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GENERAL

HISTORIC NAME: Demarest-Hopper House

COMMON NAME:

LOCATION: 21 Breakneck Road,
(Block 3104, Lot 1A)

MUNICIPALITY: Oakland

OWNERSHIP: Public PrivateOWNER/ADDRESS: Richard & Carol Moynihan
(same)

REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:

- Erskine (1778-80)
 Hopkins-Corey (1861) P.R. Demerest(?*)
 Walker's Atlas (1876) Henry A. Hopper
 Bromley (1912) Henry Hopper
 Other (*hard to read)

RECOGNITION:

- National Register BCHS Marker
 HABS Bailey
 Other

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: S 60° E

IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

- Residential
 Commercial
 Agricultural
 Open Space
 Other

COMMENTS:

USE

ORIGINAL: Residence

PRESENT: Residence

THREATS TO STRUCTURE:

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- 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 is built in the same manner and is approximately the same size as the so-called Ackerman House, just east (1095 Franklin Lake Road), except that the latter does not have exposed beams on the interior.

PHOTO



MAP

USGS QUAD: Ramsey



DESCRIPTION**CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:**

1790-1810/Architectural evidence

NUMBER OF STORIES: 1-1/2

CELLAR: Yes
 No**BUILDER:****CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:** Stone Arch
 Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
 Other**FORM/PLAN TYPE:**

Modified "D", 2 rooms deep, 4 bay, twin door (35'6" x 30'0"±)

FLOOR JOISTS:

8" x 9-10", 28-30" between

FRAMING SYSTEM: Intermediate Summer Beam
 Intermediate Bearing Wall
 Clear Span
 Other**FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:**

7'3"

FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:

21"

EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:

Broken local stone

GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:

6" x 8", 33-38½" between

GARRET: Unfinished Space
 Finished Space**FENESTRATION:**

12/12 on front 32" x 61". 12/8 on rear 33" x 56". No lintels.

ROOF: Gable
 Gambrel
 Curb
 Other**ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:**

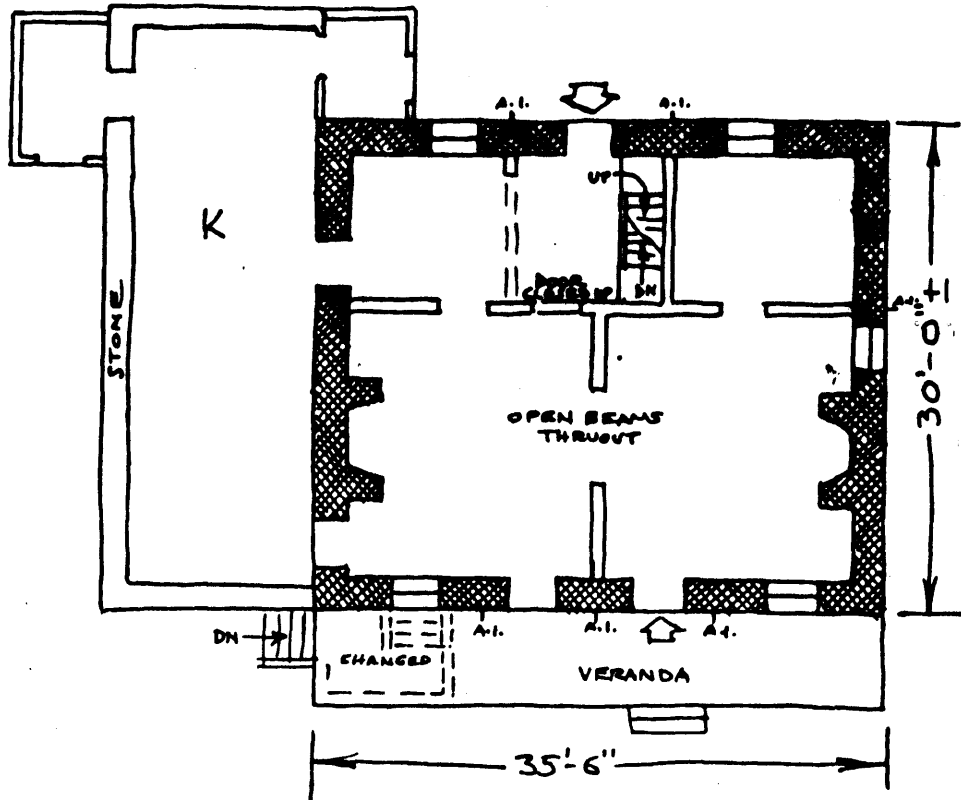
3rd bay from left, although 2nd bay appears to have been built with a door, changed to a window and changed back to a door.

EAVE TREATMENT: Sweeping Overhang
 Supported Overhang (Front)
 No Overhang
 Boxed Gutter
 Other

This house was said to be a pre-Revolutionary Ryerson house. Although early in appearance, it does not appear on Erskine's survey of what is now Breakneck Road, and its similarity to late 18th century houses probably negates that premise.

This house is significant for its architecture and its association with the exploration and settlement of the Bergen County, New Jersey area. It is a reasonably well preserved example of the Form/Plan Type as shown and more fully described herein. 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

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Block 3104, Lot 1A - Oakland Tax Map

1.18 acres

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