

BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

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GENERAL

HISTORIC NAME: Cornelius Demarest, Jr. & c.
 COMMON NAME:
 LOCATION: 12 Rochelle Avenue
 (Block 4, Lots 23 & 24)
 MUNICIPALITY: Rochelle Park
 OWNERSHIP: Public Private
 OWNER/ADDRESS: Graham B. Every
 554 Robin Place, Wyckoff

REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:
 Erskine (1778-80)
 Hopkins-Corey (1861) C. Demarest
 Walker's Atlas (1876) Mrs. H. Wittenhryk
 Bromley (1912) No name
 Other
 RECOGNITION:
 National Register BCHS Marker
 HABS #6-90 Bailey
 Other

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: S20°W
 IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:
 SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
 Residential Fair sized property,
 Commercial well treed and shrubbed.
 Agricultural
 Open Space
 Other
 COMMENTS:

USE

ORIGINAL: Residence
 PRESENT: Business
 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 good looking, but neglected house, virtually in the same condition as when surveyed by HABS. Located in growing business area and seems ripe for detrimental interests, although owner seems to want to remain.

PHOTO



MAP



DESCRIPTION

CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:

NUMBER OF STORIES: 1-1/2

CELLAR: Yes
 No

BUILDER: Samuel Demarest for son, Cornelius

CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:

Stone Arch
 Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
 Other

FORM/PLAN TYPE: Main: "I" 3 bay, side hall,
2 rooms deep each w/fireplace (30'2"x33'2").
Wing: "C" 3 bay, 1 room, center door w/ 1
gable and fireplace (24'4"x18'4") and
appears earlier than Main.

FLOOR JOISTS: Main: 4+1/2"x9-1/2"
@ 22" o.c.
Wing: 8" deep

FRAMING SYSTEM:

Intermediate Summer Beam (Main)
 Intermediate Bearing Wall (Wing)
 Clear Span
 Other

FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:
8'8" main; 7'10" wing

FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS: 20"

EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:

Coursed sandstone ashlar in Main unit,
rubble in Wing & rear of Main.

GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:
not visible

GARRET:

Unfinished Space
 Finished Space

FENESTRATION:

Main: 2'11"x5'4" sash (6/6) and
2'9"x4'4" sash (6/6).
Wing: 2'1"x3'5" sash (6/6).

ROOF:

Gable (Wing)
 Gambrel (Main)
 Curb
 Other

ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:

Main: end bay of south front, panelled
Victorian door w/transome
Wing: center bay of south front, modern
enclosed entry.

EAVE TREATMENT:

Sweeping Overhang
 Supported Overhang
 No Overhang (rear of wing)
 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.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

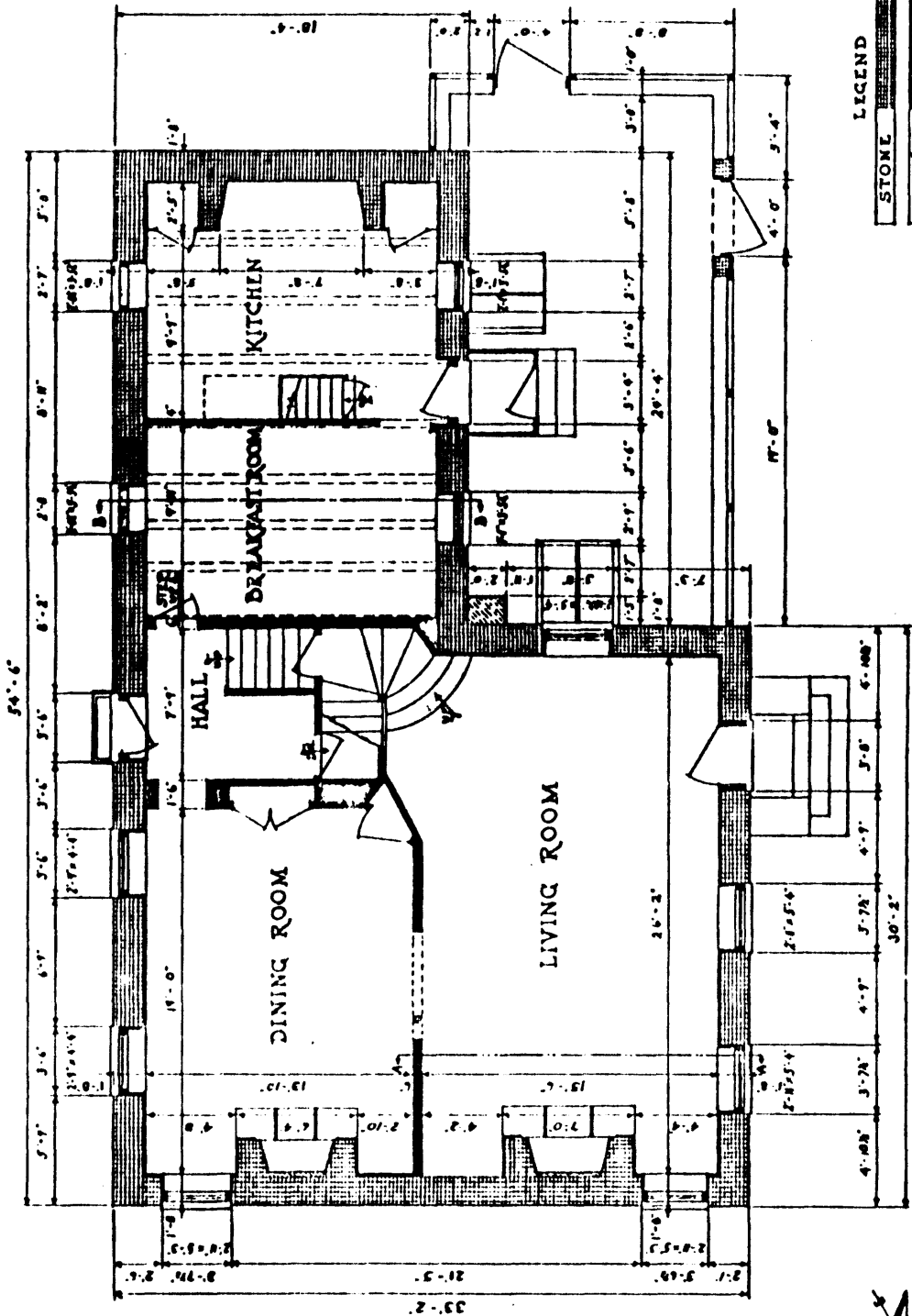
Block 4, Lots 23 & 24 - Rochelle Park Tax Map

Less than 1 acre

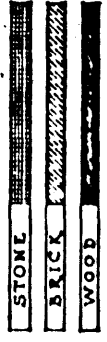
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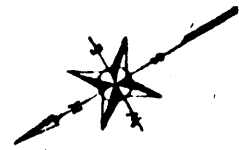
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LEGEND



FIRST FLOOR PLAN
 SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"



WALLACE DUNLOP, DEL.
 NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
 OFFICE OF NATIONAL PARKS, BUILDINGS AND RECREATION
 BRANCH OF PLANS AND DESIGN

NAME OF STRUCTURE: SAMUEL C. DEMAREST HOUSE AT ROCHELLE PARK, N. J.
 SHEET NO. 6-90

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
 SHEET 6 OF 9

The identification of this house [as the Samuel C. Demarest house by HABS] by discovery of the name of its original and succeeding owners has been possible by search of the title in the County records....

Within two years the grantee, Samuel C. Demarest, had moved just over the river and evidently built [this] house on the tract acquired in 1824... in New Barbadoes Township. He is described as being of that place in a deed of 10 April 1826 by which he bought some 9 3/4 acres there on the river front as an addition to the northwest corner of the tract acquired in 1824. Later he returned to his original house across the river in Saddle River Township.

The grantee Samuel C. Demarest being of Saddle River Township, in his will dated 24 March 1847 and proved 16 February 1853, devised "unto my son Cornelius that part of my farm lying on the east side of Saddle River" and "to my son Nicholas the remainder of my farm, lying on the west side of Saddle River."....

Cornelius Demarest for whom [this] house was built by his father Samuel C. Demarest, and later devised to him by will in 1847 as above-said, left his real estate to his children, James Nicholas, Samuel and Clarissa, and ordered the executors to dispose of it by sale, his will being dated 31 August 1864 and proved 22 January 1866.

Accordingly, by deed of 8 September 1869, James C. and Nicholas C. Demarest, the executors, conveyed to Eliza Ramey and Jane Wortendyke the two adjoining tracts which formed their father's farm on the east side of Saddle River, reciting the deeds of 10 April 1824 and 11 January 1826 to their grandfather Samuel C. Demarest, first above quoted.

In 1891 the 64 acres were divided into streets and lots, a map of which (showing [this] house) is on record in the County Clerk's Office.

One of these grantees, Ann Eliza Ramey of Midland Township and evidently occupying this house there, died 23 March 1893, devising her real estate to the executors in trust for her son Martin O. Ramey, with power to sell the same. The other grantee, Jane Wortendyke, died 26 May 1895 in the said Township, having devised her half share in the farm at Rochelle Park, N.J. to her brother John E. Wortendyke and nieces. But the property was taken and sold by the Tax Collector to the Inhabitants of Midland Township by deed of 25 August 1900. By sheriff's deed of 23 January 1901 it passed to Sarah Ann Westervelt and Gertrude E. Williams to satisfy a mortgage held by the grantees, and by a release of 15 February 1901 the title from the Inhabitants of Midland Township was confirmed to them. These two grantees passed part of the property to Thomas U. Angell on 18 May 1908. In the latter deed, the plot is described as bounded north by Lexington Avenue, east by West End Street, south by Paterson Turnpike and west by Rochelle Avenue. From Angell a part of this plot passed to Elmer D. Every on 29 May 1915, including the house thereon, and he [remained] owner and occupant at the time of [the HABS] survey.

(The above is quoted from HABS data sheet #NJ-90.)