

BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

195

INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

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GENERAL

HISTORIC NAME: Westervelt-Lydecker *House*
 COMMON NAME:
 LOCATION: Weirum Road & Old Mill Rd,
 (Block 1401, Lot 2)
 MUNICIPALITY: Woodcliff lake
 OWNERSHIP: Public Private
 OWNER/ADDRESS: Del Vecchio
 (builder)

REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:
 Erskine (1778-80)
 Hopkins-Corey (1861) G. J. Lydecker
 Walker's Atlas (1876) G. J. Lydecker
 Bromley (1912) L. Flamm
 Other
 RECOGNITION:
 National Register BCHS Marker
 HABS Bailey
 Other

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: E 14° N
 IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
 Residential
 Commercial
 Agricultural
 Open Space
 Other

COMMENTS: Park across the street.

USE

ORIGINAL: Residence
 PRESENT: Residence (Rental)

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

The house has been a rental property for 25 years and has suffered considerably from neglect and abuse. The front had once been stuccoed and there was also a continuous porch along it. Dormers have been added (continuous in front) and a bay window was added in the frame wing. A new chimney stack (flue for mechanicals) was added in the kitchen.

PHOTO



MAP

USGS QUAD: Park Ridge



DESCRIPTION

CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:

1756/Durie (supported by architectural evidence)

BUILDER: Unknown.

FORM/PLAN TYPE: Main: "F" 5 bay, center hall, 1 room to each side w/ small narrow room to rear and fireplace in each front room (43'0" x 32'0") with original frame wing to north.

FRAMING SYSTEM:

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

EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:

Sandstone ashlar on east front and south. Coursed rubble on west and north.

FENESTRATION:

2'8 1/2" x 5'11" sash (4/4) with stone trapezoidal lintels.

ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:

Replacement door on east front 3'0 1/2" x 7'3". Door surround is Greek revival.

NUMBER OF STORIES: 1-1/2.

CELLAR: Yes
 No

CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:

- Stone Arch (Main)
- Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
- Other

FLOOR JOISTS: 7-1/2" x 9-1/2" deep, 30" apart.

FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT: 7'8"

FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS: 20"

GARRET FLOOR JOISTS: Not visible.

GARRET:

- Unfinished Space
- Finished Space

ROOF:

- Gable
- Gambrel
- Curb
- Other

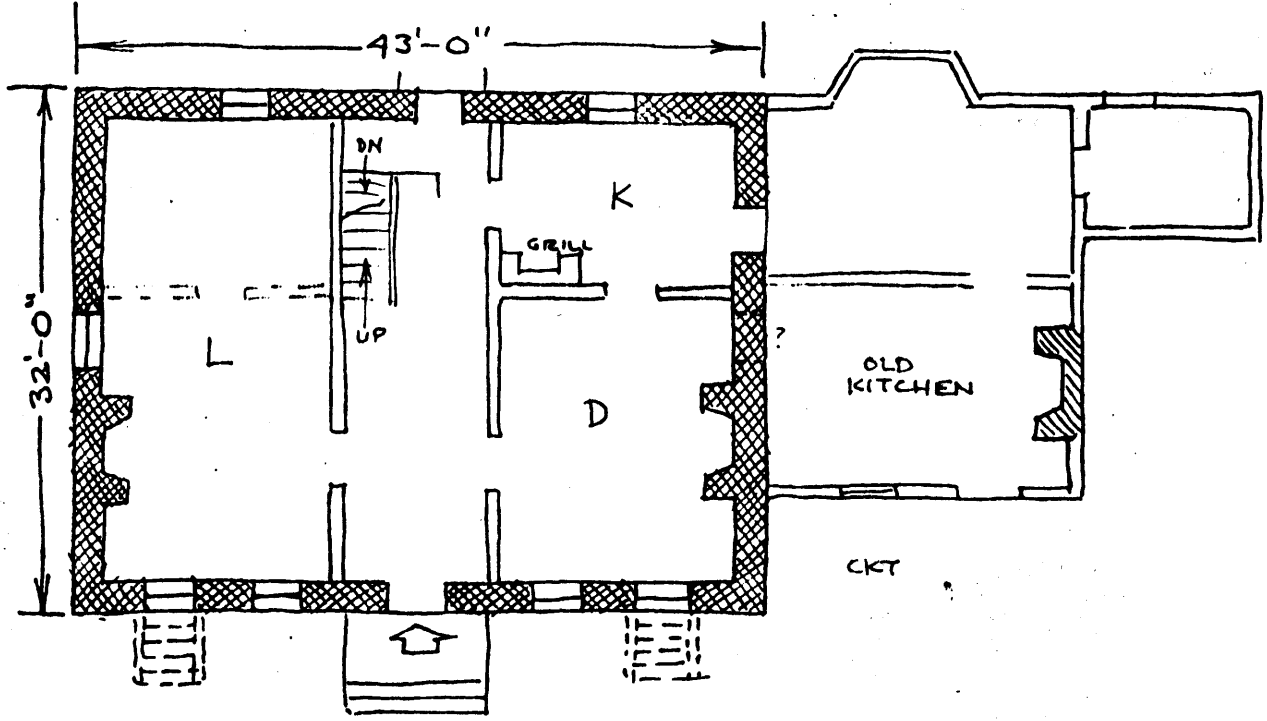
EAVE TREATMENT:

- Sweeping Overhang
- Supported Overhang
- No Overhang
- Boxed Gutter
- Other

(Overhang on gable ends)

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 195



A house was built here, on about 150 acres, about 1756 by Johannes Westervelt of Tenafly for his son Casparus, who inherited it when Johannes died 1770-71. Casparus died November 15, 1809 and his son Peter C. Westervelt inherited and owned it until 1846, when it was sold to Peter's son James P. Westervelt along with fourteen acres. James operated a grist mill and general store. In 1854 Garret J. Lydecker bought the property and continued the business.

(Source: Howard I. Durie)

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Block 1401, Lot 2 - Woodcliff Lake Tax Map

2.90 acres

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