

BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

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INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

GENERAL

HISTORIC NAME: Abraham A. Haring
House

COMMON NAME: "Eagle Hill"

LOCATION: Piermont Road
(Block 5, lot 5)

MUNICIPALITY: Rockleigh

OWNERSHIP: Public Private

OWNER/ADDRESS: (Mrs.) George V. Kershaw
(same)

REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:

Erskine (1778-80)

Hopkins-Corey (1861) M. Taylor

Walker's Atlas (1876) Moses J. Taylor

Bromley (1912) Paul E. Alberti

Other

RECOGNITION:

National Register * BCHS Marker

HABS Bailey

Other * District

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: S 70° E

IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:
Tenant house

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Residential

Commercial

Agricultural

Open Space

Other

COMMENTS:

THREATS TO STRUCTURE

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

This is a good looking house on an imposing site. The addition of the high Victorian gambrel-roofed dormer detracts somewhat from the early feeling, but is not offensive.

PHOTO



MAP



DESCRIPTION

CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:

1758/Tradition

BUILDER:

Abraham A. Haring

FORM/PLAN TYPE:

"F" 5 bay, 2 rooms deep (44'10" x 34'0").
Frame kitchen wing (20'8") on south.

FRAMING SYSTEM:

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

EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:

Pale colored random sandstone blocks, rubble on rear.

FENESTRATION:

35-1/2" x 63-1/2" (6/6)

ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:

Center, plain 39" x 7'1"

NUMBER OF STORIES: 1-1/2

- CELLAR:** Yes
 No

CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:

- Stone Arch
- Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
- Other

FLOOR JOISTS:

FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:

FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:

GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:
not visible

GARRET:

- Unfinished Space
- Finished Space

ROOF:

- Gable
- Gambrel
- Curb
- Other

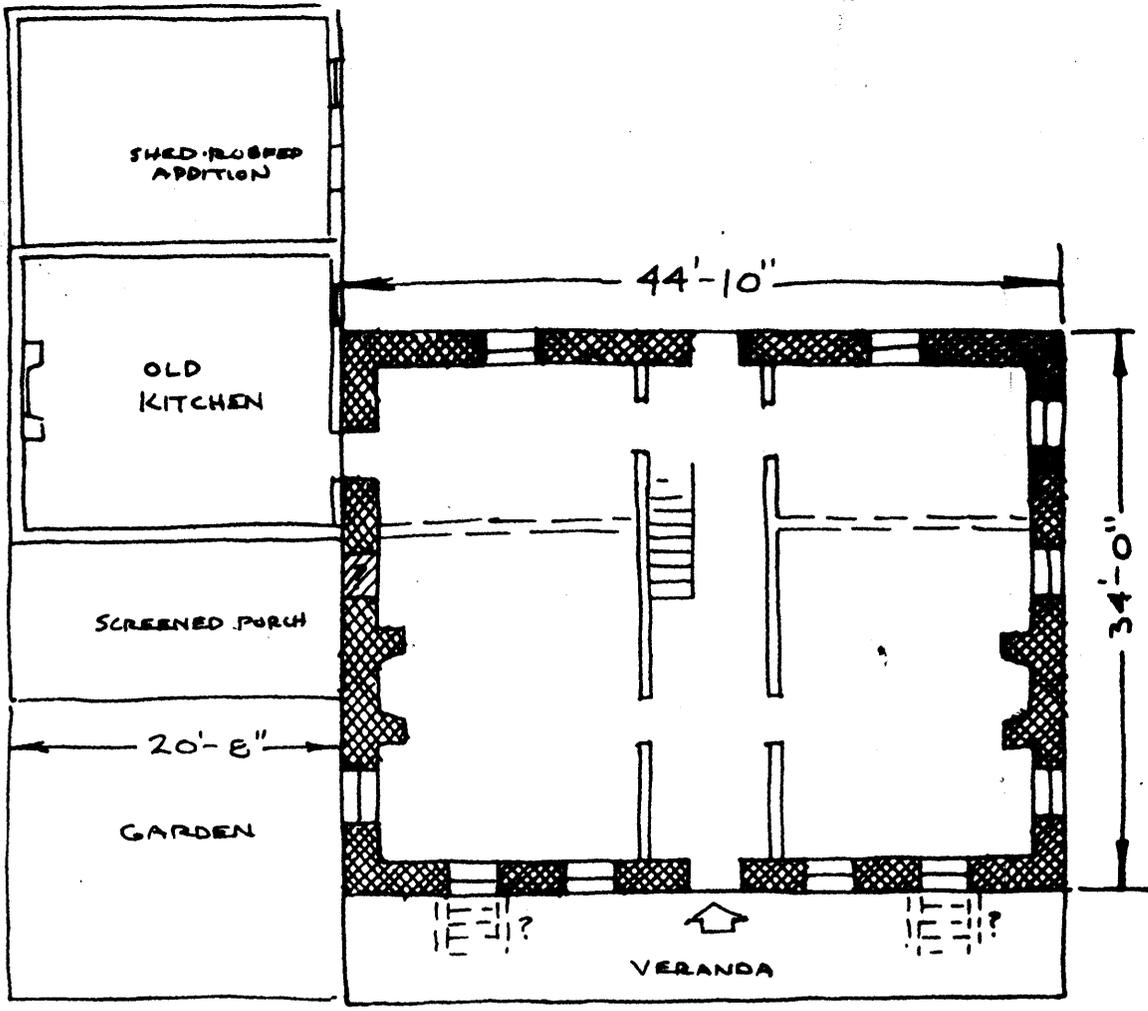
EAVE TREATMENT:

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

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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This house was erected on a 200 acre farm by Abraham A. Haring, a captain in the Bergen County militia. He was captured in the Revolution and died in prison in New York City. His widow married John Riker (who lived farther up the road) and her grandson, Abraham D. Haring, sold the house in 1805 to Moses Taylor, Jr. He added the wing about 1812.

(Source: BCHS Marker)

The Mount Holyoke house tour brochure says that the house was rebuilt in 1838 by Nicholas Haring, son of the original owner. This is unlikely as the Taylor family owned it until 1902. Some architectural details do, however, correspond with the 1838 date. Peter Henderson says: Moses Taylor fled with his parents from New York City in the Revolution and bought this house when he retired. His young wife, Margaret, died here in 1813 at the age of 32. He later married a daughter of Joshua Martin of Sneden's Landing. The house was owned in 1967 by Harriet Duke, a Haring descendant. - CKT

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Block 5, Lot 5 - Rockleigh Tax Map

15.43 acres

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