

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

DIVISION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION
NEW YORK STATE PARKS AND RECREATION
ALBANY, NEW YORK (518) 474-0479

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UNIQUE SITE NO. 001-06-0134

QUAD _____

SERIES _____

NEG. NO. _____

YOUR NAME Town of GuilderlandDATE June 1, 1979YOUR ADDRESS Town Hall, Guilderland TELEPHONE 518-356-1908
N.Y.

ORGANIZATION (if any) _____

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME(S) Guilderland Cemetery Vault (Building #26)
 2. COUNTY Albany TOWN/CITY Guilderland VILLAGE
 3. STREET LOCATION Osborn COBS; RTE. 158; EAST SIDE; IN GUILDERLAND CEMETERY
 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private AT RTE 146
 5. PRESENT OWNER Guilderland Cemetery ADDRESS c/o H. Crounse, 45 Willow St. G'lan
 6. USE Original vault Assoc. Present: vault N.Y.12084

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 _____

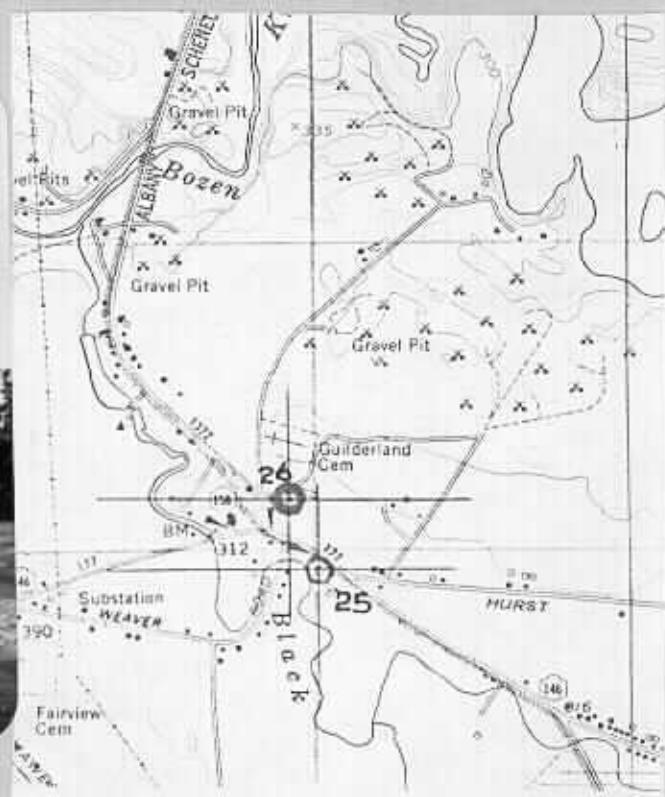
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: (if known) a. wood frame with interlocking joints
 b. wood frame with light members
 c. masonry load bearing walls
 d. metal (explain) _____
 e. other _____

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: **Cemetery**
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: **Cemetery**

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)

The area is open agricultural land but there are some quarrying operations nearby. The nominated area is 100 feet from the center of the building on all sides.

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

The building is unique coursed cobblestone with smooth ashlar quoins and rounded arch door.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: **ca. 1872**

ARCHITECT: **Unknown**

BUILDER: **Unknown**

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

The Guilderland Cemetery Vault is significant as one of only several cobblestone buildings in the town. Although cobblestone construction was a common building technique in the northeast prior to the twentieth century, it was rare in this vicinity. The vault is a significant and unusual example of the use of this material. It is well crafted, with simple embellishments typical of a straightforward vernacular design. The building survives intact amidst modern suburban development encroaching upon the area.

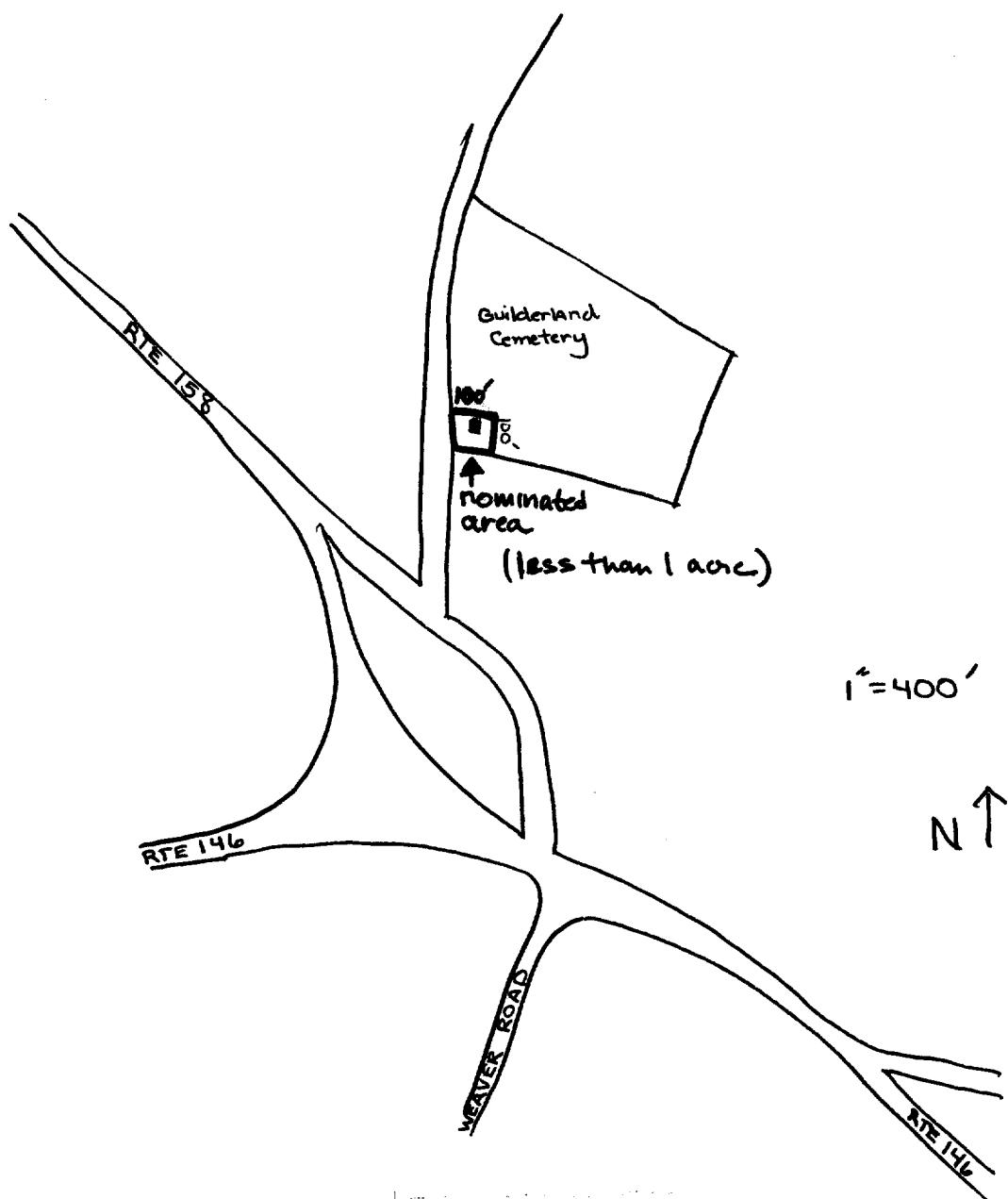
21. SOURCES: **See bibliography**

22. THEME:

Guilderland Cemetery Vault
Historic Resources of
Guilderland (Phase I)

Guilderland Cemetery

Guilderland Cemetery Vault
Building #26



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

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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COMMISSIONER
PARKS & RECREATION

May 19, 1980

Orin Lehman, State Historic Preservation Officer
New York State Office of Parks & Recreation
Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza
Albany, N.Y. 12238

Re: Cemetery Vault
Osborne Corners
Guilderland, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Lehman:

As the above structure will be considered for nomination to the National Register (Letter May 14, 1980, Ann Webster Smith) we urge that your bureau act favorably for its inclusion.

Except for paragraphs B & E in the criteria for evaluation (it has not been moved or reconstructed) it fulfills the requirements for approval. It is sited at the entrance to the Cemetery containing the graves of many of the founders of Historic Guilderland.

If further information would be helpful for this nomination, we would appreciate your advising our Association.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter of keen importance to us.

Very truly yours,

GUILDERLAND CEMETERY ASSOCIATION



Harold E. Crouse
President
45 Willow St.
Guilderland, N.Y. 12084



JUN 5, 1980

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
HISTORIC PRESERVATION