

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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QUAD _____

SERIES _____

NEG. NO. _____

YOUR NAME: Town of GuilderlandDATE: June 1, 1979YOUR ADDRESS: Town Hall Guilderland TELEPHONE: 518-356-1980
N.Y.

ORGANIZATION (if any): _____

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IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME(S): Inn of Jacob Crounse (Building #28)
 2. COUNTY: Albany TOWN/CITY: Guilderland VILLAGE: Altamont Vic.
 3. STREET LOCATION: 3933 Altamont Rd.
 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
 5. PRESENT OWNER: Charles Mealy ADDRESS: 3933 Altamont Rd., Altamont, N.Y.
 6. USE: Original: inn Present: residence 12009
 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
 Interior accessible: Explain by appointment

DESCRIPTION

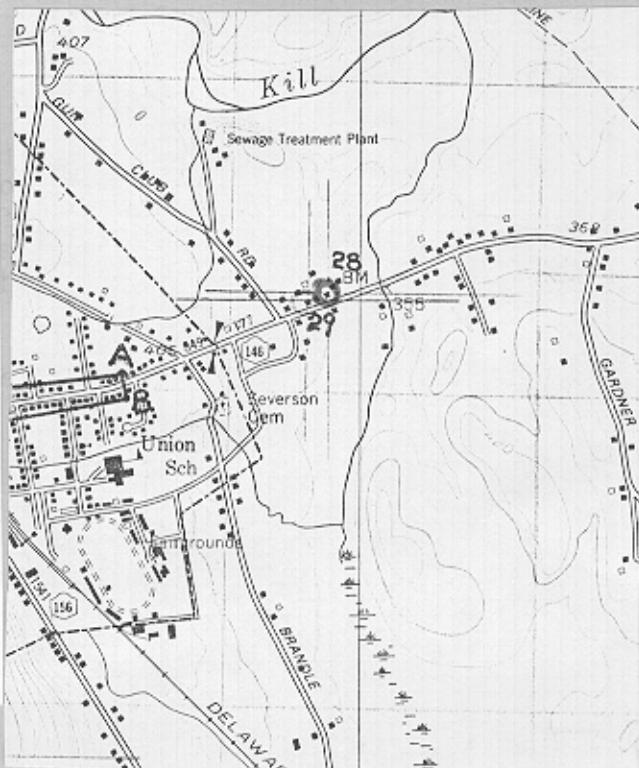
8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard b. stone c. brick d. board and batten
 e. cobblestone f. shingles g. stucco other: _____
 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: (if known) a. wood frame with interlocking joints
 b. wood frame with light members
 c. masonry load bearing walls
 d. metal (explain) _____
 e. other _____
 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):

Front gable, porches & cupola added ca. 1870

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)
This area along Rte. 146 was the center of the hamlet of Knowersville (now Altamont). Other buildings are located adjacent to the inn.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):
The original building was rectangular in plan with a gable roof. Around 1870 the inn was enlarged slightly by adding a center gable wing on the front and a one-story porch. Porch has squared columns and hipped roof; a large, square, windowed cupola is at the intersection of the gables.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1833

ARCHITECT: Unknown

BUILDER: Unknown

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:
This large inn was built for Jacob Crounse in the 1830's and was a very popular stopping place for travellers on the Schoharie Turnpike. Stage coaches would change their horses here so the inn was a center of activity. Although the building has been used as a residence for over fifty years, the house retains the ambience of the old inn. The Crounse family was one of the earliest to settle this area and was very active in the politics of the town. The building retains significant architectural features such as a large, square cupola and square porch columns of the Doric order. The building survives intact amidst modern suburban development and is particularly important relative to this surrounding.

21. SOURCES: **See bibliography**

22. THEME:

Historic Resources of
Guilderland (Phase I)
Guilderland, New York
Albany County
Inn of Jacob Crounce

Detail showing lantern at
intersecting gable



Stone carriage steps
in front of old inn



Detail of porch columns

