

# BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

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GENERAL

HISTORIC NAME: Van Blarcom House  
 COMMON NAME: "Old Stone"  
 LOCATION: 131 Godwin Avenue  
 (Block 332, Lot 4) →  
 Wyckoff  
 MUNICIPALITY: Wyckoff  
 OWNERSHIP:  Public  Private  
 OWNER/ADDRESS: Eugene H. Neavling  
 (name)

REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:  
 Erskine (1778-80) Area not surveyed  
 Hopkins-Corey (1861) P. VanBlarcom  
 Walker's Atlas (1876) PeterVanBlarcom  
 Bromley (1912) No name  
 Other  
 RECOGNITION:  
 National Register  BCHS Marker  
 HABS  Bailey  
 Other

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: S 32° E  
 IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:  
 Frame garage  
 SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:  
 Residential  
 Commercial  
 Agricultural  
 Open Space  
 Other  
 COMMENTS:

THREATS USE

ORIGINAL: Residence  
 PRESENT: Residence  
 THREATS TO STRUCTURE:  
 Roads  
 Development  
 Zoning  
 Deterioration  
 Other  
 No Threat  
 COMMENTS:  
 Located right next to road.

CONDITION

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

This house has been altered; a partition was removed, a fireplace was removed, windows were relocated and changed, but the house still retains a primitive appearance. A two story frame wing has been added as well as a second floor to the stone section. In its earlier days it was a twin to the Terhune House next north.

PHOTO



MAP



**DESCRIPTION**

**CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:**

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

**CELLAR:**  Yes(Partial)  
 No

**BUILDER:**

**CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:** Gone

- Stone Arch
- Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
- Other

**FORM/PLAN TYPE:**

Basic at first, 1 room deep (original 18'0" x 18'0"). Now 5 bay (18'0" x 33'6")

**FLOOR JOISTS:**

Not exposed.

**FRAMING SYSTEM:**

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

**FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:**

7'9"

**FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:**

20"

**EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:**

Broken stone, rubble and brick around windows.

**GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:**

**GARRET:**

- Unfinished Space
- Finished Space

**FENESTRATION:**

6/6, 31" x 55-1/2", rectangular board lintels (may not be original).

**ROOF:**

- Gable
- Gambrel
- Curb
- Other

**ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:**

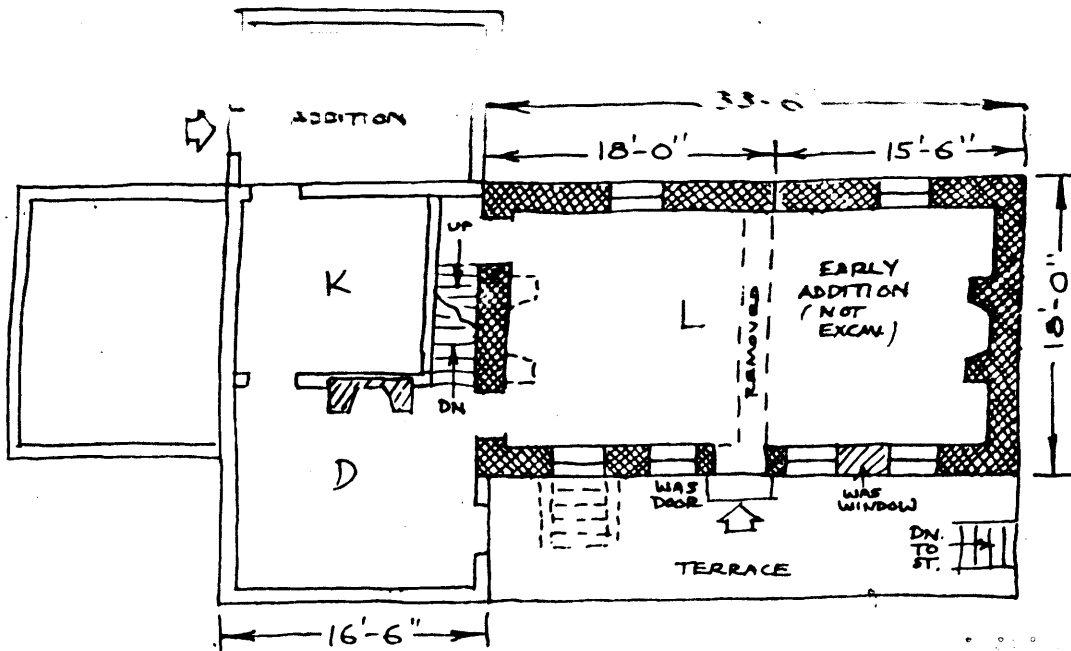
Center now, probably not original. 33" x 6'6-1/2". Door is a reproduction.

**EAVE TREATMENT:**

- Sweeping Overhang
- Supported Overhang
- No Overhang
- Boxed Gutter
- Other

This house, while having been altered through the years, still retains a sufficient amount of its original fabric that it should be recognized and retained. We are therefore including it for its architectural significance, for its association with the exploration and settlement of the Bergen County area, and for its remaining historic fabric. 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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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

This house is located on the early Ramapo Tract lot of Johannis Van Zile (146 acres) bought in 1745. A photograph in the possession of the Bergen County Historical Society identifies the house as that of "Stephen Terhune" (no date). - CKT.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Block 332, Lot 1 - Wyckoff Tax Map

Less than 1 acre

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