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**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name**

historic Jeremiah J. Yeareance House

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 410 Riverside Avenue NA not for publication

city, town Lyndhurst \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of

state New Jersey code 034 county Bergen code 003

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<u>NA</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: Vacant

**4. Owner of Property**

name Mr. & Mrs. Frank Pezzolla, Jr.

street & number 102 Fern Avenue

city, town Lyndhurst \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of state New Jersey

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Bergen County Courthouse, Administrative Bldg.

street & number Main Street

city, town Hackensack \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of state New Jersey

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

Bergen County PDIL  
title NJHSI #0232-11 Historical Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1980-1981 \_\_\_\_\_ federal  state  county \_\_\_\_\_ local

depository for survey records Office of New Jersey Heritage, Dept. of Environmental Protection

city, town Trenton \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of state New Jersey

## 7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
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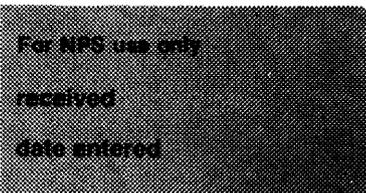
### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Jeremiah J. Yeareance House, an example of vernacular early-19th century braced-frame Bergen County architecture, has traditional building forms; with a 3 bay, 1½ story south section, approximately 25' by 30', and a lower, north (side) wing, 24' by 20', also 3 bay, 1½ story. Both clapboarded sections have gable roofs with brick interior end chimneys. Foundations are ashlar brownstone, although a basement is found only under the south section. The south section has a side-hall plan, two rooms deep, while the north wing has a one-room plan. The front walls of both sections extend above the first story and the north wing has low, knee-high windows in the upper level of its facade. Both sections have corner boards and plain friezes. The interiors of both sections have simple, early-19th-century finishes and trim including early mantels. Modifications, which probably date to 1930, include replacement 1/1 sash in most windows, the removal of the main stair, and the addition of a one-story shed-roofed, east (rear) wing. The house's rehabilitation in 1984-1985 restored wood shingle roofing, preserved historic finishes, and replaced incompatible alterations, in addition to installing modern utilities.

The house, which is oriented northwest, is sited to face Riverside Avenue, a thoroughfare running along the east side of the Passaic River on the first high ground above the bottom lands. The house is generously setback from the street about 50', which distinguishes it in Lyndhurst where typically houses have lesser setbacks. The lot, approximately 50' by 150', has informal landscaping with a lawn, a few trees and shrubs, and a grape (wisteria?) arbor. About 10' east of the house is the site of a well. The spacious almost rural feeling of the lot (relative to the surrounding residential properties) is increased by the presence of a water pipeline right-of-way at its south border, increasing the amount of open space between the house and houses to the south. In addition, across Riverside Avenue, along the east bank of the Passaic River, is a county park with lawns and trees. Immediately to the north of the Yeareance House is River Road School, (listed on the National Register). To the east and the south are suburban houses erected in the 20th century.

The larger south section of the Yeareance House is unpretentious, but has more elaborate detailing than the north wing, particularly in the interior. Its north entrance bay has a doorway with 2 lite transom. The door appears to be an early 19th century 4 or 6 panel door which was altered, probably in the early 20th century, by the replacement of upper panels with a simple glass pane. The door has a cast iron box lock with a brass knob. The simple entrance stoop dates to 1984-1985 and replaced one that appeared to date from the mid 20th century. The south end has no openings on the first story and two 1/1 windows in the gable. The west (rear) side has a single, early, 6/6 window and a small, 1 story, shed-roofed wing attached at the north. The rafter-ends of the roof are exposed. Due to the wings, only part of the north wall of the south wing is exposed on the exterior revealing a single, early, 6/6 window in the gable.

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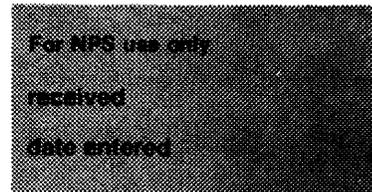
First-story rooms of the south section have wide floor boards, plaster or plasterboard walls and ceilings, baseboards and moldings, 6-panel doors with box locks with brass knobs, and door and window trim which appears to be early 19th century. Window sash is a replacement except the east window of the southeast room has an early 6/6 sash. The parlor (southwest room) has a simple transitional Federal-Greek Revival style mantel with Federal proportions and plain Tuscan paneled pilasters, wide frieze with large, plain central panel, and mantel shelf. The stair was removed from the hall at an unknown date, and the hall divided into two rooms. This added partition was removed during the 1984-1985 rehabilitation to restore the original plan. The attic of the south section has very simply treated spaces with two rooms on the south and hall, bathroom and storage space on the north. The rooms have plaster or plasterboard walls and ceilings and narrow, plain baseboards. The slanting ceilings cause the special configurations of the rooms to be their dominant feature. Several doors are board-and-batten and have thumb latches.

The north wing is setback about one foot east of the facade of the south section and has a lower foundation and lower roof ridge. Its chimney stack above the roof was missing and was rebuilt during the 1984-1985 rehabilitation. Its main entrance is in the south bay of the facade and consists of a door approached by 3 concrete steps. The door is not original and a mid 20th century door has recently been replaced by a copy of the door on the south section. The two, 3-lite, knee-high windows on the upper level of the facade are not aligned with the openings on the first story, although they are approximately in the south and central bays. The north side has a 1/1 window at the east and two smaller, 1/1 windows in the gable. A one-story wing is attached to the length of the west side of the north section. The west wall, which is now an interior wall has brick nogging and very likely other walls do as well.

The interior of the north wing has simpler trim than the south section. The first-story room has baseboards, plaster walls and ceilings, 4 panel doors with cast iron box locks with white porcelain knobs. There is a large kitchen fireplacæ with simple mantel embellished only by a mantel shelf supported by a cyma recta moulding. West of the fireplace is a shallow closet with a 4-panel door. A stairway was added in the southeast corner of this room at an unknown date. Due to structural deficiencies this stairway was rebuilt in 1984-1985.

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The attic space of the south wing was probably finished in the early 20th century as its walls and ceilings are not plastered. They have recent sheetrock which replaced fiberboard. The wide-board flooring of this room is early. Its roof rafters are pegged; there is no ridge pole. Rafters are roughly hewn, irregular in dimension, and marked with Roman numerals.

Early wooden shingles were found under modern roofing materials and a wood shingle roof was installed in 1984-1985 on the house. During the roofing it was discovered that the rafters in the south section are nailed together, while those of the north section are held together by wooden pegs.

The east additions consist of abutting shed-roofed wings, one attached to the south section of the house and one to the north section. A small enclosed entry is attached to the north addition. All of these one-story additions have shed-roofs and clapboard coverings. They have concrete foundations. An exterior brick chimney is at the north side of the north wing. The additions house the kitchen, bathroom and other utilities. Their interiors were remodeled during the 1984-1985 rehabilitation. The hatch leading to the basement is located in the floor of the north addition.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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**Specific dates** Pre 1849  
probably 1804

**Builder/Architect** Unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Jeremiah J. Yeareance House is a characteristic example of a vernacular dwelling type popular in Bergen County in the early 19th century --- the 3 bay, 1½ story, gable-roofed frame house with lower 3 bay, 1½ story, gable-roofed, frame, side wing. It is the only representative of this building type extant in the Township of Lyndhurst, and the best preserved example of the few buildings of this type remaining in the southern fourth of Bergen County. The unpretentious house is one of two pre-1850 structures extant in Lyndhurst and as such is a rare surviving example of the community's early architecture.

The Yeareance House's significance is increased by its context. It is one of three historic buildings located on the east side of Riverside Avenue, within a 2 block span, and together these buildings are Lyndhurst's visible links to its rural, maritime past which existed before the rapid suburbanization of the area after 1900. Riverside Avenue was the location of early settlement in Lyndhurst. The road is situated on the first high ground east of the Passaic River, and probably has its origins in an Indian trail. One block north of the Yeareance House is the 1793 Jacob Van Winkle House representing a different dwelling-type; the early stone house of Bergen County, (listed on the National Register of Historic Places as a part of "Early Stone Houses of Bergen County" thematic nomination). Immediately adjacent to the Yeareance House is the River Road School, a Queen Anne style, 1-room schoolhouse built in 1893, (listed on the National Register of Historic Places). This structure is the third school building on this site since 1804.

The exact date the Yeareance House was built is not known. The property was purchased by Jeremiah J. Yeareance from Walling Van Winkle on July 3, 1841. Yeareance was a ship joiner. It is reasonable to assume that he was employed in one of the five local shipyards in operation along the Passaic River at the time. Yeareance appears on the 1840 and 1850 census records within the same sequence of names and this same sequence appears on an 1849 map, which confirms the existence of the house. It seems reasonable to assume Yeareance was a tenant in the house prior to his purchase of the property.

Physical evidence suggests that the north wing of the house was built before the larger wing and the immediate proximity to the site of the school built in 1804 suggests that this section of the house may have been constructed about 1804. Local legends state that the school teacher lived in the house, but while this has not been verified, it seems plausible.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

See Continuation Sheet

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name Orange, NJ

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

### UTM References

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Block 124 Lot 2 In Lyndhurst Township, Bergen County, New Jersey

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code NA

state code county code

# 11. Form Prepared By

Warren Pauley, Sylvia Kleff, Researchers  
name/title T. Robin Brown, Historic Preservation Office

Lyndhurst Historic Society 3-21-85  
organization Bergen County Office of Cultural & Historical Affairs date Aug. 1985

street & number 97 Sixth St.: 327 Ridgewood Ave. telephone 201-998-0550; 201-646-2323

city or town North Arlington; Paramus state New Jersey

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

Deputy  
State Historic Preservation Officer signature

*Aileen A. Searles*

title Asst, Commissioner for Natural Resources

date February 24, 1986

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

*James M. McCheson*  
Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the  
National Register

date 4/3/86

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

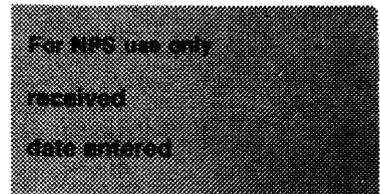
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The south wing of the house has transitional Federal-Greek Revival style details which, in Bergen County, could date between 1825 and 1850. It is possible Yeareance enlarged the house soon after he purchased it in 1841.

The property stayed in the Yeareance family until 1912 when it was sold by Jeremiah Yeareance's grand-daughter, Amelia Walker. Mrs. Walker's affidavit filed with the deed states that three generations of the family lived there, that she was born there in 1853, and also describes several minor land transactions which altered the shape of the tract.

An 1849 map indicates that the area that is Lyndhurst today had approximately 23 buildings, 22 of which were in the immediate area of the Yeareance house along present-day Riverside Avenue. One of these was a store which, along with 20 homes, indicates the existence of a hamlet. Clayton in 1882 described the area as "this lovely little hamlet". The Yeareance House is one of two remaining buildings of that hamlet.

Since 1912 the house had a number of owners including Sylvia Suess, who owned it for forty years between 1914 and 1954, and Mr. and Mrs. Vladimer Niwenizen who owned it approximately three decades (1955-1984). In 1984 the house was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pezzolla, Jr. in order to preserve it. (Mrs. Pezzolla is the President of the Lyndhurst Historical Society) They have rehabilitated the house as office space on the first story of the south section and its rear wing, and as a residential unit in the remainder of the house.

NOTES:

1. Hudson County Book of Deeds, liber 3, page 36
2. Bergen County Census, 1840, 1850
3. Sidney's Map of Twelve Miles Around New York
4. Bergen County Book of Deeds, liber 831, page 440
5. Clayton, 1882, page 304

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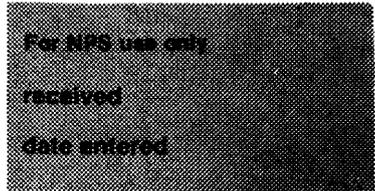
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Chronological List of Owners

1841 - July 1912	Jeremiah J. Yeareance and family heirs
July 1912 - Nov. 1912	Mr. & Mrs. Charles G. Hauck
Nov. 1912 - 1914	Mr. John Specien
1914 - Dec. 1954	Ms. Sylvia Suess
Dec. 1954 - Nov. 1954	Mr. & Mrs. William Wilson
Dec. 1954 - 1955	The Howin Corporation (the Wilsons were the owners of Howin Corp)
1955 - 1955	Pasquale D. Scalera (part of the land - did not include the house)
Sept. 1955 - 1984	Mr. & Mrs. Vladimer Niwenzon (balance of the property including the house)
Oct. 1984 - Present	Mr. & Mrs. Frank Pezzolla, Jr.

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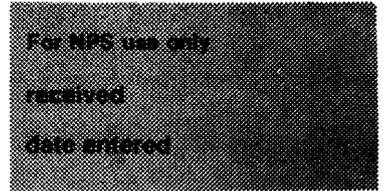
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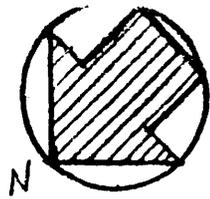
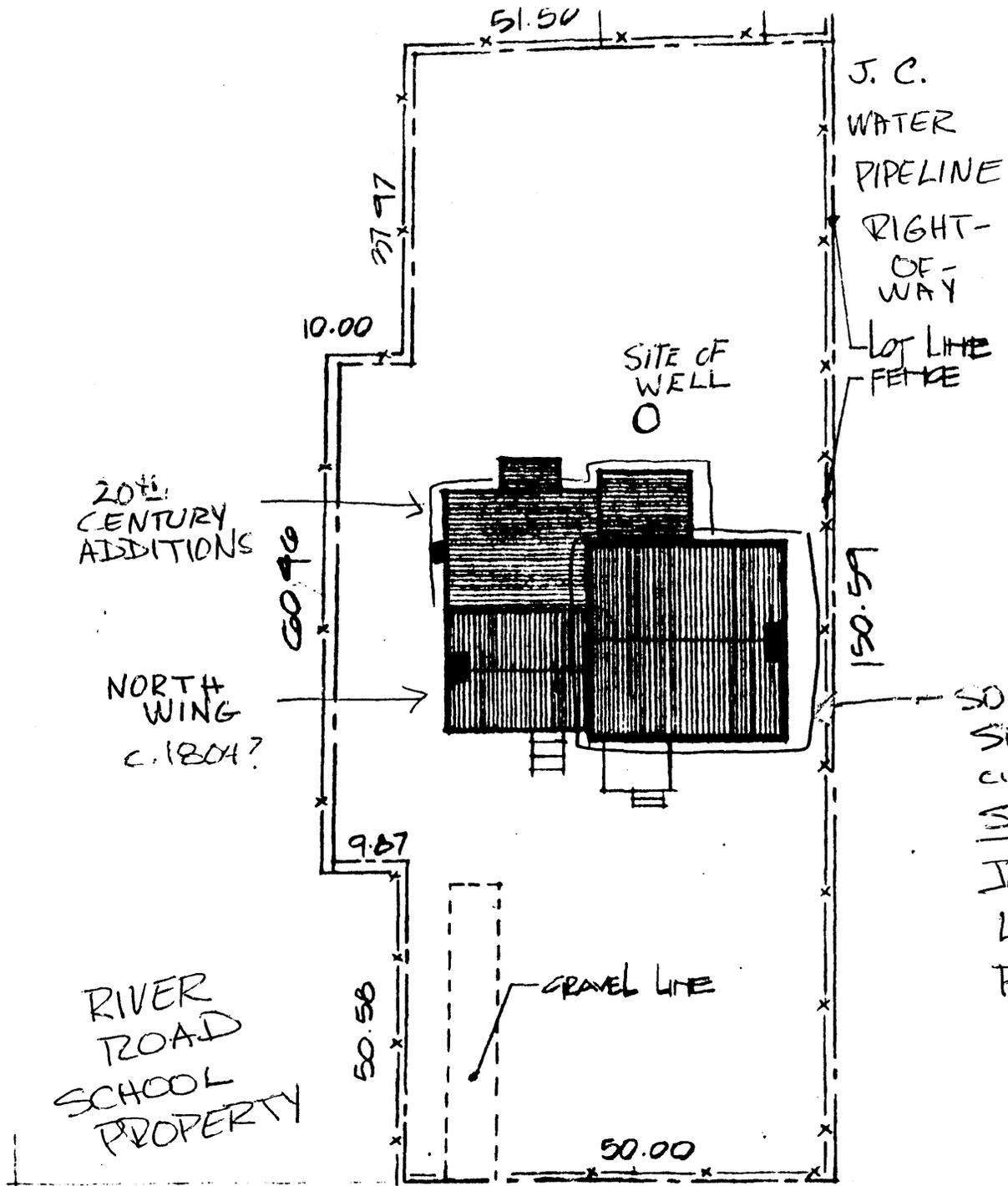


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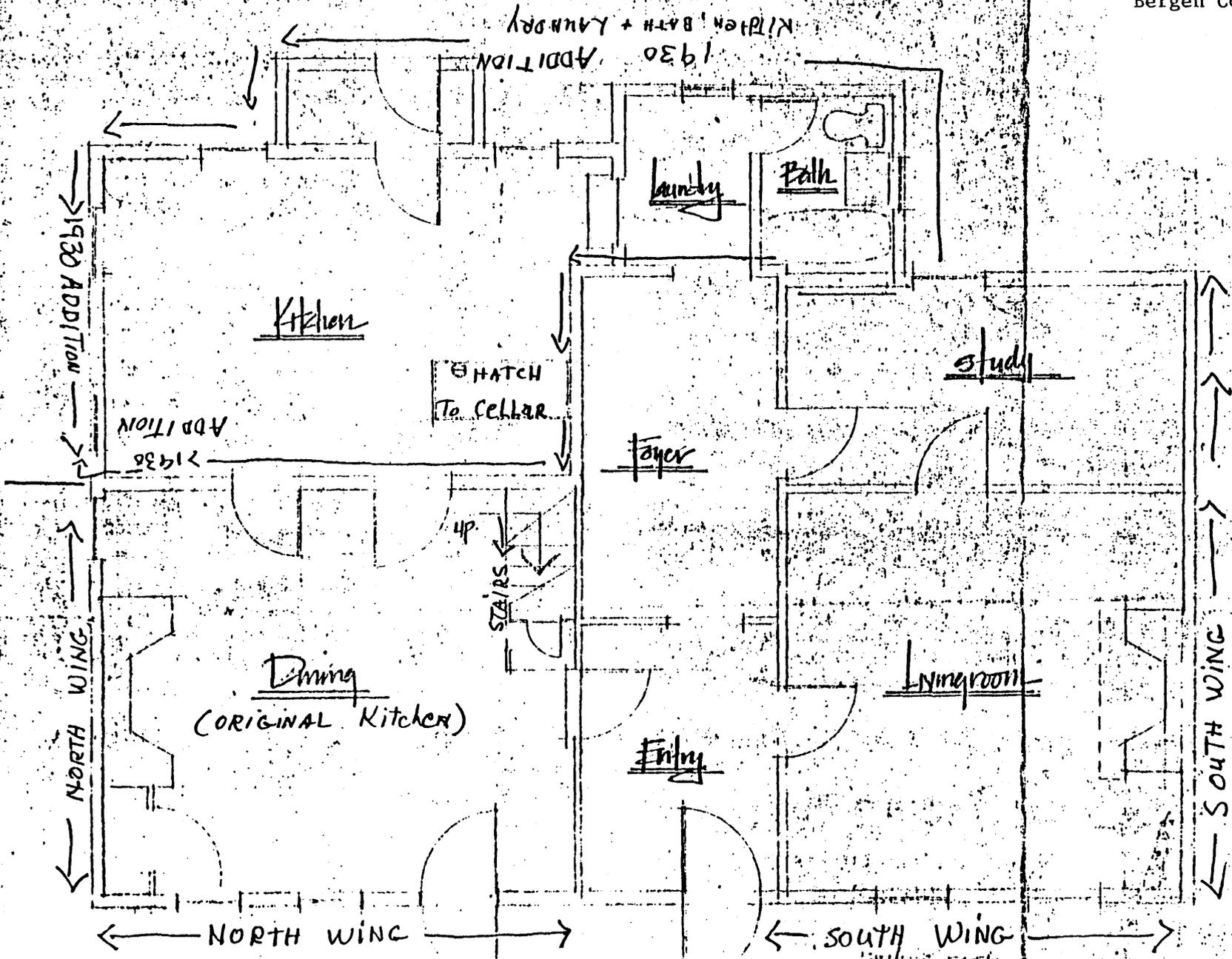
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RIVERSIDE AVE.

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