

BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

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INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

GENERAL

HISTORIC NAME: David Baldwin House

COMMON NAME:

LOCATION: 60 Lake Avenue
(Block 3, Lot 1A)

MUNICIPALITY: Midland Park

OWNERSHIP: Public Private

OWNER/ADDRESS: Robert J. Miller
(same)

REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:

Erskine (1778-80)

Hopkins-Corey (1861)

Walker's Atlas (1876) David Baldwin

Bromley (1912) H.J. Wostbrock

Other

RECOGNITION:

National Register BCHS Marker

HABS #6-420 Bailey

Other N.J. Inventory

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: Due South

IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES: Outkitchen.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

- Residential
- Commercial
- Agricultural
- Open Space
- Other

COMMENTS:

THREATS USE

ORIGINAL: Residence

PRESENT: Residence

THREATS TO STRUCTURE:

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

COMMENTS: Lot to east will probably be built upon.

CONDITION

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- Excellent Good
- Fair Deteriorated

STATUS:

- Occupied
- Unoccupied
- Work in Progress

ACCESSIBLE:

- Yes, Restricted
- Yes, Unrestricted
- No

This is a handsome house, saved from demolition for apartments a few years ago. It has been carefully restored by the owner. The partition between the hall and the living room has been removed.

PHOTO



MAP

USGS QUAD: Paterson



CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:

1838/HABS

BUILDER:

David Baldwin

FORM/PLAN TYPE:

"H" 3 bay, side hall w/ front room w/ fireplace and narrow back room (27'9" x 26'2"). Kitchen wing is "B" 1 room (18'5" x 16'9½").

FRAMING SYSTEM:

- Intermediate Summer Beam (main)
 Intermediate Bearing Wall
 Clear Span (wing)
 Other

EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:

Coursed red sandstone front and sides;
 irregular stone work on rear.

FENESTRATION:

3'4" x 5'9" M.O. (6/6) in main;
 2'8" x 4'0" M.O. (6/6) in wing,

ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:

West end bay of south front, panelled
 door w/ side lights and transom w/
 heavy moldings.

NUMBER OF STORIES:

CELLAR: Yes (main only)
 No

CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:

- Stone Arch
 Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
 Other

FLOOR JOISTS: 4½-7" x 9-10"
 @ 27-36" o.c.

FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:

Main: 9'2"; Wing: 7'10"

FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:
 21"

GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:

not exposed

GARRET:

- Unfinished Space
 Finished Space

ROOF:

- Gable (wing)
 Gambrel (main)
 Curb
 Other

EAVE TREATMENT:

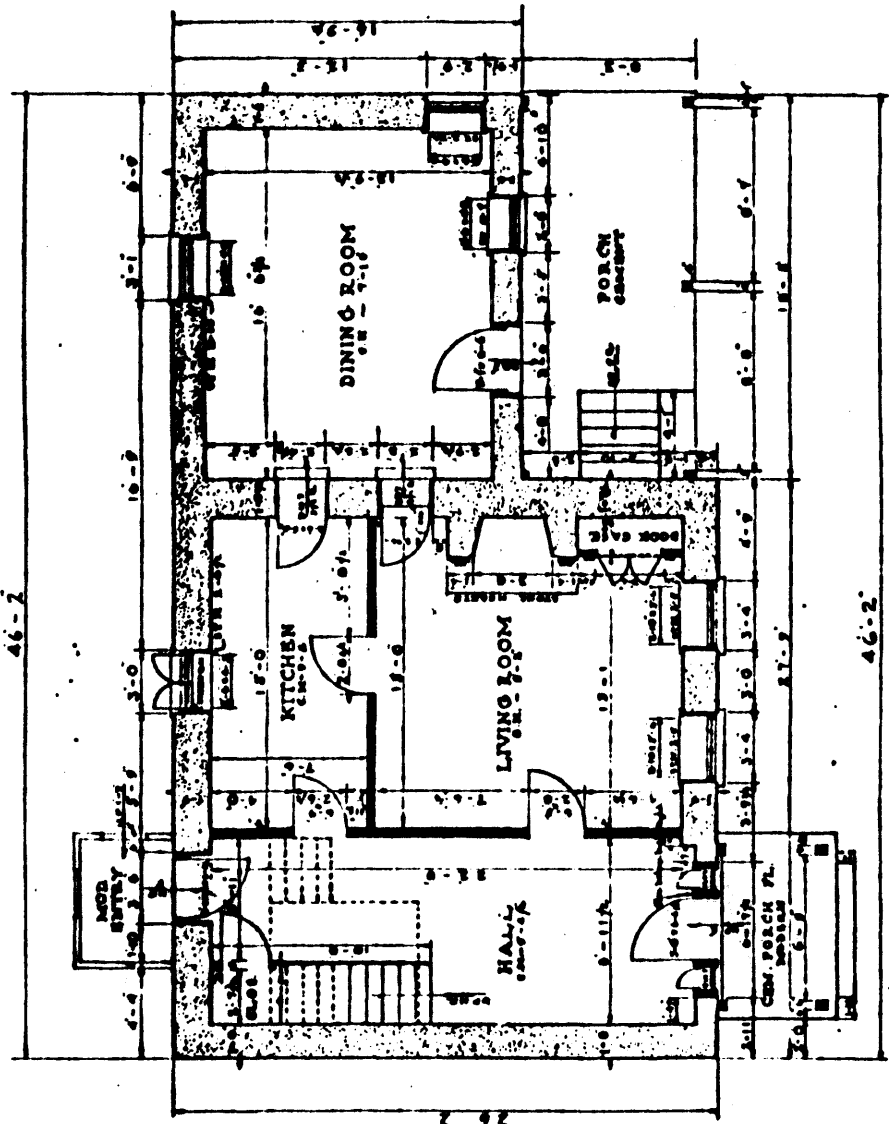
- Sweeping Overhang
 Supported Overhang
 No Overhang
 Boxed Gutter
 Other

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.



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FIRST FLOOR PLAN



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DAVID BALDWIN HOUSE
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HISTORIC AMERICAN
BUILDINGS SURVEY
SHEET 2 OF 10 SHEETS

David Baldwin, the builder of this house, was a descendant of an old Scotch family whose first members settled in Bergen County in 1720; other than that little is known of the family. Baldwin, an eccentric individual, was an inventor and business man. He claimed that Alexander Graham Bell stole his idea for the telephone from him. Formerly, there was an old mill on the property, and this Baldwin had equipped as an electrical laboratory. There was a telegraph system between the house and the mill and Baldwin was supposed to have discovered the transmission of the voice; this Bell stole and patented before he could protect it.

The Baldwin family apparently kept slaves, for there is a small one story slave house on the property.

Baldwin married in 1837 a woman by the name of Dickinson, whom he purchased from her father for \$100.00. In the following year he built the Dutch stone house which he occupied until his death in 1898. His widow continued to occupy the house after his death and when she died the property came into the possession of her two nieces who sold in 1935 to the present [at time of HABS] owner [Jacobs].

(The above is quoted from HABS data sheet #NJ-420.)

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Block 3, Lot 1A - Midland Park Tax Map

Less than 1 acre

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