

BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

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GENERAL

HISTORIC NAME: Peter P. Post, House

COMMON NAME:

LOCATION: 259 Pascack Road
(Block 1806, Lot 20)
Woodcliff Lake

MUNICIPALITY: Woodcliff Lake

OWNERSHIP: Public Private

OWNER/ADDRESS: Philip & Fran Ciminelli
(same)

REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:

- Erskine (1778-80) Road not surveyed
- Hopkins-Corey (1861) I. Demarest
- Walker's Atlas (1876) Jas. Leach
- Bromley (1912) Niehoff
- Other

RECOGNITION:

- National Register BCHS Marker
- HABS Bailey
- Other

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: S 60° E

IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

- Residential
- Commercial
- Agricultural
- Open Space
- Other

COMMENTS:

THREATS TO STRUCTURE

ORIGINAL: Residence

PRESENT: Residence

THREATS TO STRUCTURE:

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

COMMENTS:

CONDITION

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- Excellent Good
- Fair Deteriorated

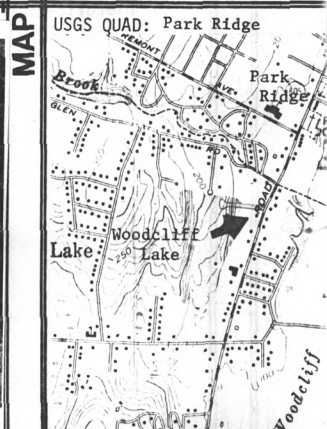
STATUS:

- Occupied
- Unoccupied
- Work in Progress

ACCESSIBLE:

- Yes, Restricted
- Yes, Unrestricted
- No

Some Victorianization has taken place. The original fireplace location was changed and a bay window was added. The ceiling has been removed in the hall and study, exposing unfinished beams.



DESCRIPTION

CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:
c. 1794/BCHS Marker
1790-1830/Architectural evidence

BUILDER:
Probably Peter Post
FORM/PLAN TYPE:
"H" 3 bay, 2 rooms deep, side hall
(30'0" x 36'0")

FRAMING SYSTEM:
 Intermediate Summer Beam
 Intermediate Bearing Wall
 Clear Span on girt
 Other

EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:
Evenly cut sandstone w/ rubble on south
and broken stone on west.

FENESTRATION:
6/6, 33½" x 62", trapezoidal board
lintels in front.

ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:
Northwesternmost bay, side hall,
semi-circle fan w/ lead comes,
double-leaf door 36" x 6'2".

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

CHIMNEY FOUNDATION: Gone
 Stone Arch
 Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
 Other

FLOOR JOISTS:
6½"x9½", 32-26" between

FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:
8'6"

FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:
21"

GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:
5" x 8", 21" between

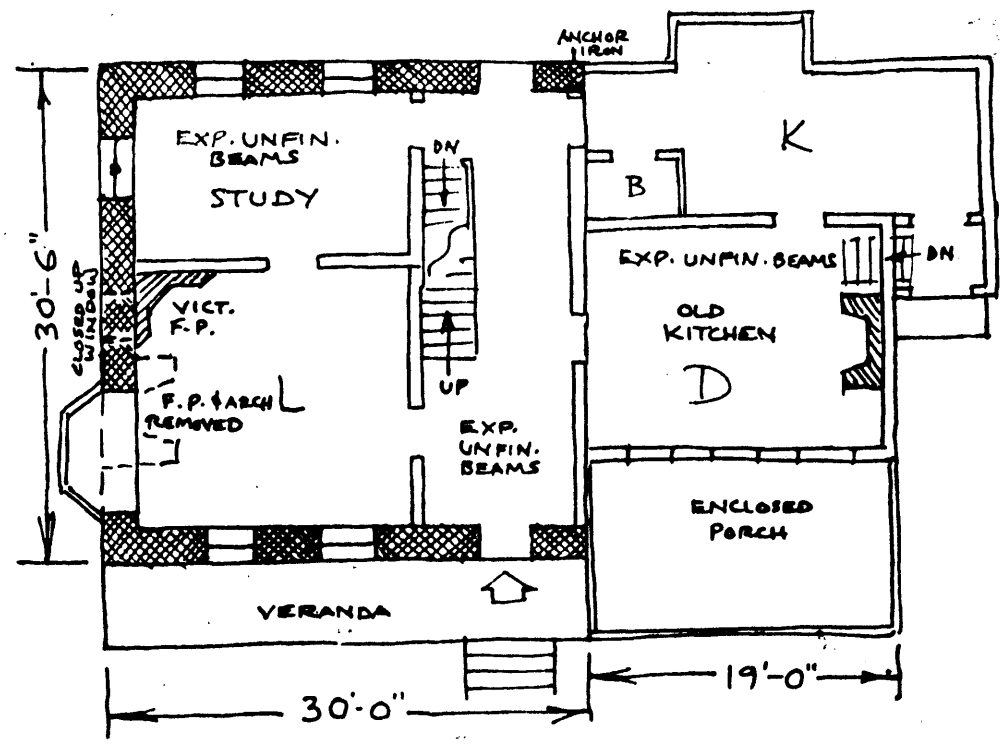
GARRET:
 Unfinished Space
 Finished Space

ROOF:
 Gable
 Gambrel
 Curb
 Other

EAVE TREATMENT:
 Sweeping Overhang 44" rear
 Supported Overhang 58" 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.

FLOOR PLANS



Howard I. Durie says this house was built around 1794. Peter Post, a third generation of millers, came from Pompton and bought land along Bear Brook on April 1, 1789 from Johannes Myers and built a grist mill and residence. The tract extended east to the Pascack Brook and west to the top of the hill along Bear Brook. On May 5, 1794 Peter P. Post bought a tract of 112 acres and thirty porches south of the mill property from James S. Bogert and Frederick Storms. He subsequently built the stone house. Probably as an aid to completing the house, Post mortgaged the land to John Najie on December 28, 1795 for £300. He married Neesje (Nashie or Nancy) Post, his cousin, and they had twelve children between 1771 and 1795. In 1795 he petitioned for the laying out of Glen Road for access from the west. He died suddenly in the summer of 1779 in debt, which was not resolved until the homestead and 91.57 acres were sold on June 16, 1806 to John Perry of Orangetown for \$2,641.25. His son-in-law and daughter, John and Margaret Blauvelt, occupied the farm until it was traded to Abraham J. Demarest in 1817. He remained until his death in 1863 and it went to his son Isaac. Subsequent owners included Charles F. Neer, Gideon W. Davenport and Peter Q. Eckerson, Fredericka B. McHarg and Honore G. Prades. Elsa Ross.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Block 1806, Lot 20 - Woodcliff Lake Tax Map

Less than 1 acre

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