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BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

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GENERAL

HISTORIC NAME: Demarest House

COMMON NAME:

LOCATION: 84 Jefferson Avenue (Block 59, Lot 36)

MUNICIPALITY: Cresskill

OWNERSHIP: ☐ Public ■ Private

OWNER/ADDRESS: William Brucato (same)

REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:

- ☐ Erskine (1778-80)
- ■ Hopkins-Corey (1861) Geo.Demarest
- ■ Walker's Atlas (1876) Edmund Unkart
- ■ Bromley (1912) No name.
- ☐ Other

RECOGNITION:

- ☐ National Register
- ☐ HABS
- ☐ Other
- ☐ BCHS Marker
- ☐ Bailey

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: S 5° W

IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:

old frame garage

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

- ■ Residential
- ☐ Commercial
- ☐ Agricultural
- ☐ Open Space
- ☐ Other

COMMENTS:

USE

ORIGINAL: Residence

PRESENT: Residence

THREATS

THREATS TO STRUCTURE:

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

COMMENTS:

CONDITION

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- ☐ Excellent
- ■ Fair
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Deteriorated

STATUS:

- ■ Occupied
- ☐ Unoccupied
- ☐ Work in Progress

ACCESSIBLE:

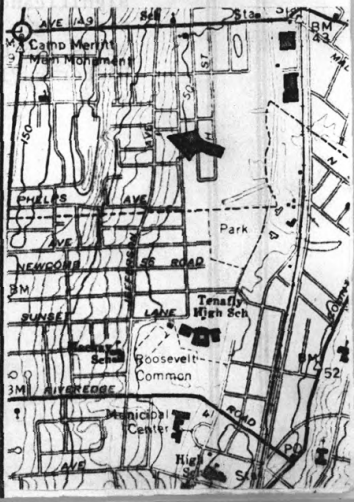
- ☐ Yes, Restricted
- ☐ Yes, Unrestricted
- ☐ No

This house has Victorian features. The fireplace has been removed and a second story has been added.

PHOTO

MAP

USGS QUAD: Yonkers



DESCRIPTION

CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:
1793/Tradition

BUILDER:
Probably a Demarest

FORM/PLAN TYPE:
Similar to "C", 3 bay, 1 room deep, (28'4" x 18'0")

FRAMING SYSTEM:
- ☐ Intermediate Summer Beam
- ☐ Intermediate Bearing Wall
- ☐ Clear Span
- ☐ Other

EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:
Irregular sandstone blocks.

FENESTRATION:
Victorianized 31½" x 6'2"

ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:
3rd bay from left (easternmost), simple style

NUMBER OF STORIES: 2-1/2

CELLAR:
- ■ Yes
- ☐ No

CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:
- ☐ Stone Arch
- ☐ Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
- ☐ Other

FLOOR JOISTS:

FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:

FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:

GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:

GARRET: second floor
- ☐ Unfinished Space
- ☐ Finished Space

ROOF: raised or rebuilt
- ■ Gable
- ☐ Gambrel
  - ☐ Curb
- ☐ Other

EAVE TREATMENT:
- ☐ Sweeping Overhang
- ☐ Supported Overhang
- ☐ No Overhang
- ☐ Boxed Gutter
- ☐ Other

This house is locally known as the Atwood House, since Arthur and Daniel Atwood lived here. The latter was an architect and the grandfather of the present owner, Mr. Brucato.

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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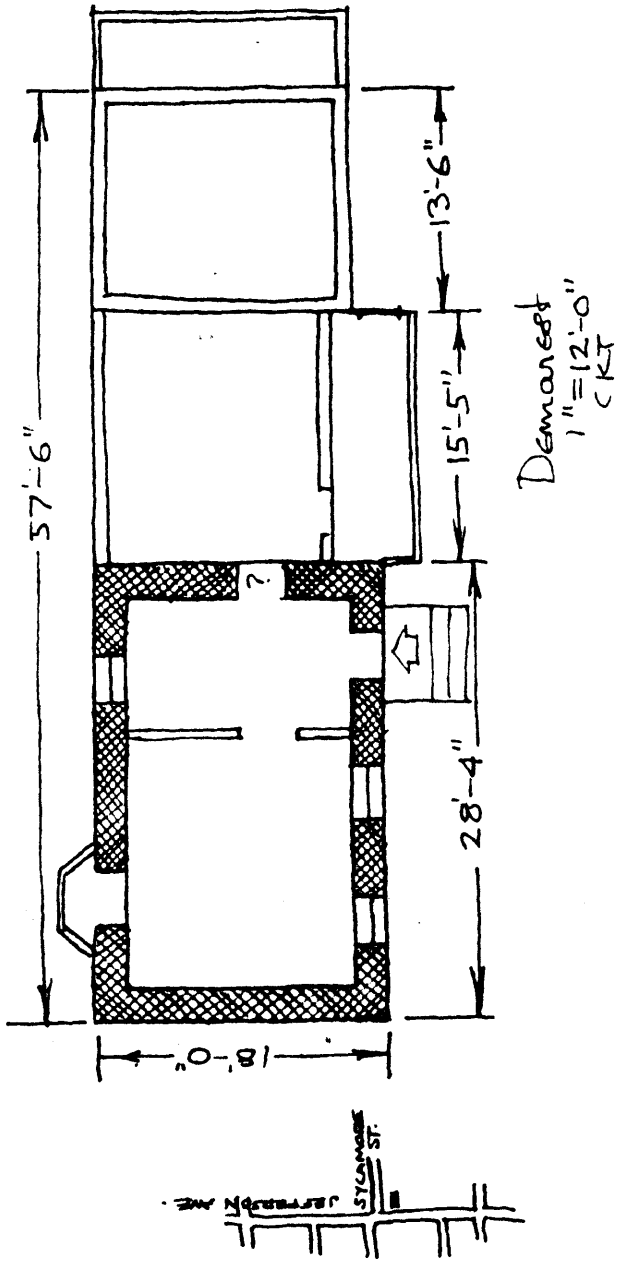
FLOOR PLANS



BACKGROUND INFORMATION

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Block 59, Lot 36 - Cresskill Tax Map

Less than 1 acre

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