

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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NEW YORK STATE PARKS AND RECREATION
ALBANY, NEW YORK (518) 474-0479

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UNIQUE SITE NO. 001-06-0139
QUAD _____
SERIES _____
NEG. NO. _____

YOUR NAME: Town of Guilderland DATE: June 2, 1979

YOUR ADDRESS: Town Hall, Guilderland TELEPHONE: 518-356-1980
N.Y.

ORGANIZATION (if any): _____

IDENTIFICATION

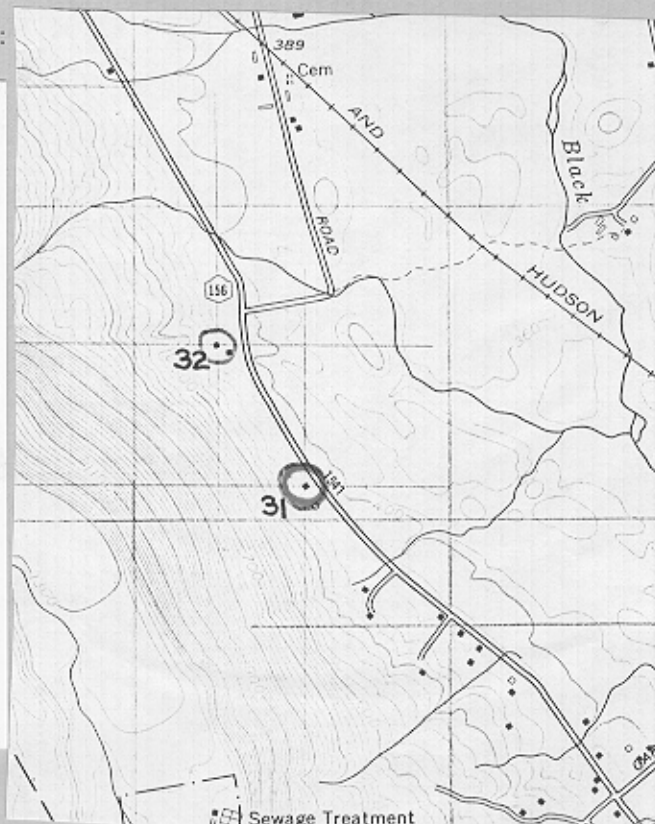
1. BUILDING NAME(S): John and Henry Crounse Farm Complex (Building #31)
2. COUNTY: Albany TOWN/CITY: Guilderland VILLAGE: _____
3. STREET LOCATION: 3970 Altamont-Voorheesville Rd
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public ☐ b. private ☒
5. PRESENT OWNER: Beverly Waite ADDRESS: 3970 A-V Rd., Box 380, Altamont,
N.Y. 12009
6. USE: Original: residence Present: residence
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 ☐
d. privy ☐ e. shed ☒ f. greenhouse ☐
g. shop ☐ h. gardens ☒
i. landscape features: Informal plantings
j. other: Shed was used as a small tannery

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 house retains its 18th-century setting at the base of the Helderbergs. The Crounse homestead is to the north. The property contains about 25 acres of woodland and farm land.

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

The rear portion contains many 18th-century features such as raised and fielded paneling and a large kitchen fireplace. The large two-story front section has symmetrically placed rooms and original 19th-century details. The shed roof portico with lattice supports is unique to the area.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: Rear ca. 1790, front ca. 1860

ARCHITECT: Unknown

BUILDER: Unknown

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

The rear portion of the house was built in the latter part of the 18th century, probably by John Crounse, son of Frederick Crounse 2nd who was very active during the Revolution. When John's oldest grandson, Henry P. Crounse, was married in 1860 it is believed that he had the large two-story addition built on the front of the smaller home. The front porch latticework supports are unique to the area and appear on many homes, apparently having been popularized by a local carpenter/craftsman.

A shed on the property was once used as a small tannery. Both it and the simple vernacular barn to the south of the house contribute to the character of the agrarian complex. The buildings survive amidst modern suburban development.

21. Sources: interview with owner, see bibliography

22. THEME:

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Guilderland, New York
Albany County

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Western elevation
showing original
portion



Detail of latticework
columns on front entry

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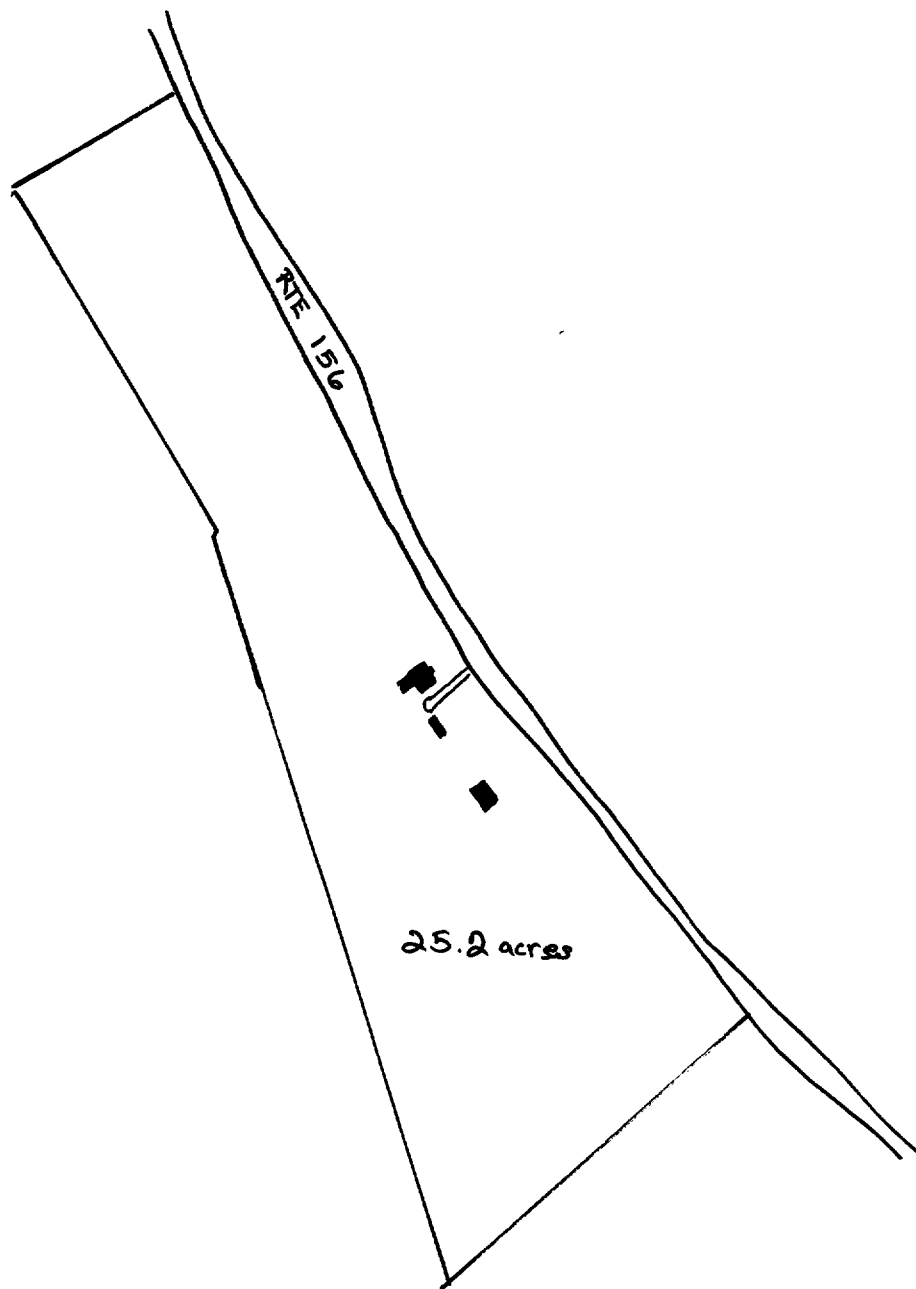
Barn at southwest of
property



Waite

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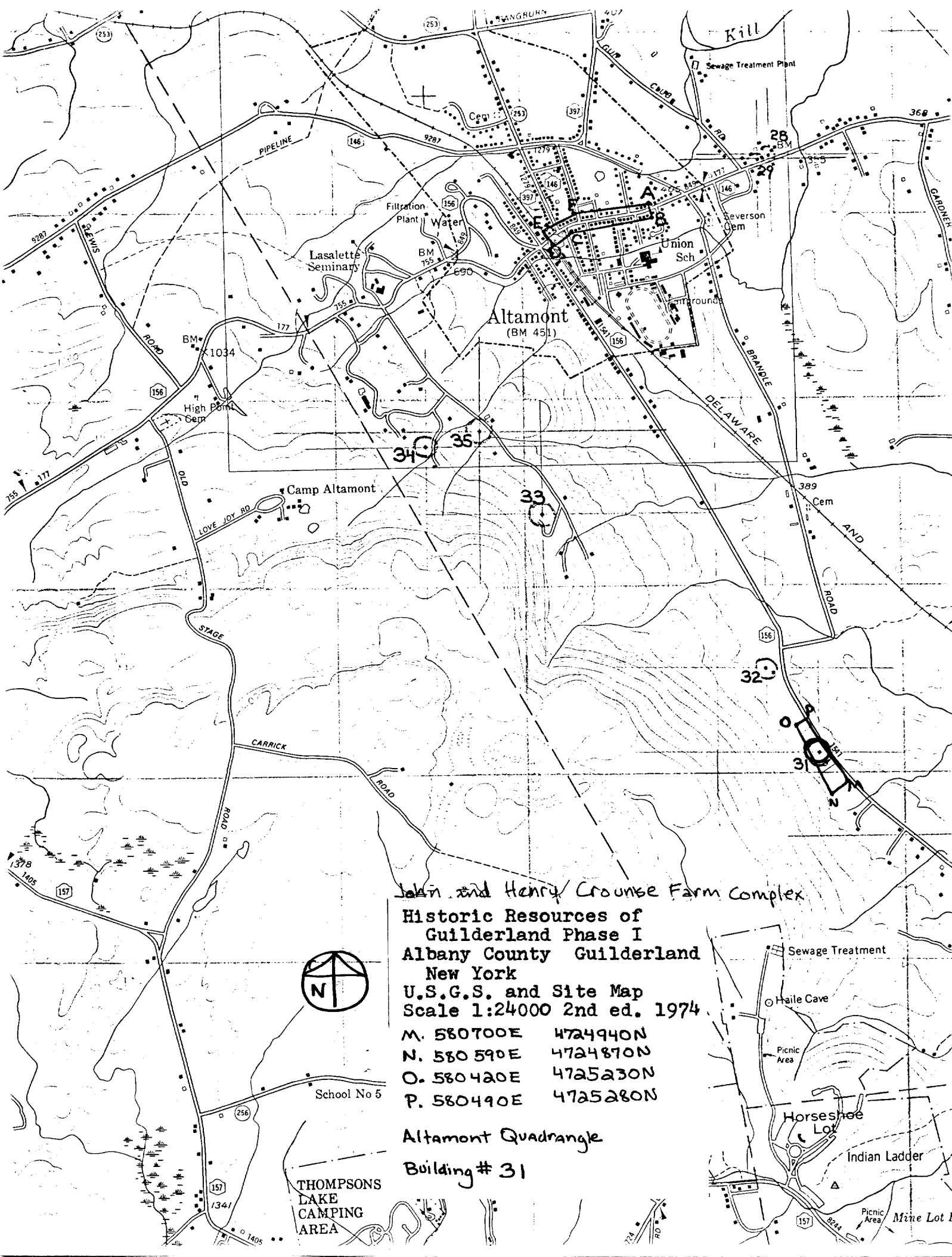


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Site Map (from tax map)
Smith & Mahoney 1979

1" = 400'



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U.S.G.S. and Site Map
Scale 1:24000 2nd ed. 1974

M. 580700E	4724940N
N. 580590E	4724870N
O. 580420E	4725230N
P. 580490E	4725280N

Altamont Quadrangle

Building # 31

THOMPSONS
LAKE
CAMPING
AREA

School No 5