

# BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

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GENERAL

HISTORIC NAME: Nicholas Haring House

COMMON NAME:

LOCATION: Piermont Road  
(Block 5, Lot 3)

MUNICIPALITY: Rockleigh

OWNERSHIP:  Public  Private

OWNER/ADDRESS: Mr. & Mrs. Heslin

REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:

Erskine (1778-80)

Hopkins-Corey (1861) N. Haring

Walker's Atlas (1876) Nich. Haring

Bromley (1912) Alan H. Lexon

Other

RECOGNITION:

National Register  BCMS Marker

HABS # 6-169  Bailey

Other N.J. Inventory

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: S 20° W

IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:  
Dutch barn (1806)  
Old kitchen wing (faces east)

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

CONDITION:

Excellent  Good

Fair  Deteriorated

STATUS:

Occupied

Unoccupied

Work in Progress

ACCESSIBLE:

Yes, Restricted

Yes, Unrestricted

No

This house is extremely well preserved and cared for with few modern intrusions.

PHOTO



MAP



**DESCRIPTION**

**CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:**

1 05/HABS (kitchen wing may be early 18th century)

**BUILDER:** Nicholas Haring

**FORM/PLAN TYPE:** Main "H", 3 bay, side hall w/ 1 front room w. fireplace & 2 narrow back rooms (30'0" x 32'0"). West wing: "C", 3 bay, side door (22'6" x 20'0"). Old kitchen: "B", one room (15'10" x 17'2"). Other frame wings.

**FRAMING SYSTEM:**

- Intermediate Summer Beam (Main)
- Intermediate Bearing Wall
- Clear Span (Wings)
- Other

**EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:** South, north & east walls are well coursed sandstone. West is roughly cut blocks w/ some chip coursing. Stone lintels in main & wing, brick lintels on front of main.

**FENESTRATION:**

3'0" x 5'1" sash (6/6) & 3'3" x 4'4" sash (9/6). 2'8" x 3'6" M.O. (6/6) in old kitchen.

**ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:** Main: east end bay of south front, split leaf panelled Dutch style door (2'11-3/4" x 6'4") w/ transom. Wing is modern panelled (2'9" x 6'6") in east end bay. Old kitchen has 2'7" x 6'6" split leaf batten door.

**NUMBER OF STORIES:** 1-1/2  
**CELLAR:**  Yes (Main only)  
 No

**CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:**

- Stone Arch
- Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
- Other

**FLOOR JOISTS:** 7-8" x 8 1/2-9 1/2" deep @ 30-34" o.c. & 3 1/2" x 8-3/4" deep randomly spaced in main.

**FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:**

**FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:** 21" in main & wing. 18 1/2" in old kitchen.

**GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:** Not exposed.

**GARRET:**

- Unfinished Space
- Finished Space

**ROOF:**

- Gable (Wings)
- Gambrel (Main)
- Curb
- Other

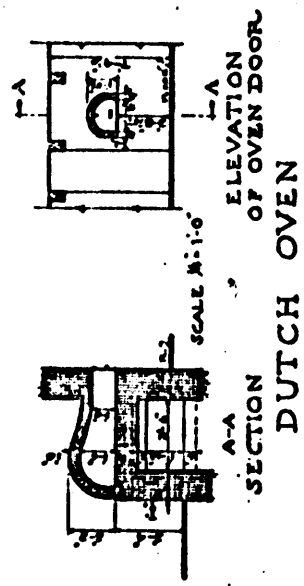
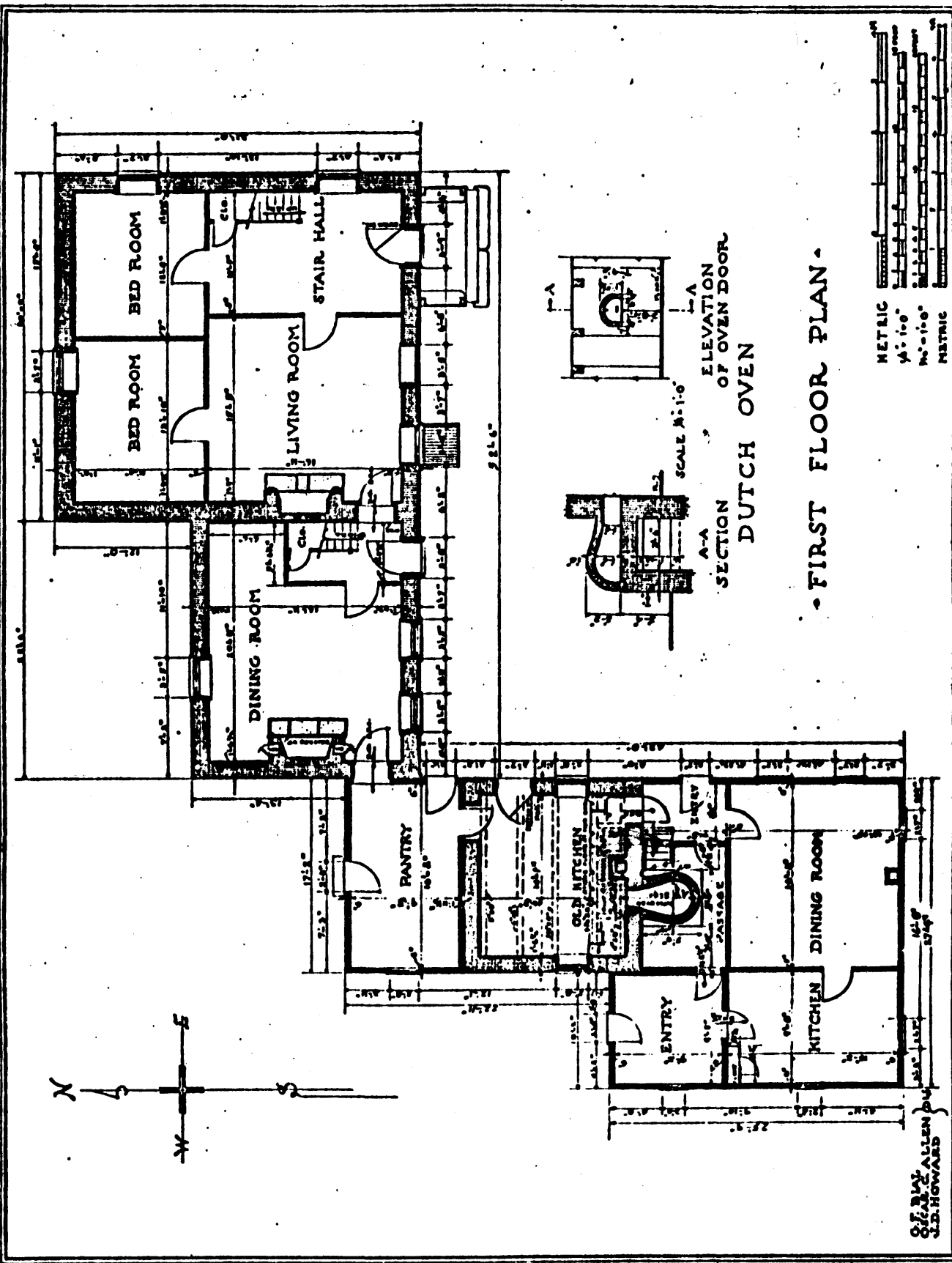
**EAVE TREATMENT:**

- Sweeping Overhang
- Supported Overhang
- No Overhang (Old kitchen)
- Boxed Gutter
- Other

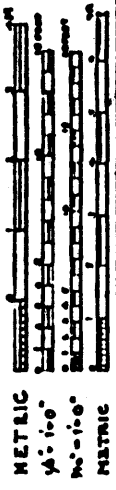
This house is significant for its architecture and its association with the exploration and settlement of the Bergen County, New Jersey area. It is a reasonably well preserved example of the Form/Plan Type as shown and more fully described herein. As such, it is included in the Thematic Nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for the Early Stone Houses of Bergen County, New Jersey.

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• FIRST FLOOR PLAN •



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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

The sheepskin deed now [?] in the possession of Mrs. Duke [the owner at the time of the HABS], who is a Haring descendant, indicates that Abram Haring came into the possession of the property upon which this house was erected through the payment of five shillings current money of New York. The variation in spelling is due to the fact that some of the descendants of the old Haring family changed the spelling to Herring. The first of the Haring family came to America in 1660.

The old Herring house built in 1758 is still [~~is~~] standing to the north of this structure.

Bibliography:

Harvey, C.B. Genealogical History of Hudson and Bergen Counties New York, Genealogical Publishing Company, 1900

Dunlop, Wallace, local historian

Field Book and Drawings of Survey

(The above, except for our comments [bracketed], is quoted from Historic American Buildings Survey [HABS] #6-169 .)

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Block 5, Lot 3 - Rockleigh Tax Map

1.99 acres

U.T.M.:

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