

# BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

**GENERAL**

HISTORIC NAME: Van Winkle *f* Fox *House*  
 COMMON NAME: Fox Hall  
 LOCATION: 669 Ramapo Valley Road  
 (Block 2503, Lot 3)  
 MUNICIPALITY: Oakland  
 OWNERSHIP:  Public  Private  
 OWNER/ADDRESS: Edward & Helen Hirsch

**REFERENCE**

MAP REFERENCES:  
 Erskine (1778-80)  
 Hopkins-Corey (1861) J. Fox  
 Walker's Atlas (1876) J.J. Fox  
 Bromley (1912) T. Fox  
 Other  
 RECOGNITION:  
 National Register  BCHS Marker  
 HABS  Bailey  
 Other

**ENVIRONMENT**

HOUSE ORIENTATION: S 50° W  
 IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:  
 Carriage house  
 Horse barn  
 4 acres of property  
 SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:  
 Residential  
 Commercial  
 Agricultural  
 Open Space  
 Other  
 COMMENTS: Situated in a built up residential area close to Ramapo Valley Road.

**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

The stone section has very few modern alterations. The old frame wing to the east (evident in early photographs) has been altered and added to substantially. A modern kitchen has been built on the cellar level. Dormers have been added, as well as modern sash replacements throughout.

**PHOTO**



**MAP**



**DESCRIPTION****CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:**

1740-1800, probably pre-Revolutionary/  
Architectural evidence

**BUILDER:**

**FORM/PLAN TYPE:** "C" 3 bay, side hall, 1  
room w/ 1 gable end fireplace (30'6" x  
20'3"). Also has 1924 alterations and  
additions to early frame east wing.

**FRAMING SYSTEM:**

- Intermediate Summer Beam  
 Intermediate Bearing Wall  
 Clear Span  
 Other

**EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:**

All walls are rubble stone with  
no coursing.

**FENESTRATION:** Level 1: 4'2"x5'0" M.O. (6/6)  
Cellar level: 3'7"x4'5" M.O. (6/6) and  
3'2"x4'2" M.O. (6/6. All have splayed  
casings, original frames (front) and  
new sash.

**ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:**

Both are on south front. Level 1 is in  
east end bay, 3'0"x 6'7" modern door, no  
transom. Cellar level is center bay, 3'4"  
x6'0" Dutch style, no transom.

This house differs from the typical one-room dwelling in that both  
levels are "finished". The grade slopes down to the "cellar" floor  
level on the south side, making it a two-story house on this side. It  
should, however, be considered a 1-1/2 story house. This house is very  
similar to the Jacob Vanderbeck, Sr. House in Fairlawn. Both have two  
levels of useable space, each level with a fireplace. It differs in  
that the front is two story, rather than the gable ends or rear, which  
would be more typical.

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.

**NUMBER OF STORIES:** 1½ (see desc.)

**CELLAR:**  Yes  
 No

Inhabited at grade on south.

**CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:**

- Stone Arch  
 Brick Arch, Stone Foundation  
 Other (Half barrel vault sup-  
porting hearth above.)

**FLOOR JOISTS:** 7½-8" deep x 5-5½",  
hand hewn, but now sanded  
and polished.

**FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:**  
6'8"-10"

**FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:**  
19-20"

**GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:** 7-1/2"d x 5",  
24-31" apart.

**GARRET:**

- Unfinished Space  
 Finished Space

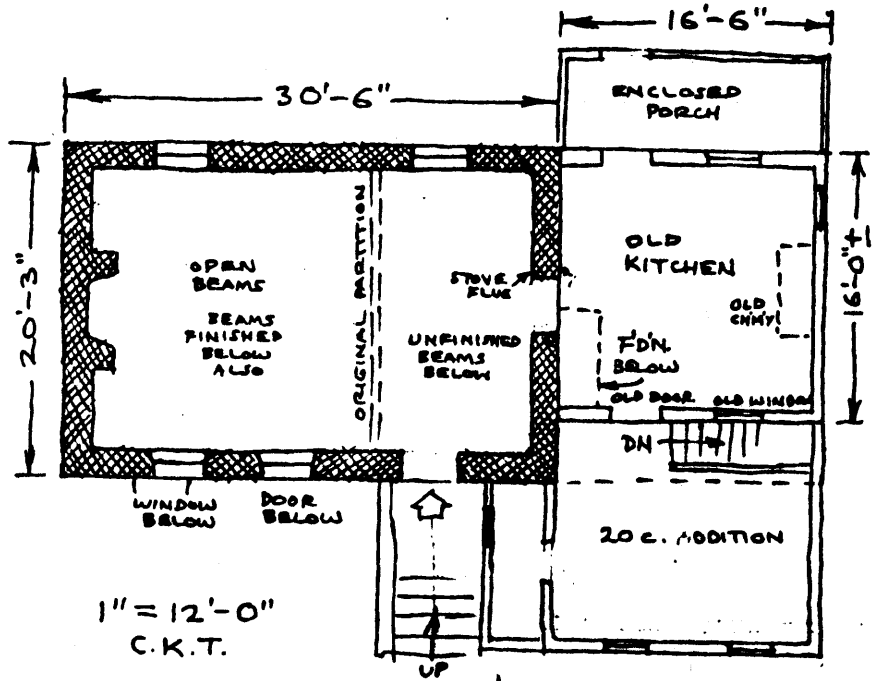
**ROOF:**

- Gable (Note: has overhang  
 Gambrel at gable ends.)  
 Curb  
 Other

**EAVE TREATMENT:**

- Sweeping Overhang (Slight)  
 Supported Overhang  
 No Overhang  
 Boxed Gutter  
 Other

FLOOR PLANS 111



1" = 12'-0"  
C.K.T.

Van Winkle-Fox

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Block 2503, Lot 3 - Oakland Tax Map

3.81 acres

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