

Jacob Vanderbeck House
Saddle River Avenue and Dunker Hook Road
Fair Lawn, Bergen County, New Jersey

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Jacob Vanderbeck House
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Owner: Walter Squire

Date of Erection: 1754

Architect:

Builder: Jacob Vanderbeck

Present Condition: Fair

Number of Stories: Two

Materials of Construction: Foundation - fieldstone

Exterior walls - red sand-
stone

Interior walls - plaster

Floors wide pine planks and
hewn timbers

Roof - Gambrel - Modern wood
shingles over original wood shingles.

Historical Data:

In 1734 Jacob Vanderbeck purchased from Cornelius Drake the land on both sides of Saddle River. Cornelius Drake, an Englishman from the Barbadoes, held title to several thousand acres of land on both sides of the Saddle River between what is now the present towns of Ridgewood and Maywood. On this tract of land just north of Dunker Hook Road, Jacob Vanderbeck erected his house. Jacob Vanderbeck died in 1800 and his son Jacob, Jr. sold to John A. Garretson. In 1838

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the property passed to John J. Perdon. The farm remained in the Perdon family until 1880 when it was split up and sold. The present owner obtained title in 1937.

The first of the Vanderbeck family in America was Paulus, a native of Bremen, Germany; he came about 1643. The builder of this house, Jacob, was of the fourth generation of the family in America. He was a miller by trade and had a grist mill on Saddle River adjoining his home. The mill has since been torn down.

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A search of Bergen County records at Hackensack by Wallace Dunlop, Bergen County Office

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