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The Teunis Haring House is a two-story building situated at the intersection of Orangeburg and Old Tappan Roads in Old Tappan, Bergen County, New Jersey. It consists of three main sections. Loring McMillen, Director of the Staten Island Restoration, describes it as a typical North Jersey farmhouse of the Federal Period with the central or oldest section dating from about 1810.

The exterior of this oldest section is brown sandstone quarried in the area, dressed on the sides and undressed at the rear. The front is fine brickwork over a sandstone belt course. The gambrel roof was originally of riven wood shingles, but presently is covered with asphalt shingles. Two single-stack chimneys exist in this section, both leaning and supported by planks in the attic in order to strike the center of the roof ridge. The original kitchen chimney is flush with the west gable, while a later docked chimney built to accommodate a stove is at the east An original fan window of good quality remains just below the west gable. end. Dormers are 1900-1930 additions at the front (1) and rear (2). Possibly about 1830, a veranda was built along the front and this was expanded circa 1935. This deteriorated veranda was removed in 1975 and a spring eave was reconstructed. This extends four feet over the front, preserving intact the original box molding.

This central section consists of a cellar, a garret, and a first floor comprising originally a hall and two rooms, front and rear. The front room was originally the kitchen and the rear room the master bedroom. The partition between the master bedroom and the hall was probably removed about 1935 to make a large dining room when the building was a restaurant. Stairs both to the garret and to the cellar were probably removed at the same time. Their former location can be seen in the rear hallway. A doorway at the rear of the hall was closed and a window added when the 1820 (east) wing was added. The window frame is identical with the original frames in this section which are good examples of solid window framing mortised and The windows have exterior panelled shutters. The present sash are tenoned. double-hung, 12 over 8 light, and replace a Victorian-style sash dating from about Floors are random-width pine planks. Ceilings are plaster, strengthened 1870. with hog's hair, over hand-split lath. Several timbers in the basic frame construction covered by the ceiling are re-used from an earlier building as evidenced by decorative beaded edges as seen from the garret. Two second floor beams are reinforced by iron tie-rods visible at the rear of the building. The former kitchen fireplace has at present a white marble mantle of the 1850 period. An The open garret arched stone chimney base in the cellar supports this fireplace. displays the interesting framework of a typical 1810 building with pinned lap joints at the ridgepole connections. The garret includes two bedrooms partitioned off shortly after the original structure was built.

The east section was built for a cellar kitchen about 1820 as shown by an outline in the garret of the center section, the stone work in the cellar, and the hewn frame. However, by 1840 and again by 1860 this wing was enlarged to provide more space. Dating is done by the hardware and moldings, typical of these periods. The cellar of this wing was a commercial barroom beginning in the 1940's and until 1952 and these fixtures are in place. A fireplace in this room has a wood mantle circa 1810 which may have been removed from the original kitchen fireplace.

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The west section was added shortly after the 1870's as indicated by a photograph and details such as hardware, door and window trim and bay window typical of the 1870-1880 period. In building this last section, stone work either of an earlier building or early additions was uncovered which forms part of the cellar of this section.

To the rear of the house are a re-constructed barn and privy. The 18' x 23' weathered wood barn with pegged beams was built in Englewood, New Jersey circa 1872 by Jacob Bogert. It was removed from its original site in 1974 and re-constructed in 1977. (The original Haring farmhouse Dutch barn, circa 1820-30, stands on separately-owned property across Orangeburg Road.) The privy is of unknown vintage and was removed from the site of a Saddle River, New Jersey, farmhouse for reconstruction.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Teunis Haring House is significant as a surviving example of the distinctive Dutch architecture "which flourished to perfection especially in Bergen County, New It is typical of "a native style which had no prototype in Europe". Jersey". The house also is historically significant in New Jersey as the homestead of the politically-prominent Teunis Haring family whose forebearers were among the earliest Jersey Dutch settlers of the region (even lending the family name to the vast area called Harrington Township which included present-day Old Tappan). There is significance also in the building's recent history, having served as the local headquarters of a silent motion picture company during the early development of this segment of the movie industry.

The Haring House, -- with its gambrel roof, curved overhanging eaves, and sandstone construction quarried locally -- typifies the Dutch style of architecture. The fine brick front facade, however, is quite unusual along the Hudson Valley and represents an almost unique deviation from the fine cut sandstone fronts generally found in Dutch stone houses of the 18th and 19th centuries. Despite the addition of later wings and some Victorian-style modifications, the Teunis Haring House has recently undergone renovations and removal of several later appendages. The result affords a pleasing view of the Dutch-style lines and a feeling preserving the integrity of the original structure.

It is not known precisely when the house was constructed, but it is believed to This is based on architectural have been built by Teunis Haring circa 1810. details as well as a historical reference that Teunis Haring's first child, Abraham Blauvelt Haring, "...was born on May 20, 1811 at the Haring Homestead and has there spent his life as a farmer".

Teunis Haring (1787-1881) was a direct descendant of Jan Pieterson Haring who negotiated the purchase from the Tappan Indians in 1682 of the Tappan Patent lands on which the home stands. An 1882 Bergen County History described Teunis Haring and his children as having "...ranked among the substantial citizens, not only of that locality but also of Bergen County. They have been tillers of the soil in their general occupation, identified with the founding and development of school and church interests..."

POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

The family was active in state and county government during the mid-1800's. Teunis Haring served as a Bergen County Freeholder from 1843-45. His first son Abraham (1811-1895) also served as County Freeholder, as well as Bergen County Sheriff (1853-56) and two terms in the State Legislature. Teunis Haring's youngest child, John T. Haring (1822-1907), served three years as a Bergen County Freeholder (1860-62) and three years as Township Collector.

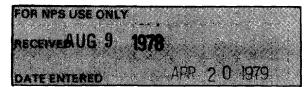
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It was John T. Haring who took title from his father to the Haring Homestead and 144 1/2 acre farm in the earliest recorded deed dated March 26, 1849. Richard Blauvelt Haring (1856-1910) in turn inherited the farm and homestead upon his father's death in 1907 but died just three years later. His widow and six children retained ownership until 1938 but none resided here after 1910, thus closing out a continuous Haring residency period of at least 100 years.

THEATER

It was rented, primarily as a home, during the period 1910-38. However, it is known that "a movie company made motion pictures in Old Tappan. They rented the '300 House' and had a studio in a barn across the street". The rehabitation of the house in 1973 uncovered several edited film clips between floorboards authenticated by the United States Library of Congress as coming from "Ring Around Rosey", issued in 1915 by the Royal Film Company.

In 1938 the home was sold by the Haring family to a series of owners who operated a restaurant/taern here until 1952 known as the "300 House". The tavern is recalled by long-time local residents and its fixtures remain intact on the basement level. The present owners took occupancy in 1973 by which time the building had reached an advanced stage of deterioration. The Teunis Haring House was included in the Historical Marker program of the Bergen County Historical Society in 1975 after substantial rehabilitation had taken place.

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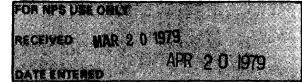
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The Dutch form frame barn immediately across the street from the Teunis Haring house appears to date from the first quarter of the 19th century. While it seems that this barn is eligible for National Register inclusion it is not being nominated at this time because of the vehement opposition of the owners.

Historically associated with the farmstead the current property boundaries exclude the barn from registration at this time. In the near future the New Jersey Office of Historic Preservation hopes to register the barn property as an addendum to the Teunis Haring nomination, but as such an addition shall be required to go through the entire review process (the barn owners objections would hold up New Jersey registration considerably) it seems expeditious to register the house separately at this time.

When an application for appending the barn to the Teunis Haring nomination is completed, the specific questions about the barn (description, photos, geographic orientation, additional property owners) will be addressed at that time.

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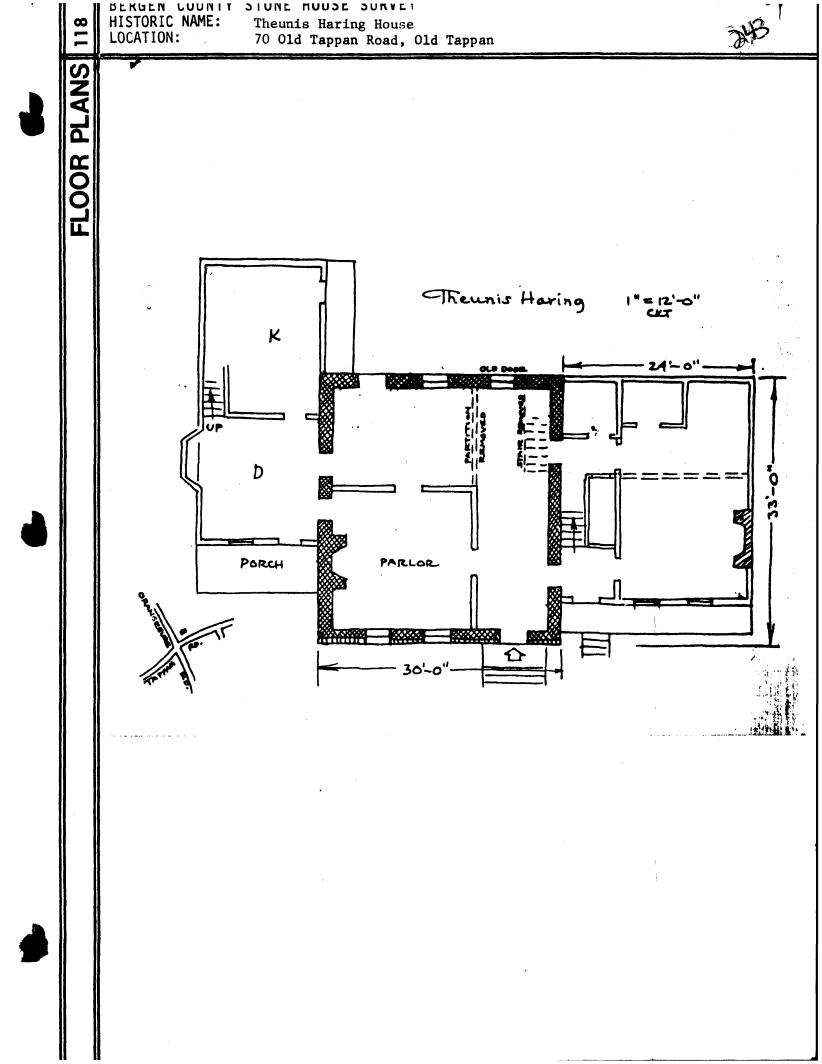
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Theunis Haring was born in 1787 and had a son Abraham Blauvelt Haring on May 20, 1811, was a Freeholder from 1843 to 1845. Son Abraham was also a Freeholder and Sheriff from 1853 to 1856 and a State Legislator. Son John T. (1822-1907) was a Freeholder from 1860 to 1862 and was the township collector for three years. John T. acquired the farm (144-1/2 acres) on March 26, 1849. Richard Blauvelt Haring (1856-1910) inherited it in 1907 after Theunis' death in 1881. Richard's widow and six children retained it until 1938 but lived elsewhere after 1910 (the house was rented). Prior to 1915 a film company rented it and its barn to produce the film "Ring Around Rosey" here. It was sold in 1938 to a series of owners who operated it as a restaurant and tavern known as the "300 House" until 1952. The Pattons bought it in 1973. (CKT)

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