

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. 001-06-0132

QUAD _____

SERIES _____

NEG. NO. _____

YOUR NAME: Town of Guilderland DATE: 5/22/80

YOUR ADDRESS: Town Hall, Guilderland TELEPHONE: _____

ORGANIZATION (if any): _____

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME(S): Houck Farmhouse (Building # 24)
2. COUNTY: Albany TOWN/CITY: Guilderland VILLAGE: _____
3. STREET LOCATION: 6156 Ostrander Rd
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public ☐ b. private ☒
5. PRESENT OWNER: Donald Dean ADDRESS: 6156 Ostrander Rd. BD 2,
6. USE: Original: Residence Present: Same Altamont, N.Y. 12009
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes ☒ No ☐
Interior accessible: Explain by appointment

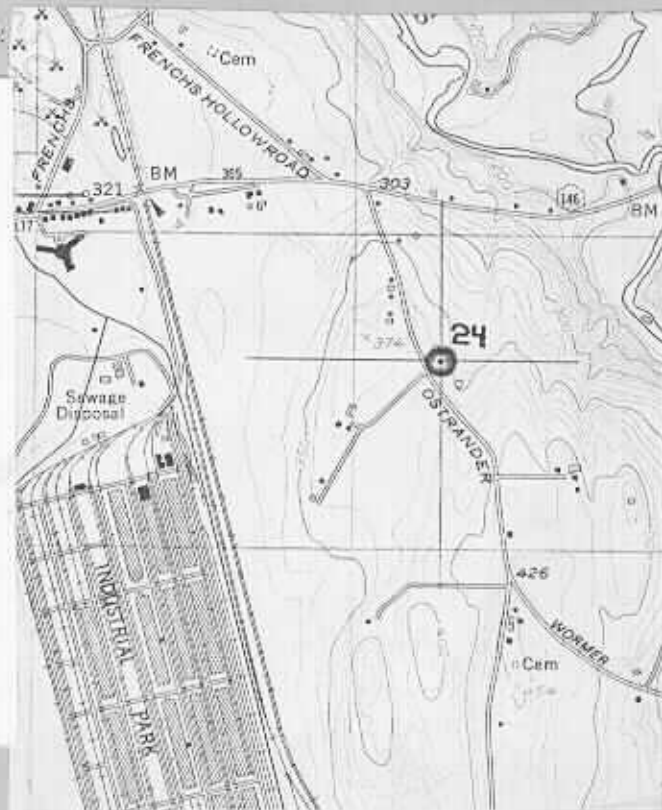
DESCRIPTION

8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard ☒ b. stone ☐ c. brick ☐ d. board and batten ☐
e. cobblestone ☐ f. shingles ☐ g. stucco ☐ other: _____
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: a. wood frame with interlocking joints ☒
(if known) 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 ☒ (Not historic)
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)

Although the building is still situated in a rural farm setting, the land has reverted to woodland. The nominated area includes an arbitrary plot of five acres on which the house is situated.

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

Two-story wood frame farmhouse, one and one-half story ell on north side with eye-brow windows; recessed doorway with transom and side lights; enclosed pedimented portico on ell; gable roofs and clapboard siding; shuttered 6/6 windows; interior is original.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1850

ARCHITECT: unknown

BUILDER: unknown

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

The farmhouse was built in the 1850's for J.G.Houck. It is an excellent example of a Greek Revival mansion. Corner pilasters, wide entablature, attic story windows and sidelights, transom, and pilasters surrounding the front doors are characteristic of the style. The building has survived amidst modern tract development and exhibits distinctive architectural significance relative to such surroundings. It remains in excellent condition.

21. SOURCES: Town Historical Committee, interview with owner.

22. THEME:

Houck Farmhouse (Bldg. #24)
Historic Resources of
Guilderland (Phase I)



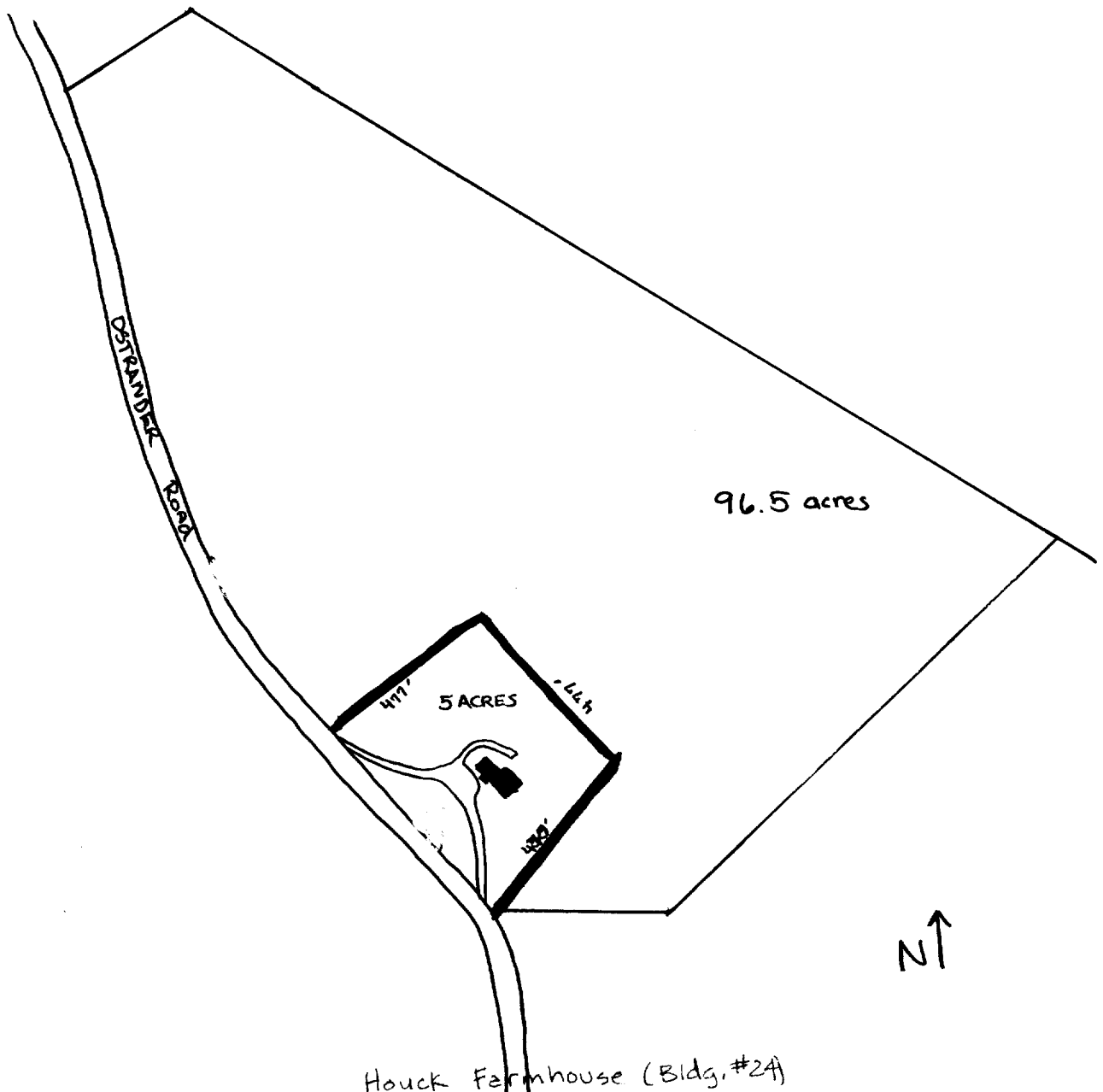
Detail of front door.



Detail of portico on
northern entrance.

6154 Ostrander Road

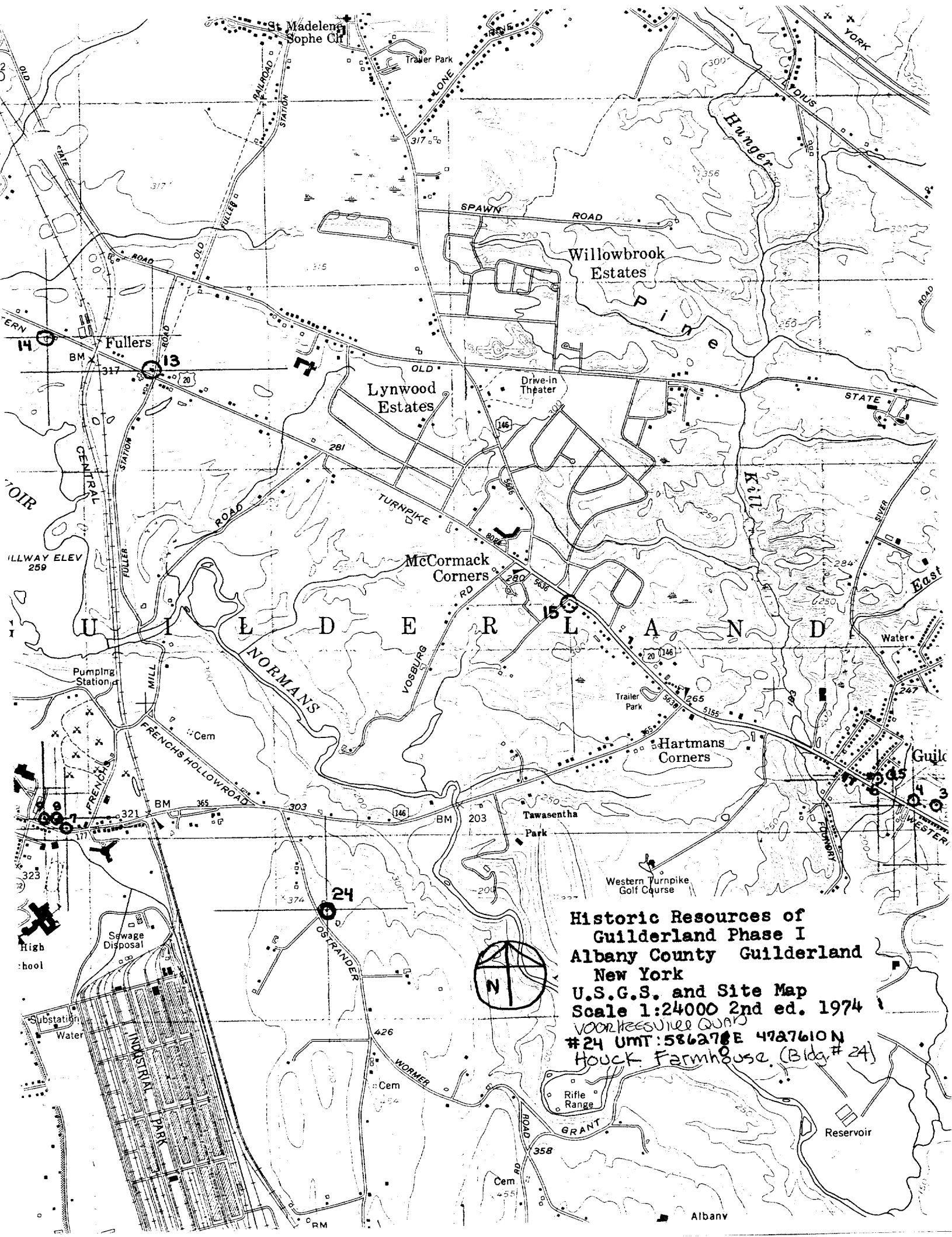
Building #24



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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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Albany County Guilderland
New York
U.S.G.S. and Site Map
Scale 1:24000 2nd ed. 1974
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Houck Farmhouse (Bldg # 24)