

BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

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GENERAL

HISTORIC NAME: Storms House

COMMON NAME:

LOCATION: 1069 Franklin Lake Road,
(Block 1205, Lot 5-B)

MUNICIPALITY: Franklin Lakes

OWNERSHIP: Public Private

OWNER/ADDRESS: R.H. Dykstra
(same)

REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:

Erskine (1778-80)

Hopkins-Corey (1861) Wa. Storms

Walker's Atlas (1876) Sanford

Bromley (1912) T. Freeman

Other

RECOGNITION:

National Register BCHS Marker

HABS Bailey

Other B.C. Panorama

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: S 40° W

IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:

modern shop

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

- Residential
- Commercial
- Agricultural
- Open Space
- Other

COMMENTS:

USE

ORIGINAL: Residence

PRESENT: Residence

THREATS

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

This house has been altered on the interior but we do not know to what extent.

PHOTO



MAP

USGS QUAD: Paterson



DESCRIPTION

CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:

1750-70/Bergen County Panorama (not on Erskine map). Plan type and details suggest post-Revolutionary.

BUILDER:

FORM/PLAN TYPE:

"F" 3 bay, 2 rooms deep, center hall or center stair (30'6" x 24'6")

FRAMING SYSTEM:

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

EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:

Stucco facade w/ raised quoins (possibly had a veranda as there is a form of watertable in front)

FENESTRATION:

2/2, 37" x 57"

ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:

Center, simple, 35" x 7'1"

NUMBER OF STORIES: 1-1/2

- CELLAR:** Yes
 No

CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:

- Stone Arch
- Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
- Other

FLOOR JOISTS:

FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:

FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:

GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:

GARRET:

- Unfinished Space
- Finished Space

ROOF:

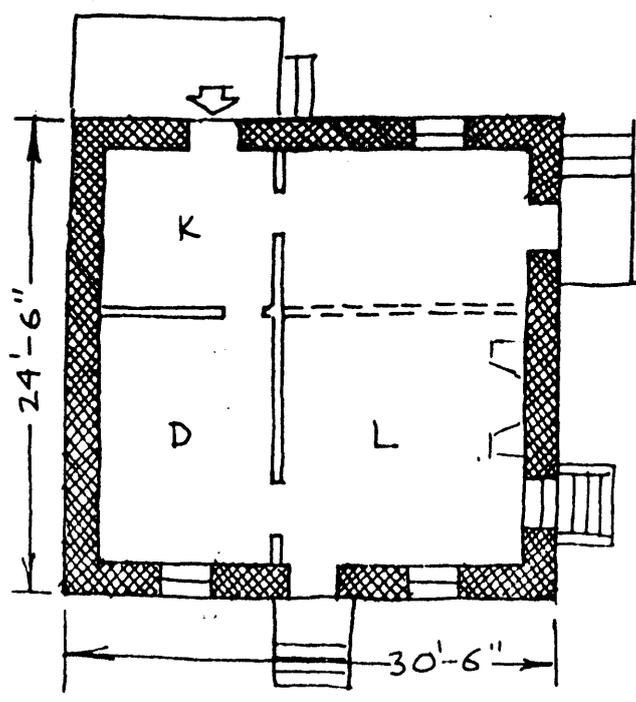
- Gable
- Gambrel
- Curb
- Other

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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FLOOR PLANS



This house was owned by William Storms in 1861. The "Bergen County Panorama" published in 1941 notes this house as one of particular structural interest and dates its construction between 1750 and 1770.

Cornelius Bush first recalls assessing the house in 1913. The owner at that time, a Mr. Littlefield, had stayed only a year. The house with its broken windows, and hugh barn [was] bought by Mr. Freeman who made the house his permanent home. We are greatly indebted to his son, Forster W. Freeman, Jr., for his recollections of the immediate area.

When the Freemans first came, Colonial Road was only a wagon [track] with bushes growing down the center. A 90 year old man named Storms lived on a hill on Colonial Road near the Crystal Lake Station. He told Mr. Freeman that he was the third generation born and married in this house. This would appear to date the house back in actual memory by 200 years. Mr. Freeman also recalls that at one time the house had been used as a roadhouse since he helped his father remove the bar from the cellar, and found some large cartwheel pennies under it. The present owners are Mr. and Mrs. Dykstra.

(The above is quoted from Maria Braun's Franklin Lakes: Its History and Heritage.)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Block 1205, Lot 6B - Franklin Lakes Tax Map

Less than 1 acre

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