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# BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

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## GENERAL

HISTORIC NAME: Eckerson House

COMMON NAME:

LOCATION: 200 Chestnut Ridge Road, ~~(Block 70B, Lot 14)~~

MUNICIPALITY: Montvale

OWNERSHIP: ☐ Public ■ Private

OWNER/ADDRESS: Foxlee Estate, George Rial, Life Rights (same)

## REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:

- ☐ Erskine (1778-80)
- ■ Hopkins-Corey (1861) J.L. Eckerson
- ■ Walker's Atlas (1876) Jas. Ledwith
- ■ Bromley (1912) J. Ledwith
- ☐ Other

RECOGNITION:

- ☐ National Register
- ☐ BCHS Marker
- ■ HABS #6-175
- ☐ Bailey
- ☐ Other

## ENVIRONMENT

HOUS ORIENTATION: S 20° 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:

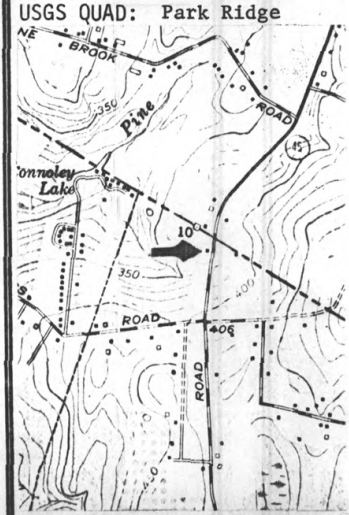
- ☐ Yes, Restricted
- ☐ Yes, Unrestricted
- ☐ No

A second story was built over the wing in 1890 and a frame wing built to the rear. A fire in 1897 destroyed the gambrel roof on the main. A second story with a shallow gable roof replaced it. The windows have been changed to 1/1 and the front doors were replaced and Victorianized. One back room has been changed into a stair and bathroom. The other is now the kitchen. There is a modern porch with a cement floor on the front.

## PHOTO

## MAP

USGS QUAD: Park Ridge



DESCRIPTION

CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:
Wing: 1796 (1753?)/HABS;
Main: 1799/HABS

BUILDER:
Probably Jacob J. Eckerson

FORM/PLAN TYPE: Main: "D" 2 door w/ 2 front rooms each w/ fireplace and 2 smaller rear rooms (36'0" x 32'1½"). East wing: "B" 1 room (17'11" x 18'1½"), frame to rear.

FRAMING SYSTEM:
- [x] Intermediate Summer Beam (main)
- [ ] Intermediate Bearing Wall
- [x] Clear Span (wing)
- [ ] Other

EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC: Front: well dressed & coursed brown sandstone. North: irregular fieldstone. East: dressed sandstone. West: irregular fieldstone w/ sandstone quoins on front corner.

FENESTRATION:
2'10" x 5'7" sash (6/6 original, now 1/1) and 2'6" x 5'0" sash (6/6 original, now 1/1).

ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE: Wing: west end bay of south front, 3'3" x 6'3" double leaf Dutch style door. Main 2 doors are modern & altered; probably were double leaf w/ transoms.

NUMBER OF STORIES: was 1½, now 2

CELLAR:
- [x] Yes (main only)
- [ ] No

CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:
- [x] Stone Arch
- [ ] Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
- [ ] Other

FLOOR JOISTS:
Main: 5" x 7" @ 25-36" apart.
Wing: 7" x 9" @ 30-36" apart.

FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:
Main: 9'0". Wing: 7'3".

FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:
19-20"

GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:
not visible

GARRET:
- [ ] Unfinished Space
- [x] Finished Space

ROOF:
- [x] Gable
- [ ] Gambrel
  - [ ] Curb
- [ ] Other

EAVE TREATMENT:
- [ ] Sweeping Overhang
- [ ] Supported Overhang
- [ ] No Overhang
- [x] 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.

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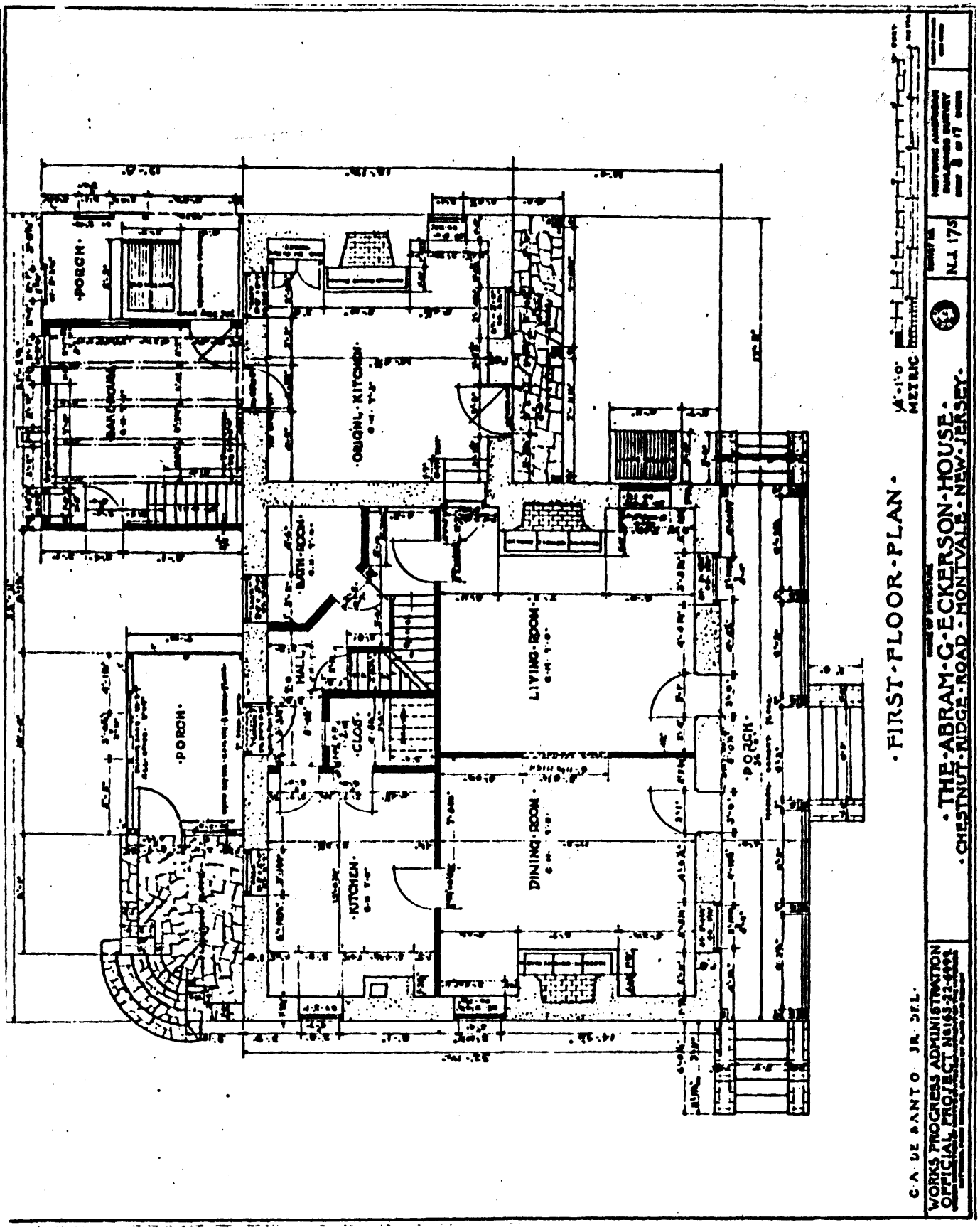

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Block 70B, Lot 14 - Montvale Tax Map

1.00± acres

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