

BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

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GENERAL 24

HISTORIC NAME: Daniel Demarest House

COMMON NAME:

LOCATION: 404 Washington Avenue
(Block 94B, Lot 27)

MUNICIPALITY: Dumont

OWNERSHIP: Public Private
OWNER/ADDRESS: G. P. Darrow, Jr.
(same)

REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:

- Erskine (1778-80) not shown
 - Hopkins-Corey (1861) ~~Map~~ S. P. Demarest
 - Walker's Atlas (1876) Jas. Tyson
 - Bromley (1912) C. O. Foster
 - Other
- RECOGNITION:
- National Register BCHS Marker
 - HABS NJ-657 Bailey
 - Other NJ Inventory

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: S10°W
IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

- Residential
- Commercial
- Agricultural
- Open Space
- Other

COMMENTS:

THREATS USE

ORIGINAL: Residence
PRESENT: //

THREATS TO STRUCTURE:

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

COMMENTS:

CONDITION

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- Excellent Good
- Fair Deteriorated

STATUS:

- Occupied
- Unoccupied
- Work in Progress

ACCESSIBLE:

- Yes, Restricted
- Yes, Unrestricted
- No

This is a fine house and it is furnished in an authentic manner. The dining room fireplace has been removed and a bath as a hall have been added to the northwest room. The datestone is high in the northeast corner wall and was salvaged from an earlier house.

PHOTO



MAP

USGS QUAD: Yonkers



DESCRIPTION

CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE: c. 1810
1724/ inscribed datestone
restored c. 1850 after fire/HABS

Federal/Architectural evidence
BUILDER: Probably James P. Demarest ; re-
stored by Abraham G. Demarest (1819-1889)

FORM/PLAN TYPE: 5 bay, center hall, 2
rooms deep, fireplaces in front 2 rooms
only (modified "F") (35'5" x 29'4").
Frame wing to west.

FRAMING SYSTEM:

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

EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:

Red sandstone sides and rear w/ brick
front
Flemish bond.
Sandstone quoins @ brick front.

FENESTRATION:

3'3" x 5'7" M.O. (6/6) sash.

ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:

South front, middle bay.
2'10" x 6'2" paneled door w/ transom,
7'2" total height.

NUMBER OF STORIES: 1-1/2

CELLAR: Yes
 No

CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:

- Stone Arch
- Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
- Other

FLOOR JOISTS:

3-1/2" x 9" @ 26" o.c.

FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:

8' 1-3/4"

FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:

1'7" @ stone; 1'1 1/2" @ brick.

GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:

3" x 9" @ 26" o.c.

GARRET:

- Unfinished Space
- Finished Space

ROOF:

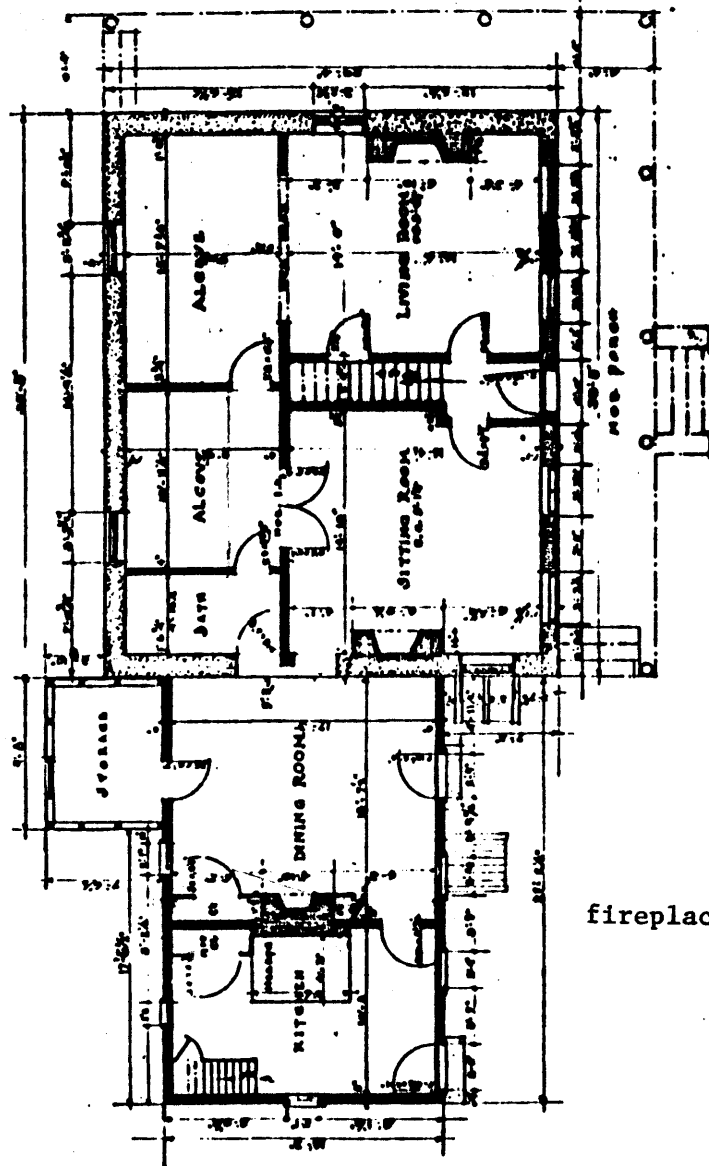
- Gable
- Gambrel
- Curb
- Other

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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FIRST STORY

fireplace gone

LEGEND

- STONE
- BRICK
- WOOD

Scale: 1/8" = 1'-0"
 FIFTEEN FEET
 FOUR METERS

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THE DANIEL DEMAREST HOUSE
 404 WASHINGTON AVENUE, BOROUGH OF DUMONT, NEW JERSEY

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Daniel D. Demarest married Rebecca De Groot in 1707. Their old homestead was inherited by youngest son Daniel, Jr. and was devised by him to his only son Garret in 1802. In March, 1808 he sold it and 118 1/2 acres to his father's cousin Peter J. Demarest who died two months later. The farm went to his son James and daughter Mary, wife of Nicholas Kipp. This James P. Demarest bought most of his sister's share [and probably built this house - CKT]. He died in 1852 and the farm went to his son Peter J. Demarest who died in 1856 and his widow and heirs sold it to Abraham G. Demarest. He sold it in 1869 with 64.57 acres to Susan A. Tyson, wife of John Tyson, a real estate developer. Demarest regained title in 1888 through foreclosure and died the next year. In April, 1891 his heirs sold the house and 51 acres to John W. and Charles O. Foster. Other owners followed in this century until the Darrows bought it from "Dumont Heritage."

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Block 74B, Lot 27 - Dumont Tax Map

Less than 1 acre

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