

BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

1986

INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

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<p>GENERAL</p> <p>HISTORIC NAME: Brinkerhoff House</p> <p>COMMON NAME: Wood-Ridge Library</p> <p>LOCATION: 231 Hackensack Avenue (Block 307, Lot 25)</p> <p>MUNICIPALITY: Wood-Ridge</p> <p>OWNERSHIP: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private</p> <p>OWNER/ADDRESS: Borough of Wood-Ridge 85 Humboldt Street</p>	<p>REFERENCE</p> <p>MAP REFERENCES:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Erskine (1778-80)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Hopkins-Corey (1861)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Walker's Atlas (1876)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Bromley (1912)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>RECOGNITION:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> National Register <input type="checkbox"/> BCHS Marker</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> HABS <input type="checkbox"/> Bailey</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other</p>
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<p>ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>HOUSE ORIENTATION: S 60° E</p> <p>IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:</p> <p>SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Open Space</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>COMMENTS: Pleasant area of mixed residential and commercial.</p>	<p>USE</p> <p>ORIGINAL: Residence</p> <p>PRESENT: Library</p> <p>THREATS</p> <p>THREATS TO STRUCTURE:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Roads</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Development</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Zoning</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Deterioration</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Threat</p> <p>COMMENTS:</p>
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<p>CONDITION</p> <p>CONDITION:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated</p> <p>STATUS:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Work in Progress</p> <p>ACCESSIBLE:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Restricted</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, Unrestricted</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>During the 1954 renovation, at which time the house was converted to its present use as a library, the entrance was replaced by a window, and the rest was filled in with sandstone similar to the existing. Originally, there was a porch which went across the entire southeast front; the outline can still be seen on the stone. The original first floor level was approximately 5' above grade, which makes the house seem extremely tall.</p>
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DESCRIPTION

CONSTRUCTION DATE/SOURCE:

Stone wing: c. 1780-1830/Architectural evidence (1792 date stone with initial "B" in foundation of frame wing)

BUILDER: Henry Brinkerhoff

FORM/PLAN TYPE:

Main: "I", 3 bay, side hall, 2 rooms deep, each with a gable end fireplace (30'10" x 34'0") and an old frame wing to the northeast.

FRAMING SYSTEM:

- Intermediate Summer Beam
- Intermediate Bearing Wall
- Clear Span
- Other Floor dropped, now steel beams and wood joists.

EXTERIOR WALL FABRIC:

Front is sandstone ashlar to original floor level with rubble below. Sides are roughly coursed rubble.

FENESTRATION:

Modern sash is 36" x 64" (6/6) with splayed casings and wood trapezoidal lintels.

ENTRANCE LOCATION/TYPE:

Door was removed during 1954 renovation and replaced by a window typical to others. Paintings show a double door with a transom above.

NUMBER OF STORIES: 1-1/2

CELLAR: Yes Now only a crawl-
 No space, since floor was lowered.

CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:

- Stone Arch
- Brick Arch, Stone Foundation
- Other Only jambs remain since Floor was lowered

FLOOR JOISTS:

all new.

FIRST FLOOR CEILING HEIGHT:

Altered.

FIRST FLOOR WALL THICKNESS:

20"

GARRET FLOOR JOISTS:

Not visible.

GARRET:

- Unfinished Space
- Finished Space

ROOF:

- Gable
- Gambrel
- Curb
- Other Mansard

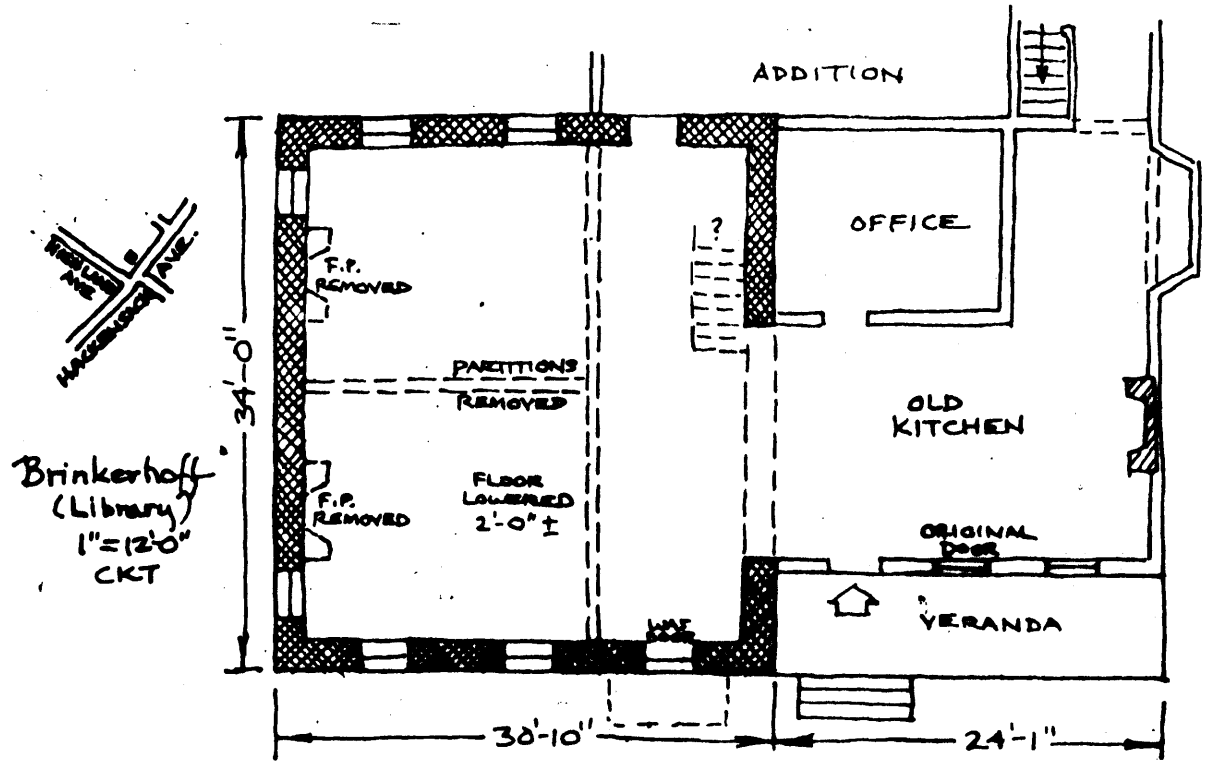
EAVE TREATMENT:

- 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.

FLOOR PLANS

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Brinkerhoff
(Library)
1" = 12'-0"
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Block 307, Lot 15 - Wood Ridge Tax Map

Less than 1 acre

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