

## BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. 001-06-0138  
 QUAD \_\_\_\_\_  
 SERIES \_\_\_\_\_  
 NEG. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME Town of GuilderlandDATE 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,  
 6. USE Original: residence Present: residence N.Y.12009

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: \_\_\_\_\_

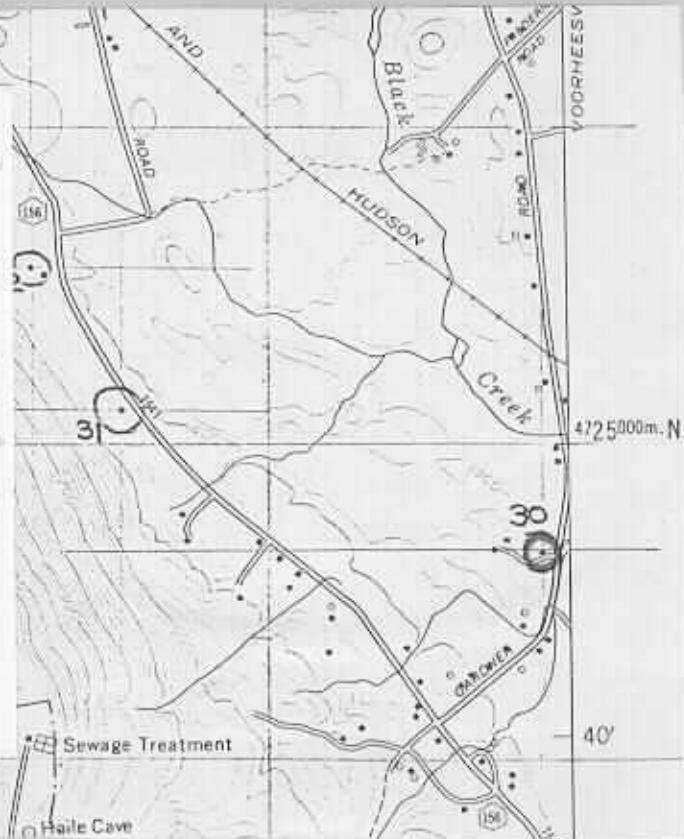
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM (if known) a. wood frame with interlocking joints   
 b. wood frame with light members   
 c. masonry load bearing walls   
 d. metal (explain) \_\_\_\_\_  
 e. other: \_\_\_\_\_

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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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:

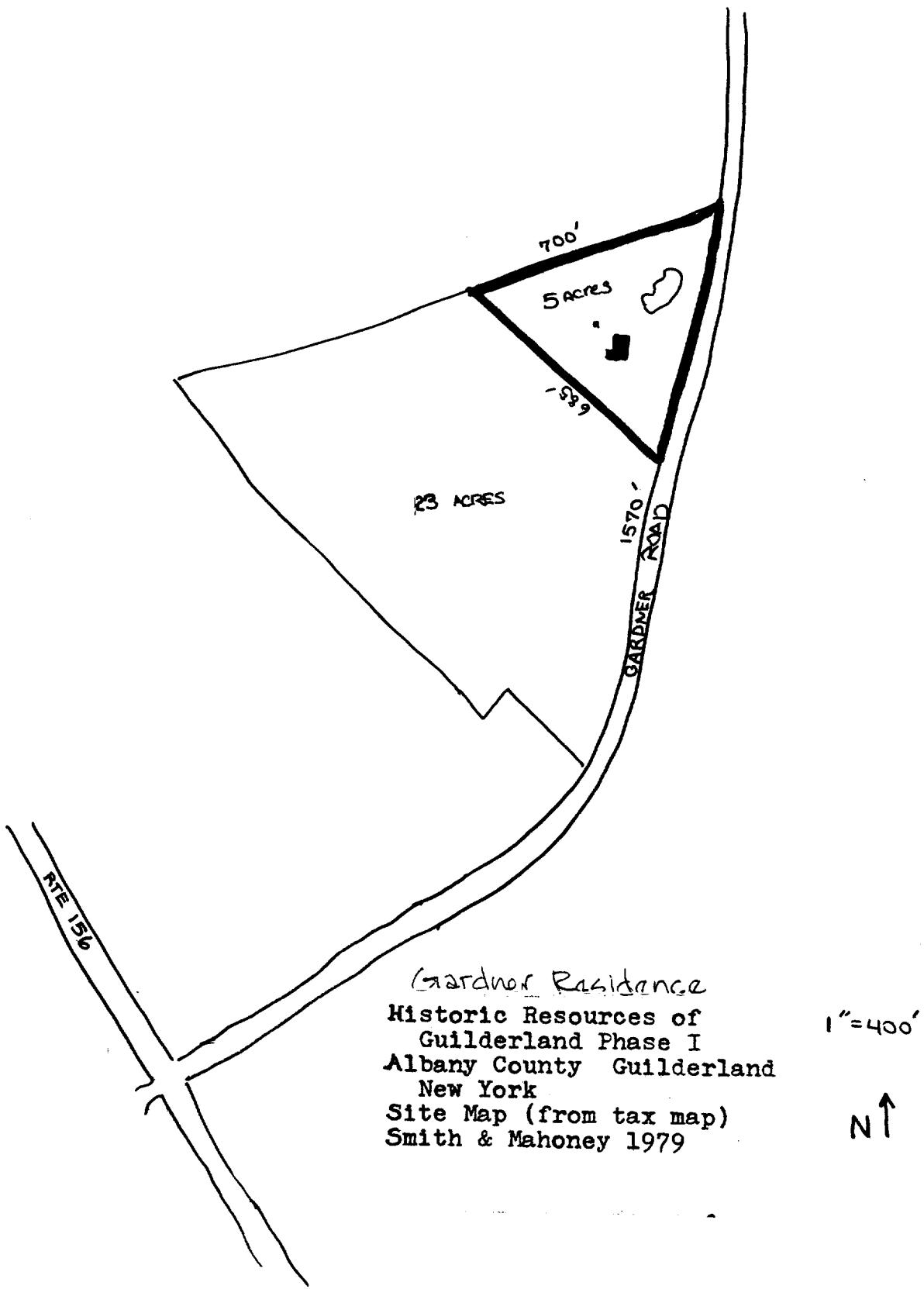
The structure was built for Judge Gardner and his family for whom Gardner Road is named. The building is an exceptional example of the Second Empire style. It is in excellent condition and is distinguished by a variety of rich details. The sole unaltered example of the Second Empire style in Guilderland,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

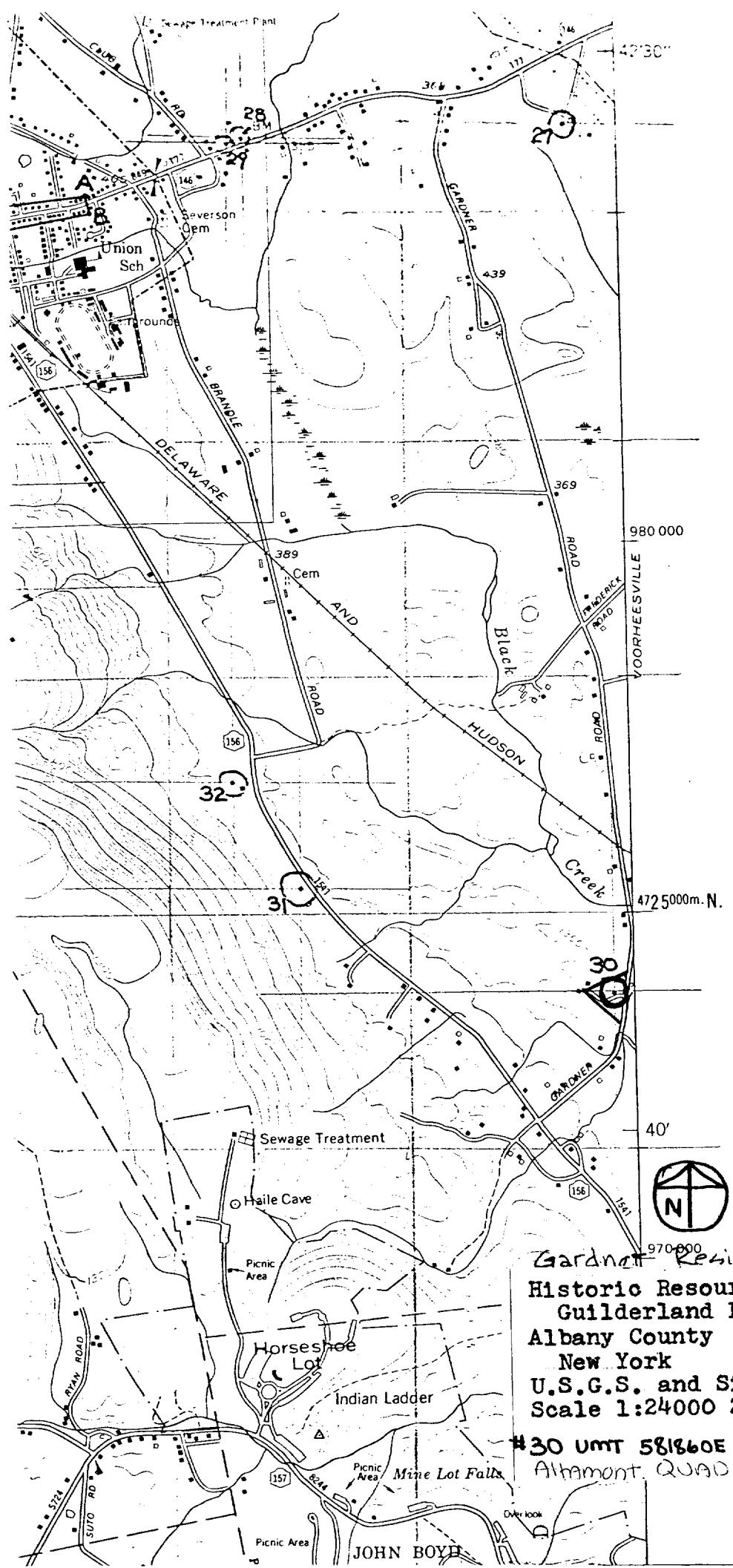
21. SOURCES: Interview with owner; see bibliography

22. THEME:

5661 Gardner Road

Building #30





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Gardner Residence  
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  
Guilderland (Phase I)  
Building #30  
← Northwest elevation  
Gardner Residence  
Guilderland, NY  
Albany Co.

Building #30



Detail of smokehouse