

BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

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GENERAL

HISTORIC NAME: DeMott-Westervelt House
COMMON NAME: Peter Westervelt House
LOCATION: 285 Grand Avenue
 (Block 2805, Lot 12)
MUNICIPALITY: Englewood
OWNERSHIP: Public Private
OWNER/ADDRESS: Leonard Johnson Day Nursery
 (same)

REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:
 Erskine (1778-80)
 Hopkins-Corey (1861) H.D. Westervelt
 Walker's Atlas (1876) Mrs. N. Westervelt
 Bromley (1912) Margaretta Westervelt
 Other
RECOGNITION:
 National Register BCHS Marker
 HABS Bailey
 Other

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: 812°
IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:
 Large Dutch barn
SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
 Residential
 Commercial
 Agricultural
 Open Space
 Other
COMMENTS:

USE

ORIGINAL: Residence
PRESENT: Nursery school

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

Bathroom has been added on first floor at rear of through-hall. Dormers added to front and back. Front porch has been extended.

PHOTO



MAP



DESCRIPTION

CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:
1808/HABS
Frame wing added 1810

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

BUILDER: Peter Westervelt for
Henry DeMott
FORM/PLAN TYPE: "I", 3 bay side hall
with 2 rooms each w/fireplace
33'-0"x36'-0" Frame wing to East.

CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:
 Stone Arch
 Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
 Other

FLOOR JOISTS: concealed

FRAMING SYSTEM:
 Intermediate Summer Beam
 Intermediate Bearing Wall
 Clear Span
 Other

FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT: 9'-3"

FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS: 21"

GARRET FLOOR JOISTS: concealed

EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:
Well coursed red sandstone on South
front, East and West. Rough blocks
on North (rear).

GARRET:
 Unfinished Space
 Finished Space

FENESTRATION:
3'-2"x6'-0" m.o. (12/12) with
trapazoidal lintels

ROOF:
 Gable
 Gambrel
 Curb
 Other

ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:
East bay of South front. Double-leaf
door with transom

EAVE TREATMENT:
 Sweeping Overhang
 Supported Overhang
 No Overhang
 Boxed Gutter
 Other

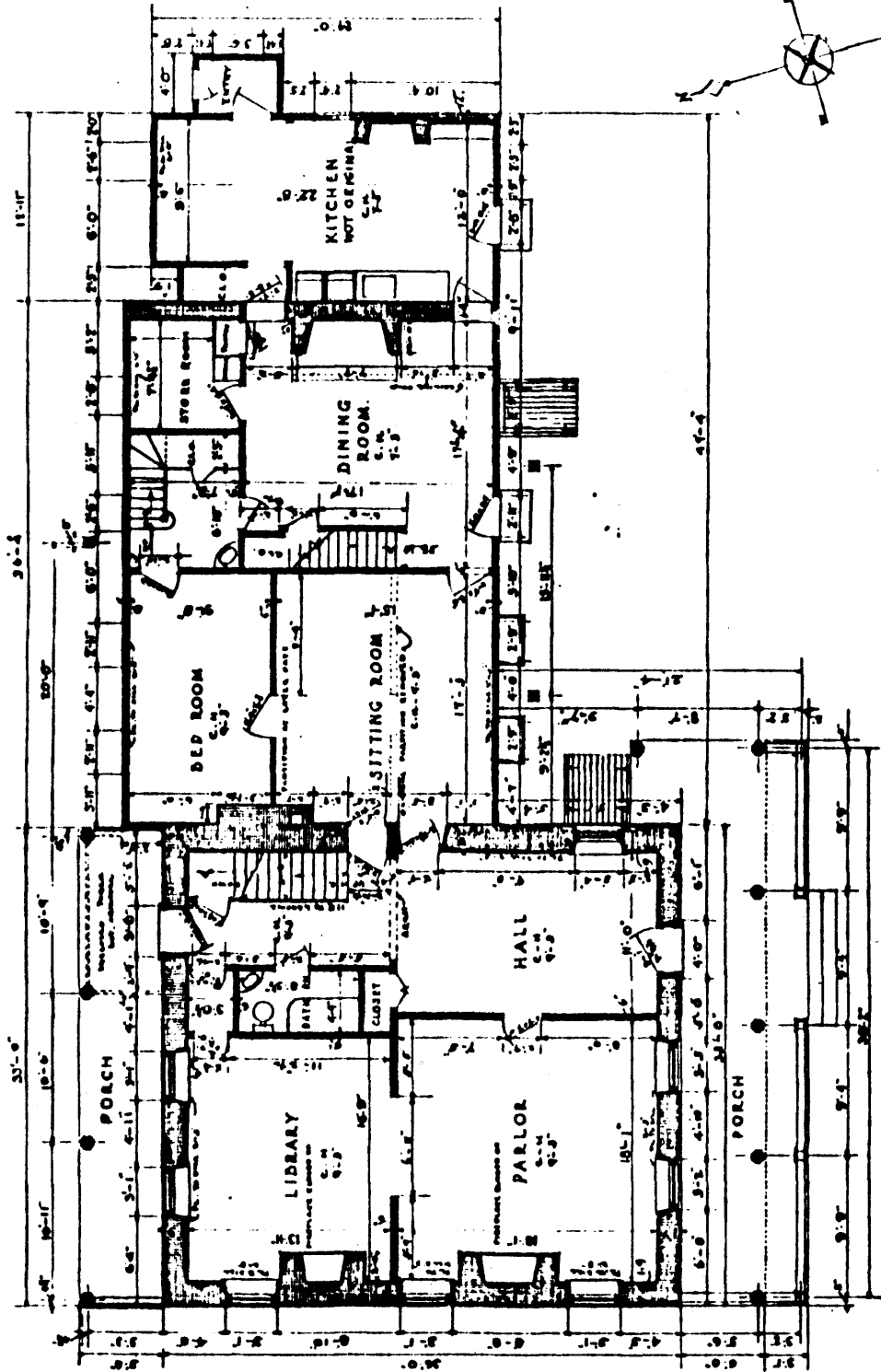
This house is significant for its architecture and its association with the exploration and settlement of the Bergen County, New Jersey area. It is a reasonably well preserved example of the Form/Plan Type as shown and more fully described herein. As such, it is included in the Thematic Nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for the Early Stone Houses of Bergen County, New Jersey.

HABS photo



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• FIRST FLOOR PLAN •

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
SHEET 4 OF 5

SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"
METERS

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The first Westervelts landed in New Amsterdam from the Dutch West India ship Hoop (Hope) on May 24, 1662. They first settled on Long Island, but in 1676 Lubbert Lubbertsen Van Westervelt sold out and moved to Hackensack. The builder of the present house, Peter Westervelt, was a descendant of Lubbert; he was a carpenter by trade. The so-called Westervelt house was built for Henry DeMott whose daughter Fransiney Peter Westervelt later married. The marriage took place in 1810 at the time the frame wing was added; the house was inherited later by them and has been known since as the Peter Westervelt house. Their granddaughter Margaretta Westervelt is the present [at time of HABS] owner and [occupied] the house [in 1936].

(The above is quoted from HABS data sheet #NJ-112.)

(The house is now owned by the City of Englewood and is operated as a day nursery.)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Block 2805, Lot 12 - Englewood Tax Map

1.6 acres

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