

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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NEW YORK STATE PARKS AND RECREATION
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UNIQUE SITE NO. 001-06-0122
QUAD _____
SERIES _____
NEG. NO. _____

YOUR NAME: Town of Guilderland DATE: June 1, 1979

YOUR ADDRESS: Town Hall Guilderland TELEPHONE: _____
N.Y.

ORGANIZATION (if any): _____

IDENTIFICATION John, (Guilderland NY)

1. BUILDING NAME(S): Schoolcraft House (Building #6)

2. COUNTY: Albany TOWN/CITY: Guilderland VILLAGE: _____

3. STREET LOCATION: 2299 Western Tpk

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

5. PRESENT OWNER: P. Wein & B. Becker ADDRESS: 2299 Western Tpk., Guilderland, N.Y.

6. USE: Original: residence Present: apartments 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: wide, horizontal boards

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 _____

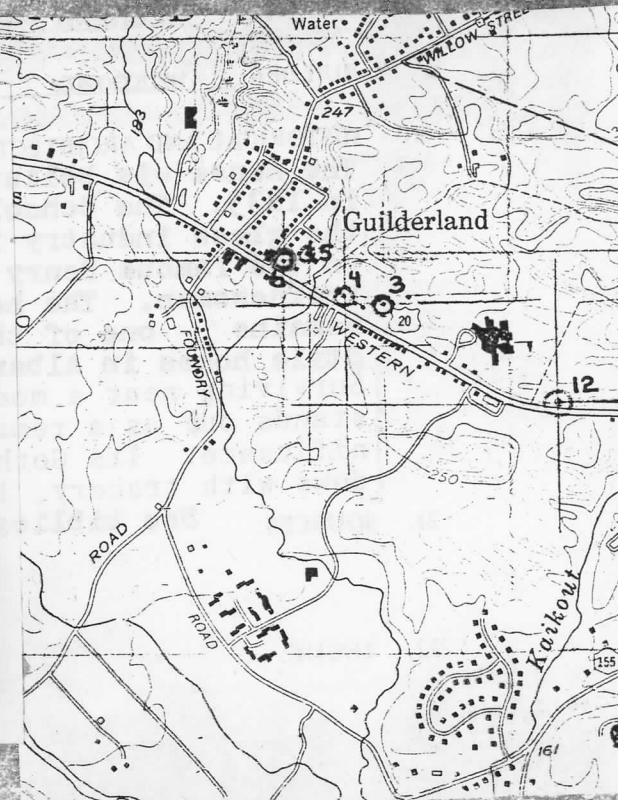
10. CONDITION: a. excellent ☐ b. good ☒ c. fair ☐ d. deteriorated ☐

11. INTEGRITY: a. original site ☒ b. moved ☐ if so, when? _____
c. list major alterations and dates (if known):
Chimney crowns removed in recent years

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 ☒ (Modern - not significant)
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: church

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

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

The house is located on a corner lot of Western Avenue at Schoolcraft Street. The Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church is located to the east of the house and commercial properties are situated on the west side.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):
Outstanding example of the Gothic Revival Style with gingerbread vergeboards, pinnacles with crockets, casement windows with diamond panes and cased with hood moldings, bay windows with tracery, paneled chimneys, balustrade with low-relief tracery, and horizontal beaded siding.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1835

ARCHITECT: unknown

BUILDER: unknown

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

The house is believed to have been built for John Schoolcraft in 1835. The Schoolcraft family was instrumental in developing the glass industry in Guilderland. John Schoolcraft was uncle to the famous Henry Rowe Schoolcraft, a writer, scientist, and businessman. The house has been divided into apartments, but remains one of the finest examples of the Gothic Revival Style homes in Albany County.

Surviving near a modern suburban environment, the Schoolcraft House stands out as a remarkable structure of great architectural significance. Its Gothic embellishments include crockets, lancet windows with tracery, label-molded lintels, battlements, and ornate

21. SOURCES: See bibliography

22. THEME:

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20.bargeboards, all of which contribute to its romantic appearance. Unusual in this region at the time of its construction, the Schoolcraft House is a rare example of its type and period in the town of Guilderland.



Detail of gable end
on southern elevati



Detail of front door

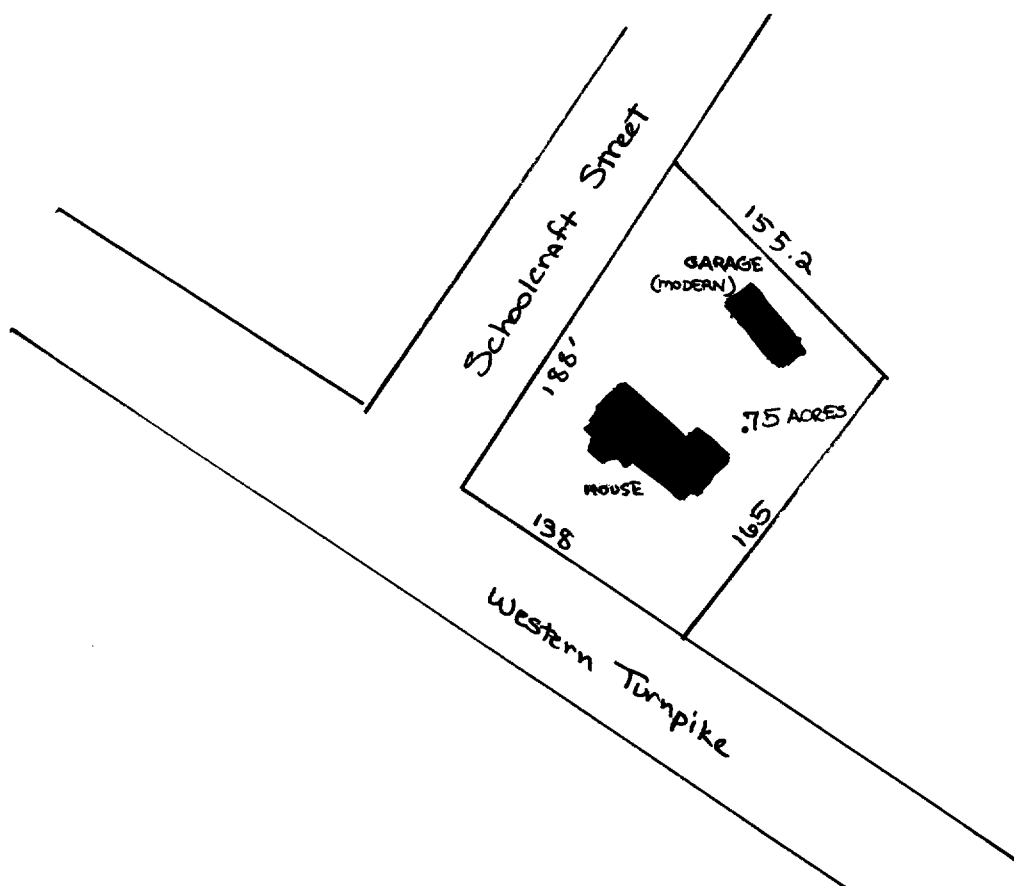
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JOHN SCHOOLCRAFT



Detail of pinnacle
with crockets

2299 Western Turnpike
Schoolcraft House

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1" = 100'

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New York
Site Map (from tax map)
Smith & Mahoney 1979

