

BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

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GENERAL

HISTORIC NAME: Westervelt-Cameron House

COMMON NAME:

LOCATION: 26 East Glen Avenue (Block 1919, Lot 33)

MUNICIPALITY: Ridgewood

OWNERSHIP: Public Private

OWNER/ADDRESS: Ross J. Wilson (same)

REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:

Erskine (1778-80)

Hopkins-Corey (1861) A.J. Cameron

Walker's Atlas (1876) A.J. Cameron

Bromley (1912) A.J. Cameron

Other

RECOGNITION:

National Register BCHS Marker

HABS Bailey

Other

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: S 30° W

IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:

The Ridgewood Art Barn (across Oak Street) was the estate stable and carriage house.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Residential

Commercial

Agricultural

Open Space

Other

COMMENTS:

THREATS TO STRUCTURE

ORIGINAL: Residence

PRESENT: Residence

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 stone house which has grown into a mansion. The original stone walls have been carried up to the peaks of the two story expansion and frame wings were added in the Victorian period. The basic house remains but is not generally evident. The fireplaces have been rebuilt. The house was reoriented from east when enlarged.

PHOTO



MAP



DESCRIPTION

CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:

c. 1767; 1825 remodelled; c. 1860
done over and enlarged/Howard I. Durie

BUILDER:

probably a Westervelt

FORM/PLAN TYPE:

probably was "F" 2 rooms deep (37'0" x
30'0"), frame clapboard wings

FRAMING SYSTEM:

- Intermediate Summer Beam (?)
- Intermediate Bearing Wall
- Clear Span
- Other

EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:

Old stonework on north is irregular
and random, the 19th century work is
larger and less coursed. The east wall
has been taken down.

FENESTRATION:

all enlarged.

ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:

Was on east, now in frame section.

NUMBER OF STORIES: 1-1/2

- CELLAR:** Yes
 No

CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:

- Stone Arch (cemented)
- Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
- Other

FLOOR JOISTS:

not visible

FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:

approximately 9'0"

FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:

approximately 22"

GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:

not visible

GARRET: 2nd floor

- Unfinished Space
- Finished Space

ROOF:

- Gable
- Gambrel
- Curb
- Other

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.

This house is located on the 500 acre Kingsland tract, part of which was bought about 1767 by Jacobus Van Voorhis, Roelof Westervelt and Dirk Van Dien. Westervelt came to the area about 1745 and lived east of the HoHoKus Brook. He leased this area prior to 1753 and probably bought it for his son Johannis R. Westervelt, who was born in 1741 and married Antje Terhune c. 1762. He built the house c. 1767, probably a small sandstone structure that may not be the one indicated on a road return of 1830 (four-bay, twin door, gable roofed). He had four children and conveyed the property on December 24, 1817 (02-287) to his son John W. Westervelt. It was sold on April 22, 1822 (S2-609) to Frederick and Catharine Mabie. They remained as tenants for a while after they sold it to Richard Wight on September 17, 1825. He was a carpenter from New York City and remodelled the house, and sold it to James Rogers of Jersey City on April 8, 1852 (P4-383). He sold it to Catharine C. Cameron on October 13, 1859 (H5-633). Her husband Alexander enlarged it into a mansion. Their son Alpin James Cameron inherited the house and died in 1936. His son Alpin W. inherited and sold the house on February 14, 1944 to Carl S. Carlsen who subdivided his 22.68 acres. Elsa G. Ross and Madeline T. Hamilton bought it on January 29, 1965.

(Source: Howard I. Durie)

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Block 1913, Lot 35 - Ridgewood Tax Map

Less than 1 acre

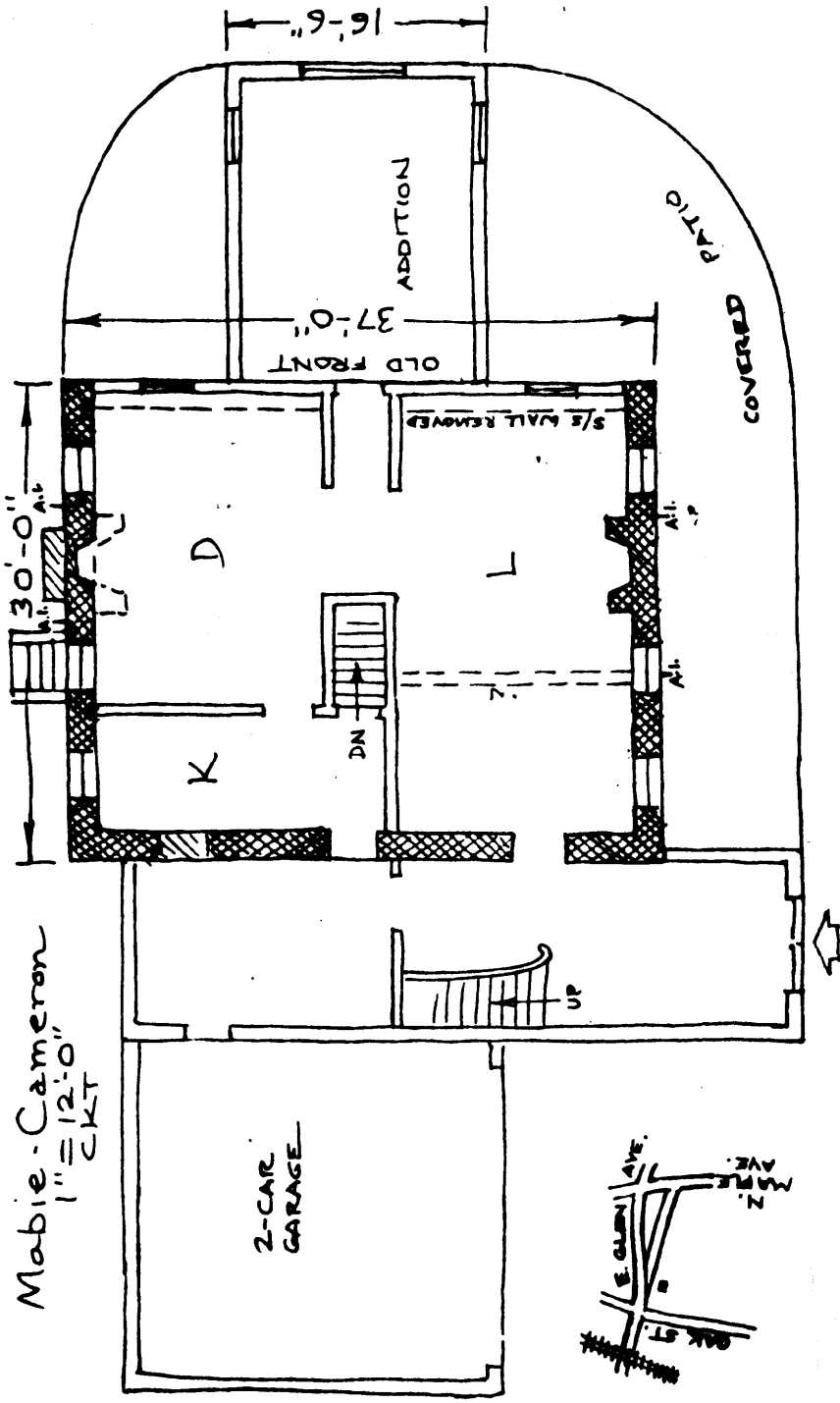
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FLOOR PLANS 142



Mobie-Cameron
1" = 12'-0"
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2-CAR GARAGE

