

Gerrit J. Haring House
West Old Tappan Road
Old Tappan, Bergen County, New Jersey

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Owner: Charles Angela
Greenwich, Connecticut

Date of Erection: Original unit 1751;
later section 1762

Architect:

Builder: Gerrit J. Haring

Present Condition: Fair

Number of Stories: One and one-half

Materials of Construction: Foundation - Fieldstone

Exterior walls - original section, south wing, red sandstone; later unit, north wing, frame construction, wide clapboards covered partly with shingles and cement

Interior walls - plaster

Floors pine planks on hand hewn oak beams

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch with overhang on front elevation

Historical Data:

This house stands in what was formerly the township of Harrington now Old Tappan. It is one of

the oldest houses in this section erected in 1751 by Gerrit J. Haring on part of his grandfather Cosine's land which had been granted to him in 1686. Gerrit erected an unpretentious house consisting of a cellar, two large rooms on the first floor, each with separate outside door, and space for storage purposes in the attic. This served until 1762 when a small addition for a kitchen was built.

The house was inherited by Gerrit's son, Frederick C. Haring. At his death in 1834 the farm was divided into five portions for his five daughters. The house stood on portion number one which was allotted to Letty Zabriskie; she probably sold it. In 1878 it was owned by Mrs. Myers. In 1912 W. W. Phelps became the owner. According to the deeds W. W. Phelps transferred to John J. Phelps in 1917 who five years later sold to Eleanor Hayes. In 1922 Charles Angela, the present owner, obtained possession from her.

The builder of the house was of the fourth generation of the Haring family in America. The first of the family in America was Jan Pietersen Haring who came in 1660. He died in 1683 and in 1686 his widow and his children moved to Tappan. Two of the sons were joint purchasers of the Tappan patent in 1686. One of these was Cosine, the grandfather of the builder of this house.

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