

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. 001-06-0138

QUAD _____

SERIES _____

NEG. NO. _____

YOUR NAME Town of Guilderland

DATE June 1, 1979

YOUR ADDRESS Town Hall, Guilderland TELEPHONE 518-356-0138
N.Y.

ORGANIZATION (if any): _____

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME(S) Gardner Residence (Building#30)

2. COUNTY Albany TOWN/CITY Guilderland VILLAGE: _____

3. STREET LOCATION: 5661 Gardner Rd

4. OWNERSHIP: a. public ☐ b. private ☒

5. PRESENT OWNER: Ralph Plauth

ADDRESS 5661 Gardner Road, R.D.2 Altamont,
N.Y. 12009

6. USE: Original: residence

Present: residence

7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:

Exterior visible from public road: Yes ☒ No ☐

Interior accessible: Explain by appointment

DESCRIPTION

8. BUILDING MATERIAL

a. clapboard ☒ b. stone ☐ c. brick ☐ d. board and batten ☐
e. cobblestone ☐ f. shingles ☐ g. stucco ☐ other: _____

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
(if known)

a. wood frame with interlocking joints ☐
b. wood frame with light members ☒
c. masonry load bearing walls ☐
d. metal (explain) _____
e. other: _____

10. CONDITION:

a. excellent ☒ b. good ☐ c. fair ☐ d. deteriorated ☐

11. INTEGRITY:

a. original site ☒ b. moved ☐ if so, when? _____

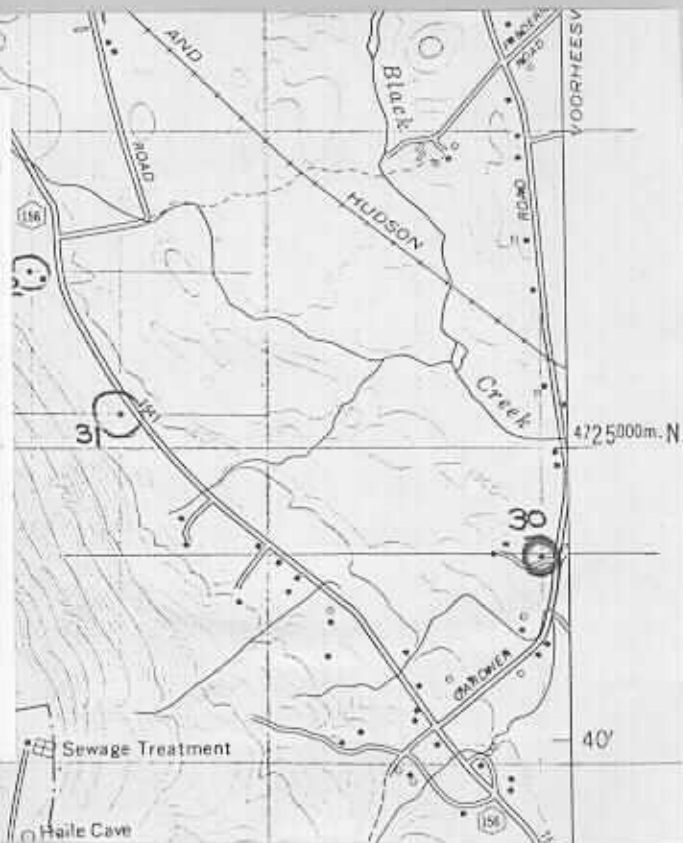
c. list major alterations and dates (if known): _____

12. PHOTO:



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13. MAP



14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known ☒ b. zoning ☐ c. roads ☐
 d. developers ☐ e. deterioration ☐
 f. other: _____
15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:
 a. barn ☐ b. carriage house ☐ c. garage ☐
 d. privy ☐ e. shed ☐ f. greenhouse ☐
 g. shop ☐ h. gardens ☐
 i. landscape features: _____
 j. other: Smokehouse (contributing)
16. SURROUNDINGS OF THE BUILDING (check more than one if necessary):
 a. open land ☒ b. woodland ☐
 c. scattered buildings ☒
 d. densely built-up ☐ e. commercial ☐
 f. industrial ☐ g. residential ☒
 h. other: _____

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:
 (Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)
The house is set back from Gardner Road on a grassy knoll retaining its original setting. The arbitrary boundary forms an area of approximately five acres, which preserves the setting and includes the smokehouse.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):
Second Empire Style farmhouse; mansard roof with dormer windows; bracketed cornice; one-story porch on front embellished with carved and sawn brackets; interior retains the original woodwork and highly decorated mantels of marblized slate.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1875

ARCHITECT: Unknown

BUILDER: Unknown

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

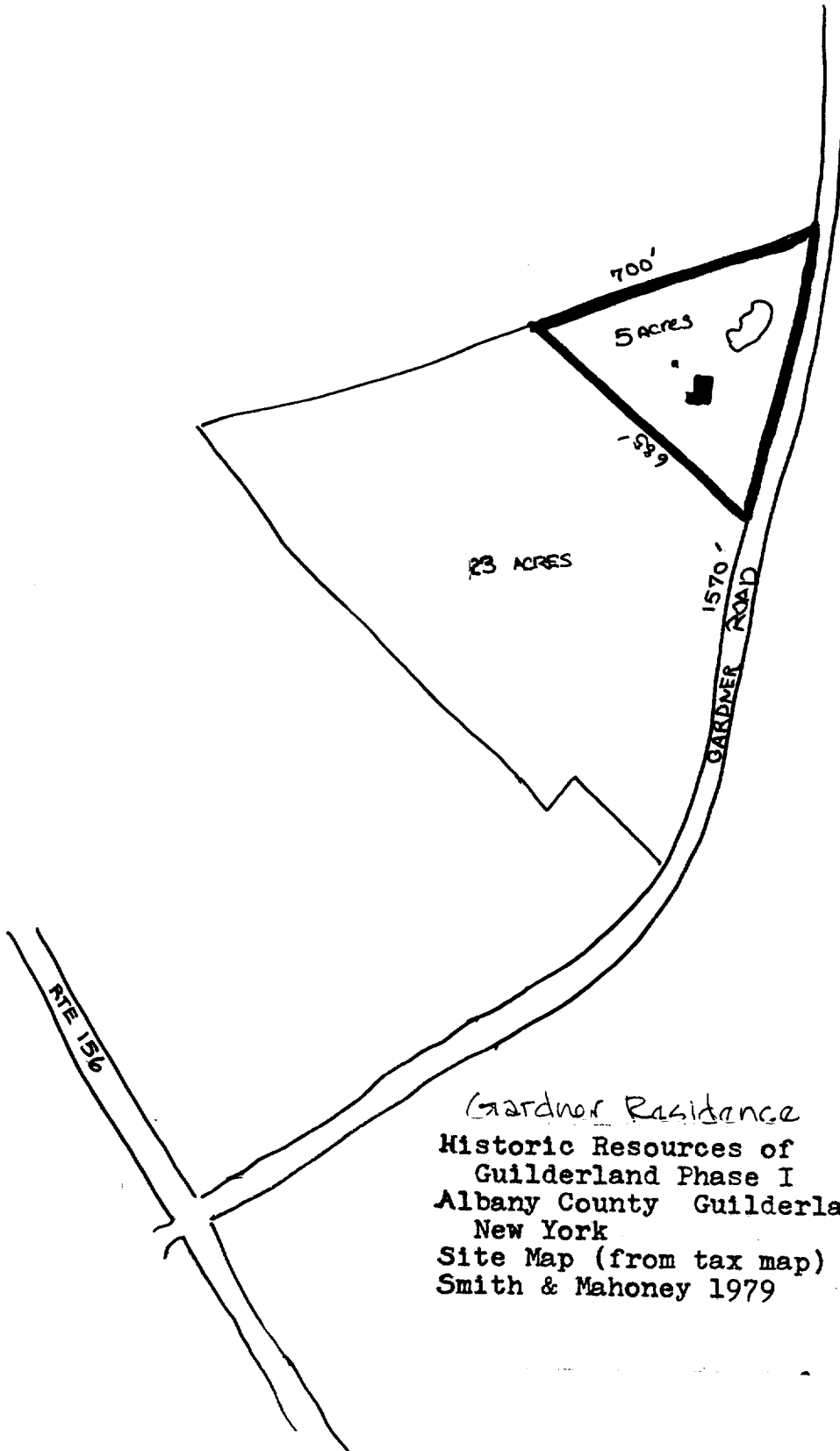
The structure was built for Judge Gardner and his family for whom Gardner Road is named. The building is an exceptional example of the Second Empire style. It is in excellent condition and is distinguished by a variety of rich details. The sole unaltered example of the Second Empire style in Guilderland, the building survives amidst modern suburban development. Both interior and exterior details remain intact. Relative to its surroundings, the Gardner residence stands out as an extraordinary structure. The modest smokehouse contributes to the character of the building.

21. SOURCES: **Interview with owner; see bibliography**

22. THEME:

5661 Gardner Road

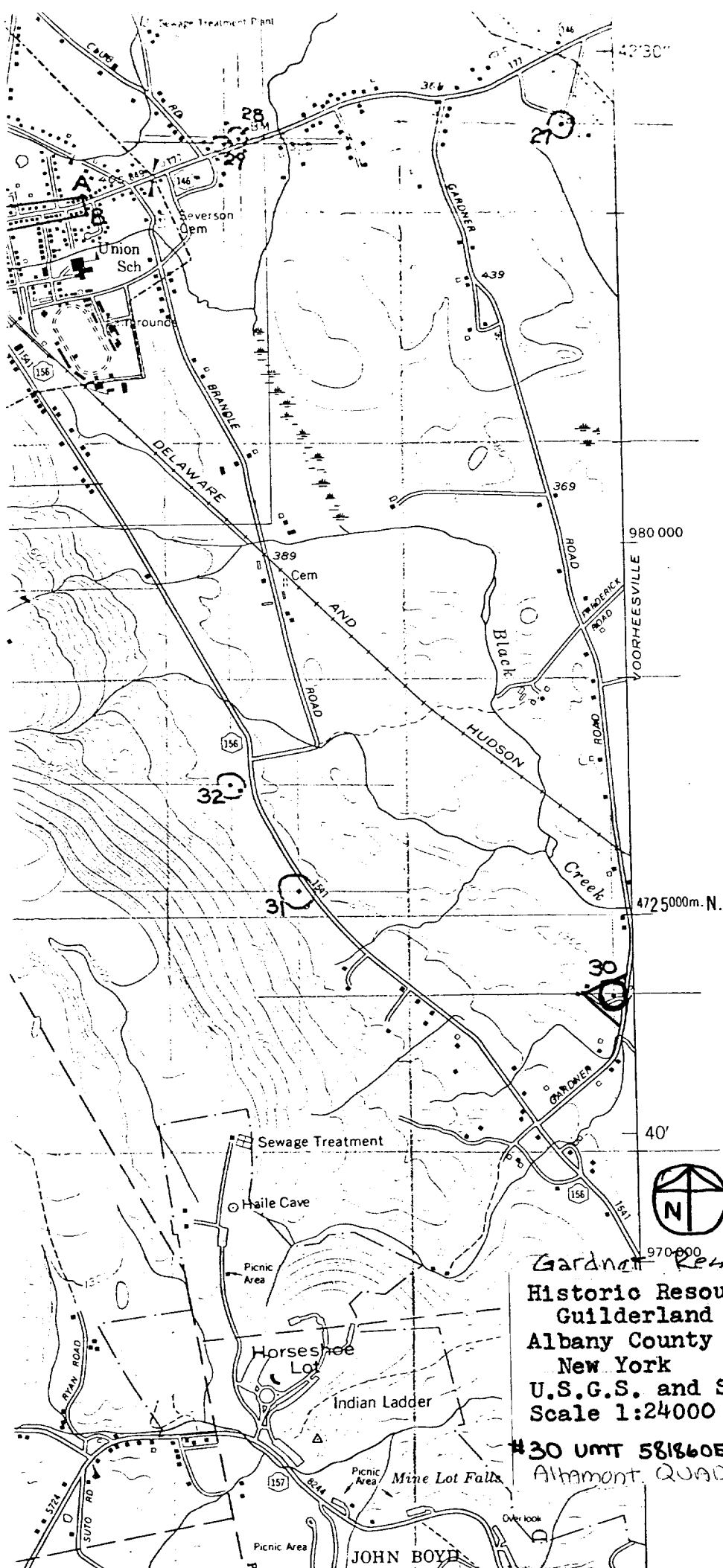
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Gardner Residence
Historic Resources of
Guilderland Phase I
Albany County Guilderland
New York
Site Map (from tax map)
Smith & Mahoney 1979

1"=400'

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 Historic Resources of
 Guilderland Phase I
 Albany County Guilderland
 New York
 U.S.G.S. and Site Map
 Scale 1:24000 2nd ed. 1974

#30 UMT 581860E 4724660N
 Altamont QUAD



Historic Resources of
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Building #30

← Northwest elevation
Gardner Residence
Guilderland, NY
Albany Co.

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Detail of smokehouse