

BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

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GENERAL

HISTORIC NAME: Haring-Blauvelt-Demarest 1778-1800

COMMON NAME:

LOCATION: 525 Rivervale Road
(Block 1201, Lots 1 & 1b)

MUNICIPALITY: River Vale

OWNERSHIP: Public Private

OWNER/ADDRESS: Victor W. and Marjorie M. Hart

REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:

- Erskine (1778-80) Derick Haring
- Hopkins-Corey (1861) J. Demarest
- Walker's Atlas (1876) Jno. Demarest
- Bromley (1912) J. Demarest
- Other

RECOGNITION:

- National Register BCHS Marker
- HABS Bailey
- Other

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: Due South

IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:
Approximately 3 acres
Outkitchen
Carriage House

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

- Residential
- Commercial
- Agricultural
- Open Space
- Other

COMMENTS:

USE

THREATS

ORIGINAL: Residence

PRESENT: Residence

THREATS TO STRUCTURE:

- Roads
- Development
- Zoning
- Deterioration
- Other
- No Threat

COMMENTS:

CONDITION

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- Excellent Good
- Fair Deteriorated

STATUS:

- Occupied
- Unoccupied
- Work in Progress

ACCESSIBLE:

- Yes, Restricted
- Yes, Unrestricted
- No

A second floor has been added over the existing stone section. The present owners are "restoring" the west fireplace (which had been removed), the woodwork, the window sash and the exterior wall fabric (removing the stucco). The doors on the inside have been heightened and the entryway has been reworked. The original wing to the west has been removed.

PHOTO



MAP



DESCRIPTION

CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:

Pre-Revolutionary/Erskine map; Howard I. Durie

NUMBER OF STORIES: Orig 1 1/2, now 2 1/2

CELLAR: Yes
 No

BUILDER:

Member of Haring or Blauvelt Family

FORM/PLAN TYPE: "F": 5 bay, center hall, 1 room to each side, each w/ fireplace & small narrow room to rear (46'0" x 33'0"). Original stone wing to west removed.

CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:

Stone Arch
 Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
 Other Unknown, arches have been cemented over.

FLOOR JOISTS:

5" x 8"

FRAMING SYSTEM:

Intermediate Summer Beam
 Intermediate Bearing Wall
 Clear Span
 Other

FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:

8'6"

FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:

13" front; 20" sides.

GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:

Not visible.

EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:

Brick front w/ raised sandstone quoins and watertable. Other walls are coursed sandstone w/ stucco on rear wall.

GARRET:

Unfinished Space
 Finished Space
Second floor added.

FENESTRATION:

39" x 62" sash. Were Victorian 2/2 and are being replaced with 12/8's.

ROOF:

Gable (New)
 Gambrel
 Curb
 Other

ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:

Center bay of south front. Was a simple doorway w/ transom, but has been widened and redone.

EAVE TREATMENT:

Sweeping Overhang
 Supported Overhang
 No Overhang
 Boxed Gutter
 Other (Altered)

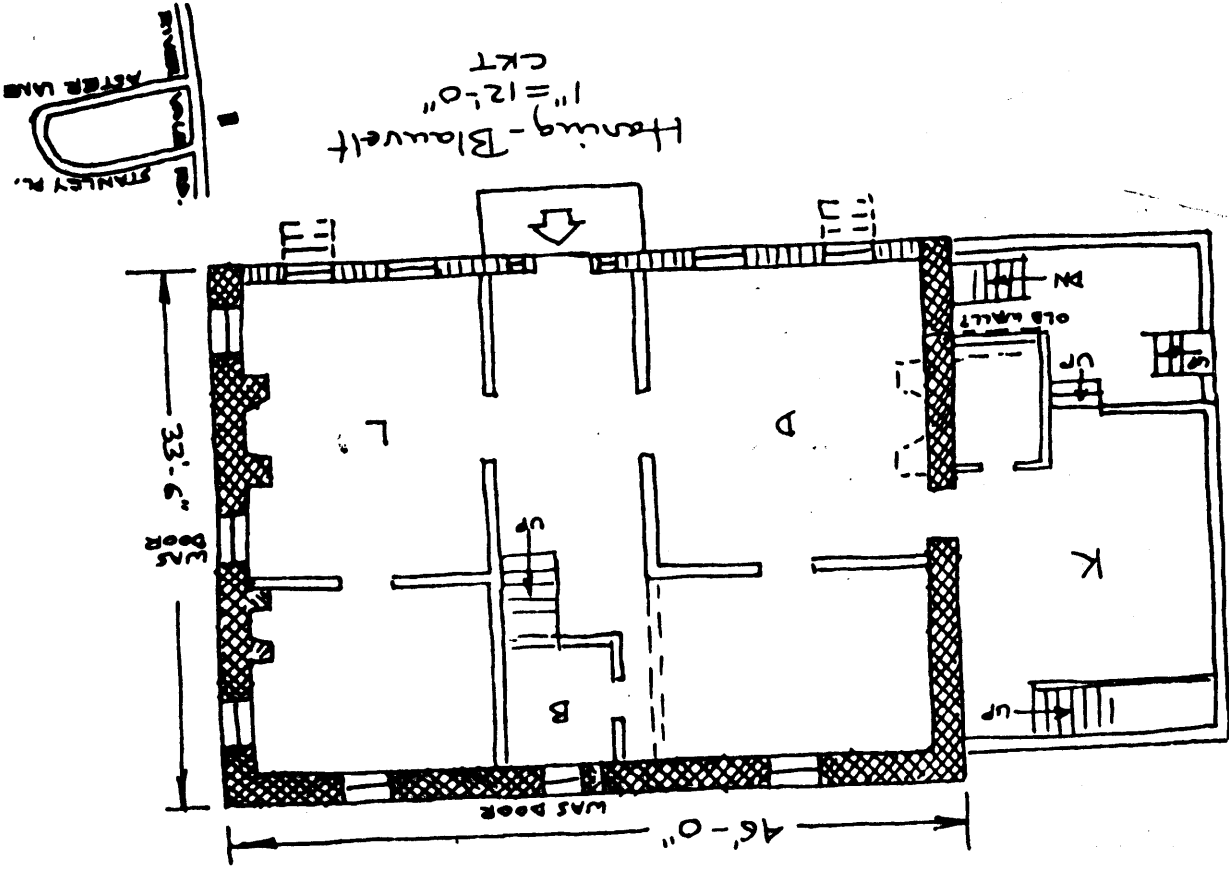
This house, while having been altered through the years, still retains a sufficient amount of its original fabric that it should be recognized and retained. We are therefore including it for its architectural significance, for its association with the exploration and settlement of the Bergen County area,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

BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SOCIETY
HARING-BLAUVELT-DEMAREST HOUSE
525 Riverdale Road, River Vale
LOCATION:

2004

FLOOR PLANS

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This property was part of the south half of the Kakiat Patent which was divided in 1727 to Lancaster Symes as Lot #4 of 570 acres. It was then divided into three parts and bought by three different members of the Haring family - the southeasterly 200 acres going to Cornelius J. Haring as a homestead site for his son. By 1742 when Cornelius Haring, Sr. died, Cornelius, Jr. was married for a second time and had had six children and was apparently living on this land according to the will. Son of Cornelius (also known as Cornelius Cornelius Haring) was baptized January 15, 1707 and married first Leah Straet in 1728 and by 1740 Catharine Hogencamp and had eight children altogether. He served as Captain in the Provincial Troops in 1759 and 1760 and his two sons, who inherited the house, were both Loyalists, resulting in the confiscation of the estate. Cornelius Cornelius Haring made a will on August 28, 1775 and apparently died about 1777, leaving the home farm of 200 acres to sons Dirck, born May 10, 1731; Cornelius, born May 10, 1736; John, born September 3, 1738; and Abraham, born February 27, 1749. Cornelius died before his father and John and Abraham joined the British army, so Dirck was left at home with his mother and sisters when the Baylor Massacre took place. The property was confiscated and sold on September 17, 1779 to Henry Wisner of Orange County and rented to Dirck. About 1783 or 1784 Wisner sold the land with the house to Garret Blauvelt who died in 1810 and left the home to son Joseph G. Blauvelt and his wife Catharine Perry. Joseph died on August 26, 1842 leaving the property to his wife and daughter; he was a prosperous man for his day. On June 14, 1853 the heirs sold the homestead and 56.95 acres to John J. Demarest who held it for 52 years. Eleanor B. Power bought it on August 1, 1905 and subdivided the property, selling the house and 6.40 acres to Hermina C. Neuberg on July 18, 1907. When she died the four acre estate was sold to Clayton M. and Lydia M. Wright on January 23, 1943. They sold in June 1955 to Wallace L. and Marilyn M. Minto who sold in January, 1964 to the Harts.

(Reference: Howard I. Durie)

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Block 1201, Lots 1 and 1B - River Vale Tax Map

2.40 acres

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