

## BONTICOE AREA: PARCEL F

### HISTORIC AND NATURAL DISTRICT INVENTORY FORM

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#### **IDENTIFICATION**

1. **NAME OF DISTRICT:** Benjamin Deyo House/100-200 Saddlebred Lane

2. **COUNTY:** Ulster

**TOWN/CITY:** New Paltz

**VILLAGE:** Bonticoe

3. **DESCRIPTION:**

This resource contains the following parcels and components.

In the Town of New Paltz:

Map ID#	Parcel No.	Address	Acreage	Components
1	70.4-5-1.100	100 Saddlebred Lane	2.09	Two-family house, woods
2	70.4-5-2	200 Saddlebred Lane	8.20	Stone house, fields, woods
3	70.4-5-1.20	Saddlebred Lane	.94	Fields

Most of the farm associated with the 18<sup>th</sup>-century stone house located Saddlebred Lane is now contained in the Town of Esopus in a portion of the Town of New Paltz that was annexed to Esopus in 1842. The 12-plus acres of the farm that remain in the Town of New Paltz contains the buildings comprising the farmstead and includes the 18<sup>th</sup>-century stone Benjamin Deyo House, a two-family raised ranch house built c. 1975, a 20<sup>th</sup>-century barn, outbuildings and a broad expanse of meadow or pasture. The property is bounded on the west by the Wallkill River and the north by the Esopus town line. A long lane leads to the farmstead from NY Rt. 32 in the Town of Esopus. Early photographs of the Deyo house show a 1 story stone house with deeply inset windows and doors and a steeply pitched roof. According to a HABS inventory form completed in 1968, the interior of the stone house has been greatly altered from its original state.

4. **SIGNIFICANCE:**

The stone house located at 200 Saddlebred Road was built by either Hendricus Deyo or his son, Benjamin Deyo. It was built sometime in the mid-18th century and stayed in the ownership of the Deyo Family until just after 1900, or a span of over 150 years. The property is located in the southwest corner of Lot No. 10 in the Northern Division of the First Tier conveyed by the New Paltz proprietors to the heirs of Christian Deyo, the patentee, in 1760. (Christian Deyo never settled in New Paltz and his shares in land transactions became known as "Granpere's Lots," since because of intermarriage, he

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was grandfather to most of the other patentees' descendants. In the 1760 division, as well as all other land distributions, his lot was further subdivided into five parts.) The southern lot of the five subdivided in Lot No. 10 in the Northern Division of the First Tier was assigned to Elizabeth Deyo on the 1760 map. Christian Deyo had a daughter named Elizabeth, but is it unclear who exactly the named Elizabeth was or how the farm came into the possession of Christian's grandson, Hendricus Deyo. According to the 1798 map of the Town of New Paltz, the property was occupied by Benjamin Deyo by that date. However, by August of 1798, Benjamin Deyo had passed away and his son, Abraham B. Hasbrouck, was the owner and resident.

Abraham B. Deyo shows up on tax assessment records from 1798 and in census schedules through 1830. According to the 1798 tax assessment data for New Paltz, the Abraham B. Deyo property at "Bontekoe" totaled approximately 46 acres and included a stone house and Dutch Barn. By 1850, Abraham W. Deyo was the owner of the property. The 1865 U.S. Census Agricultural Statistics show the Deyo Farm valued at \$8,000 and totaling 140 acres. Abraham W. Deyo died in 1871 and the property then went to his son, Ezekiel Ira Deyo, following an attempt to auction the property. The auction announcement in the local paper describes a "140 acre farm with a stone house, numerous outbuildings, orchards, lowland fields known to be excellent for growing crops, farm equipment, sleighs, wagons, etc. and plenty of available water."

This historic farm property has largely been developed. Out of an original farm totaling 140 acres, only 12 acres remain.

### CHRONOLOGY

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| 1725 | Benjamin Deyo is born in New Paltz to Hendricus Deyo and his wife Margaret VanBommel   |
| 1751 | Benjamin Deyo married Janneken Van Vliet   |
| 1758 | Abraham B. Deyo is born in New Paltz, to Benjamin Deyo and his wife Janneken VanVliet.   |
| 1798 | Map of the Town of New Paltz: "B. Deyo"  |
| 1798 | 29 August 1798<br>Abraham B. Deyo's father, Benjamin, dies in New Paltz.   |
| 1798 | Tax Assessment List- Dwelling House, Town of New Paltz<br>Abraham B. Deyo: owner and occupant<br><br>"on the east banck of Wallkill at Bontekoe; Stone House; 48' x 18'; 1 floor; 2 windows- 3-3/4' x 2-1/3'; 1 window- 3-3/4' x 1-3/4'; 1 window- 3' x 1-3/4'; 1 outhouse; 2 acres of land; in good repair; \$350 valuation." |

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Tax Assessment List- Lands, lots, buildings, etc., Town of New Paltz  
Abraham B. Deyo

- 1 Dutch Barn: 50 x 40 on
- 28 acres, 80 perches: at Bontekoe Join. William Deyo & Agetta Freer Clay- \$380 valuation"
- 7 acres: "Wood Land on Bontekoe Road & Philip Eltinge"
- 1 acre: "Hog pasture south of Bontekoe Road poor clay."
- 6 acres, 80 perches: "at Grote Bontekoe Joining Abm. Ein & J. Petrus Lefever"
- 3 acres: "at West end of Grote Bontekoe Join Jacob Freer & Jacob Hasbrouck"

Slaves: 1

1810 U.S. Census- Ulster County, Town of New Paltz  
Abraham Deyo: 7 members in household- 4 male and 3 female

1820 U.S. Census- Ulster County, Town of New Paltz  
Abraham Deyo: 7 members in household- plus one slave

1830 U.S. Census- Ulster County, Town of New Paltz  
Abraham Deyoe: 5 members in household- 3 male and 2 female

1850 U.S. Census, Ulster County, Town of New Paltz

NAME	AGE	OCCUPATION	VALUE	ORIGIN
981/933				
Abram W. Deyo	46	Farmer	4,500	New York
Cate Deyo	43			New York
Jessee Deyo	17			New York
Eliza D. Deyo	13			New York
Sarah E. Deyo	10			New York
Ezekiel I. Deyo	7			New York

1858 Map: A.W. Deyo

1865 U.S. Census: Agricultural Statistics, Ulster County, Town of New Paltz  
Abraham Deyo

Improved acres	115	Acres rye		Cows milked	6
Unimproved acres	35	Bu. rye		cows for butter	5
Farm value	8,000	Acres buckwheat		Pounds butter	720
Livestock value	700	Bu. buckwheat		Horses	3
Tools value	125	Acres corn	10	Calves	
Acres plowed	14	Bu. corn	200	Swine under 6 mo.	8
Acres of pasture	20	Acres potatoes	1-1/2	Swine over 6 mo.	4
Acres of meadow	45	Bu. potatoes	60	Sheep	

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Tons of hay	30	Bu. apples	262	Fleeces	
Bu. grass seed	220	Bbl. Cider	3	Pounds wool	
Acres wheat		Cows over 1 yr.	6	Value of poultry	18
Bu. wheat		Oxen	2	Value of eggs sold	
Acres oats		Total cows	6	Manure bought	
Bu. oats		Cows killed	2	Yards flannel	

1871

## NPI 5 JANUARY 1871

The subscribers will sell at public auction, at the late residence of Abraham W. Deyo, deceased, in the town of New Paltz, on Wednesday, the 11<sup>th</sup> of January, 1871, the farm of said deceased. Said farm is 5 miles north of New Paltz Village and 1 mile south of Perrine's Bridge, and contains about 140 acres, 75 of which is choice lowland; the remainder is upland, part of it well timbered. Said farm is well watered and well fenced. On the farm is a dwelling house, barn, hay-house, granary, wagon-house, hog-pen, hen-house, and all necessary buildings, and an excellent orchard and a never-failing spring. Terms: 10 per cent, on the day of sale, one-half the first of April, and the remainder at the option of the purchaser. Also at the same time and place, the following property: 1 young horse, 3 choice cows, 15 choice ewes and 1 long-wooded buck, 1 hay press, 1 Buckeye mower, 1 horse fork, wagons, sleighs, harness, wheat, oats, potatoes, household furniture, and many articles not mentioned. Jesse Deyo, Ezekiel I. Deyo, Administrators.

1875

Beers Atlas: E.I. Deyo

1880

## U.S. Census, Ulster County, Town of New Paltz

NAME	Relationship	Age	Occupation	Nativity
65/65				
Ezekiel Ira Deyo		37	Farmer	New York
Sarah H. Deyo	Wife	34	Keeping House	New York
Abram W. Deyo	Son	16		New York
Elen C. Deyo	Daughter	12	At Home	New York
Hiram W. Deyo	Son	9	At School	New York
Francis Deyo	Daughter	6	At School	New York
Jesse Deyo	Son	3		New York
Charles W. Deyo	Son	7 mo		New York
Rebecca Vanleuven		19	Servant	New York

1900

## U.S. Census, Ulster County, Town of New Paltz

NAME	Relation	Years Married	Age	Nativity	Occupation	Ownership of home
191/193						
Ezekiel I. Deyo	Head	34	55	New York	Farmer	Own
Sarah K. Deyo	Wife	34	53	New York		
Abram Deyo	Son		30	New York	Farm Labor	
Katie Deyo	Daughter		16	New York	At School	

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1968                    Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory 28 FEBRUARY 1968

Original Owner:	Deyo, Hendricus
Original Use:	Residence
Present Owner:	A.C. Huffman
Present Use:	Weekend home
Date or Period:	Early eighteenth Century

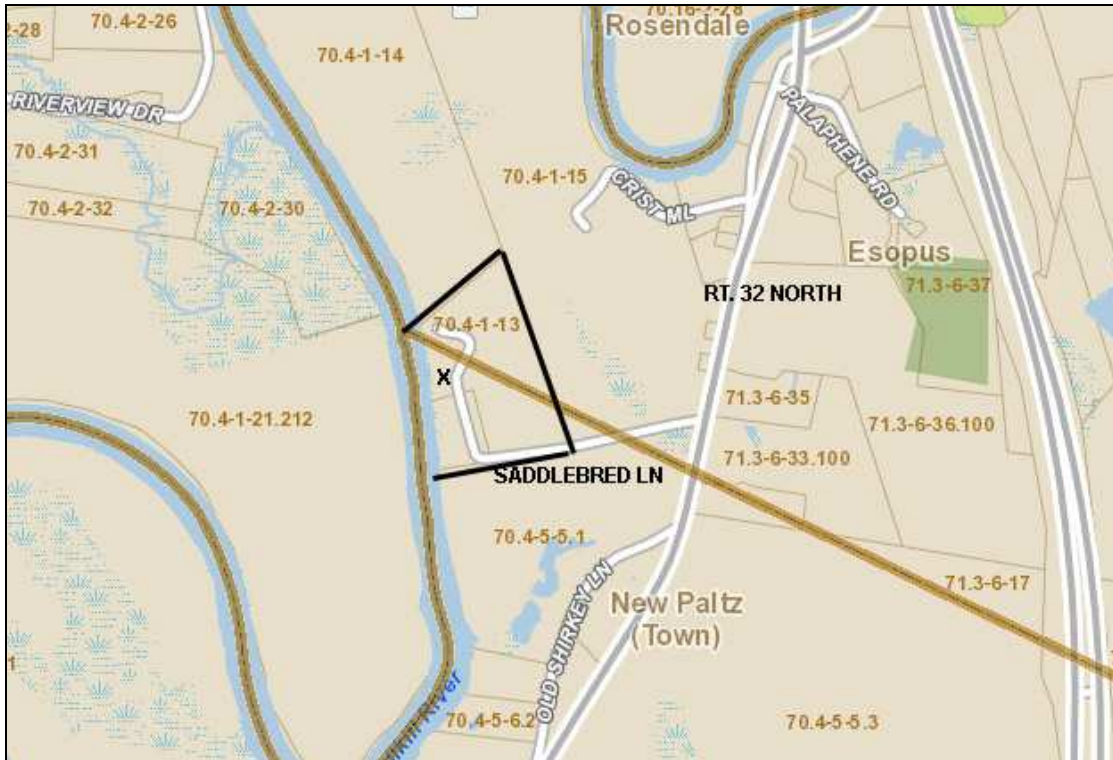
At the present time there are six rooms in this house. There are exposed ceiling beams throughout the first floor. The old floors have been covered. The interior has recently been almost completely remodeled so that very few old features remain.

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## 6. MAPS:



Parcel map with farm outlined and x indicating location of the stone house.



Aerial view of farm

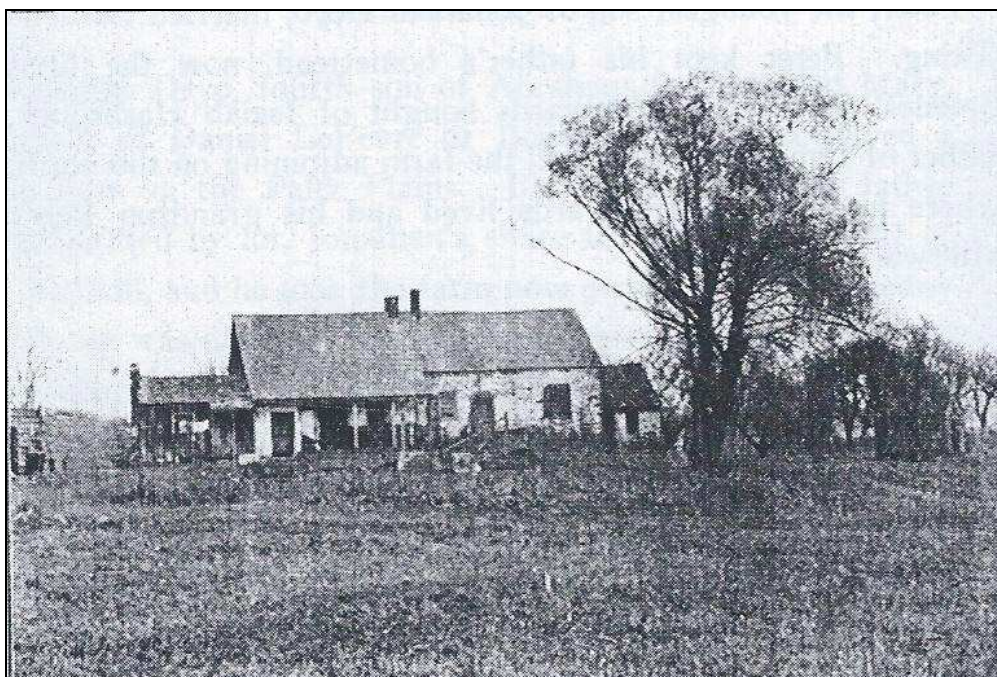


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**7. PHOTOS:**



View of stone house from the southeast.



View of house in 1903. From Lefevre, 272.

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View of driveway and 1975 ranch house from the east.



View of barns and pasture from the southeast.



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View of stone house from the southeast across the pasture.