

BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY  
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

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GENERAL

HISTORIC NAME: Jacob Wortendyke House  
 COMMON NAME:  
 LOCATION: 445 Chestnut Ridge Road  
 (Block 301, Lot 3)  
 MUNICIPALITY: Woodcliff Lake  
 OWNERSHIP:  Public  Private  
 OWNER/ADDRESS: Richard Tice & Mrs. Mahoney  
 Tice Farms

REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:  
 Erskine (1778-80)  
 Hopkins-Corey (1861) R.J. Wortendyke  
 Walker's Atlas (1876) R. Wortendyke  
 Bromley (1912) D.H. Tice  
 Other  
 RECOGNITION:  
 National Register  BCHS Marker  
 HABS  Bailey  
 Other

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: S 29° W  
 IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:  
 SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:  
 Residential  
 Commercial  
 Agricultural  
 Open Space  
 Other  
 COMMENTS:

USE  
 THREATS

ORIGINAL: Residence  
 PRESENT: Residence (tenant)  
 and offices.  
 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 undergone several changes to make it suitable for offices in the east half. The west half is used for quarters for farm help and is not accessible (also second floor).

PHOTO



MAP



**DESCRIPTION**

CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:  
1790-1800/Louise H. Burnett

NUMBER OF STORIES: 1-1/2  
CELLAR:  Yes  
 No

BUILDER:

CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:  
 Stone Arch  
 Brick Arch, Stone Foundation  
 Other

FORM/PLAN TYPE:  
"F" 5 bay, 2 rooms deep, center hall  
(37'0" x 32'6"; west wing 19'0" x 16'0";  
east wing 18'0" x 20'0")

FLOOR JOISTS:

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

FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:  
7'9" main; 7'5 1/2" wing.  
FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:  
22"

EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:  
Evenly cut sandstone front, stucco on  
wing and rear.

GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:  
GARRET:  
 Unfinished Space  
 Finished Space

FENESTRATION:  
6/6, 39" x 62 1/2", trapezoidal lintels.

ROOF:  
 Gable  
 Gambrel  
 Curb  
 Other

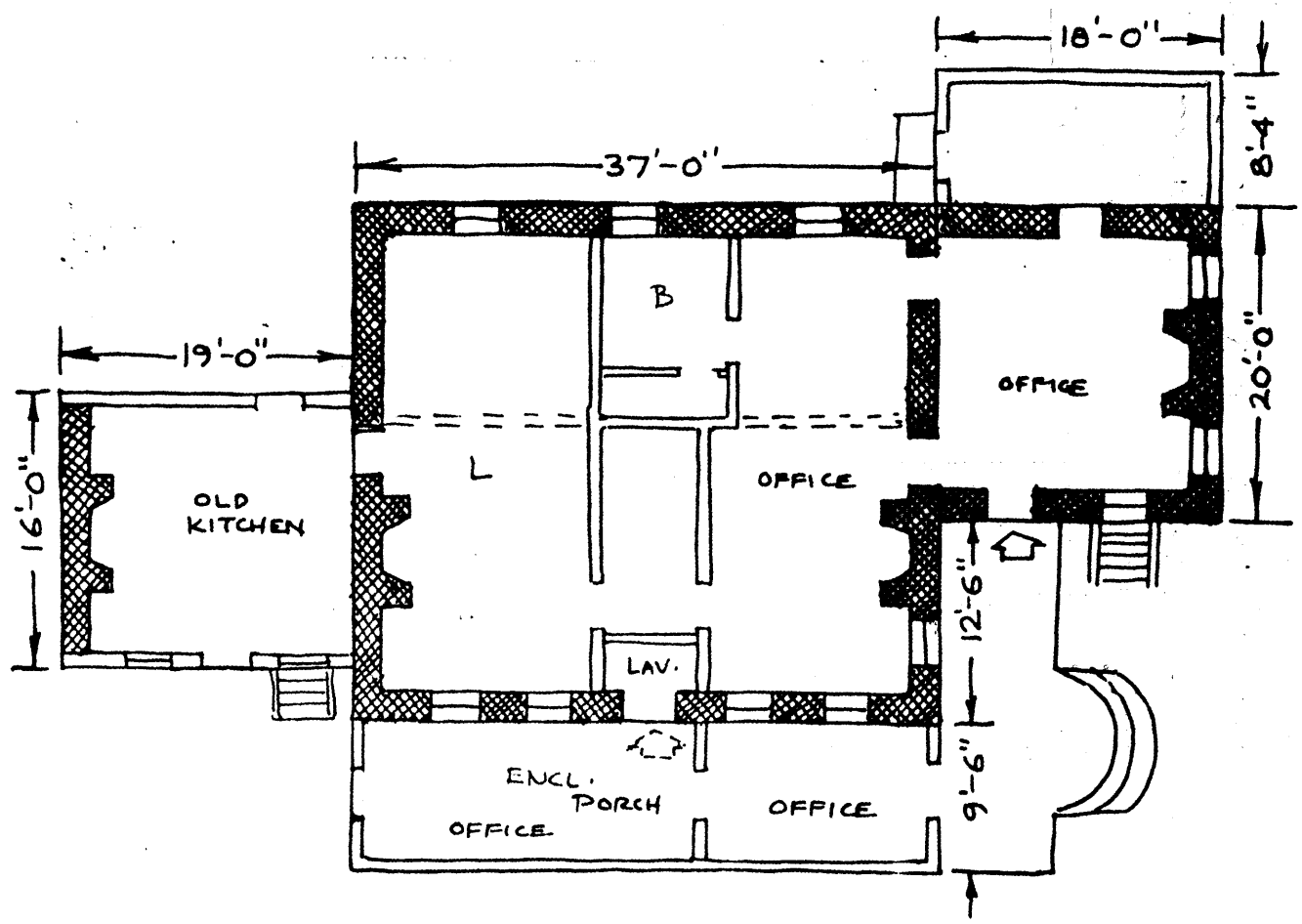
ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:

EAVE TREATMENT:  
 Sweeping Overhang Appx. 30"  
 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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Louise H. Burnett says that the land belonged to Rynier F. Wortendyke and that he left it to his son Jacob, who was already living there, in 1798. Jacob, who was a man of means, married Elizabeth Campbell on December 2, 1792. We assume that he built the house around this time. He died on December 18, 1858 and the farm went to his only son, Rynear J., who had married Cornelia Haring on January 10, 1818. Their son, Hon. Jacob R. moved to Jersey City and had four children, to whom the house was left following Rynear's death (after 1876). They sold it January 26, 1892 to David H. Tice, who established "Tice's Farm".

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Block 301, Lot 5 - Woodcliff Lake Tax Map

Less than 1 acre

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