

BERGEN COUNTY STONE HOUSE SURVEY

INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

JUN 11 1984

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GENERAL

HISTORIC NAME: Samuel R. Demarest
HouseCOMMON NAME:
LOCATION: 212 County Road
(Lot 1, Block 154)

MUNICIPALITY: Demarest

OWNERSHIP: ☐ Public ☒ PrivateOWNER/ADDRESS: Renato Supino
(same)

REFERENCE

MAP REFERENCES:

- ☒ Erskine (1778-80) No name
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☐ Bromley (1912)
☐ Other

RECOGNITION:

- ☐ National Register ☐ BCHS Marker
☐ HABS ☐ Bailey
☐ Other

ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE ORIENTATION: S 10° W
IMPORTANT RELATED STRUCTURES:
Stable

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

- ☒ Residential
☐ Commercial
☐ Agricultural
☒ Open Space
☐ Other

COMMENTS:

Parklike surroundings, especially
5 acres around house.

USE

ORIGINAL: Residence
PRESENT: Residence

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

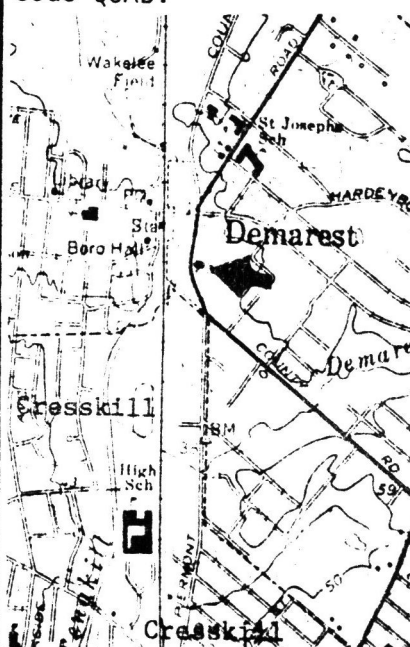
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PHOTO



MAP

USGS QUAD: Yonkers



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evidence

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on cellar windows, rectangular on
first floor.

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3rd bay from left, has fanlight and
Victorian double doors. Probably had
sidelights. 65" wide.

NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 (mansard area)

CELLAR: ☒ Yes

☐ No

CHIMNEY FOUNDATION:

- ☐ Stone Arch
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☐ Other

FLOOR JOISTS:

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between.

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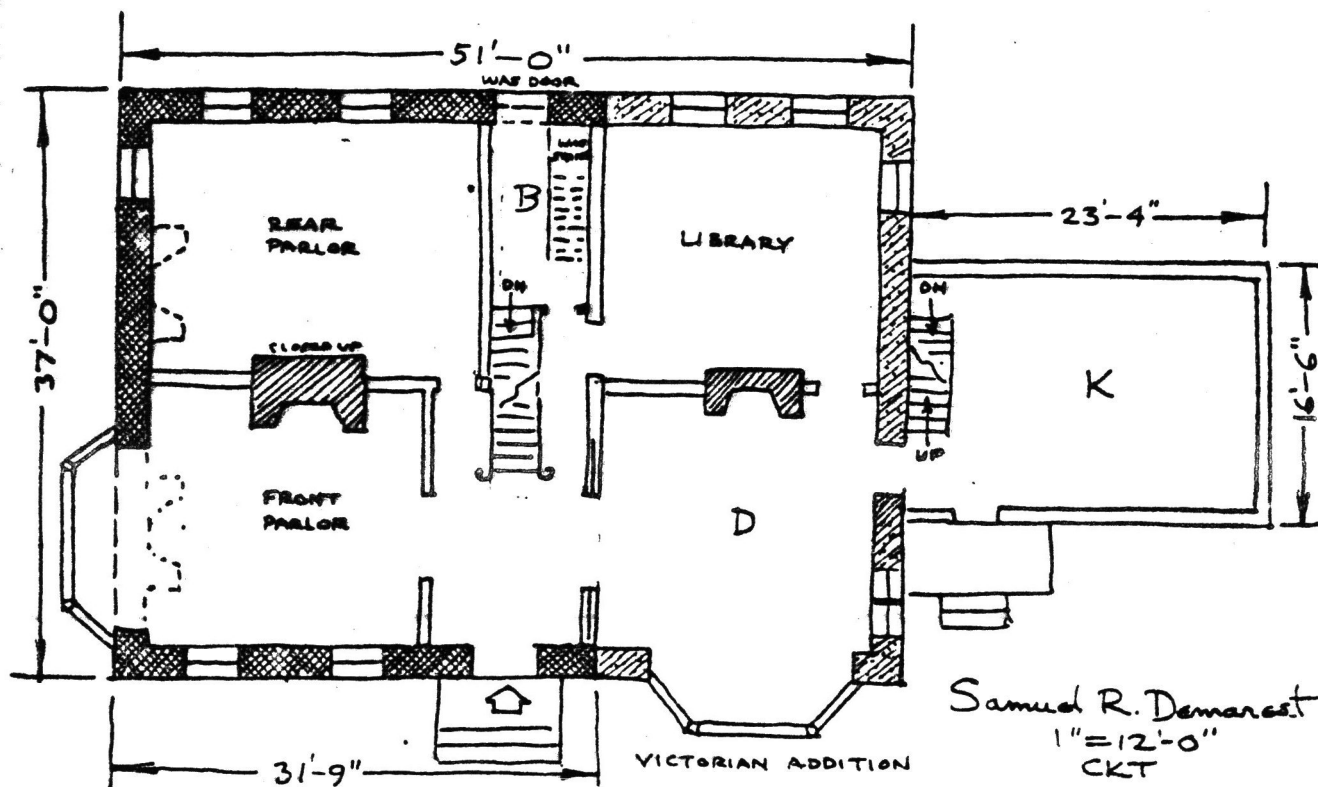
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significance, for its association with the exploration and settlement of
the Bergen County area, and for its remaining historic fabric. As such,
it is included in the Thematic Nomination to the National Register of
Historic Places for the Early Stone Houses of Bergen County, New Jersey.



VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Block 154, Lot 1

5.87 acres

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Yonkers, New Jersey-New York

ADDITIONS:

The Samuel R. Demarest House is an excellent example of an early stone house which has an important place in the continuing history of its community and one where its later modifications are of architectural importance. The three-bay wide, "I" plan early 19th century house was enlarged, probably in the 1870's, into a handsome Second Empire Style house with care taken to match the fine sandstone aslar of ^{the} original section. This enlargement was done by Garret Z. Demarest, a son of Samuel R. Demarest, the original owner of the house.

The house retains three of its original exterior walls except a bay window with stone walls replaced a section of the north wall. The window openings and front door opening are early although the south door has been converted into a window. Window sash and double entrance doors date to the 1870's. The house's walls appear to retain their early 19th century height. It is not clear whether the interior plan of the early section was altered but it appears largely intact except probably the south wall (that near the hall) was moved to enlarge the NE room. The early chimneys have been removed and their locations on the plan is conjectured. Existing mantels and the handsome staircase date to the 1870's.

Samuel R. Demarest (1783-1872) was a direct descendant of David des Marest, one of Bergen County's first settlers. The Borough of Demarest is named for Samuel's branch of the family. Samuel was a blacksmith by trade but also engaged in farming and distilling. He married Elizabeth Zabriskie on December 22, 1808, and it is quite possible his house ^{was} built about that date. He occupies a significant place in local political history serving as a Bergen County Freeholder (1841-43) and representing Bergen County in both branches of State Legislature. Samuel had ten children and after his death this house passed to son, Garret Z. (born in 1829).

Garret Z. Demarest was a farmer who successfully transferred his interest to a coal business reflecting the change in the late 19th century of Demarest from an agricultural area to a railroad suburb. The Demarest house is located in the heart of Demarest on a scenic site overlooking a pond formed by damming Tenakill Brook. It is near the junction of the area's three major historic roads, County Road, Piermont Road and Hardenburgh Road, and is across the brook from the Demarest Railroad Station building and the tracks of the Northern Railroad, built in 1859. The existing handsome stone Romanesque Revival Station was erected in 1872 to the designs of J. Cleveland Cady. It is quite possible the picturesque railroad depot inspired Garret Demarest to remodel his father's house into a picturesque country residence, here employing "modern" 1870's Second Empire styling. What is most remarkable is that the house to a great degree retains its 1870's character and continues to occupy an over 5 acre property.

(Sources: Clayton, pp. 211, 213, 219; Van Valen, p. 680, 688).

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Substantive Review

Demarest, Samuel R., House (Stone Houses of Bergen
County TR) (212 County Rd)
Bergen County
NEW JERSEY

Working No. 11/26/82-3099

Fed. Reg. Date:

Date Due: 12/24/82 - 1/10/83

Action: ☒ ACCEPT
☒ RETURN 1/9/83
☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☒ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Although the house may be
architecturally significant for its
Victorian Architecture, it only retains
its exterior walls from its original
appearance. A more complete description
of the changes and the remaining original features is necessary.

Recom. / Criteria ~~Return~~ RETURNReviewer ~~Mike Deane~~ Mike Deane

Discipline A.H.

Date 1-9-83

see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: ☐ technical corrections cited below
☒ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ original site
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☐ fair	☐ unexposed	☐ date

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph
☒ completeness
☒ clarity
☒ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

Please describe more fully the original features which
remain and ~~remain~~ distinguish them from
the Victorian modifications. For example, was the
floor plan changed? Were the walls raised when the
new roof was added? What evidence is there of earlier chimneys?

8. Significance

Period _____ Area of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- ☐ summary paragraph
- ☒ completeness
- ☒ clarity
- ☒ applicable criteria
- ☒ justification of areas checked
- ☒ relating significance to the resource
- ☐ context
- ☒ relationship of integrity to significance
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- ☐ other

Please state why this house is eligible under the theme despite the extensive changes it underwent in its conversion to a "mansion".

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Geographic name _____

USFV References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

Title _____ Date _____

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed *James Lee Mergel*

Date 1/9/83

Phone: 202 272-3500

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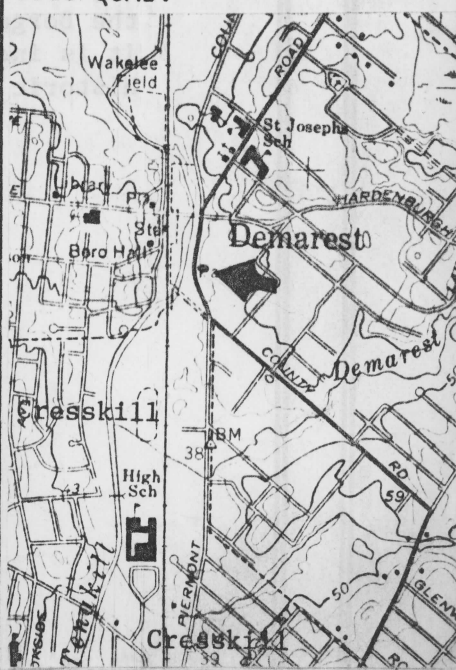
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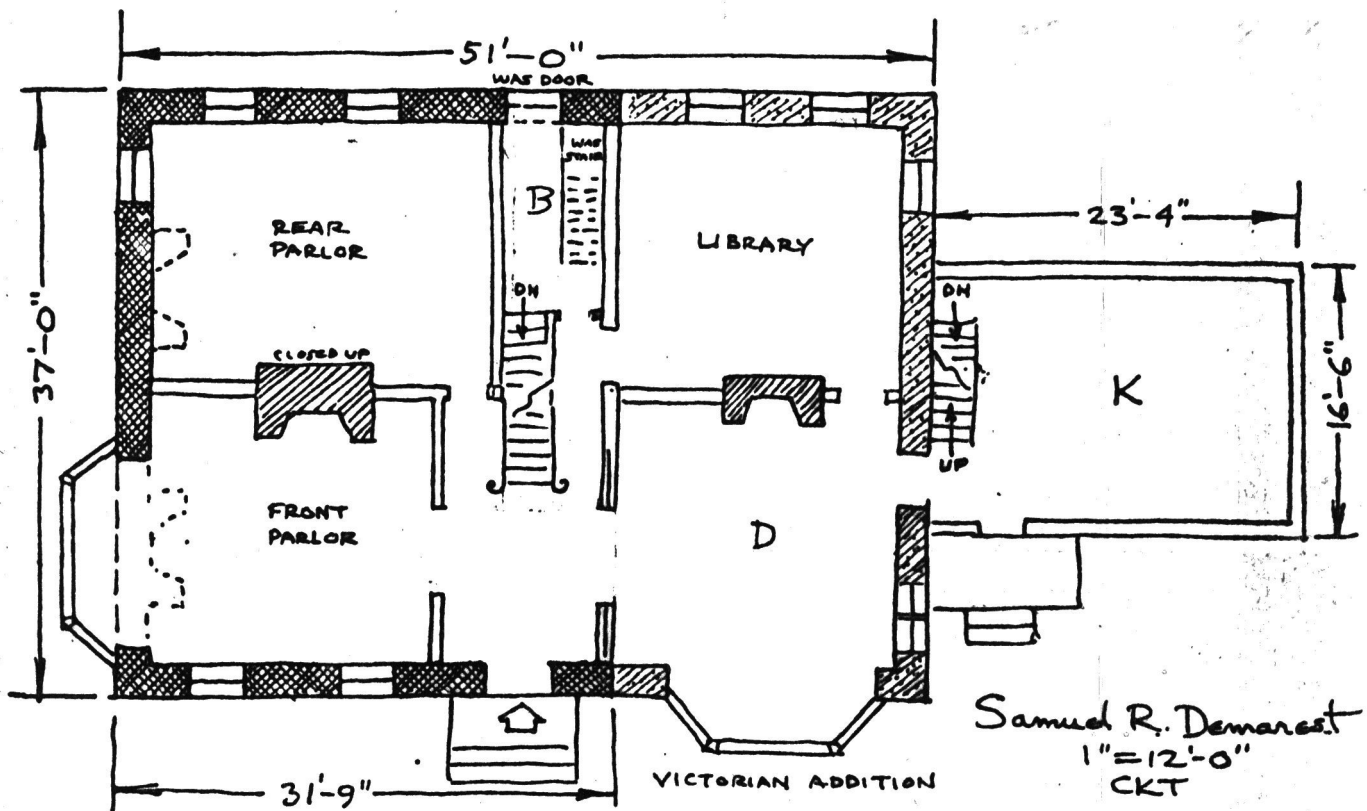
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FLOOR PLANS



BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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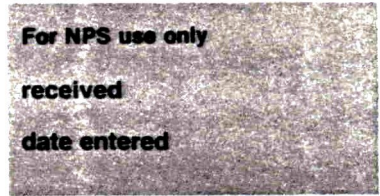
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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form



Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Stone Houses of Bergen County Thematic Resources
State New Jersey

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

11. Huyler, Peter, House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Bruce Lee Dwyer 1/9/83

Attest

12. Westervelt, Benjamin P., House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Bruce Lee Dwyer 1/9/83

Attest

13. Blackledge-Gair House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Bruce Lee Dwyer 1/9/83

Attest

14. Demarest House
(84 Jefferson Ave)

Substantive Review

Keeper

Bruce Lee Dwyer 1/9/83

Attest

15. Bogert House

Substantive Review

Keeper

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Attest

16. Meyerhoff, John, House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Bruce Lee Dwyer 1/9/83

Attest

17. Demarest, Samuel R., House
(212 County Rd)

Substantive Review

Keeper

Bruce Lee Dwyer 1/7/84

Attest

18. Demarest, John R., House
(35 County Rd)

Substantive Review

Keeper

Bruce Lee Dwyer 1/9/83

Attest

19. Zabriskie-Christie House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Bruce Lee Dwyer 1/9/83

Attest

20. Demarest, Daniel J., House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Bruce Lee Dwyer 1/9/83

Attest

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Substantive Review

Demarest, Samuel R., House (Stone Houses of
Bergen County TR
Bergen County
NEW JERSEY

Working No. 11/26/82-3099
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.5.85
Date Due: 7/26/84
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 7-24-84
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

- ☒ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☒ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria Accept etc
Reviewer Ray Pugh
Discipline H.H.
Date 7/24/84
_____ see continuation sheet

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Multiple Property Cover Sheet
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Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000499