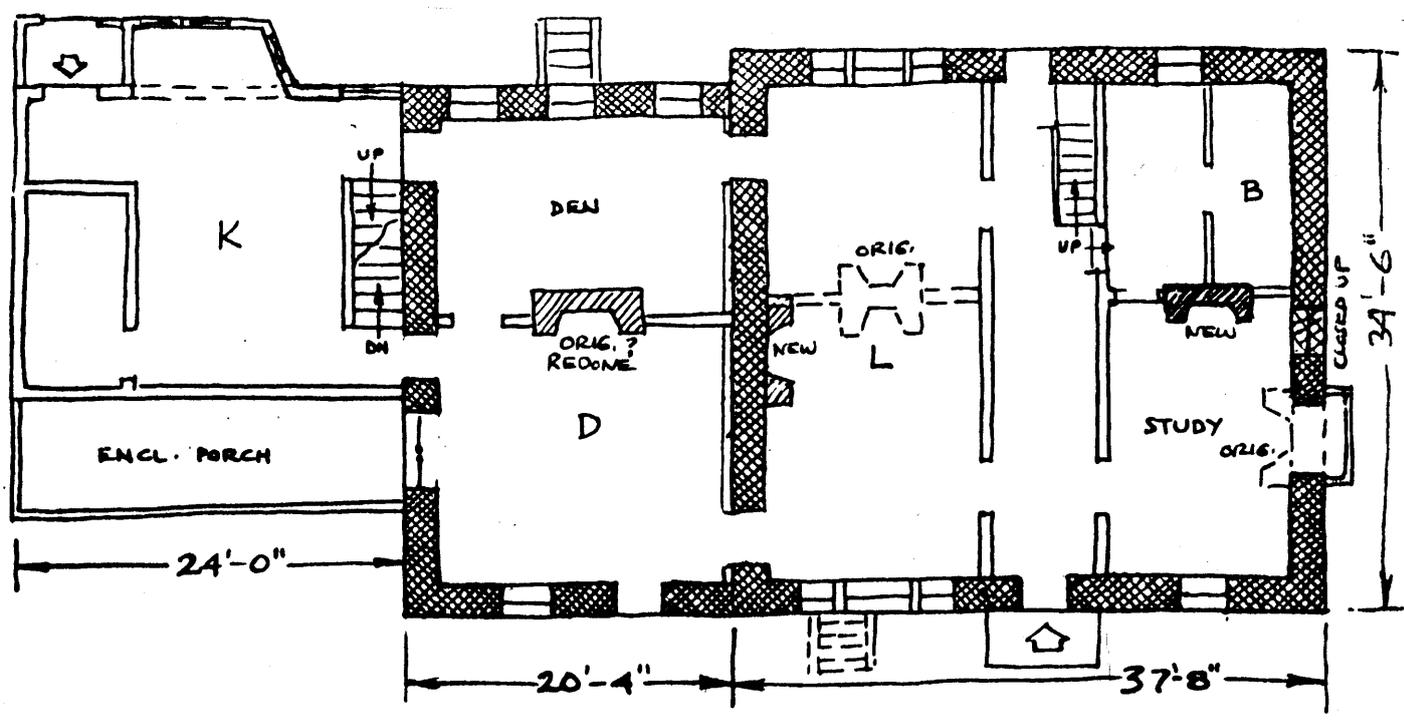
EAVE TREATMENT:

Sweeping Overhang appx. 55"
 Supported Overhang
 No Overhang
 Boxed Gutter
 Other

This house, while having been altered through the years, still retains a sufficient amount of its original fabric that it should be recognized and retained. We are therefore including it for its architectural significance, for its association with the exploration and settlement of the Bergen County area, and for its remaining historic fabric. 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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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Block 85, Lot 53 -
Mahwah Tax Map

7.14 acres

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Erskine did not survey this road during the Revolution, but the house was probably built shortly before the war; it is known as the Isaac Bogert homestead. On July 24, 1733 John Bogert bought some land in northwestern Bergen County which he divided equally between his brothers Stephen and Isaac Bogert. Before 1736 the latter exchanged the property for Peter Val Allen's lands at Campgaw. The land in northwestern Bergen County was subject to many land disputes and conflicting claims. Franconier, one of the original proprietors, sold to Vallesu and Stout in 1742, and 1752 they sold to Magdelene Vallesu, nee Franconier; she released her interest in the 42,000 acre tract for a deed from the New Jersey Proprietors for 900 acres at Campgaw, which she later sold to several settlers including Isaac Bogert. He came to this region in the Yaupough Valley about 1760, and built (probably on one of these tracts) the house later owned by Henry Vandenhoff in 1876. The last Bogert owner was an Isaac Bogert, probably a son or grandson of the builder. The present [then] owner, H. B. Mand, has remodelled the house into an attractive residence; the lines have not been altered but no clearly defined pre-revolutionary or post-revolutionary character remains. The house is in three sections; the oldest unit is in the center and is built of rough stone, has fairly low ceilings and old windows; the east wing is built of whitewashed stone; the west wing is modern; all sections are covered by broad gable roofs. The house stands on the south end of Darlington Road on its east side, near the intersection with Pulis Avenue, which leads to Campgaw village over a mile to the south.

(The above is quoted from Rosalie Fellows Bailey's Pre-Revolutionary Dutch Houses and Families in Northern New Jersey and Southern New York. New York: Dover Publications, Inc., 1968.)

