

BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

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GENERAL

HISTORIC NAME: Andries Thomas Van Buskirk House

COMMON NAME:

LOCATION: 164 Edge Saddle River Road
(Block 11, lot 3C)

MUNICIPALITY: Saddle River

OWNERSHIP: Public Private

OWNER/ADDRESS: James Q. Hall
(same)

REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:

Erskine (1778-80)

Hopkins-Corey (1861) W. Osborn

Walker's Atlas (1876) Wm. Osborn

Bronley (1912) J. Osborn

Other

RECOGNITION:

National Register BCHS Marker

HABS #6-300 Bailey

Other

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: S 15° W

IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:
B: Dutch barn - dismantled.
Bas old stable and wagon shed.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Residential

Commercial

Agricultural

Open Space

Other

COMMENTS:

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 house has recently undergone a general improvement program after a change of ownership and is in very good shape. The kitchen wing interior has been completely redone and the garret has been finished. Part of the house (dining room and perhaps the kitchen) is very early - c. 1725-30. The main house roof was raised in 1825.

PHOTO



MAP



DESCRIPTION

CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:

Southeast room c. 1725-30/R. McMahon;
main 1770/HABS

BUILDER:

probably Andires Thomas Van Buskirk

FORM/PLAN TYPE: -

Probably was "B", now similar to "F" but
with interior fireplaces on west end. 5
bay, 2 rooms deep (51'2" x 36'4") with
frame wing (22'6" x 26'4").

FRAMING SYSTEM:

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

EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:

Evenly cut sandstone all around, wing
clapboard.

FENESTRATION:

Sash opening 3'10" x 5'8" (2/2).
Trapezoidal lintels.

ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:

Center bay with 2 lite transom
3'0" x 6'1".

NUMBER OF STORIES: 1-3/4

CELLAR: Yes (partial)
 No

CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:

- Stone Arch
- Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
- Other

FLOOR JOISTS:

9-10" x 8½-11"

FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:

8'2" to 8'4"

FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:

1'7" most

GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:

7-8" x 9½, 3'6" between

GARRET:

- Unfinished Space
- Finished Space

ROOF:

- Gable
- Gambrel (may have been)
- Curb
- Other

EAVE TREATMENT:

- Sweeping Overhang
- Supported Overhang
- No Overhang
- 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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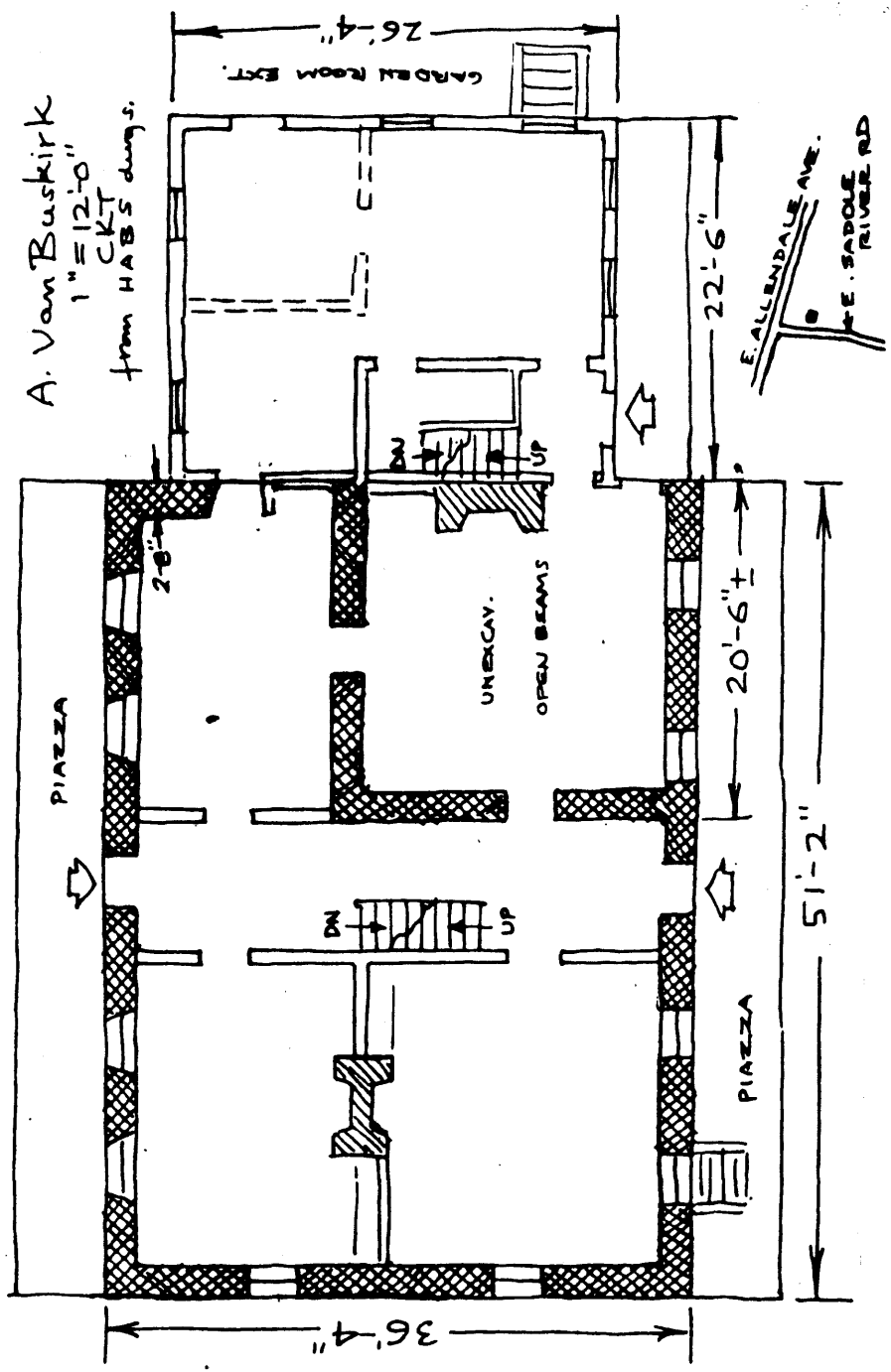
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Albert Zabriskie bought a large tract here in 1702, of which he conveyed half in 1708 to Thomas Van Buskirk who completed title in 1718 but did not live here. He sold lots in the tract to his sons; Andries got this parcel on April 15, 1724. He was born about 1698 and lived in Hackensack Township until after 1721. He was about 39 when he married Annatje Verway with whom he had nine children. Before 1763 Andries conveyed this property to his younger brother Abraham who wanted it for his son Thomas Abraham Van Buskirk. Andries moved farther up East Saddle River Road and Thomas enlarged the old house with stone from a quarry up the hill which he leased in 1758. [HABS says addition built 1770]

(Source: Reginald McMahon)

A later Thomas Van Buskirk married Rachel Hopper in 1807 and willed the property to daughter Catharine, the wife of William Osborn of New York City. Their son was the father of J. Hosey Osborn who stated he was the ninth generation of Osborns to be born in the house. To settle the estate the house was sold in 1922 to William J. Bond who owned it until his death. His daughter sold it to the Halls. Prior to the Revolution it was an inn with guest and meeting rooms above. The First Lutheran Church services were held here until the church was built in 1820 on land donated by Thomas Van Buskirk.

(Source: Rosalie Fellows Bailey)

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Block 11, Lot 3C - Saddle River Tax Map

4.52 acres

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