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DePuy/DeWitt/McBride House (War/09)
Wawarsing, Ulster County, NY

(left) HABS photo 1930's. (right) photograph by Jim Decker, 2006

Rosemarie, the present owner, inherited a few artifacts associated with the house from the previous owners who asked that she pass them on to the future owners. These objects include early deeds and a traditional six-board chest painted with the initials of Rachiel DeWitt. Rosemarie feels strongly that these are part of the historic value of the house. She also has a collection of early photographs that along with other information she recently organized into ring binders for HVVA's visit. She says that finally putting the scattered material all together has given her a great sense of relief.

Thursday, August 24 Tom Colluci called me that he was working on a house in Stone Ridge, known as the 1830 Cantine House, so I went to see it, met the owner David Warren, and registered it:

Two-and-a-half story center-hall stone-house with
back frame addition and stone summer kitchen
1830 Cantine/Warren House (Mar-31)
Stone Ridge, Town of Marbletown, Ulster County, NY

There is said to have been an earlier frame house on this site that burned and the stone summer-kitchen behind the house could well be earlier. It has a miniature jambless fireplace and its smoke hood is built of stone. It has an iron trammel bar but its hood beam is rotten at one end and has fallen at an angle. It has allowed some of the hood to fall.



**Stone Summer Kitchen behind the
1830 Cantine/Warren House (Mar-31)**
Stone Ridge, Town of Marbletown
Ulster County, NY



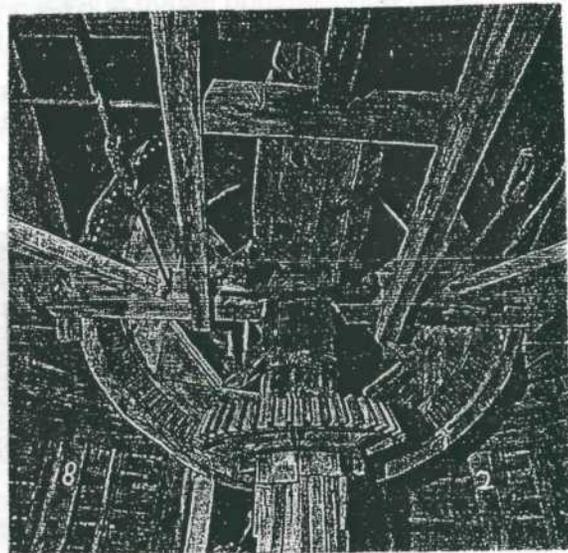
The white roughly-cut limestone wall that faces the road shows the Cantine family's identity with their neighbors' old limestone walls but a need for two full stories, a center hall and lots of rooms, but no closets. It shows pride in their success but done with an inherited simplicity and "conformity" as Hellen Reynolds put it. The stone house maintains many original features like doors, local hardware and window frames. Other later additions like paneled and beamed ceilings are 20th century additions and will be removed. The chimneys seem to be buried in the wall and emerge only in the loft. I had never seen this before. The original fireplaces may hide behind layers. More is to be discovered. We will try and stay in touch with the project.

REPORT: John and Marion Stevens went to the **SPOOM** (Society for the Preservation of Old Mills) tour on Eastern Long Island. This started on Friday evening, August 18, at the Marriot Hotel at Islandia, with the host, Jerry Leeds, giving a slide show on Long Island mills. Jerry with another person put together one of the 'Arcadia Press' publications on Long Island Wind and Water Mills a few years ago. On Saturday morning, a bus was at the hotel to take the group to East Hampton, where three windmills were inspected. Then it was back to Water Mill where we had box lunches in the water mill that was supposed to have been built in the 1640's. Not very likely! And then we visited the windmill on the Green in Water Mill. This was entirely disassembled and rebuilt with much new timber, by Jim Kricker in 1988. He did a fine piece of work on it. The four mills seen were all built in the period 1800 - 1806. One of them, the Hook Mill in East Hampton, had built into it the central post of the previous mill that had been built in 1736- a post mill. Three of the windmills had the millstones driven from above- the more usual way. One had them driven from below, like a water mill. Several had internal capstans for rotating the cap to keep the sails trimmed into the wind. The windmill at Water Mill has a tail pole with a wheel. Back at the hotel at night, one of the mill people gave a talk on 'ghosts in mills' which Marion found very interesting. The tour on Sunday was to Roslyn and Great Neck to see the Gothick mill on William Cullen Bryant's property, Cedarmere, the Roslyn Grist Mill, and lastly the Saddle Rock Mill. The last two of these are in *Dutch Vernacular Architecture*. We did not go on this tour as John has had more than enough experience with these buildings when he worked for Nassau County.



**Hook Windmill,
East Hampton, Long Island, NY**
Built 1806 to replace post-mill built in 1738. Central post of earlier mill re-used.

photograph by John Stevens



**Corwith Windmill, Water Mill,
Long Island, NY**

photograph by Chester Hartwell