

BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

(11)

GENERAL

HISTORIC NAME: William De Clark *Hanna*
(deBerque)
 COMMON NAME: Brelsacher Farms
 LOCATION: 145 Piermont Road
(Block 229, Lot 3)
 MUNICIPALITY: Closter
 OWNERSHIP: Public Private
 OWNER/ADDRESS: James W. Morley
(same)

REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:
 Erskine (1778-80)
 Hopkins-Corey (1861) Auryassen
 Walker's Atlas (1876) I.S. Romans
 Bromley (1912) W.W. Phelps Est.
 Other
 RECOGNITION:
 National Register BCHS Marker
 HABS #6-364 Bailey
 Other NJ Inventory

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: 825°W
 IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:

New frame garage
 SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
 Residential
 Commercial
 Agricultural
 Open Space
 Other
 COMMENTS:

THREATS TO USE

ORIGINAL: Residence
 PRESENT:

 THREATS TO STRUCTURE:
 Roads
 Development
 Zoning
 Deterioration
 Other
 No Threat, foreseeable
 COMMENTS:

CONDITION

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

House is being slowly restored.
 Dining room fireplace has been
 reopened. Veranda has been removed.

PHOTO



MAP



DESCRIPTION

CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:
c.1810/Habs

NUMBER OF STORIES: 1-1/2
CELLAR: Yes
 No

BUILDER: William deClark(deClerque)

CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:
 Stone Arch
 Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
 Other

FORM/PLAN TYPE: "F", 5 bay, center hall with 2 front rooms and narrow rooms to rear. 42'-0"x32'-2". with kitchen wing to east (only one stone wall)

FLOOR JOISTS: 6-7"x9&1/2-10" dp., 30-36"o.c. in main; 6"x8", 24-34"o.c.wing

FRAMING SYSTEM:
 Intermediate Summer Beam main
 Intermediate Bearing Wall
 Clear Span wing
 Other

FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT: 7'-11" main; 7'-10" wing
FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS: 20"

EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:
well dressed sandstone on south front, coursed sandstone on other sides. Stone wall of wing is uncoursed sandstone, clapboard on other sides.

GARRET FLOOR JOISTS: concealed in main 7"x11" in wing

FENESTRATION:
3'-0"x5'-1" (6/6) sash with trapazoidal lintels on front

GARRET:
 Unfinished Space
 Finished Space

ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:
center bay of south front. modern panelled front door (3'-1"x7'-3-1/2")

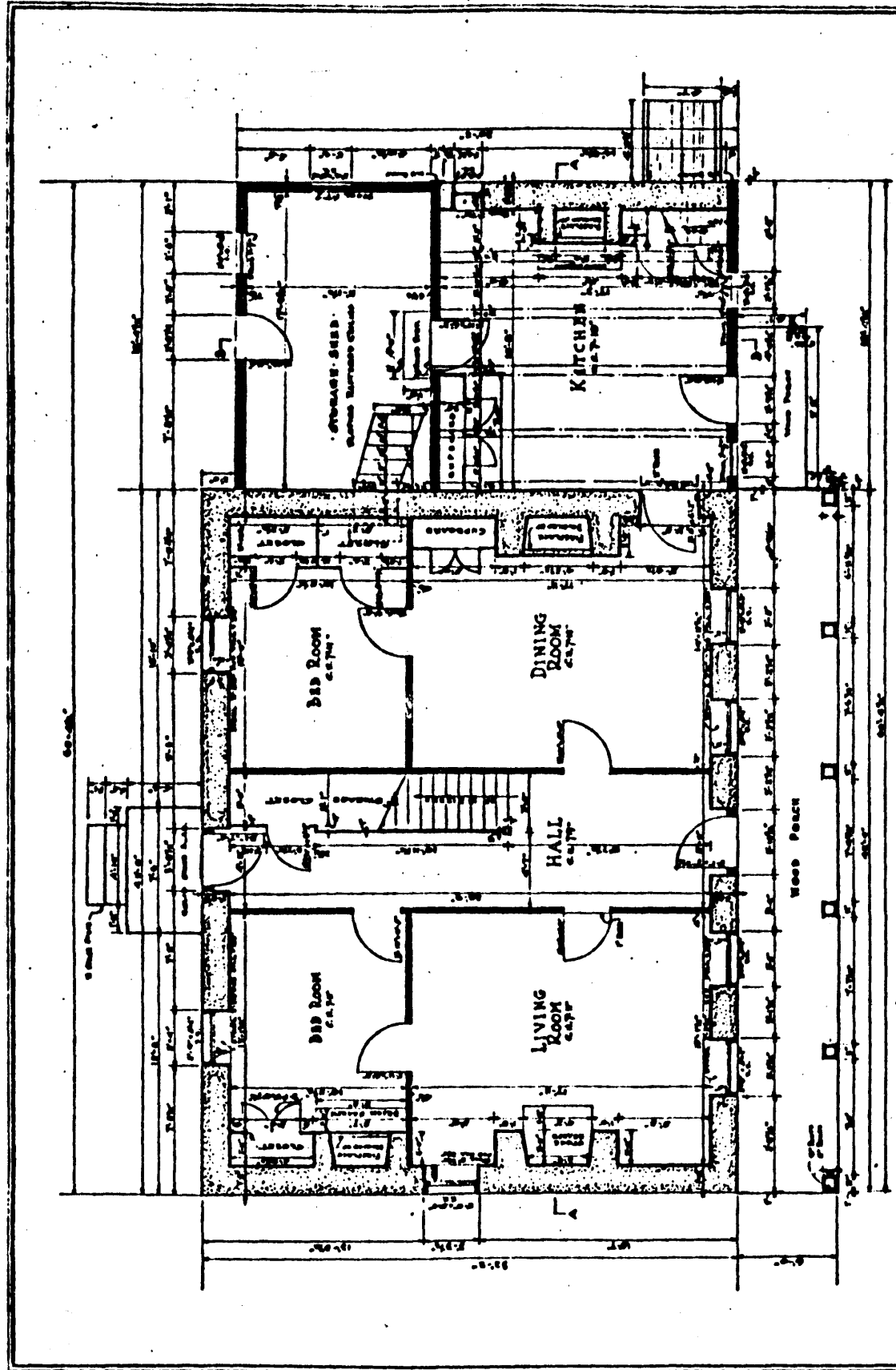
ROOF:
 Gable
 Gambrel
 Curb
 Other

EAVE TREATMENT:
 Sweeping Overhang rear
 Supported Overhang removed
 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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FIRST FLOOR PLAN

NOTE -
ALL EXTERIOR PLANK WALLS AND INTERIOR PARTITION
WALLS AND PARTIAL WALL PARTS ARE AN AVERAGE OF 7 INCHES
THICK. INTERIOR WALLS FILLED WITH INSULATION OF 100 LBS PER CU FT.
EXTERIOR WALLS MADE PLASTERED WITH SAND MATERIAL.



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[This house] stands on the northern part of the 1030 acre purchase of April 25, 1710 by Barent and Resolvert Nagel from the patentee Symes. The Naugles settled and built on this tract. Sarah Naugle, daughter of William J. and granddaughter of John J. Nagel, was born April 4, 1749, possibly in the latter's house built by her great-grandfather Barent Nagel (see plate 97). On Sept. 26, 1766 she married Daniel De Clark (or De Klerck), b. May 3, 1748, d. Dec. 27, 1834; she had died before him (Jan. 28, 1810) and both are buried in the family cemetery on the Naugle tract. The De Clarks came from Old Tappan (plate 48), and Sarah removed to her husband's home in Rockland County where the children were born.

Their son William (or Billy) De Clark, b. April 11, 1781 at Clarks-town, probably received some of the Naugle tract from his mother or her relatives, as he returned to New Jersey and built here. He married Eliza Haring, b. Nov. 17, 1780, d. March 27, 1829. They had a son Daniel W. (1807-1849) and an older daughter who married Jacob Outwater about 1819. The Outwaters lived with her father, had a son born here about 1820, and built the frame kitchen wing about this time; they later sold the place. In 1867 the farm was bought by Capt. Elisha Ruckman, a retired ship-builder; he removed to Tappan in 1875. It became a part of the W. W. Phelps stock farm, and for... thirty years [was] owned by Mrs. Marie Breisacher.

(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.)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Block 229, Lot 3 - Closter Tax Map

Less than 1 acre

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