

BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

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GENERAL

HISTORIC NAME: Demarest-Lyle House

COMMON NAME:

LOCATION: 91 West Clinton Avenue
(Block 55, Lot 10)

MUNICIPALITY: Tenafly

OWNERSHIP: Public Private

OWNER/ADDRESS: Saleem Haddad
(same)

REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:

Erskine (1778-80)

Hopkins-Corey (1861) Dd.A. Demarest

Walker's Atlas (1876) Jno. S. Lyle

Bromley (1912) John S. Lyle

Other

RECOGNITION:

National Register BCHS Marker

HABS Bailey

Other

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: S 20° W

IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Residential

Commercial

Agricultural

Open Space

Other (Municipal grounds)

COMMENTS:

USE

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 good looking house despite its second story addition. Perhaps the "Mt. Vernon" veranda helps. The interior is spacious. The living room is now full-depth since the partition has been removed. The fireplaces have been relocated and another has been added to the rear.

PHOTO



MAP



DESCRIPTION

CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:

Early 19th century/Architectural evidence

BUILDER:

probably a Demarest

FORM/PLAN TYPE:

"H" 3 bay, 2 rooms deep (30'0" x 32'4") w/ kitchen wing (27'6" x 21'6")

FRAMING SYSTEM:

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

EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:

Random ashlar sandstone facade, evenly cut on wing and sides, rectangular on rear.

FENESTRATION:

Victorian casements 41" x full length all main windows. Trapezoidal lintels on front windows.

ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:

Westernmost bay of south facade, Victorian double doors, probably had sidelights.

NUMBER OF STORIES: 2-1/2

- CELLAR: Yes
- No

CHIMNEY FOUNDATION: (cemented)

- Stone Arch
- Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
- Other

FLOOR JOISTS:

6" x 8", 27-30" between

FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:

7'2"

FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:

21"

GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:

not visible

GARRET: 2nd floor

- Unfinished Space
- Finished Space

ROOF:

- Gable
- Gambrel
- Curb
- Other

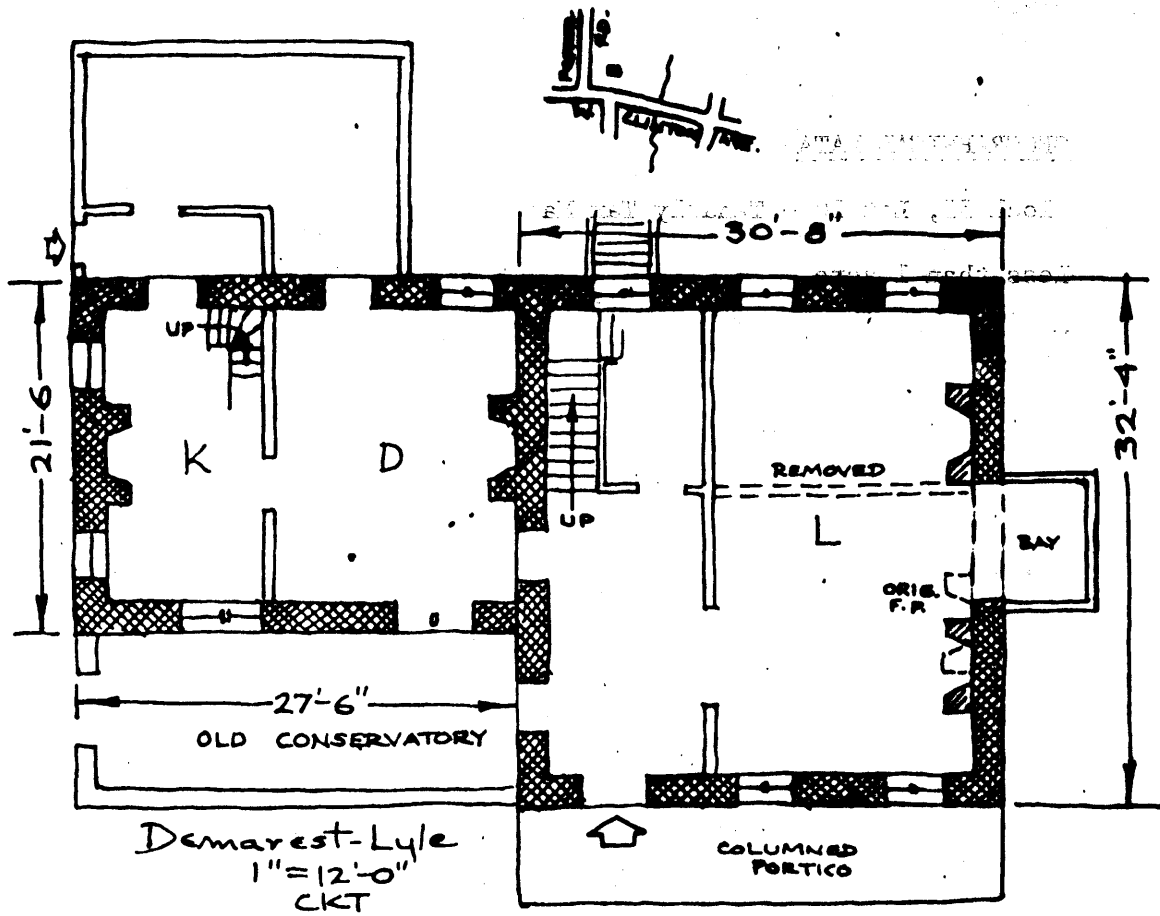
EAVE TREATMENT:

- 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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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

It is not known which David Demarest lived here in the mid-nineteenth century. The history of this house, such as it is, starts with Charles Newcomb who apparently made major changes in the 1860's. His son-in-law, John S. Lyle, acquired the house and 20.25 acres (by inheritance?) in 1912. The Borough of Tenafly bought the estate in 1946 and built the Municipal Building but could not afford to keep the house. The Borough sold the house to Saleem J. Haddad who removed the conservatory and added the portico and generally renovated. His wife died in 1952 and he about 1956. The house is now occupied by a son and a daughter, Mrs. Jessica Jebbiley. - CKT

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Block 55, Lot 10 - Tenafly Tax Map

Less than 1 acre

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