

BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

GENERAL

HISTORIC NAME: John Bartholf House

COMMON NAME: "Amberfields"

LOCATION: 1122 Ramapo Valley Road.

(Block 87, Lot 8-A)

MUNICIPALITY: Mahwah

OWNERSHIP: Public PrivateOWNER/ADDRESS: Dr. & Mrs. Donald Lord
Same

REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:

- Erskine (1778-80)
 Hopkins-Corey (1861) J. Bartholf
 Walker's Atlas (1876) Joan Bartholf
 Bronley (1912) Chapman

Other

RECOGNITION:

- National Register BCHS Marker
 HABS Bailey
 Other

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: S 30° E

IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:

23 Acres

Dutch barn (18th or early 19th C.)

Stall and other outbuildings

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

- Residential
 Commercial
 Agricultural
 Open Space
 Other

COMMENTS: Located in a residential area
with many surrounding farms. Audubon
Society property adjacent.

THREATS TO STRUCTURE

ORIGINAL: Residence

PRESENT: Residence

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

Although there are many modern additions and alterations, they have all been done tastefully and in keeping with the character of the house.

The wall separating the living room from the entry has been removed, but appears on an early sketch floor plan.

The north porch has been enclosed and a modern kitchen added. Dormers have been added and the Dutch stoep platform is now stone (Photos show wood).

PHOTO



MAP

USGS QUAD: Ramsey



DESCRIPTION

CONST UCTION DATE/SOURCE:

Very late 18th or early 19th century/
Architectural evidence.

BUILDER: John Bartholf

FORM/PLAN TYPE: "I"; 3 bay, side hall, 2 rooms deep, ea. with fireplace (30'2" x 37'3").
Early frame wing to west and later additions to north. Original summer kitchen to north.

FRAMING SYSTEM:

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

EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:

Front: Stucco with raised sandstone quoins.
All other walls are uncoursed rubble stone.

FENESTRATION:

Front: 3'9" x 6'2" M.O. (12/12)
Sides: 3'11" x 5'4" M.O. (12/8)
Trapezoidal lintels painted on stucco in front. Front windows have splayed casings.

ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE: West end bay of SE front. Door is 3'0" x 6'1" Dutch style panel door with leaded glass transom (1'1") above.

NUMBER OF STORIES: 1-1/2

CELLAR: Yes
 No

CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:

- Stone Arch
- Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
- Other

FLOOR JOISTS: 8-1/2" deep x 7" wide @ 25-26" apart with 25" floor boards.

FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT: 8'4"

FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS: 18-19"

GARRET FLOOR JOISTS: 3" x 8"

GARRET:

- Unfinished Space
- Finished Space

ROOF:

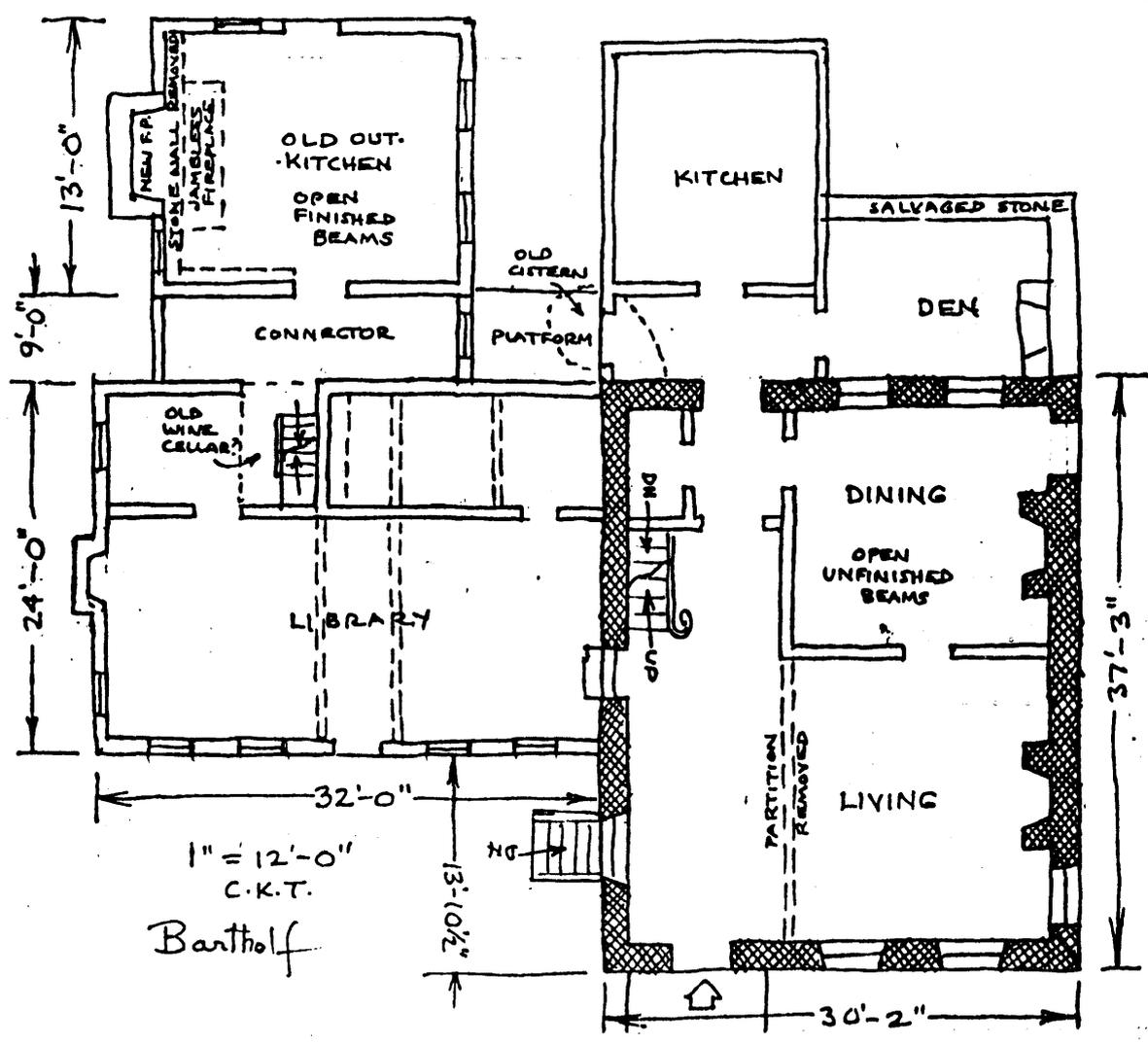
- Gable
- Gambrel
- Curb
- Other

EAVE TREATMENT:

- Sweeping Overhang Old photos
- Supported Overhang show a piazza on front
- No Overhang
- Boxed Gutter Has 4-5' overhang on front & 2-3' on rear.
- 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



Guilliam Bertholf, born in Sluys, Holland, baptized February 20, 1656, came to America in 1683 and moved to Hackensack in 1690. His son Hendrick, born April 6, 1686 at Bergen, married Merretje TerHuyt in 1707 and obtained a grant in 1730. Their son Stephanus Bertholf, baptized 1728, married Martyntje Mandeville and inherited a farm at Yawpo. His house was "about a mile and a half from Oakland". An old cemetery is near the site. Stephanus' son John S. Bertholf was born in 1760 and married Susannah Storms. He was a private in the Revolution for about nine months and is believed to have built this house. His daughter Elizabeth, born in 1791, married Peter Willis. Dr and Mrs. Charles Drake were previous owners. Thomas Christopher owned it prior to Dr. and Mrs. Lord.

The Bertholf family operated at least one mill, before the Revolution, near Darlington Avenue; this may account for the early use of sawn timber in the construction of the house. - CKY.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Block 87, Lot 8-A - Mahwah Tax Map

21.25 acres

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