

## BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. 001-06-0003

QUAD \_\_\_\_\_

SERIES \_\_\_\_\_

NEG. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME Town of Guilderland DATE: June 1, 1979YOUR ADDRESS Town Hall, Guilderland TELEPHONE: 518-356-1980

ORGANIZATION (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

**IDENTIFICATION**

1. BUILDING NAME(S) Gifford Grange Hall (Building #36)  
 2. COUNTY Albany TOWN/CITY Guilderland VILLAGE DUNNSVILLE  
 3. STREET LOCATION Western TPK.; NORTH SIDE; AT DUNNSVILLE RD; WEST SIDE  
 4. OWNERSHIP a. public  b. private   
 5. PRESENT OWNER Gifford Grange ADDRESS Grange Hall, Western Tpke., R.D.2,  
 6. USE Original: Store Present: Grange Hall Altamont, N.Y.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

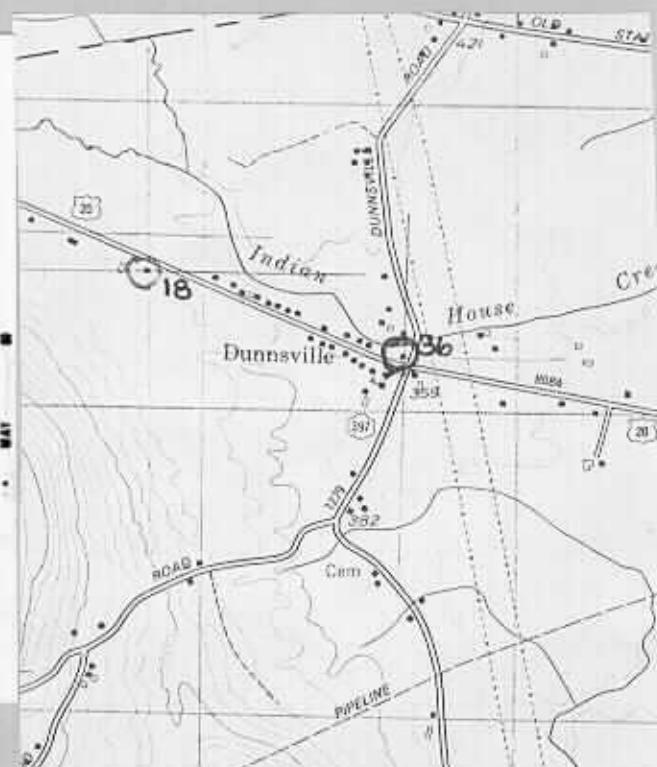
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM (if known) a. wood frame with interlocking joints   
 b. wood frame with light members   
 c. masonry load bearing walls   
 d. metal (explain) \_\_\_\_\_  
 e. other \_\_\_\_\_

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:



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: \_\_\_\_\_

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 building is located on Western Turnpike in the center of the hamlet known as Dunnsville.**

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):

**This plain vernacular commercial structure has a simple channeled cornice with a wide unadorned frieze and a one-story porch across front with shed roof; enclosed outside stair from the second floor is on the eastern end of the building.**

**SIGNIFICANCE**

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1866

ARCHITECT: Unknown

BUILDER: Unknown

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

**Originally built as a store and post office, the structure has always been a center of activity in this area of town. It follows the common plan of having the shopkeeper living above the store and post office. The building was converted to a range hall when the store closed and is still used for range functions. Although the building is plain and unadorned, it is an excellent example of commercial architecture of that period. It has survived amidst modern suburban development and is particularly significant relative to such surroundings.**

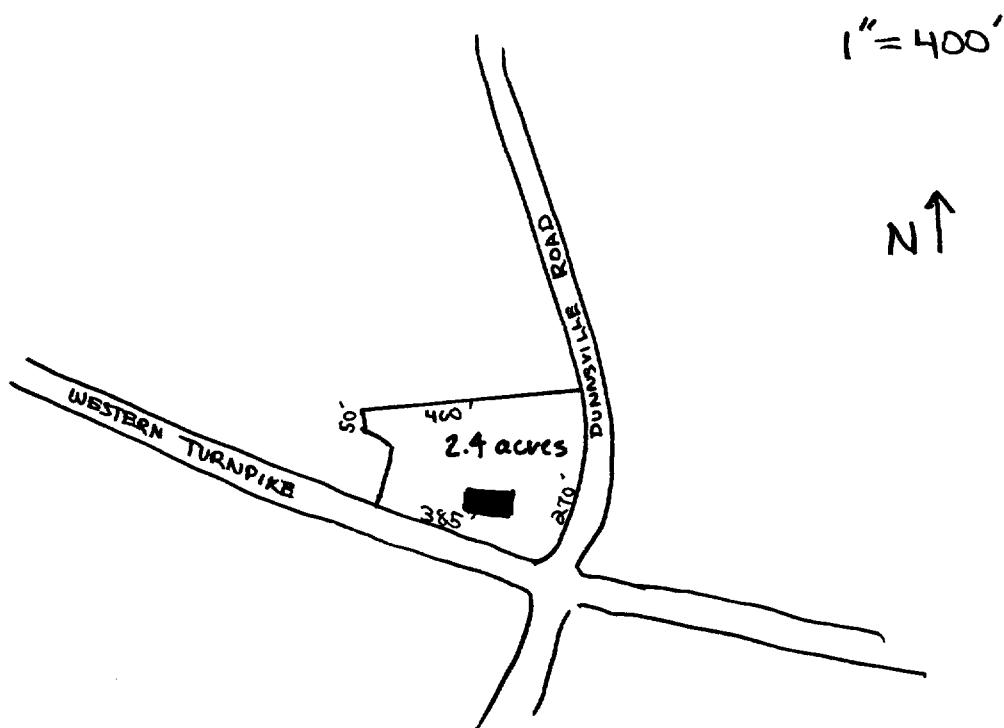
21. SOURCES: See bibliography

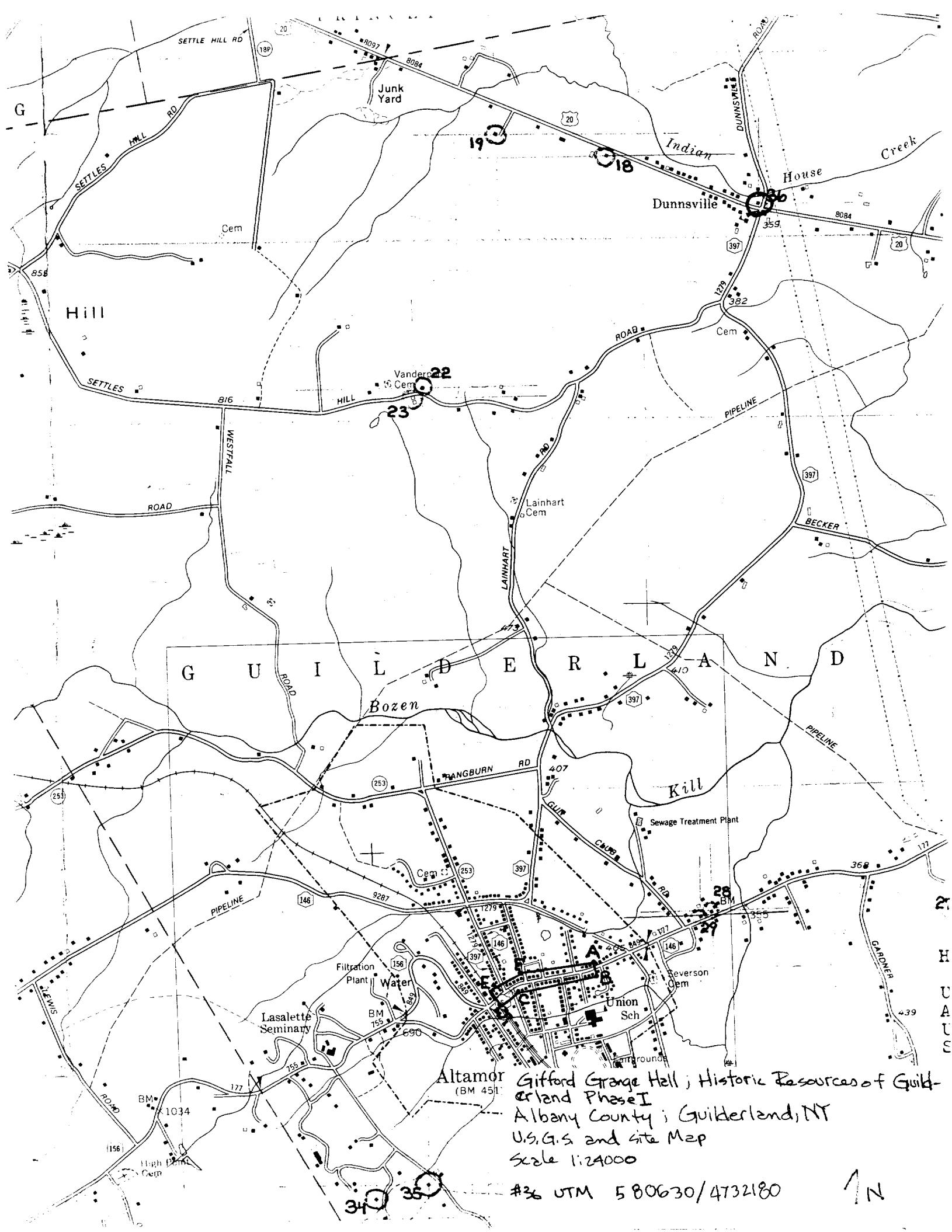
22. THEME:

Gifford Grange F.R.C.

Building # 36

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





**RECEIVED**  
Kin Lehman, State Historian  
Agency Bldg. #1  
Empire State Plaza  
Albany.  
Re: 2223 Old State Rd  
Guilderland  
Albany Co.

MAR 25 1982

Dear Sir:

I would like you to consider  
nominating my home for the National  
and State Register of Historic Places.

It is located at 2273 Old State  
Road, Altamont.

**RECEIVED**

Sincerely -

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MAR 26 1982  
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
ALW/S  
Mrs Jean Cilberti  
(Jean Bella Rocca)  
Former name