

6.6 BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY  
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

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GENERAL

HISTORIC NAME: John P. Durie House  
COMMON NAME:  
LOCATION: 265 Schraalenburgh Road  
(Block 161, Lot 1)  
MUNICIPALITY: Haworth  
OWNERSHIP:  Public  Private  
OWNER/ADDRESS: Robert E. Klie  
(same)

REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:  
 Erskine (1778-80)  
 Hopkins-Corey (1861) J. Ackerman, Jr.  
 Walker's Atlas (1876) Jno. Ackerman  
 Bromley (1912) C.B. Oren  
 Other  
RECOGNITION:  
 National Register  BCHS Marker  
 HABS  Bailey  
 Other

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: S 15° W  
IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:  
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

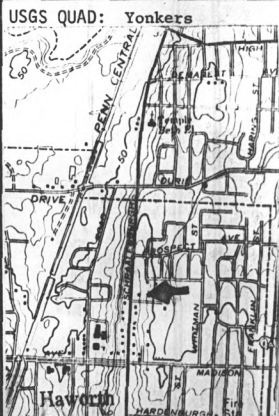
CONDITION:  
 Excellent  Good  
 Fair  Deteriorated  
STATUS:  
 Occupied  
 Unoccupied  
 Work in Progress  
ACCESSIBLE:  
 Yes, Restricted  
 Yes, Unrestricted  
 No

This is a handsome and commodious house with a broad gambrel and veranda. It has a large frame kitchen wing with a shed that covered a bee hive oven (only the opening remains). The dormers on the main house are large but not offensive.

PHOTO



MAP



**DESCRIPTION**

**CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:**  
c. 1790/Architectural evidence

**BUILDER:**  
a Durie

**FORM/PLAN TYPE:**  
"H" 3 bay, 2 rooms deep (31'0" x 34'0" deep).

**FRAMING SYSTEM:**  
 Intermediate Summer Beam  
 Intermediate Bearing Wall  
 Clear Span  
 Other

**EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:**  
Evenly cut, rough dressed sandstone.

**FENESTRATION:**  
35-1/2" x 56" (1/1), trapezoidal lintels.

**ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:**  
Westernmost bay of facade. Not original.

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

**CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:** Cemented  
 Stone Arch  
 Brick Arch, Stone Foundation  
 Other

**FLOOR JOISTS:**  
5 1/2-6" x 9", 32-42" between

**FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:**  
8'0"

**FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:**  
approximately 21"

**GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:**  
6" wide, beaded, 41" between

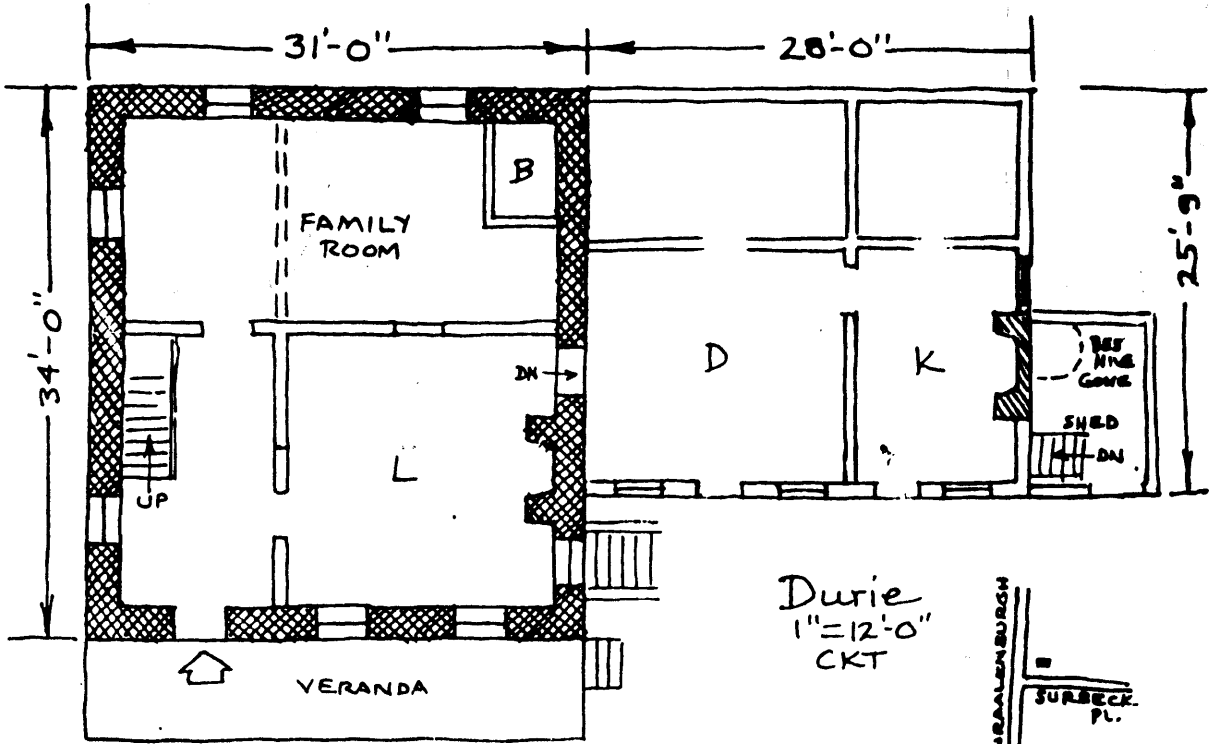
**GARRET:**  
 Unfinished Space  
 Finished Space

**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.

FLOOR PLANS



This house stands on 107 acres bought by John Durie on April 11, 1721 from Jury Morris. He left it to his grandson John P. Durie (by a February 16, 1773 will), who married Maria Demarest on April 25, 1773. He was taxed in September of 1779 for 150 acres, animals and a tenant house. He may have built this house, but the site on the Erskine map seems to be slightly south of this house, which may even have been built by Uncle David Durie who purchased 115-3/4 acres from him on May 5, 1796. He devised the property by will (1805-1809) to his son John D. Durie and the latter to his grandson John Ackerman, Jr. (1819-1905) in 1842. The latter had married Mary Westervelt and their daughter Cora Bell married J. C. Oren and inherited the house. John Ackerman built the frame wing about 1854.

(Source: Howard I. Durie)

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Block 161, Lot 1 - Haworth Tax Map

Less than 1 acre

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