

# BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

## INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

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GENERAL

**HISTORIC NAME:** Zabriskie-Christie House

**COMMON NAME:**

**LOCATION:** 2 Colonial Court  
(Block 24, Lot-3)

**MUNICIPALITY:** Dumont

**OWNERSHIP:**  Public  Private

**OWNER/ADDRESS:** Joel & Jean Altshuler

REFERENCE

**MAP REFERENCES:**

Erskine (1778-80)

Hopkins-Corey (1861) C.S. Cooper

Walker's Atlas (1876) Peter I. Durie

Bromley (1912) A.J. Persina

Other

**RECOGNITION:**

National Register  BCHS Marker

HABS # 6-5  Bailey

Other N.J. Inventory

ENVIRONMENT

**HOUSE ORIENTATION:** S 15° W

**IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:**  
modern 2-car garage

**SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:**

- Residential
- Commercial
- Agricultural
- Open Space
- Other

**COMMENTS:** Quiet and secluded

TREATMENTS USE

**ORIGINAL:** Residence

**PRESENT:** Residence

**TREATMENTS 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

There are dormers on the front of the main and wing. A new fireplace replaces the original jamless in the wing, with an external chimney stack. Entrance is now from the north, but the south door was left and the entry was converted into a bathroom. A modern kitchen is in the back room.

PHOTO



MAP

USGS QUAD: Hackensack



**DESCRIPTION**

**CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:**

Kitchen wing: pre-Revolutionary;  
Main: pre-1816/HABS

**NUMBER OF STORIES:** 1-1/2

**CELLAR:**  Yes (Main)  
 No (Wing)

**BUILDER:**

**CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:**

Stone Arch  
 Brick Arch, Stone Foundation  
 Other

**FORM/PLAN TYPE:**

Main: "F" 45'2" x 30'9"  
Wing: "B" 18'1" x 18'3"

**FLOOR JOISTS:**

3 1/2-5" x 10-11", 25-30" apart.

**FRAMING SYSTEM:**

Intermediate Summer Beam (Main)  
 Intermediate Bearing Wall  
 Clear Span (Wing)  
 Other

**FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:**

8'0", main; 7'2", wing.

**FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:**

20-21", main; 16", wing.

**GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:**

4" x8", wing; not exposed in main.

**EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:** Main is well coursed red sandstone on front, rear and east and fieldstone rubble on west. Wing is well coursed sandstone on south front and east with chip coursing on north.

**GARRET:**

Unfinished Space  
 Finished Space

**FENESTRATION:**

2'8" x 5'2 1/2" sash (12/12) with wood trapezoidal lintels originally on front, and splayed casings.

**ROOF:**

Gable (Wing)  
 Gambrel (Main)  
 Curb  
 Other

**ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:**

Originally, center bay of south front. 3'0" x 6'5" split leaf Dutch style panelled door w/ transom.

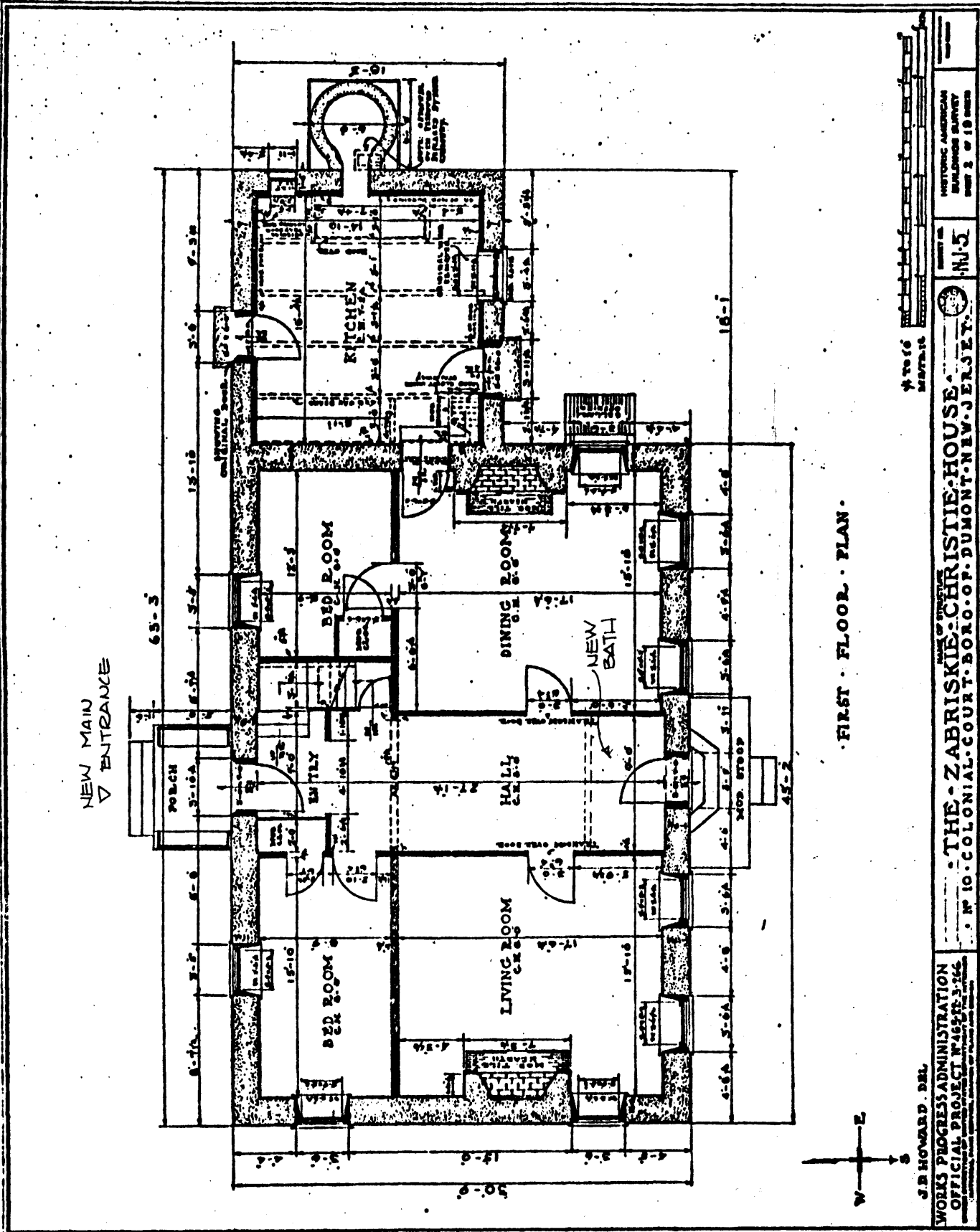
**EAVE TREATMENT:**

Sweeping Overhang (Main)  
 Supported Overhang  
 No Overhang (Wing)  
 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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THE ZABRISKIE-CHRISTIE HOUSE  
NO. 5  
N. 10. COLONIAL COURT, BORO. OF DUMONT, N.E.V. JERSEY.

HISTORIC AMERICAN  
BUILDINGS SURVEY  
PART 2 OF 18 SHEETS

This farm was settled in 1712, the date of the marriage of Joost Zabriskie and Christina Mable. At his death in 1756 their youngest son Albert inherited 243½ acres out of the farm, with the homestead and mills; the remainder (now in New Milford), was inherited by eldest son Casparus. Albert's property, confiscated in 1779, was purchased by Col. Isaac Nicoll who lived here from 1783-84 to 1796 when he moved to the portion on the Flatts in New Milford. Reserving the fulling mill to be used as the first schoolhouse planned in 1794, he sold 100 acres to Thomas Lawrence in April, 1796, who sold 20 acres to John Meyers. In November, 1797, Lawrence sold 80 acres with the homestead and one mill to John W. Christie. In April, 1816, the Christie heirs sold to Nicholas Kipp, son of Col. Isaac Kipp. The Kipps lived here until they moved to River Edge in February, 1856 when they sold to Cornelius S. Cooper. He sold 60 acres with the homestead and mill to William H. Melick in November, 1864. The following March, Melick sold 12 acres with the buildings to Peter J. Durie, Sexton of North Church. The acreage remained the same during the ownership of Samuel H. VanDerbeek, 1883-5; Agnes Kennedy, 1885-1908; Wilhelmina and August Persina, 1908-12; Sara and William Mountford, 1912-17; Wilhelmina Persina, 1912-22. In March, 1922, Mrs. Persina sold the homestead with "one acre more or less" to Louis and Elizabeth Dinesen. In August, 1933, the homestead at No. 2 Colonial Court was purchased by the author.

(The above is quoted from H. Jeanne Altshuler's Dumont Heritage: Old Schraalenburgh, New Jersey. The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Dumont, New Jersey, 1969.)

On June 10, 1779 the three commissioners of Bergen County handling forfeited property sold to Isaac Nichols a tract of land that had belonged to Albert Zabriskie of Schraalenburg (now Dumont), then part of the township of Hackensack. Zabriskie was charged with having joined the army of [the] King of Great Britain in December 1770. The property contained two hundred forty-three and one-half acres with houses, stables, barns, and the like. The consideration was forty-seven hundred and thirty-four pounds. Since one wing of the present house is definitely pre-Revolutionary, it has been assumed that it was probably built by Zabriskie. Nichols was apparently from the number of holdings on record a land speculator. He sold to one Thomas Lawrence on April 18, 1796 a plot of one hundred acres for twentieth-five hundred pounds; this plot contained the site of the house. Lawrence sold the following year to John W. Christie. Just when Christie died we do not know, but on April 4, 1816 his widow and heirs sold to Nicholas Kipp for ten thousand and fifty dollars the homestead farm of John W. Christie. Therefore, the main part of the house was built before 1816...

Nicholas Kipp held possession until 1857 when he sold to Cornelius S. Cooper. From that time until 1923 nine transfers are recorded. The [then] present owner [Mrs. McCann] purchased it that year from the Franklin Society for Home Building and Savings.

(The above is quoted from Historic American Building Survey [HABS] #6-5.)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Block 24, Lot 3  
less than 1 acre

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