

BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

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GENERAL

HISTORIC NAME: *John R. Demarest house*

COMMON NAME:

LOCATION: 35 County Road.
(Lot 1, Block 97C)

MUNICIPALITY: Demarest

OWNERSHIP: Public PrivateOWNER/ADDRESS: Mrs. D.W. Harrington
(same)

REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:

- Erskine (1778-80)
 Hopkins-Corey (1861) J. Demarest
 Walker's Atlas (1876) J.J. Demarest
 Bromley (1912) Charles Frey
 Other

RECOGNITION:

- National Register BCHS Marker
 HABS Bailey
 Other

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: S 50° E

IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:
Dutch barn, sandstone smokehouse
and outkitchen, carriage shed,
chicken house, horse barn

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

- Residential
 Commercial
 Agricultural
 Open Space
 Other

COMMENTS:

Old farm atmosphere

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

This is an interesting structure with a peat roof on three sides below a Greek Revival frieze with eyebrow windows. May be earlier house altered in that period. Had a cellar kitchen. Victorian section added to south end.

PHOTO



MAP

USGS QUAD: Yonkers



DESCRIPTION

CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:

c. 1775-1800/Architectural evidence

NUMBER OF STORIES: 1-3/4

CELLAR: Yes
 No

BUILDER:

Probably Roelef Demarest

CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:

Stone Arch
 Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
 Other (solid)

FORM/PLAN TYPE:

"G" 5 bay, center hall, 2 rooms deep
w/ interior fireplaces (46'0" x 35'0")

FLOOR JOISTS:

4-4½" x 9½", sawn and hewn,
20-21" between

FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:

8'6½"

FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:

23"

FRAMING SYSTEM:

Intermediate Summer Beam
 Intermediate Bearing Wall
 Clear Span
 Other

GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:

EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:

Evenly cut sandstone blocks all around.

GARRET:

Unfinished Space
 Finished Space

FENESTRATION:

2/2, 33½" x 62½", trapezoidal board lintels
on facade, trapezoidal sandstone on
sides and cellar, no lintels on rear.

ROOF:

Gable
 Gambrel
 Curb
 Other

ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:

Center, Federal style w/ narrow
transom and sidelights.

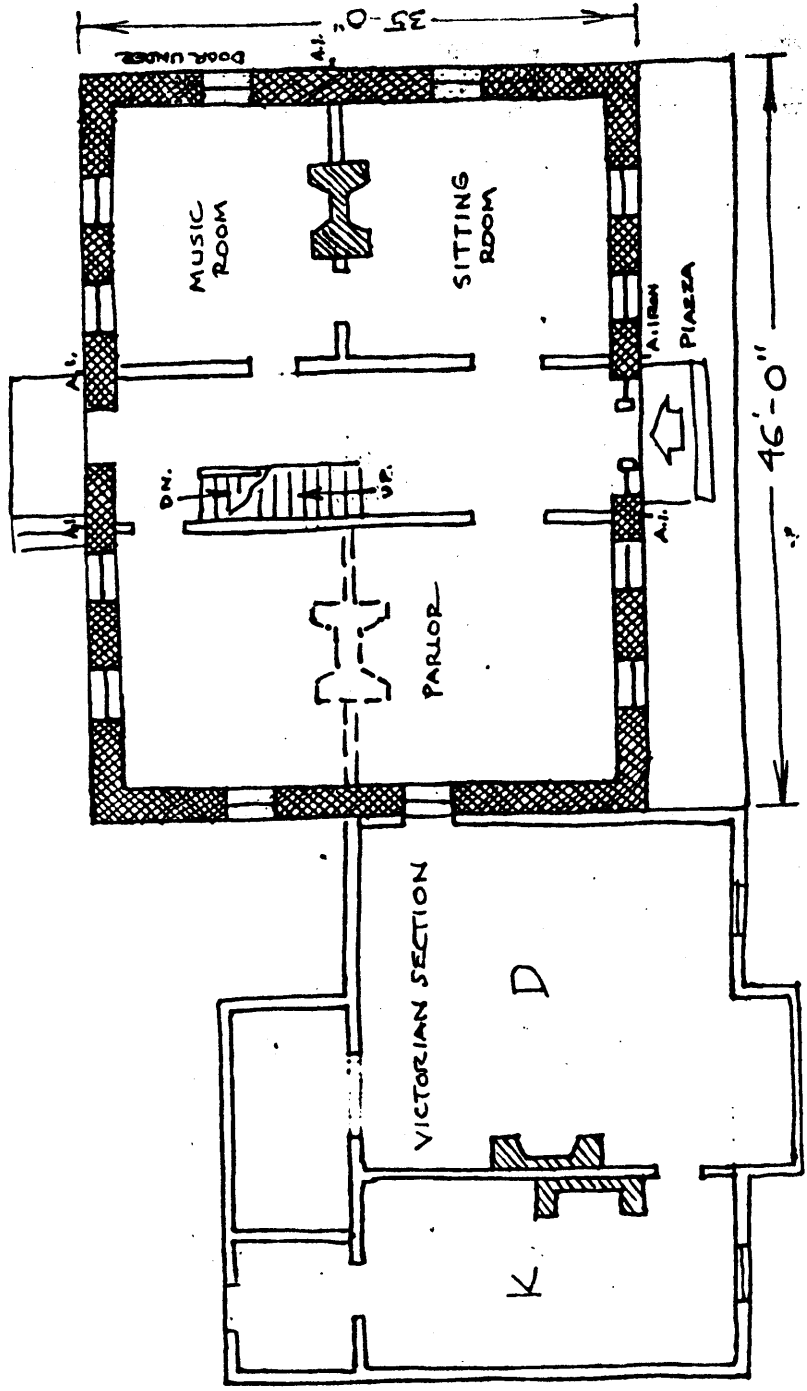
EAVE TREATMENT:

Sweeping Overhang
 Supported Overhang (front)
 No Overhang (exc. pent roof)
 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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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

According to Arthur Reeve, Samuel P. Demarest (1729-1808), who lived on the east side of the road and operated a grist mill, had his buildings burned during the Revolution and was captured but returned. His sons Peter and Roelef established farms nearby and may have built this house. Both Peter and Roelef are said to have lived here. Roelef (1756-1814) and his wife Maria had two sons and a daughter. Samuel R. Demarest built the Supino house and John R. Demarest (1785-1851) remained here and married Margaret Cole. John also built and operated a woolen mill, the largest industry in the area, to the east of County Road.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Block 97C, Lot 1

6.89 acres

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