

BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

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HISTORIC NAME: Terhune-Ranlett House
 COMM'Y NAME: Joe Jefferson
 LOCATION: 933 East Saddle River Road.
 (Block 84, Lots 7A & 7B)
 MUNICIPALITY: Ho-Ho-Kus
 OWNERSHIP: Public Private
 OWNER/ADDRESS: James Ballantine
 (same)

REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:
 Erskine (1778-80)
 Hopkins-Corey (1861) W.E. Ranlett
 Walker's Atlas (1876) Joe. Jefferson
 Bromley (1912) S. Miller
 Other
 RECOGNITION:
 National Register BCMS Marker
 HABS Bailey
 Other

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: S 10° W
 IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:
 Barn (may be trimmed down
 Dutch barn)
 SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
 Residential
 Commercial
 Agricultural
 Open Space
 Other
 COMMENTS:

THREATS TO STRUCTURE USE

ORIGINAL: Residence
 PRESENT: Residence
 THREATS TO STRUCTURE:
 Roads
 Development
 Zoning
 Deterioration
 Other
 No Threat.
 COMMENTS:
 For sale.

CONDITION

CONDITION:
 Excellent Good
 Fair Deteriorated
 STATUS:
 Occupied
 Unoccupied
 Work in Progress
 ACCESSIBLE:
 Yes, Restricted
 Yes, Unrestricted
 No

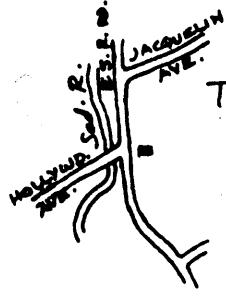
This old house has been greatly altered but still retains the charm of the old. The original fire-places have been removed. The ceiling in the stone section has been removed to make a cathedral ceiling. The hall has been lined with striated plywood to achieve a dropped ceiling with high hats. The old frame wing has been completely rebuilt.

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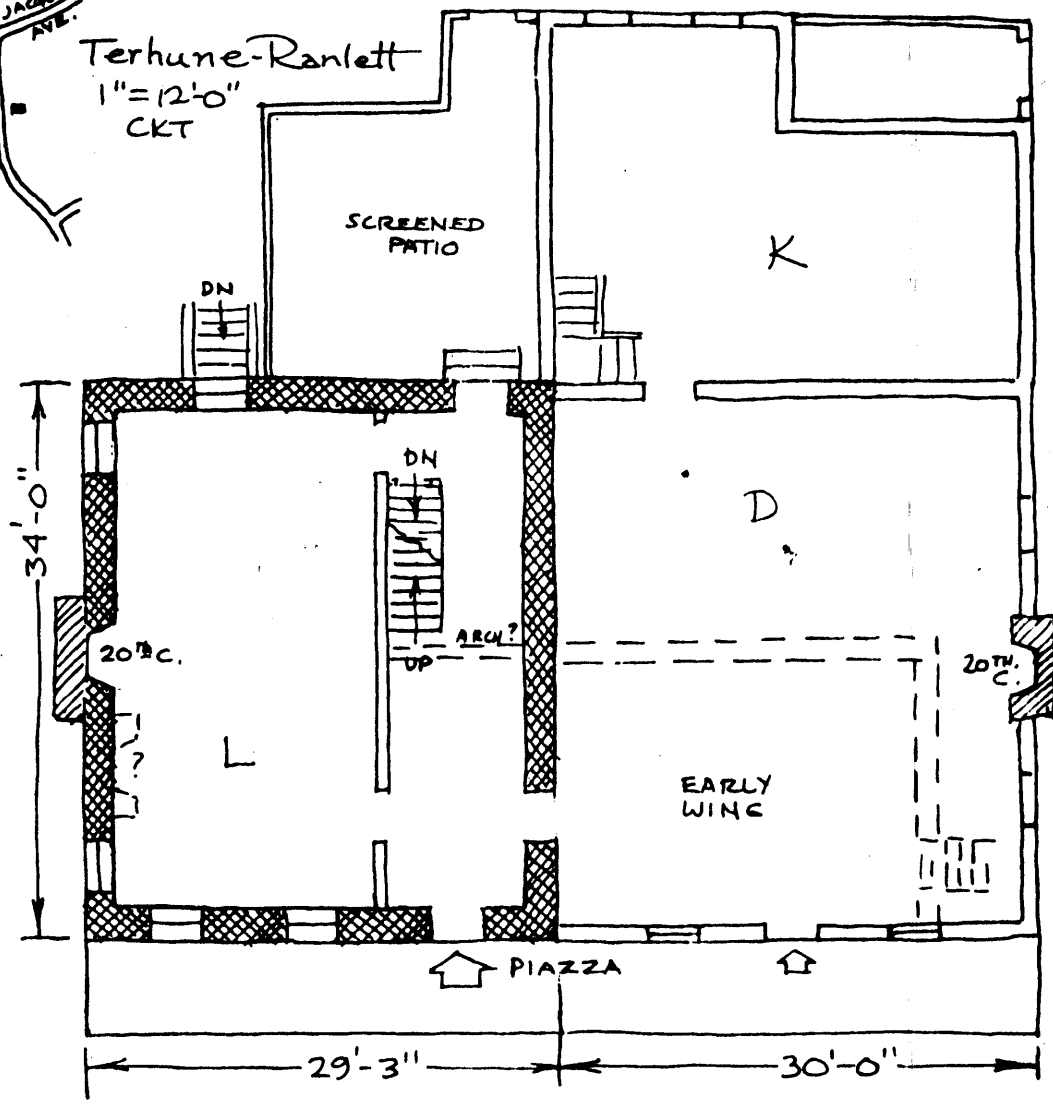


MAP





Terhune-Ranlett
1"=12'-0"
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DESCRIPTION

CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:
c. 1790/Architectural evidence

BUILDER:
a Terhune
FORM/PLAN TYPE:
"H" 3 bay, 2 rooms deep (29'3" x 34'0" deep).

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

EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:
Stucco facade w/ raised quoins, irregular sandstone painted on west side. Rear stucco w/ raised quoins.

FENESTRATION:
32-1/2" x 60" (6/6) trapezoidal lintels.

ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:
Easternmost bay of south facade; simple w/ Victorian door.

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

CHIMNEY FOUNDATION: Not visible
 Stone Arch
 Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
 Other

FLOOR JOISTS: Most were replaced, but were appx. 6" x 8"

FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:
Appx 8'0"

FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:
Appx 21"

GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:
Removed

GARRET:
 Unfinished Space
 Finished Space

ROOF:
 Gable
 Gambrel
 Curb
 Other

EAVE TREATMENT:
 Sweeping Overhang (rear)
 Supported Overhang (front)
 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.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

There is little background information available on this house. Rosa A. Livingston says it was built by Abraham Terhune and was the home of five generations of Terhunes. Prior to 1860 William Ranlett, architect of the Hermitage revision bought the house and lived here until his untimely death on November 8, 1865. In 1870 Joe Jefferson (1829-1905), the famed thespian, bought the house. It is said that he removed the partition in the living room to create a thirty-foot room in which to stage small theatrical productions. Some time around the turn of this century the old wing was removed and a larger one built to carry the lines of the gambrel roof. Also, the grade level piazza was added the full length. Mrs. J. B. Miller occupied the house. The E. J. Ruegg family owned it until 1965 when the present owners bought it. (CKT)

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Block 84, Lots 7A and 7B - Ho-Ho-Kus Tax Map

3.36 acres

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