

19 BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

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GENERAL

HISTORIC NAME: John Meyerhoff House
 COMMON NAME: St. Joseph's Rectory
 LOCATION: 279 County Road,
 (Block 19, Lot 5)
 MUNICIPALITY: Demarest
 OWNERSHIP: Public Private
 OWNER/ADDRESS: St. Joseph's R.C. Church
 (same)

REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:
 Erskine (1778-80) Majr. Goetschius ?
 Hopkins-Corey (1861) Jno. Myerhoff
 Walker's Atlas (1876) Jon. Myerhoff
 Bromley (1912) D.R. Ketcham
 Other
 RECOGNITION:
 National Register BCHS Marker
 HABS Bailey
 Other

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: S 50° E
 IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
 Residential
 Commercial
 Agricultural
 Open Space
 Other

COMMENTS:

USE

ORIGINAL: Residence
 PRESENT: Residence and office

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

Little remains of what this house was originally. All signs of the fireplace are gone. The stonework has been redone around two French doors which are set into the front. The open beamed ceiling remains, but the beams have been painted and the old boards above have been painted.

PHOTO



MAP

USGS QUAD: Yonkers



DESCRIPTION

CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:
1723/Tradition

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

BUILDER:
Tradition says Westervelt
FORM/PLAN TYPE:
Fragmentary - possibly 2 bay, 1 1/2 rooms
deep, 18'3" x 21'0" deep

CHIMNEY FOUNDATION: Gone
 Stone Arch
 Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
 Other

FRAMING SYSTEM:
 Intermediate Summer Beam
 Intermediate Bearing Wall
 Clear Span (Now supported on girt)
 Other

FLOOR JOISTS:
5-7 1/2" x 7 1/2-10 1/2",
26-37" between
FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:
6'8" clearance
FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:
21"

EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:
Random sandstone blocks on front and
north side, rubble on rear.

GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:
6" x 8", 34-35" between
GARRET:
 Unfinished Space
 Finished Space

FENESTRATION:
Front windows have been changed to French
doors.

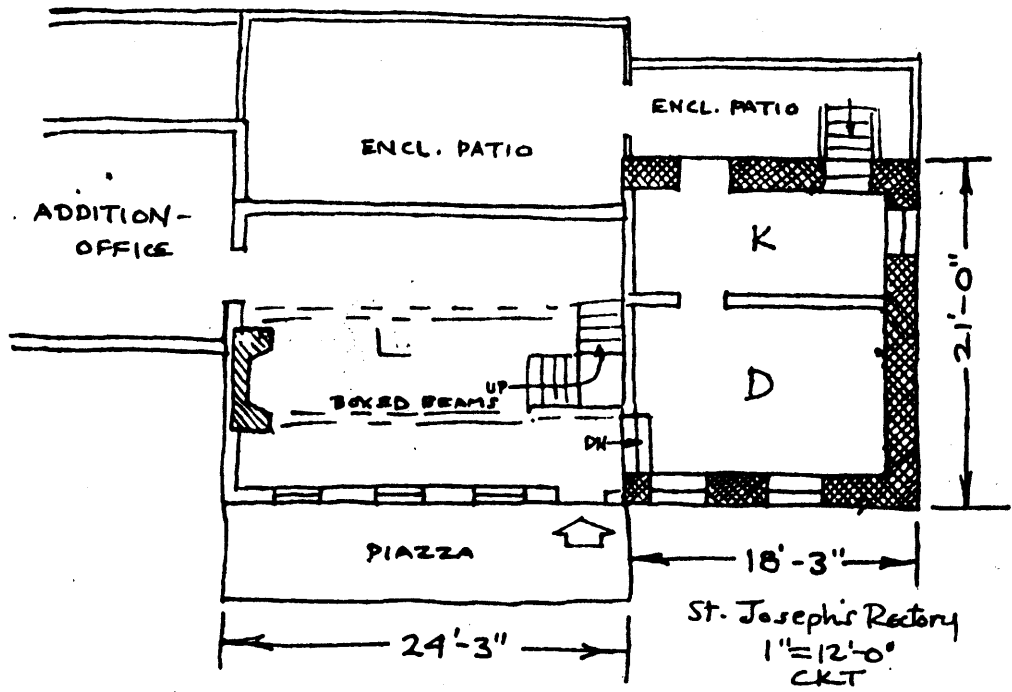
ROOF:
 Gable
 Gambrel (20th cent.)
 Curb
 Other

ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:
In frame section.

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.

FLOOR PLANS 19



The contemporary description described this house as being 45' x 21'. It is 21'0" on the north end but the foundation is "L"-shaped and measures 42'6" overall. There might have been an oven or shed that was included in the early figure, or the stove part may have been an out-building that was later added to. The original house, said to have burned, was to the south on the knoll. Plotting from Watkins places "Maj. R. Goetchius" about 250 feet south of this building. However, the burned house was said to have been rebuilt.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Block 19, Lot 5 - Demarest Tax Map

1.78 acres

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