

**BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY**  
**INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM**

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**GENERAL**

HISTORIC NAME: (G.V.H.) Berdan House  
 COMMON NAME:  
 LOCATION: 1219 River Road.  
 (Block 5611, Lot 51/53)  
 MUNICIPALITY: Fair Lawn  
 OWNERSHIP:  Public  Private  
 OWNER/ADDRESS: Frank Bruno

**REFERENCE**

MAP REFERENCES:  
 Erskine (1778-80)  
 Hopkins-Corey (1861) G.V.H. Berdan  
 Walker's Atlas (1876) G.V.H. Berdan  
 Bromley (1912) Philip Vandemore  
 Other  
 RECOGNITION:  
 National Register  BCMS Marker  
 HABS  Bailey  
 Other

**ENVIRONMENT**

HOUSE ORIENTATION: South  
 IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:  
 SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:  
 Residential  
 Commercial  
 Agricultural  
 Open Space  
 Other  
 COMMENTS: House is located in a completely commercial area.

**THREATS USE**

ORIGINAL: Residence  
 PRESENT: Two family house  
 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 house has been converted into a 2-family house and has had several interior changes: additional partitions, fireplace closed up and general modernizations. The former entrance has been blocked up, although the lines of its 6'0" opening with fan light transom show through. The rear door has been completely filled in and two windows were changed into doors. The exterior has been stuccoed over.

**PHOTO**



**MAP**



**DESCRIPTION**

**CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:**  
1810-30/Architectural evidence

**NUMBER OF STORIES:**  
**CELLAR:**  Yes  
 No

**BUILDER:**

**CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:**  
 Stone Arch  
 Brick Arch, Stone Foundation  
 Other Stone jamb, wood lintels

**FORM/PLAN TYPE:** Type 'J', 5 bay, center hall,  
2 rooms deep, each room with gable end  
fireplace. (46'0" x 34'9")

**FLOOR JOISTS:** 7½"d x 5"w @ 25-27"  
apart with 11" floor boards.

**FRAMING SYSTEM:**  
 Intermediate Summer Beam  
 Intermediate Bearing Wall  
 Clear Span  
 Other

**FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:**  
8'9"

**FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:**  
23"

**EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:**  
Stucco over sandstone

**GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:**  
Not visible

**GARRET:**  
 Unfinished Space  
 Finished Space

**FENESTRATION:**  
Front: 35" x 63" sash

**ROOF:**  
 Gable  
 Gambrel  
 Curb  
 Other

**ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:**  
Was originally in center bay of south  
front and was 6'0" wide and had a fan  
light transom above.

**EAVE TREATMENT:**  
 Sweeping Overhang  
 Supported Overhang  
 No Overhang  
 Boxed Gutter (Overhang on  
gable ends)  
 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.

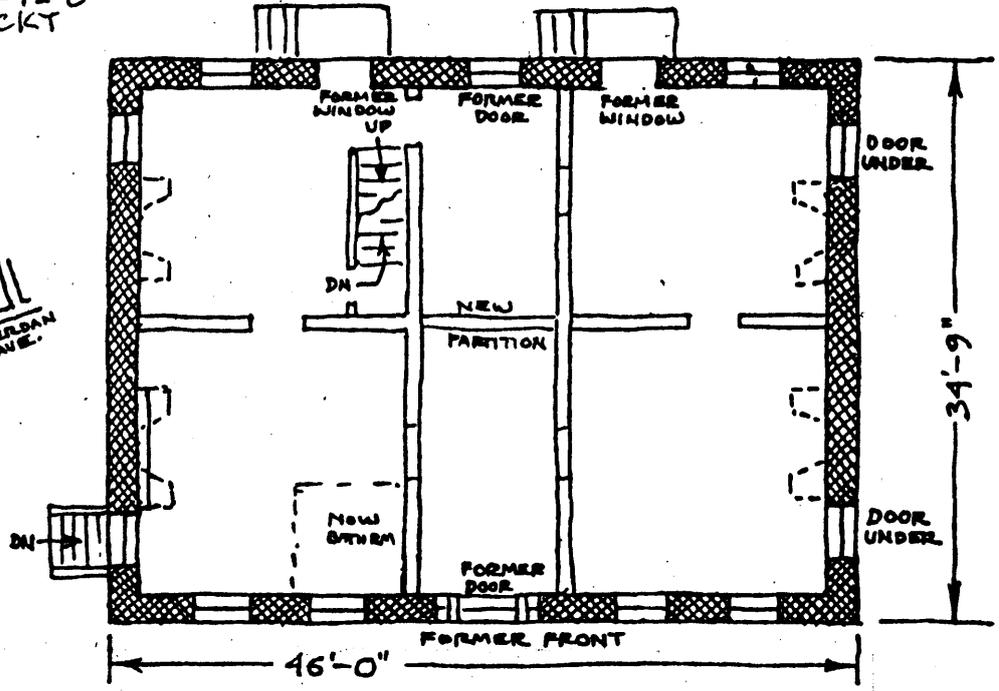
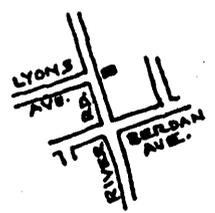
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G.V.H. BERDAN (1861 & 1876)  
PHILIP VANDEMORE (1913)

1" = 12'-0"  
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PRESENT 2-FAMILY ENTRANCES



**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Block 5611, Lot 51/53

Less than 1 acre

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