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BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

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GENERAL

HISTORIC NAME: Brinkerhoff House

COMMON NAME: Wood-Ridge Library

LOCATION: 231 Hackensack Avenue ~~(Block 307, Lot 15)~~

MUNICIPALITY: Wood-Ridge

OWNERSHIP: ■ Public ☐ Private

OWNER/ADDRESS: Borough of Wood-Ridge
85 Humboldt Street

REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:
- ☐ Erskine (1778-80)
- ☐ Hopkins-Corey (1861)
- ☐ Walker's Atlas (1876)
- ☐ Bromley (1912)
- ☐ Other

RECOGNITION:
- ☐ National Register
- ☐ BCHS Marker
- ☐ HABS
- ☐ Bailey
- ☐ Other

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: S 60° E

IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
- ■ Residential
- ■ Commercial
- ☐ Agricultural
- ☐ Open Space
- ☐ Other

COMMENTS: Pleasant area of mixed residential and commercial.

USE

ORIGINAL: Residence

PRESENT: Library

THREATS

THREATS TO STRUCTURE:
- ☐ Roads
- ☐ Development
- ☐ Zoning
- ☐ Deterioration
- ☐ Other
- ■ No Threat

COMMENTS:

CONDITION

CONDITION:
- ☐ Excellent
- ■ Good
- ☐ Fair
- ☐ Deteriorated

STATUS:
- ■ Occupied
- ☐ Unoccupied
- ☐ Work in Progress

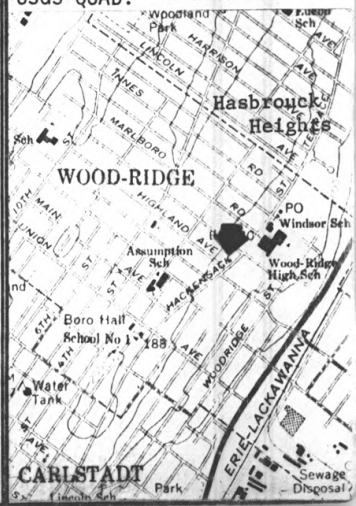
ACCESSIBLE:
- ☐ Yes, Restricted
- ■ Yes, Unrestricted
- ☐ No

During the 1954 renovation, at which time the house was converted to its present use as a library, the entrance was replaced by a window, and the rest was filled in with sandstone similar to the existing. Originally, there was a porch which went across the entire southeast front; the outline can still be seen on the stone. The original first floor level was approximately 5' above grade, which makes the house seem extremely tall.

PHOTO

MAP

USGS QUAD: Weehawken



DESCRIPTION

CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:
Stone wing: c. 1780-1830/Architectural evidence (1792 date stone with initial "B" in foundation of frame wing)

BUILDER: Henry Brinkerhoff

FORM/PLAN TYPE:
Main: "I", 3 bay, side hall, 2 rooms deep, each with a gable end fireplace (30'10" x 34'0") and an old frame wing to the northeast.

FRAMING SYSTEM:
- ☐ Intermediate Summer Beam
- ☐ Intermediate Bearing Wall
- ☐ Clear Span
- ■ Other Floor dropped, now steel beams and wood joists.

EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:
Front is sandstone ashlar to original floor level with rubble below. Sides are roughly coursed rubble.

FENESTRATION:
Modern sash is 36" x 64" (6/6) with splayed casings and wood trapezoidal lintels.

ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:
Door was removed during 1954 renovation and replaced by a window typical to others. Paintings show a double door with a transom above.

NUMBER OF STORIES: 1-1/2

CELLAR:
- ■ Yes Now only a crawl-space, since floor was lowered.
- ☐ No

CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:
- ☐ Stone Arch
- ☐ Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
- ■ Other Only jambs remain since Floor was lowered

FLOOR JOISTS:
all new.

FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:
Altered.

FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:
20"

GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:
Not visible.

GARRET:
- ☐ Unfinished Space
- ■ Finished Space

ROOF:
- ☐ Gable
- ☐ Gambrel
  - ☐ Curb
- ■ Other Mansard

EAVE TREATMENT:
- ☐ Sweeping Overhang
- ☐ Supported Overhang
- ☐ No Overhang
- ■ Boxed Gutter
- ☐ Other

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.

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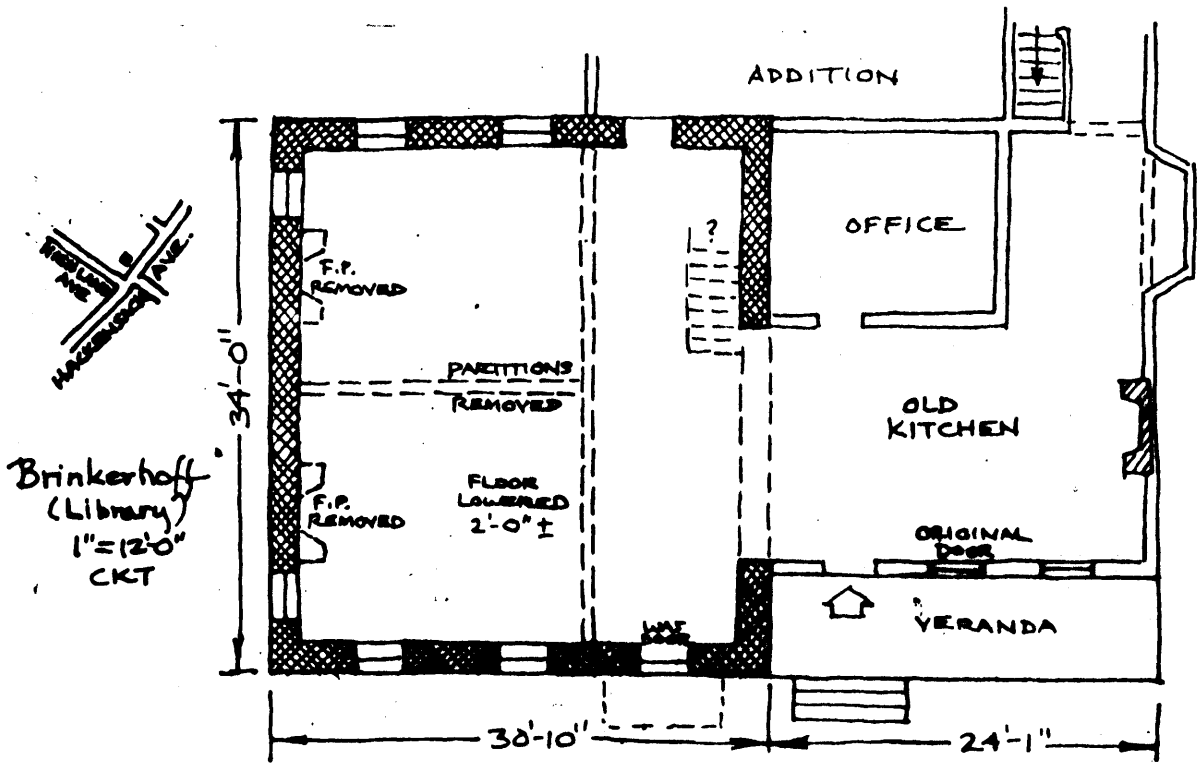
FLOOR PLANS



BACKGROUND INFORMATION

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Block 307, Lot 15 - Wood Ridge Tax Map

Less than 1 acre

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