

123 BERGEN COUNTY COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

GENERAL

HISTORIC NAME: Harmon, Van Dien, House
COMMON NAME:
LOCATION: 449 Paramus Road,
(Block 3501, Lots 344)
Paramus
MUNICIPALITY:
OWNERSHIP: Public Private
OWNER/ADDRESS: Robert W. & Judy Hamilton
(same)

REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:
 Erskine (1778-80)
 Hopkins-Corey (1861) J.H. VanDien
 Walker's Atlas (1876) J.H. VanDien
 Bromley (1912) Miss E. VanDien
 Other
RECOGNITION:
 National Register BCHS Marker
 HABS Bailey (tells
about smokehouse)
 Other

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: 8 55° E
IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:
Out kitchen
Smoke house (made smaller)

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
 Residential
 Commercial
 Agricultural
 Open Space
 Other School area

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 is a handsome house - a landmark on Paramus Road. It displays the uniform workmanship of a master builder. It has been said that the wing was earlier, but this seems doubtful since it has no cellar.

PHOTO



MAP



DESCRIPTION

CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:

1811/Painted on cellar beam, supported by architectural evidence

BUILDER:

Probably Harmon Van Dien

FORM/PLAN TYPE:

"J" 5 bay, center hall, 2 rooms deep (45'2" x 35'2") plus stone, brick & frame wing (20'0" x 22'0")

FRAMING SYSTEM:

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

EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:

Stucco front w/ quoins, evenly cut sandstone blocks, Flemish bond brick front on wing.

FENESTRATION:

6/6, 37½" x 67½", trapezoidal on front rectangular on sides.

ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:

Center, impressive Federal w/ 3-lite transom & sidelights, plus over-mantel.

NUMBER OF STORIES: 1-1/2

- CELLAR:** Yes
 No

CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:

- Stone Arch
- Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
- Other N.W. Solid

FLOOR JOISTS:

4-4½" x 9", 24" between

FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:

8'7"

FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:

21"

GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:

GARRET:

- Unfinished Space
- Finished Space

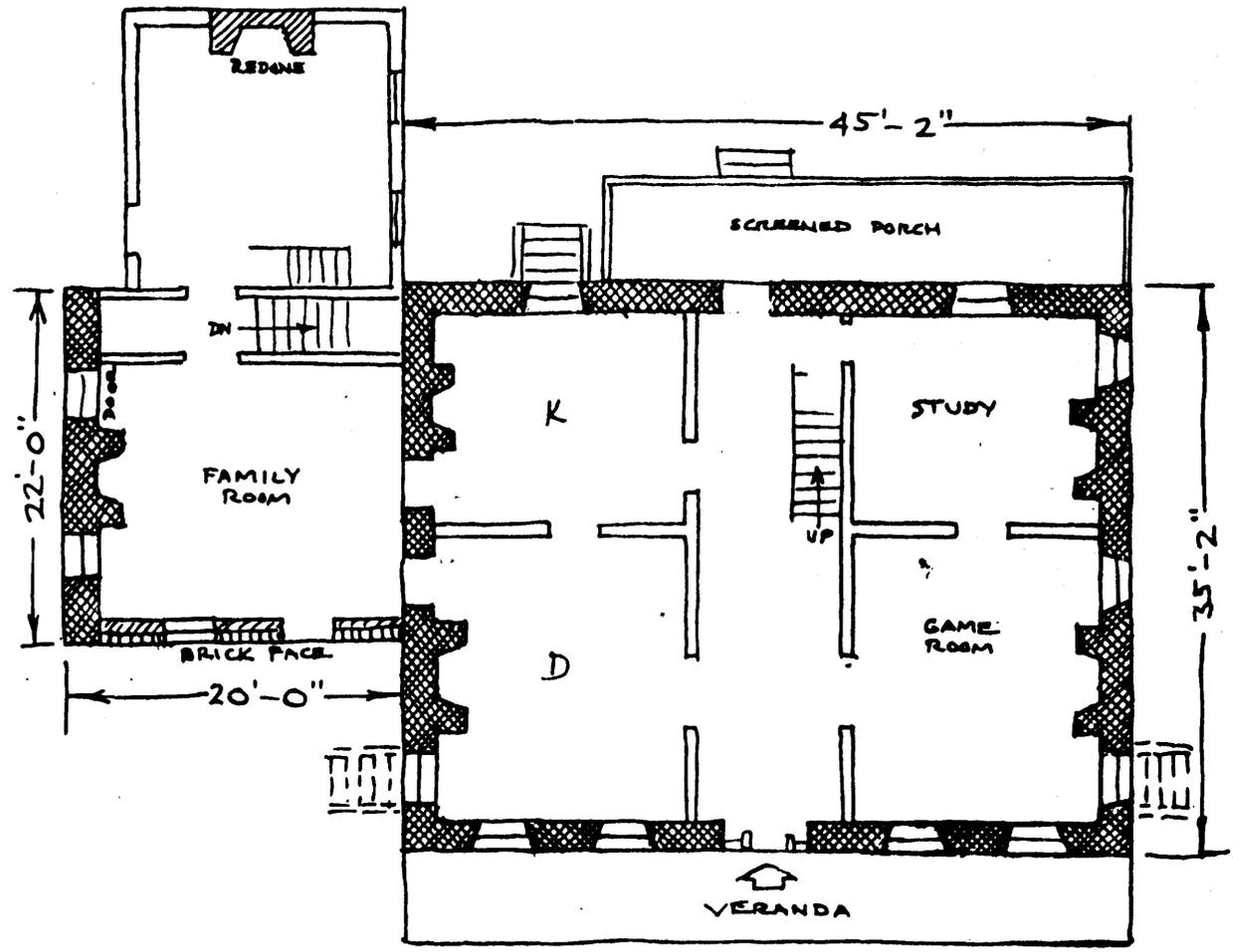
ROOF:

- Gable
- Gambrel
- Curb
- Other

EAVE TREATMENT:

- Sweeping Overhang appx. 30" on
- Supported Overhang front/ rear
- No Overhang
- Boxed Gutter
- Other

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.



BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This house was built on former Zabriskie land, presumably by Harmon Van Dien. Little else is known of its history. Mr. and Mrs. J. Cornell Veenstra owned it prior to April, 1963, when they sold it to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil F. Linz, who sold it to the Hamiltons a few years ago.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Block 3501, Lots 3 & 4 - Paramus Tax Map

2.05 acres

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