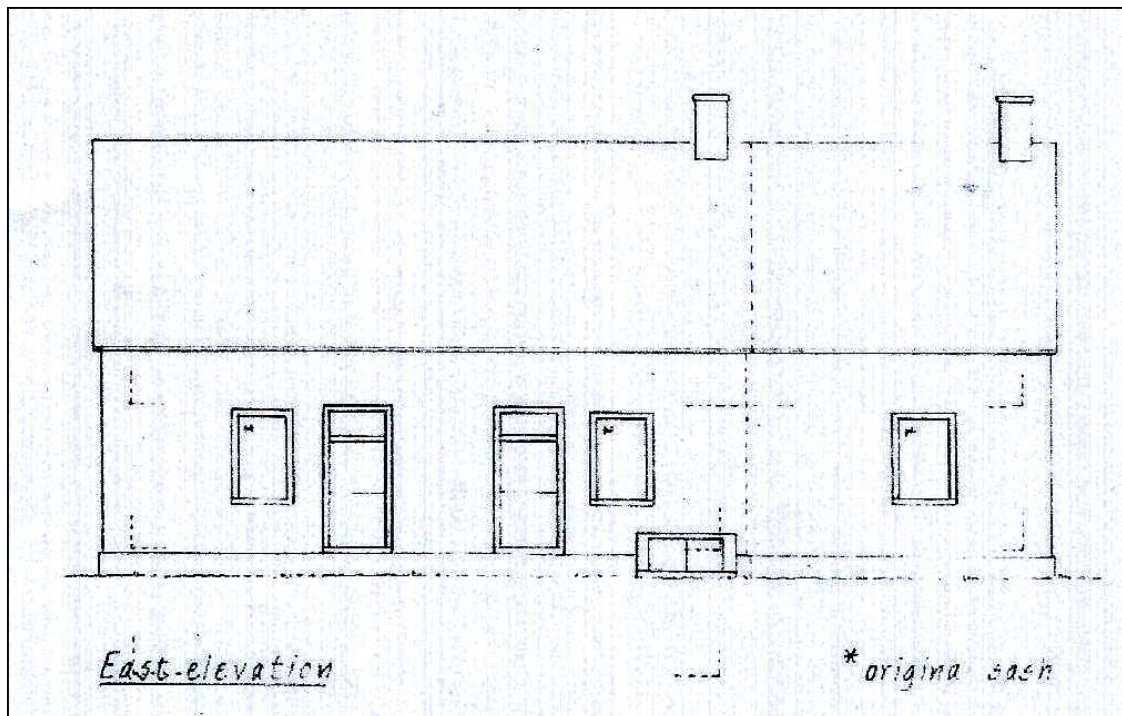


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DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY CONDITIONS

Like most stone houses in the town and county, the existing building does not clearly reflect its original appearance. Centuries of changing living patterns and design expression, along with in this case the re-routing of the road from one side of the house to the other, have resulted in a fundamentally different appearance. The stone perimeter is intact to the earliest physical documentation of the house recorded in a 1798 tax assessment. A 1756 construction date has been assigned to the stone dwelling, based on the marriage date of Christoffel Deyo and Deborah Van Vliet, although short of dendrochronology, no particular physical evidence clearly supports it.



Reconstructed view of original front façade drawn by John R. Stevens. From *Hudson Valley Vernacular Architecture Newsletter*, Vol.14 Nos.1-3 (Jan-March 2011), 4.

Built in two sections, the original house had a two-room plan without an entry hall or center passage and a front façade containing two doors and two windows, one each for the two rooms. This was a fairly common design option for two-room houses, although many surviving examples have been altered, such as this one, in later modernization efforts. The Elias Ein House at 294 Old Kingston Road retains its two front doors; it has a date stone inscribed 1789. The Petrus Hasbrouck House, located across the street at 315 Old Kingston Road, was built in ca. 1765 with two front doors. One of them was converted to a window later when a stone kitchen section was added. The Freer-Louw House on Historic Huguenot Street also had two rooms with separate front entrances until an effort was made to create a symmetrical front with a center entrance and create an interior passage.

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The original front façade of the Deyo stone house faced east and was substantially altered when the road moved from its location between the house and the Wallkill and a new front was created on the west side of the building. Windows remain in their original locations but both doors were removed and windows created in their place. (A door has been recently restored to one of the openings.) A one-room addition was built on the north end of the house probably when the new front façade was created on the west side. In most cases, these new rooms were built for parlors, a luxury reflecting the owners' success and prosperity. In a later period this room was made into a kitchen and a second window added to the west side.

The addition probably was built by David and Rachel Deyo, the second generation to inhabit the house, and its existing dimensions are recorded in the 1798 tax assessment. Later interior and room use changes appear to date to the 1820s or 1830s. The exterior of the house still closely resembles its late 18th-century appearance and its historic setting between the road and the river.

SIGNIFICANCE STATEMENT

The Philip & Gertrude Deyo House is significant example of 18th-century stone domestic architecture in the Town of New Paltz. One of only eighteen early stone houses surviving in the town, the Deyo house represents an important artifact of New Paltz's formative era and cultural development. Stone houses are iconic in the history of the town and Ulster County, and they are important symbols of the Dutch heritage in the Hudson Valley. Unlike the more numerous and less permanent wood buildings built in the 18th century, stone houses have survived into the 21st century. Although generally revered as relics of a primitive past, they were the elite houses in their period and provide valuable evidence of architectural traditions, construction methods, material life. The Deyo House represents a group of two-room stone houses built with two front doors that were precursors to houses with internal entries or passages. Like many of them, a third room was added and a single entrance was created by removing the other or adapting it to a window.

The New York State Historic Preservation Office has determined that 18th-century stone houses are individually eligible for the National Register and that the changes that have occurred in subsequent historical periods contribute to that significance. In the New Paltz context, all of the surviving stone houses in the town are worthy of local designation and protection.

CHAIN OF TITLE & CHRONOLOGY

1756 Christoffel Deyo married Deborah Van Vliet

Christoffel Deyo (1728-1792) was the son of Hendricus Deyo (1690-1736) and Margaret Von Bommel (1693-1757) of Kingston. His grandfather was Pierre Deyo one of the twelve New Paltz patentees. The Deyo family settled early in the Bonticoe and Springtown neighborhoods, located on the east and west sides of the Wallkill

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respectively, in the northern part of the patent. Hendricus Deyo built his house in Bonticoe, and his son, Christoffel, built his across the river in Springtown. The identity of Deborah Van Vliet (1735-1801) is not clearly documented. It appears that the Deyos' family consisted of three sons and a daughter; David Deyo (1758-1804) was the eldest.

- 1790 U.S. Census
- Christopher DeYoe
2 free white males 16 years and older (Christopher & son David)
1 free white female (wife Deborah)
4 slaves
- 1790 David Deyo married Rachel Ean (1771-1854), daughter of Abraham Ein and Catherine Van Wagenen
- Children
Christoffel (b. 1792)
Catrina (1796-1862)
Abraham Ean (1798-1834)
Annatje (1800-1879)
Mary (1802-1867)
- 1792 Christopher Deyo died.
- 1798 U.S. Direct Tax Assessment List
- David Deyo
Stone house, 51x26 ft. x 1 story, 7 windows, 2 acres, good condition, \$425
Dutch Barn 50x45 ft. & Smoke House 10x10 ft.
192 acres on the road & Wallkill adjoining John Cart & Cristiane Deyo, \$2125
25 acres wood land, \$220
2 male & 3 female slaves, 1 each aged 12-50 and subject to taxation
- 1800 U.S. Census
- David DeYoe
2 free white males <10 years (sons Christoffel & Abraham)
1 free white male 26-44 (David)
2 free white females <10 (daughters Catrina & Annatje)
1 free white female 26-44 (wife Rachel)
1 free white female 45+ (mother Deborah)
1 other free person
5 slaves
- 1804 David Deyo died leaving his widow Rachel as head of household
- Rachel Deyo served as executor of David's estate until their sons came of age.*

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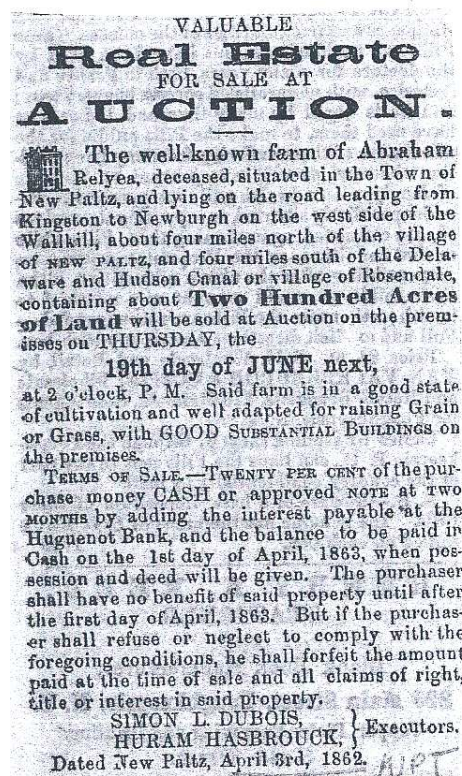
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- 1810 U.S. Census
- Rachel Deyo
1 free white male 10-15 (son Abraham)
1 free white male 16-25 (son Christoffel)
2 free white females <10 (daughters Annatje & Mary)
1 free white female 10-15 (daughter Catrina)
1 free white female 16-25 (unknown person)
1 free white female 26-44 (Rachel)
2 other free persons
5 slaves
- 1811 Rachel Ean Deyo married Abraham Relyea
- Abraham Relyea (1786-1861) was the son of Benjamin Relyea and Elizabeth Van Vliet of Shawangunk, Ulster County.*
- 1826 Deed, 6/3/1826, Christopher Deyo & Elisabeth, his wife, and Abraham E. Deyo & Elisabeth, his wife, to Abraham Relyea for \$2520
Parcel of land within the town and patent of New Paltz, known by name Klin Bonticoe on the west side of the wallkill where of David Doyo, late of New Paltz...
- 1830 U.S. Census
- Abraham Relyea
1 free white male <5
2 free white males 15-19
1 free white male 40-49 (Abraham)
1 free white female 15-19
1 free white female 50-59 (wife Rachel)
- 1840 U.S. Census
- Abm Relyea
1 free white male 10-14
1 free white male 50-59 (Abaham)
1 free white female 20-29
1 free white female 60-69 (wife Rachel)
2 persons employed in agriculture
- 1840 Rachel Deyo Relyea died
- 1861 Abraham Relyea died
- 1862 NPT 3/21/1862
Abraham Relyea is building a barn on his place near Springtown, 22 by 32 feet.

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1862



- 1862 NPT 6/27/1862
On Thursday of last week the farm belonging to the estate of Abraham Relyea, deceased, situated in this town, containing about 200 acres, was sold at auction and brought \$7,050. Jesse Elting, son of Jacob Elting, Esq., of Clintondale, was the purchaser, and Alex. Schoonmaker acted as auctioneer.
- 1869 NPT 12/15/1869
Jesse Elting of Springtown has recently repaired his dwelling house putting on a new roof.
- 1870 U.S. Census
Elting Jesse, 31, farmer, \$12,000 real estate, \$3700 personal estate
Marie, 31
Gertrude, 5
Lanetta, 1
DuBois David, 16, farm laborer
- 1871 NPI 11/9/1871
Jesse Elting has sold 120 acres of the east portion of his farm at Springtown of Hiram W. Minard for \$9,600.

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- 1871 NPT 12/7/1871
Jesse Elting of Springtown has purchased a house and lot in Rosendale Village and expects to engage in the flour and feed business.
- 1880 U.S. Census
Minard Hiram, 40, farmer
 Frances, 32, wife
 Charley, 15, son
 Mary, 10, daughter
 Ira, 5, son
 Jesse, 3, son
Stokes Catherine, 17, servant
- 1900 U.S. Census
Minard Hiram, 60
 Frances, 53
 Perry, 15
 Elna, 14
- 1930 NPI 6/13/1930
Minard Farm at Springtown Sold – The Minard Farm at Springtown was sold on Wednesday by Ira Minard [son of Hiram W. Minard] of Newburgh, to W.L. Burnett for the Hudson County Estates, Inc. of Kingston, who will subdivide the property. The farm has about a half-mile frontage on the Wallkill and runs back to the Shawangunk mountains.
- 1930 NPI 6/20/1930
Mr. Charles Staats who awhile ago sold the old Lilac Lodge farm and moved into Mrs. Hudson's bungalow, has again made a change and now is caretaker of the Perry Minard [son of Hiram W. Minard] farm which was recently sold to a realty company. We are informed the company will divide it into building lots. This farm has a large water front and extensive piece of woodland in all about 150 acres.
- 1941 WWV 10/10/1941
Old Minard House Sold to "Y" Man – The former Hiram Minard colonial stone house on the Springtown road, New Paltz, has been sold to Arthur Jorgenson, international secretary of the Y.M.C.A., it was learned Thursday. The property, which up until the time of sale, was owned by George and Jeanne Fiorentino of New York, consists of none acres along the Wallkill and the homestead, which is 150 years old. Mr Fiorentino operates The Colony, a restaurant on Madison avenue, New York. The sale was made through A.F. Arthur of Kingston and Roscoe V. Elsworth was the attorney.
- 1942 NPI 10/1/1942
To Make a Permanent Home Here – Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jorgensen who bought the Minard farm in Springtown about a year ago have been spending the summer there and are planning to make it their permanent home. Mr. Jorgensen, who has been a

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representative of the International Committee for the past 25 years will join Mrs. Jorgensen for the weekends there until January when he will be here permanently. Mr. and Mrs. Jorgensen have two sons in the army.

- 1960 NPI 10/5/1960
Miss Little Buys Jorgensen Home – Miss Jane Little, Associate Dean of State University Teachers College has purchased the property of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jorgensen on Springtown Road, New Paltz..
- 2009 374 Springtown Road, \$435,000, Bedrooms: 5 Baths:2 KF 8/2009

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