

**Saturday, June 17** Six HVVA members (\*) met in the morning at the Deyo Dutch stone house at the Bonte Koe farm (Spotted Cow) on the Walkill, north in the Town of New Paltz, plate #72 in Helen W. Reynolds Dutch Houses before 1777, pub. 1929. We registered it:



One-room, one-and-a-half story, stone house with two-room extension and full cellar  
Deyo/Frye House (NY/UI/NP/16)  
Bonte Koe Farm, New Paltz, Ulster County, NY  
N41'48.496' W074'04.029 106' elevation

**Deyo/Frye House, Bonte Koe Farm  
New Paltz, Ulster County, NY**  
photograph by James Decker

The house and farm were recently purchased by David Frye who plans to undertake the house's restoration. Its modern interior walls have been removed revealing the original surfaces and structure of the building. The house has seen few additions or major alterations and contains a number of early window and door frames. One window probably had a 12 over 8-light sash with wide muntins.

Hendericus Deyo, born in 1660, came to this farm in 1714 according to Reynolds. The original Deyo stone house in New Paltz was built as a fort in 1705 (confirmed recently by dendrochronology). It began as a two-room center-chimney Dutch stone farm-house with a jambless fireplace in one room and a 5-plate cast iron stove in the other.

The Bonte Koe house has part of a delaminated date-stone "HD 1805" above and to the side of the front door of the later stone extension. It may date a marriage or changes made to the house. It began as a classic mid 18<sup>th</sup> century one-room Dutch farm house of the mid- Hudson

Valley. It was extended later in the century with two rooms. The exterior walls of the extension were of stone and the rooms separated by a wood partition wall. My guess is that the first 2-bay room of the extension had a 5-plate stove and the other room a Jambless fireplace with a bake oven. When the first room was built is not clear. Evidence in the window frames suggest it was after 1750 but perhaps these were replacements of an earlier window form when the addition was made.

We next drove to Highland to see a house on Plutarch Road recently acquired by Paul and Dana O'Neil. It had been intelligently restored by its previous owner. We registered it:

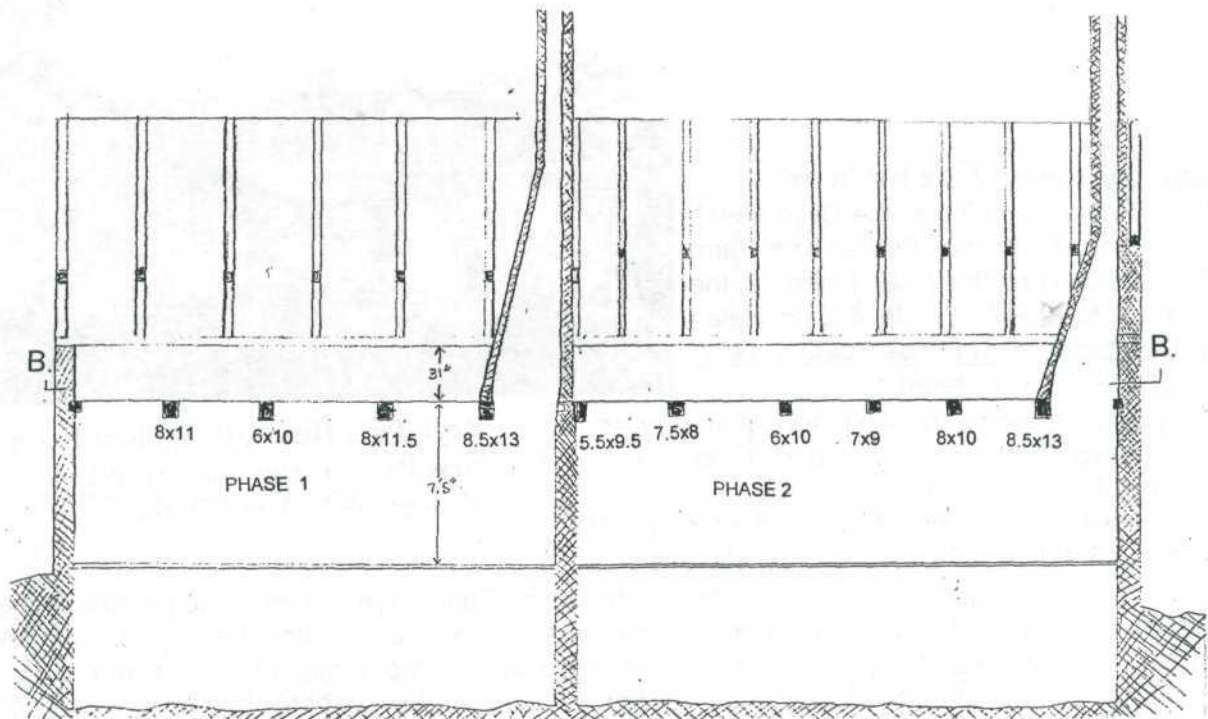
Story-and-a-half stone house with  
two-story Federal frame house addition  
/O'Neil (NY/Uls/NP/17)  
Highland, New Paltz, Ulster County, NY  
N41'58.279' W073'50.943' 548' Elevation

There is a "1806 June 18 JY" date stone in the original stone wing but my feeling is that this section is 18<sup>th</sup> century and the stone dates the original frame addition and/or renovation of the stone wing. There is no clear evidence of a jambless fireplace in the stone section. There is evidence of a large Jambless kitchen fireplace in the Federal section that was later replaced with a stove. There are both Federal and Greek Revival moldings indicating changes. The rafters butt which usually indicated a date after 1830 but the sophisticated Federal design of the house may also include advanced construction techniques.

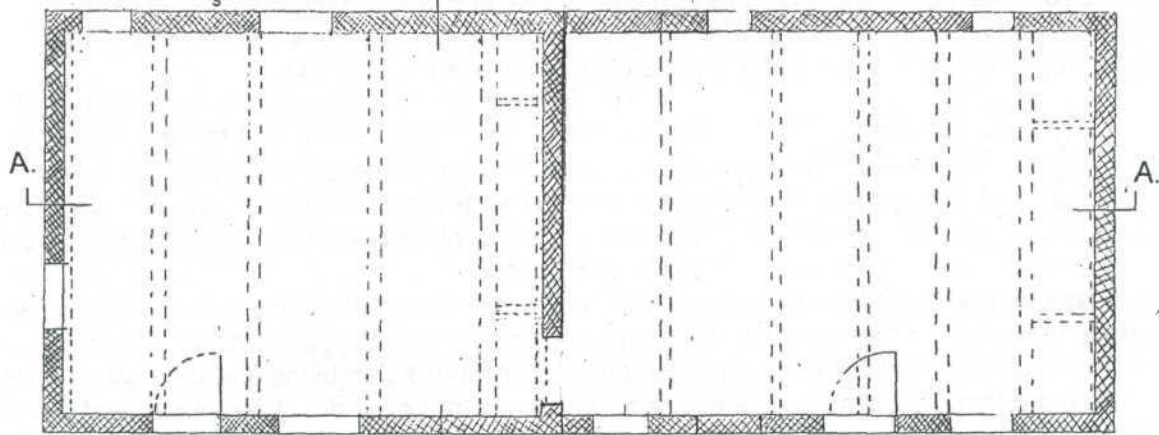
1806 June 18 JY

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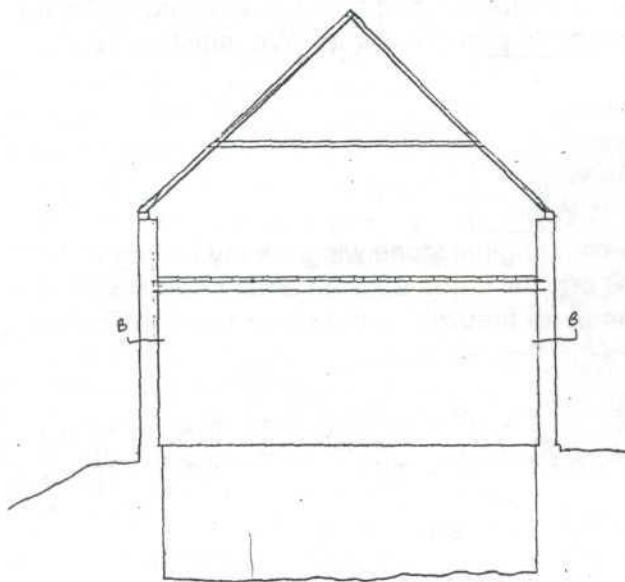




A. SECTION



B. PLAN

SHOWING ORIGINAL  
DOOR PLACEMENT

**Deyo/Frye House, Bonte Koe Farm  
New Paltz, Ulster County, NY  
drawing by Rob Sweeney**

The plan of the first phase of the Deyo house shows a clear hood beam 8.5x13-inches with two trimmer beams joined to it and the stone wall. This is the classic arrangement for a 7- to 8-foot wide Dutch jambless fireplace, the hood of which is showed in section B. The proportions of this 5-bay room, circa 17-feet wide by 22-feet long is not typical of early Dutch houses. They are more apt to be 4-bay rooms like that of the Williams house and wider than deep, 20'10"-wide by 16'10"-long in the Williams example. Perhaps there is something about how this room was originally arranged that we are not aware of.