

Berdan House
Lincoln Avenue
Glen Rock, Bergen County, New Jersey

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Berdan House
Lincoln Avenue
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Owner: George Goode

Date of Erection: 1727-1730

Architect:

Builder: A member of the Berdan family

Present Condition: Fair

Number of Stories: Two and cupola

Materials of Construction: Foundation - sandstone

Exterior walls - front
dressed red sandstone
coursed, rear and sides
rough sandstone and split
fieldstone, frame leanto

Interior walls - plaster
on studs and lath (later
date than house)

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - flat, pitch

Historical Data:

The first of the Baerdan (original spelling) family in America was Jan, a Huguenot, who fled to Amsterdam during religious persecution and came with his wife and one son Jan, Jr. to New Amsterdam before 1682. He bought a farm at Flatlands, Long Island.

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Shortly after this his wife died and Jan, Sr. re-married; the son left home and came to Hackensack - this was sometime before 1693, because when Jan, Jr. was married on May 20, 1693 at Flatlands his place of residence was given as Hackensack. Jan, Jr. bought a large farm at what is now Waywood extending from the Hackensack River to Sprout Brook. He also bought lands west of Saddle River. There were six sons and four daughters. The youngest son remained on the Waywood farm; the other sons apparently went out for themselves, and one of these is supposed to have built the present house. Dr. Rauchfuss, curator of the Dey Mansion, has established that the house is over two hundred years old.

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