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GENERAL

BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

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HISTORIC NAME: Paulison-Christie House
 COMMON NAME:
 LOCATION: 8 Homestead Place
 (Block 105, Lot 5)
 Ridgefield Park
 MUNICIPALITY:
 OWNERSHIP: Public Private
 OWNER/ADDRESS: Gene Christie
 (same)

REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:
 Erskine (1778-80)
 Hopkins-Corey (1861) A.B. Christie
 Walker's Atlas (1876) A.B. Christie
 Bronley (1912) no name
 Other
 RECOGNITION:
 National Register BCHS Marker
 HABS NJ-160 Bailey
 Other

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: S 20° W
 IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:
 SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
 Residential
 Commercial
 Agricultural
 Open Space
 Other
 COMMENTS:

USE
 THREATS

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 house amazingly survived encroachment in a built-up area. Although probably not as early as often stated (1685, etc.) it could well be pre-Revolutionary. The rear wing was removed in the early twentieth century.

PHOTO



MAP



CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:

probably Federal/Architectural evidence

BUILDER:

probably a Paulson

FORM/PLAN TYPE:

Similar to "G" 5 bay, 2 rooms deep
(39'0" x 33'0").

FRAMING SYSTEM:

- Intermediate Summer Beam
 Intermediate Bearing Wall
 Clear Span
 Other

EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:

Evenly cut, rough hewn sandstone w/
raised mortar joints.

FENESTRATION:

42" x 62" (2/2), 34" x 63" on side.

ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:

Center, south facade, plain, 35" x 7'2".

NUMBER OF STORIES: 1-1/2

CELLAR: Yes (partial)
 No

CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:

- Stone Arch
 Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
 Other

FLOOR JOISTS:

8" x 10", 3'7" - 4'3" o.c.

FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:

FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:
21"

GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:

boxed in

GARRET:

- Unfinished Space
 Finished Space

ROOF:

- Gable Large central gambrel
 Gambrel roofed dormer front &
 Curb rear added early 20th
 Other century along with
 porches.

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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Harvey says: Martin Powlesen and Hendrick Brinkerhoff were granted tracts in 1676 in "New Hackensack" and these tracts were probably closely adjoining near this house. Van Valsen says: Richard (Dirk) Paulison was a descendant born October 1, 1773 and lived here almost 100 years until 1873. His son Powles, or Paul, continued on here and owned land as far north as Hackensack Avenue (into the old Brinkerhoff land - CKT). He died in 1832 and specified that the property be sold and divided twelve years after his death between his sons. David Christie, who had married Anna Brinkerhoff and settled in English Neighborhood in 1835 and died in 1848, bought the farm at the division sale in 1844 for his son Albert Brinkerhoff Christie. Louise H. Burnett says he had nine children and lived here until his death in 1888. His wife was Lydia Ann Christie (not related) and his son Cornelius, who was born here in 1864, was a telegraph operator, train dispatcher and train master.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Block 105, Lot 5 - Ridgefield Park Tax Map

Less than 1 acre

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