

# BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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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,  
6. USE: Original: residence Present: residence N.Y.12009
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes  No   
Interior accessible: Explain by appointment

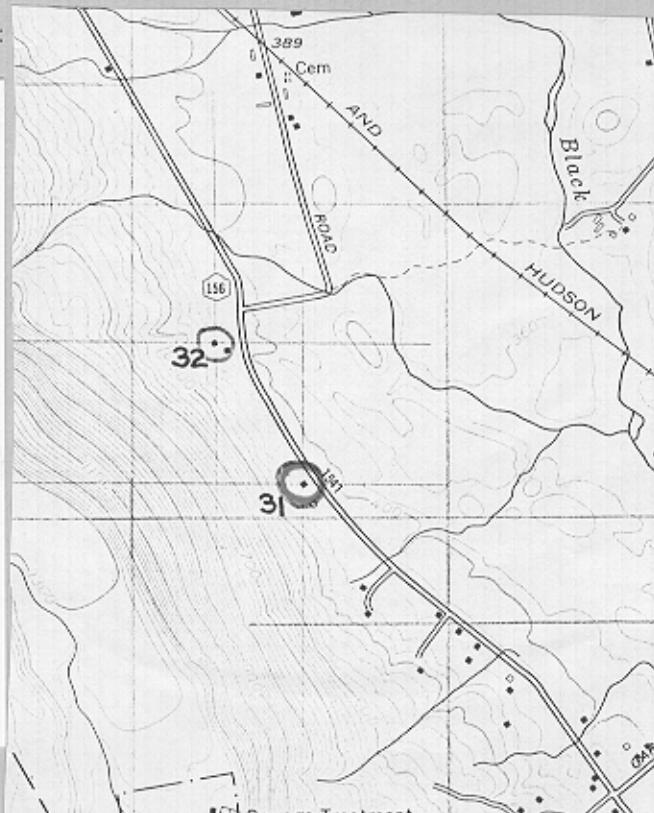
## DESCRIPTION

8. BUILDING MATERIAL:  
a. clapboard  b. stone  c. brick  d. board and batten   
e. cobblestone  f. shingles  g. stucco  other: \_\_\_\_\_
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:  
(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: 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:

Historic Resources of  
Guilderland (Phase I)  
Guilderland, New York  
Albany County  
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John and Henry Cluense Farm Complex



Western elevation  
showing original  
portion



Detail of latticework  
columns on front entry

John and Henry Crounse Farm Complex

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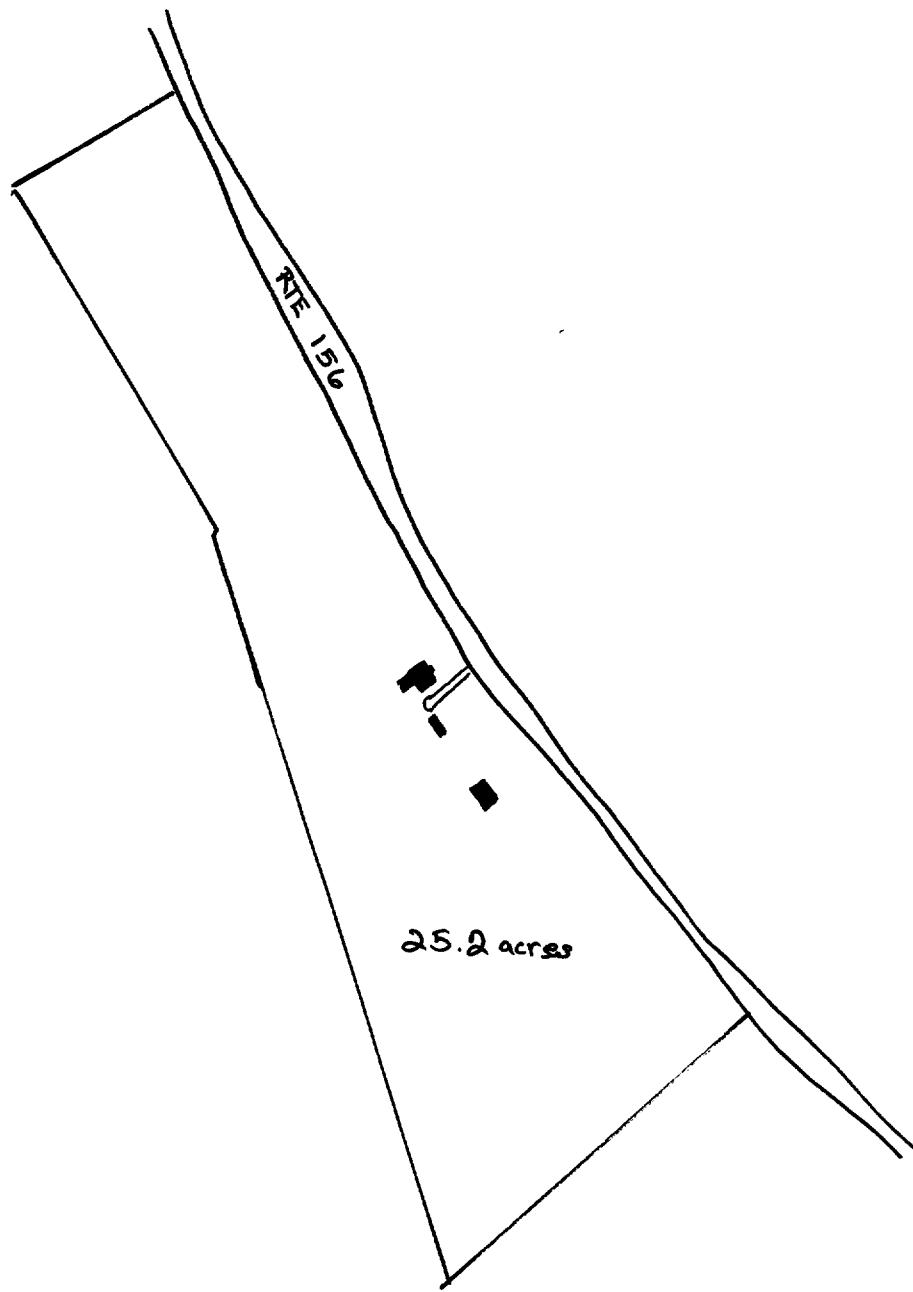


Barn at southwest of  
property



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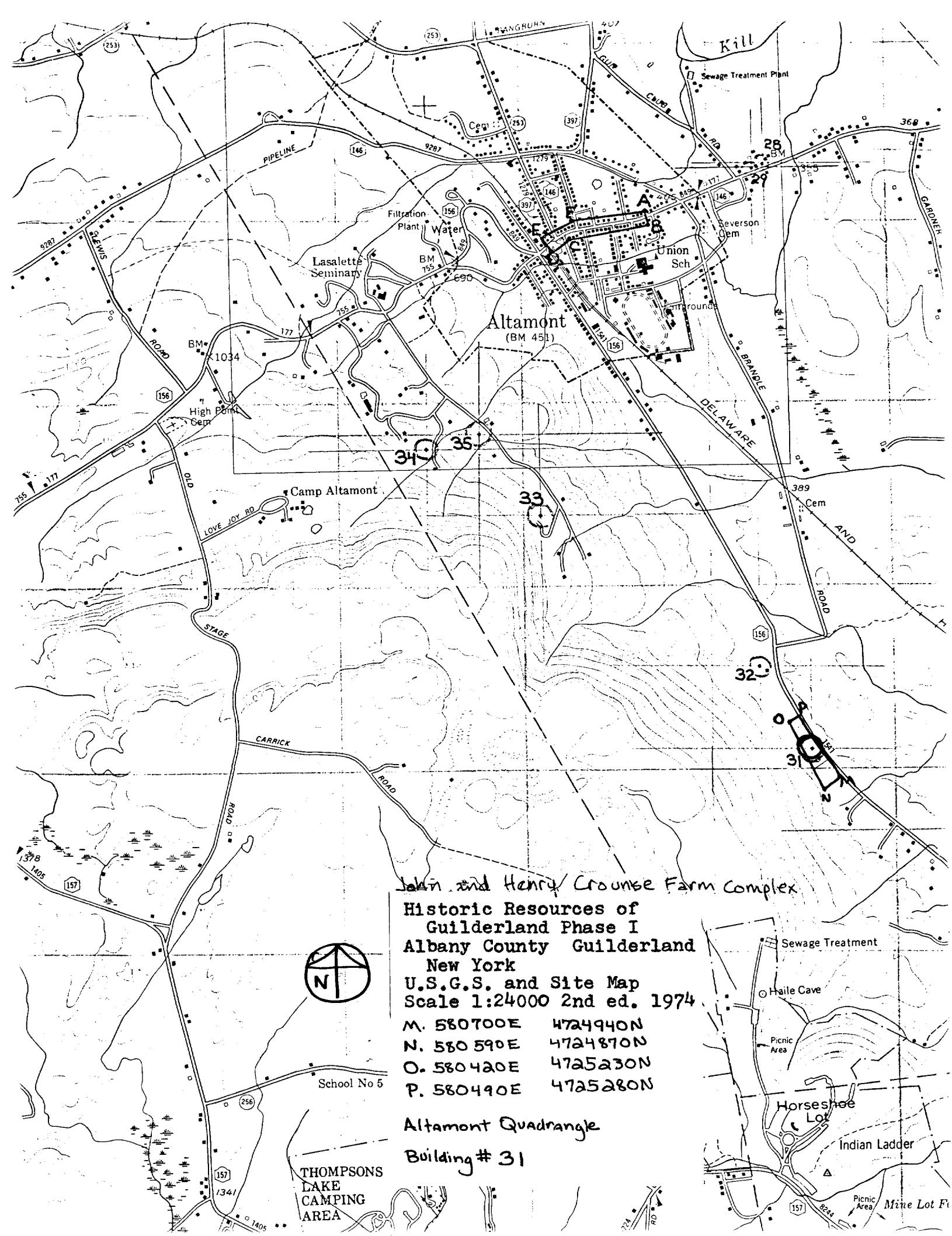
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Site Map (from tax map)  
Smith & Mahoney 1979

1" = 400



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

M. 580700E 4724940N  
N. 580 590E 4724870N  
O. 580 420E 4725230N  
P. 580490E 4725280N

Altamont Quadrangle  
Building # 31



School No 5

~~THOMPSONS  
LAKE  
CAMPING  
AREA~~

## Sewage Treatment

## Haile Cave

## Picnic

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## Horseshoe Lat.

### Indian Ladder

Picnic at Mine Lot Es.