

BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

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INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

GENERAL

HISTORIC NAME: Ackerman-Demarest House
COMMON NAME:
LOCATION: 745 East Saddle River Road.
 (Block 93A, Lot 27)
MUNICIPALITY: Ho-Ho-Kus
OWNERSHIP: Public Private
OWNER/ADDRESS: J.K. (Mrs. Arnold) Gingrich
 (same)

REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:
 Erskine (1778-80) Ackerman's Mill
 Hopkins-Corey (1861) B.S. Demarest
 Walker's Atlas (1876) B.S. Demarest
 Bromley (1912) no name
 Other
RECOGNITION:
 National Register BCHS Marker
 HABS Bailey
 Other

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: S 12° W
IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
 Residential
 Commercial
 Agricultural
 Open Space
 Other

COMMENTS:

USE

ORIGINAL: Residence
PRESENT: Residence

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

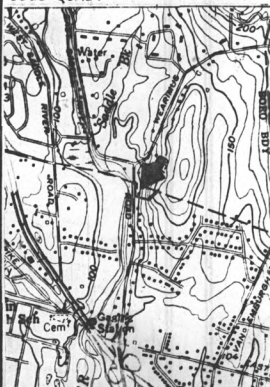
This is a good looking house despite the additions - wing, veranda, shed dormers, etc. It is understood that the center partition has been removed and there are two fireplaces (one has obviously been rebuilt).

PHOTO



MAP

USGS QUAD: Hackensack



DESCRIPTION

CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:
1757/Tradition

BUILDER:

FORM/PLAN TYPE:

Probably originally "D", 4 bay, twin door, 2 rooms deep (34'0" x 31'0").

FRAMING SYSTEM: unknown

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

EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:

Evenly cut and tooled sandstone on front and west, random on east

FENESTRATION:

(6/6) trapezoidal lintels

ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:

Probably was twin door type, now the main door is in the second bay from the east.

NUMBER OF STORIES: 1-1/2

CELLAR: Yes
 No

CHIMNEY FOUNDATION: Unknown

- Stone Arch
- Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
- Other

FLOOR JOISTS:

FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:

FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:

GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:

Exposed

GARRET:

- Unfinished Space
- Finished Space

ROOF:

- Gable
- Gambrel
- Curb
- Other

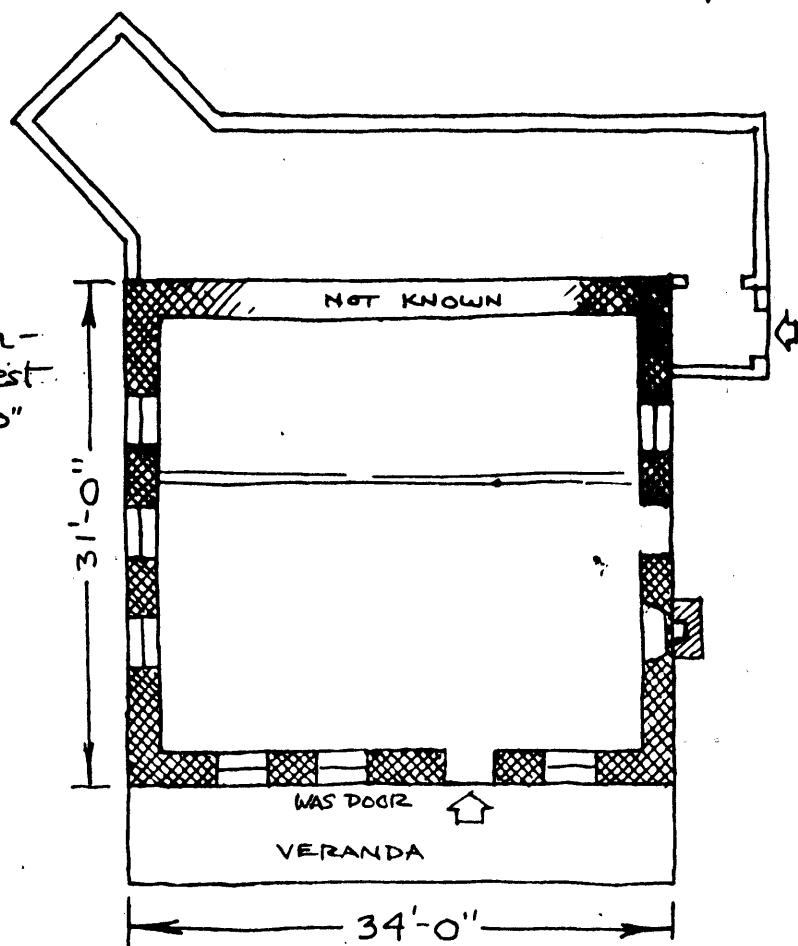
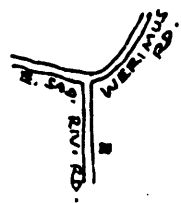
EAVE TREATMENT:

- Sweeping Overhang
- Supported Overhang (front)
- No Overhang (rear)
- 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.

FLOOR PLANS

Ackerman-Demarest
1" = 12'-0"
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This house would seem always to have been connected with the mill. William Cairns had a grist and fulling mill here in 1778 and a dot on the Watkins map would seem to be the house. Two years later it is definitely indicated along with the mill now labelled "Ackerman's Mill". No mention of the mill is made in David A. Ackerman's will of May 13, 1760, so it must have belonged to William Cairns at that time. Garret inherited the plantation and sold Cairns one-half acre near the mill on August 23, 1761. This may have been the house site and he is listed as a house holder in the 1779 tax list with fifty acres. By 1791 the mill was taxed in the name of Terhune. B. S. Demarest owned it in the late nineteenth century. Mr. Hession owned it until 1962.

(Source: Howard I. Durie)

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Block 93A, Lot 27 - Ho-Ho-Kus Tax Map

1.87⁺ acres

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