BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

250

GENERAL

HISTORIC NAME: Harmon Van Dien House

COMMON NAME:

LOCATION: 449 Paramus Road ~~(Block 3501, Lots 3&4)~~

MUNICIPALITY: Paramus

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.M.VanDien
- ■ Bromley (1912) Miss E.VanDien
- ☐ Other

RECOGNITION:

- ☐ National Register
- ☐ HABS
- ☐ Other
- ☐ BCHS Marker
- ■ Bailey (tells about smokehouse

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: S 55° E

IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:

Out kitchen

Smoke house (made smaller)

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

- ■ Residential
- ☐ Commercial
- ☐ Agricultural
- ■ Open Space
- ■ Other School area

COMMENTS:

USE

ORIGINAL: Residence

PRESENT: Residence

THREATS

THREATS TO STRUCTURE:

- ■ Roads
- ☐ Development
- ☐ Zoning
- ☐ Deterioration
- ☐ Other
- ☐ No Threat

COMMENTS:

CONDITION

CONDITION:

- ☐ Excellent
- ■ Good
- ☐ Fair
- ☐ Deteriorated

STATUS:

- ■ Occupied
- ☐ Unoccupied
- ☐ Work in Progress

ACCESSIBLE:

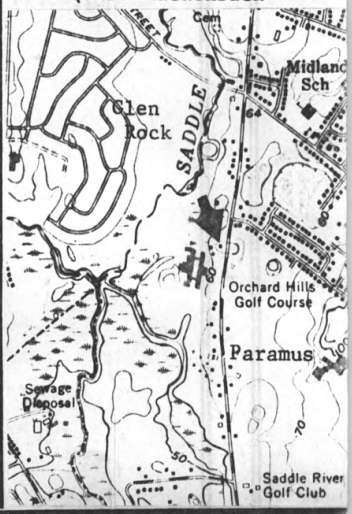
- ☐ Yes, Restricted
- ☐ Yes, Unrestricted
- ☐ No

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

USGS QUAD: Hackensack



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:
- [x] 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, inpressive Federal w/ 3-lite transom & sidelights, plus over-mantel.

NUMBER OF STORIES: 1-1/2

CELLAR:
- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:
- [ ] Stone Arch
- [x] Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
- [x] 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:

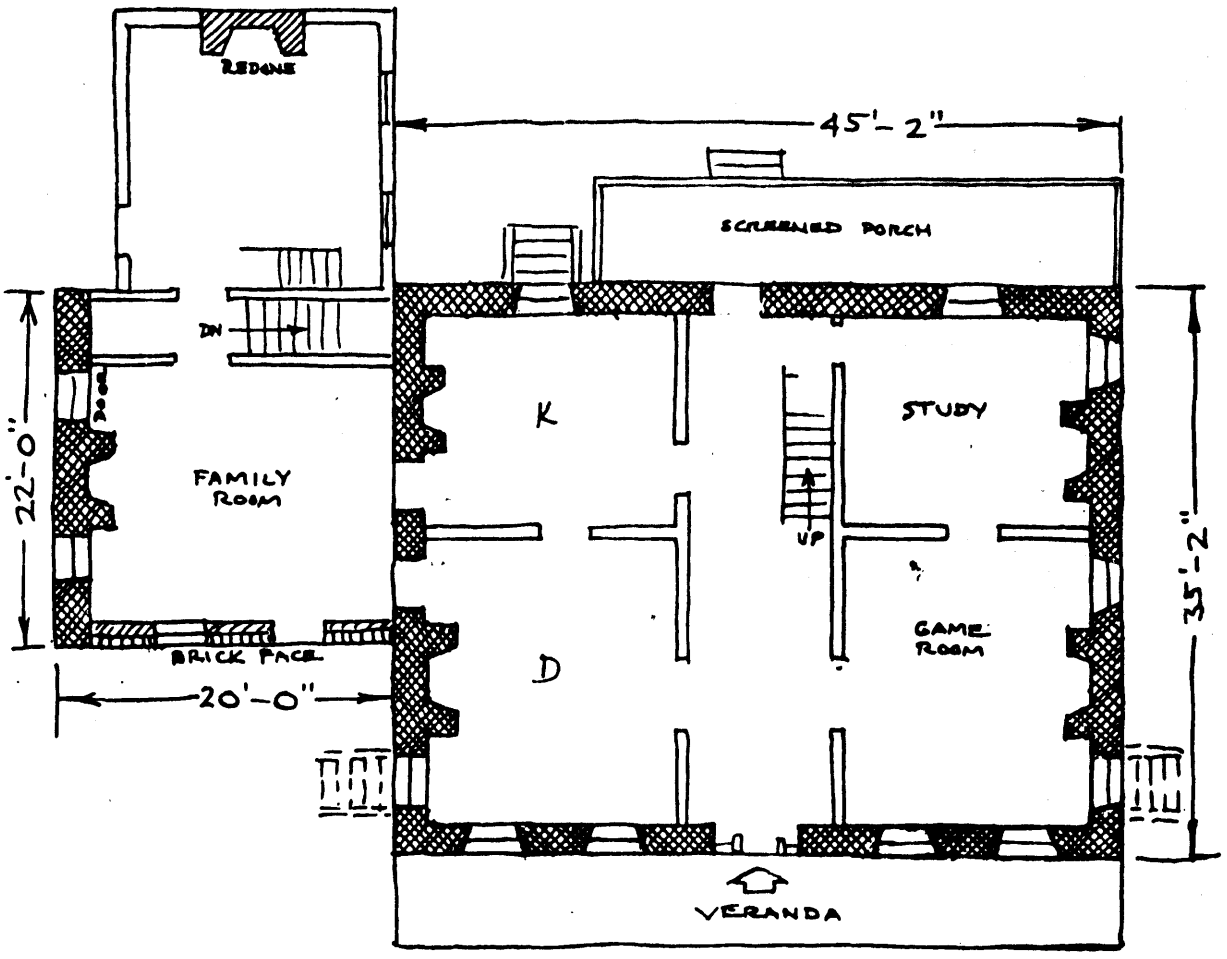
GARRET:
- [ ] Unfinished Space
- [x] Finished Space

ROOF:
- [ ] Gable
- [x] Gambrel
  - [x] Curb
- [ ] Other

EAVE TREATMENT:
- [x] Sweeping Overhang appx. 30" on
- [x] 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.

FLOOR PLANS 122



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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