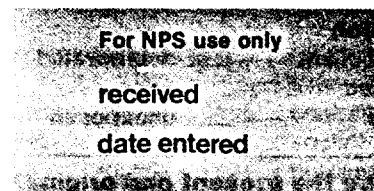


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United States Department of the Interior  
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National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections



1. Name

historic Stoothoff-Baxter-Kouwenhoven House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 1640 East 48th Street not for publication

city, town Brooklyn vicinity of Congressional district

state New York code 036 county Kings code 047

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
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4. Owner of Property

name Anthony and Mary Ann Cucchiara

street & number 1640 East 48th Street

city, town Brooklyn vicinity of state New York 11234

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Kings County Register's Office

street & number Brooklyn Municipal Building, 210 Joralemon Street

city, town Brooklyn state New York 11201

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Landmarks Preservation Commission  
title (LP-0919)

has this property been determined eligible? yes ☒ no

date March 23, 1976 federal state county ☒ local

depository for survey records Landmarks Preservation Commission, 20 Vesey Street

city, town New York, state New York 10007

## 7. Description

### Condition

☒ excellent  
☐ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☐ original site  
☒ moved

date 1811 and 1900

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Stoothoff-Baxter-Kouwenhoven House was built in sections like many Dutch colonial houses; the smaller wing was built about 1747 and the larger main portion dates from 1811. The building is located on a residential block consisting of one and two-family homes built in the twentieth century. Originally, the small wing stood alone, north of Mill Lane, facing south. This section was moved south of Mill Lane in 1811 when the main portion was constructed. The house was shifted to its present position facing East 48th Street in about 1900 at the time the street was cut through the adjacent family farmland.

The house is one and one-half stories high and has a picturesque profile with steeply pitched, gabled roofs, curved projecting eaves, and end chimneys. The older, low portion contrasts with the greater height of the later main portion. The house is shingled with over fourteen inches of each course exposed. The windows in the front have twelve-over-twelve sash and paneled shutters. Those at the rear have six-over-six sash. At the upper floor of the newer portion two small windows are set directly under the curved projecting eave, while those at the rear are cut into the soffits of the eave. There are three end chimneys. The front door is of Dutch design, with the upper half hinged independently from the lower half. The rear roof slope of the main portion has a curved projecting eave; the roof slope of the lower wing has a straight eave and two gabled dormers. A rear door in this wing opens onto the large rear yard with garden. Attached to the wing is a small one-story kitchen wing of 1880 with sloping shed roof, narrow clapboard siding, and doors opening onto both the front and rear yards. On the interior, the main section contains the living room, and the older wing contains the dining room. Off the living room, the staircase with railing with slender balusters leads to the bedrooms at the upper floor.

1. The text of this report was taken almost in its entirety from the New York Landmarks Preservation Commission designation report, Stoothoff-Baxter-Kouwenhoven House (LP-0919), March 23, 1976, by Alan Burnham and Betty Ezequelle.

## 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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**Specific dates** c.1747, 1811, 1880 **Builder/Architect** unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Stoothoff-Baxter-Kouwenhoven House, a rare survivor from the colonial period, is a fine example of the type of farmhouse constructed in this country by Flemish farmers who came to New York in the 1700s. The name of the house is a reflection of the succession of related Brooklyn families that occupied it during a century and a half. Today this small house serves as an important reminder of New York's early architectural heritage.

Flatlands, the area in which this Dutch colonial house is located, was the first in Kings County to be occupied by settlers of European origin. It was purchased from the Indians by Andries Hudden and Wolpert G. van Couwenhoven in 1636, just ten years after Peter Minuit bought Manhattan Island from the Indians. Its Indian name, Keskachogue or Keskateuw, was changed to Nieuw Amersfoort in honor of Couwenhoven's home in the Netherlands. By 1654 it had received a town charter and by 1657 seventeen families had settled there. The English changed the name to Flatlands in 1665, one year after they took over the colony from the Dutch.

The original house (the smaller wing) is believed to have been built about 1747 by Wilhelmus Stoothoff, the father of Garret Stoothoff. Garret Stoothoff's daughter, Altje, married John Baxter, a native of Ireland, who had come to this country in 1784 and who was teaching school in Flatlands by 1790. The diary which he kept has proved most valuable as a source of local history. After his marriage to Altje in 1791, they went to live in the house of her father, who died sometime before 1796.

In 1811 Baxter decided to move the house south of Mill Lane and, in traditional Dutch manner, he oriented it facing south. On March 29, 1811, he wrote: "Today I had ten wagons to cart the Frame for my new house." In May he raised the new portion of the house, attaching it to the smaller old portion with the assistance of about sixty of his neighbors. The house was occupied by members of the family until the 1920s.

The present kitchen wing was added in 1880, replacing an earlier oven shed. In about 1900 the house was shifted to its present position, and the surrounding family farmland was sold at auction by the Germania Improvement Company.

Stylistically the house relates to the distinctive frame houses of Long Island which are readily recognizable building types, quite different from those of Manhattan and the Hudson River valley. On Long Island, the early houses were generally farm-houses. They had gabled roofs with gracefully curved projecting eaves or gambrel roofs which are believed to be Flemish in origin. The house displays the characteristic sweeping type of Flemish eave design and other details of craftsmanship and design typical of eighteenth and early nineteenth century vernacular farmhouses in New Netherland. The Stoothoff-Baxter-Kouwenhoven House is a rare surviving example of its type.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet

## 10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Coney Island, N.Y.-N.J.

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The nominated property occupies Borough of Brooklyn Tax Map Block 7872, Lot 54, which is approximately 80' x 100' and is outlined on the attached map.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
N/A			

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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organization Historic Preservation Field Services Bureau date September 1982

street & number Agency Building I, Empire State Plaza telephone (518) 474-0479

city or town Albany

state New York 12238

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature



title Commissioner

date

9/29/82

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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 House, 1640 East 48th Street  
 Kings County, New York  
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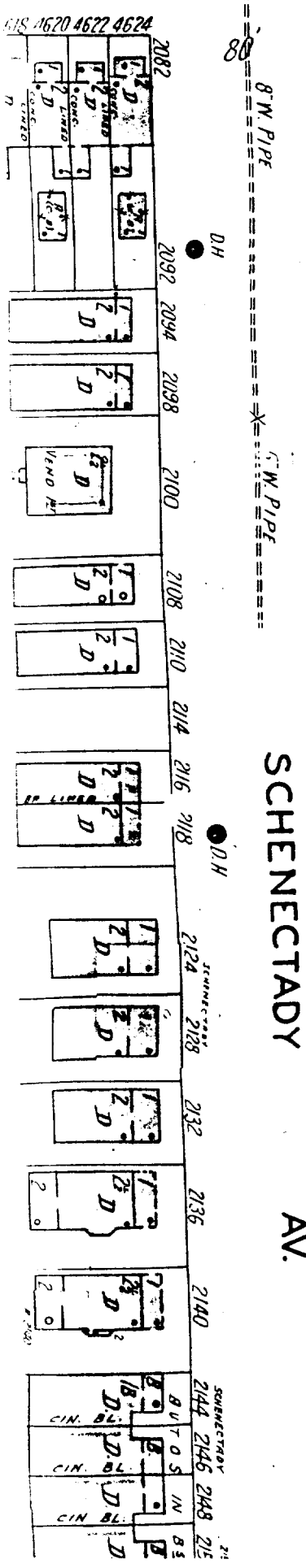
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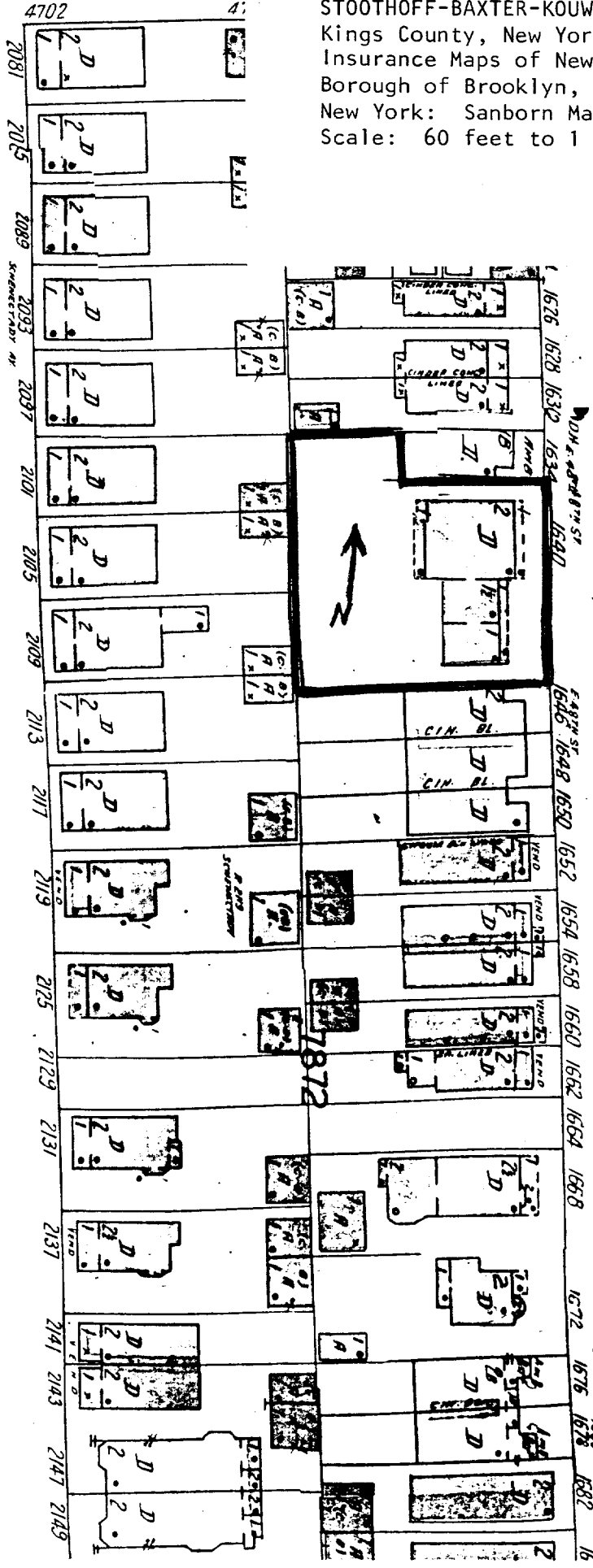
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