

BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

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GENERAL

HISTORIC NAME: Romine - Van Voorhis House

COMMON NAME:

LOCATION: 306 Maywood Avenue
(Block 177, Lot 3)

MUNICIPALITY: Maywood

OWNERSHIP: Public Private

OWNER/ADDRESS: Dr. S. D. Machlin
(same)
(24 East Magnolia Ave.)

REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:

Erskine (1778-80)

Hopkins-Corey (1861) A. Voorhis

Walker's Atlas (1876) Andrew Voorhis

Bromley (1912) no name

Other

RECOGNITION:

National Register BCHS Marker

HABS NJ 667 Bailey

Other NJ Inventory

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: South 20°W

IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Residential

Commercial

Agricultural

Open Space

Other

COMMENTS:

THREATS TO USE

ORIGINAL: Residence

PRESENT: R

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

PHOTO



MAP



DESCRIPTION

CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:

wing: c.1780/HABS
main: c.1822-28/HABS
remodeled c. 1860/HABS

BUILDER: Main: Nicholas Romine
Wing: Henry Van Voorhis

FORM/PLAN TYPE:

Main: "I" 3 bay, side hall, 2 rooms deep
w/ fireplace in each room (29'2" x
35'1").
Wing (originally): 2 bay, 1 room (20'6"
x 18'9").

FRAMING SYSTEM:

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

EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:

Main: west end & south front coursed red
sandstone ashlar; east end & rear coursed
and undressed irregular rubble
Wing: undressed irregular rubble

FENESTRATION:

Main: 3'6" x 5'9" M.O. sash (6/6)
3'5" x 5'9" M.O. sash (6/6).
Wing: 3'7" x 5'9" M.O. sash (4/4).

ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:

East end bay 2'10" x 6'8" w/ transom,
7'10" total height. Original Dutch
door replaced.

Interior not accessible

NUMBER OF STORIES: Main 1½, wing 1 now 1½

CELLAR: Yes (Wing & Main)
 No

CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:

- Stone Arch
- Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
- Other

FLOOR JOISTS:

FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:

Main 8'10", wing 9'0½" (altered)

FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:

Main 1'6½", wing 1'6".

GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:

GARRET:

- Unfinished Space
- Finished Space (Both blocks)

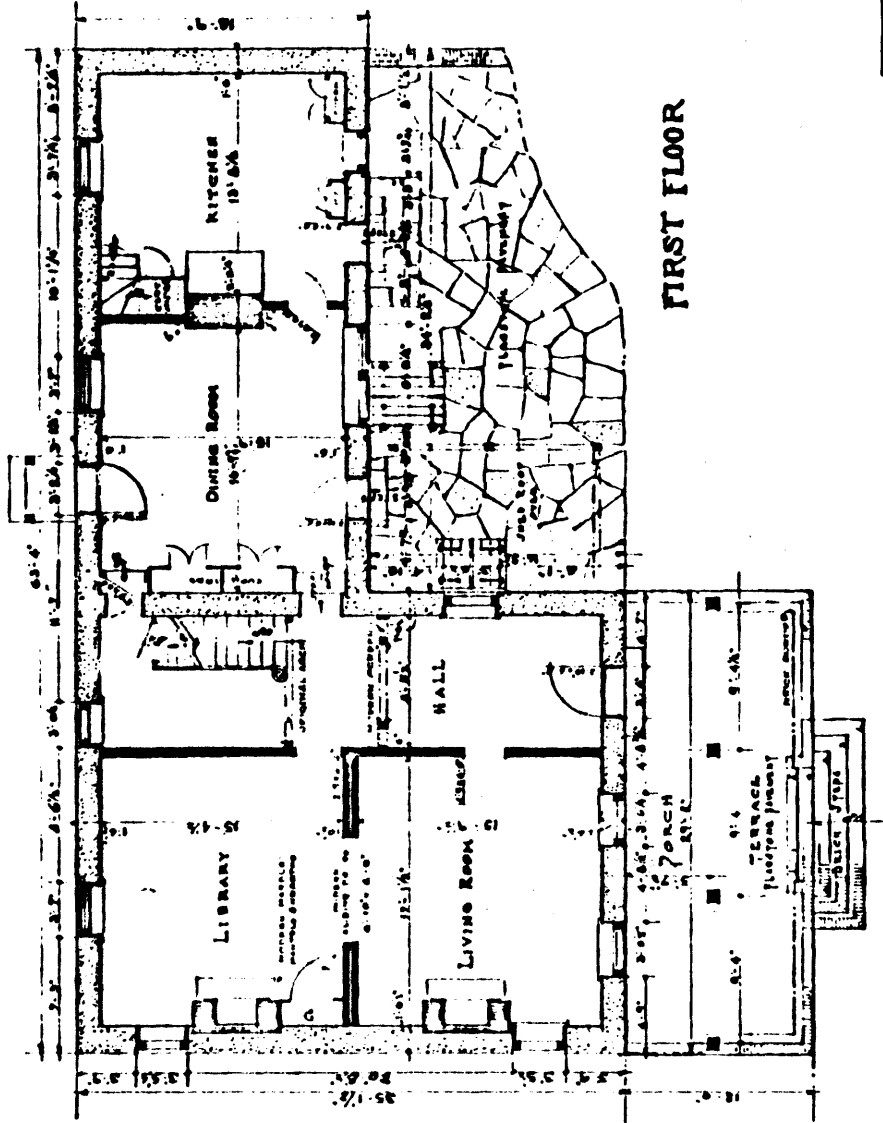
ROOF:

- Gable (Wing) (Altered)
- Gambrel (Main)
- Curb
- Other

EAVE TREATMENT:

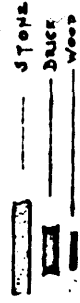
- Sweeping Overhang
- Supported Overhang (Main)
- No Overhang
- Boxed Gutter
- Other

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.



FIRST FLOOR

LEGEND



LOUIS E. DELL, DEL.

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
OFFICIAL PROJECT No. 68-4-22-52

NAME OF STRUCTURE
THE HENRY A. VAN VOORHIS HOUSE
306 MAYWOOD & MAGNOLIA AVES. BORO. OF MAYWOOD, NEW JERSEY.

SHEET NO.
NJ-667

HISTORIC AMERICAN
BUILDINGS SURVEY
SHEET 2 OF 15

By deed of 28 April 1810, Nicholas Romine and wife Sarah of the Precinct of New Barbadoes, Bergen County, conveyed to Lucas Van Saun of same place for \$4470.80 four tracts of land there, respectively of 40 3/4, 12, 21 3/4 and 13 1/4 acres. The first is described as bounded west by the road (now Maywood Avenue) leading north from the post road (now Essex [Street] and Terrace Avenues) which leads south to Pollifly [sic], northeast by the lands of Paulus Vanderbeck, Abraham Vanderbeck and said Lucas Van Saun, east by the Vall brook, and southwest by the land of John Romine. Apparently the small house now forming the west part of the remodelled minor wing was then existing on the lot.

The grantee, Lucas Van Saun and wife Lanny passed title to the latter's brother Henry A. Van Voorhis by their deed of 18 January 1822, the consideration money being \$5000, all the parties being described as of Bergen County. Henry Van Voorhis who thus came into possession conveyed to his brother Andrew A. Van Voorhis by deed dated 18 July 1828 an undivided half of all the tracts of land lying in the Townships of New Barbadoes and Saddle River, reciting the deed of 18 January 1822 abovesaid, and likewise of all the tracts conveyed to grantor by his father Albert A. Van Voorhis by deed of 10 April 1820, excepting such parts already conveyed by grantor.

Andrew A. Van Voorhis abovenamed, being of Midland Township conveyed to his only son John H. Voorhis of same place, by deed of 3 August 1876, among other lands, the "First tract, being whereon the dwelling house of the party of the first part is erected, standing and being, and begins at a point in the middle of the Public Road known as Maywood Avenue," containing some 50 acres, bounded northwest by Maywood Avenue, east by Dead Vall brook, and southwest by the railroad.

John H. Voorhis and wife Anna M., of Maywood village, Midland Township, sold the 50 acre part of the paternal farm and conveyed it by deed of 29 December 1887 to the Maywood Land and Improvement Company for \$15000. That corporation conveyed the same tract, with other land, to Henry Lindenmeyr and Gustav L. Jaeger on 25 March 1890. The last named conveyed his half interest back to the company on 15 January 1897, as likewise did the executors of Lindenmeyr's estate on the 20th next. The company then conveyed to Mary Elizabeth Stoddart of Maywood, by their deed of 22 March 1899, lot no. 5 in block no. 6 as the farm had been laid out, having a frontage of some 243 feet on the southwest side of Magnolia Avenue and 145 on the southeast side of Maywood Avenue. This grantee, as Elizabeth P. Shape (formerly Mary Elizabeth wife of William L. Stoddart) with her husband Robert L. Shape of New York State, passed title to John G. Dentz and wife, of Maywood, by deed of 11 March 1922. Mr. Dentz, an architect [later] of New York City, [remained] as owner of the house at the time [of the HABS] survey thereof in July 1940 and it [was then] in the custody of the Hackensack Trust Company.

(The above is quoted from HABS data sheet #NJ-667.)

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Block 177, Lot 3 - Maywood Tax Map

Less than 1 acre

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