

203 BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

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GENERAL

HISTORIC NAME: Folly House

COMMON NAME:

LOCATION: 310 Crescent Avenue
(Block 206, Lot 37)

MUNICIPALITY: Wyckoff

OWNERSHIP: Public Private

OWNER/ADDRESS: Elmer E. & Mary Bush

REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:

Erskine (1778-80) Road not surveyed

Hopkins-Corey (1861) A.A. Folly

Walker's Atlas (1876) No Name

Bromley (1912) H. Maya

Other

RECOGNITION:

National Register BCHS Marker

HABS Bailey

Other

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: S 60° W

IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:
3/4 acre.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Residential

Commercial

Agricultural

Open Space

Other

COMMENTS:

THREATS USE

ORIGINAL: Residence

PRESENT: Residence

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

There have been numerous additions (frame and rubble stone) built during this century. The south end wall fireplace has been removed and the room converted into a bedroom. There are shed dormers on the rear and the boxed gutter appears to be Victorian. The exterior has been stuccoed. The interior has retained its "farm house" character with boxed stair, low ceilings and low doorways.



DESCRIPTION

CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:

c. 1770-1800/Architectural evidence

BUILDER:

Unknown

FORM/PLAN TYPE: Probably originally "E", center hall w/ 2 rooms, each w/ fireplace (36'6" x 20'0"±). Later (?) addition to rear 8'0"± w/ catslide roof. Frame wing to north & late stone section to the south.

FRAMING SYSTEM:

- Intermediate Summer Beam
- Intermediate Bearing Wall
- Clear Span
- Other

EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:

Stucco, probably over rubble stone.

FENESTRATION:

Front: 41" x 55" sash
Side: 31" x 55" sash (6/6)
Also has eyebrow windows.

ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:

Southwest front, centered but in 3rd bay from south. Has 19th century panelling casing and a transom light.

NUMBER OF STORIES: 1-1/2

CELLAR: Yes Front section only.
 No

CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:

- Stone Arch
- Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
- Other

FLOOR JOISTS:

6" x 6½" w/ 36" between.

FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:

7'9" south & entry, 6'8" north.

FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:

19"

GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:

Not visible.

GARRET:

- Unfinished Space
- Finished Space

ROOF:

- Gable
- Gambrel
- Curb
- Other

EAVE TREATMENT:

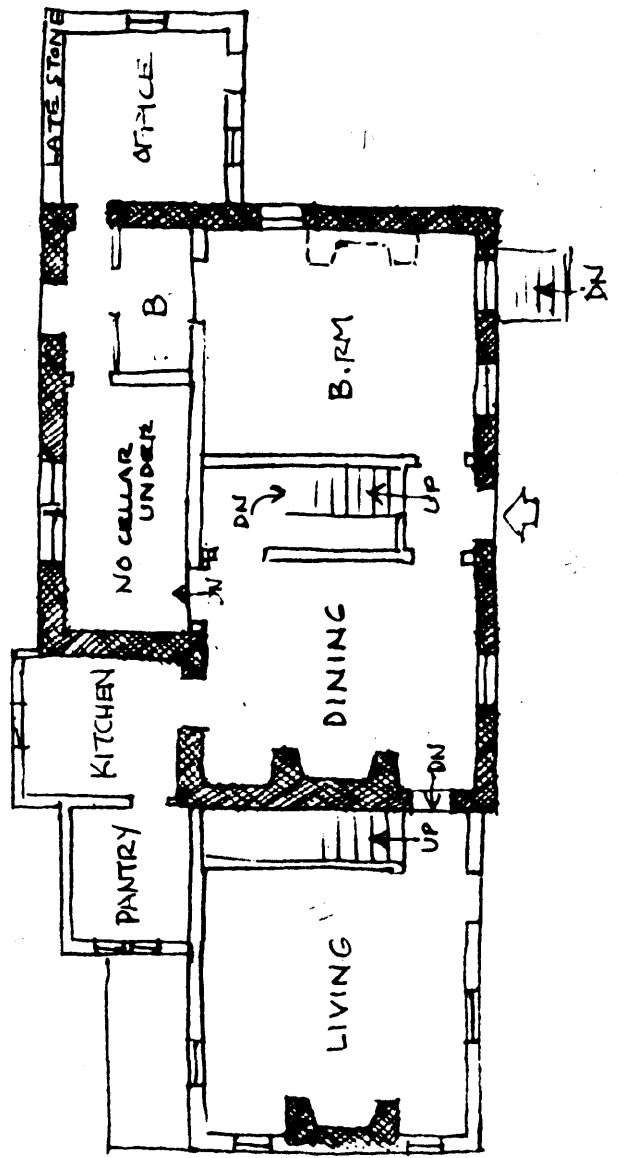
- Sweeping Overhang
- Supported Overhang
- No Overhang
- Boxed Gutter
- Other

Catslide in rear.

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



1" = 12'-0"

The earliest owner or leaseholder of the property was Abraham Blauvelt who acquired it on January 27, 1787. It was known as lot #35 and consisted of 137 acres of the Ramapo Tract. Crescent Avenue was a pre-Revolutionary road indicated on the Erskine maps but not surveyed, so we cannot tell from them if the house existed at that time. No house was shown on the 1783 Ramapo Tract map, but this is not conclusive, since we do not know how accurate this map is. The first map of which we are aware that shows the house and the name of the owner is the 1861 Hopkins-Corey map; hence we call it the Folly House for the time being.

In 1913 it belonged to H. Mays and in 1942 a Barrett owned it. The property consisted of about twenty-eight acres when it was bought by a developer and dwindled down to 4-1/2 acres in 1972. In 1973, the Bush family bought the house along with 3/4 acre after the property had been subdivided once again.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Block 206, Lot 37 - Wyckoff Tax Map

Less than 1 acre

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