

## BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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NEW YORK STATE PARKS AND RECREATION  
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UNIQUE SITE NO. 001-06-0137

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): \_\_\_\_\_

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME(S) Knower House (Building #29)  
 2. COUNTY: Albany TOWN/CITY Guilderland VILLAGE Altamont VIC.  
 3. STREET LOCATION 3921 Altamont Rd  
 4. OWNERSHIP a. public  b. private   
 5. PRESENT OWNER Edward Gee ADDRESS 3921 Altamont Rd. Altamont, N.Y.  
 6. USE: Original: residence Present: residence 12009  
 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC Exterior visible from public road: Yes  No   
 Interior accessible: Explain by appointment

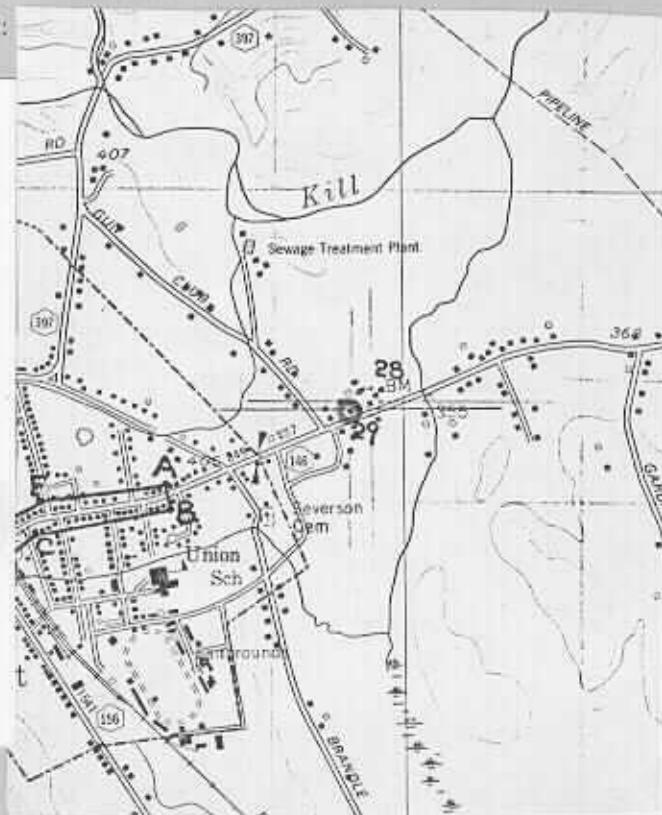
DESCRIPTION

8. BUILDING MATERIAL a. clapboard  b. stone  c. brick  d. board and batten   
 e. cobblestone  f. shingles  g. stucco  other asbestos shingles  
 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)  
shingles ca. 1950

12. PHOTO:



13. MAP:





**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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Knower House

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arch and carved newel post, raised paneled doors with  
original strap hinges.

Although the exterior has been covered with asbestos shingles, many significant architectural details remain intact. A central, second story tripartite window, cornice returns, a carved newel post on the interior staircase, and delicate interior mouldings contribute to the character of the building. The structure survives amidst modern suburban development and is particularly significant relative to these surroundings.



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Guilderland, New York  
Albany County  
Knower House

Detail of newel post in the  
central hall.

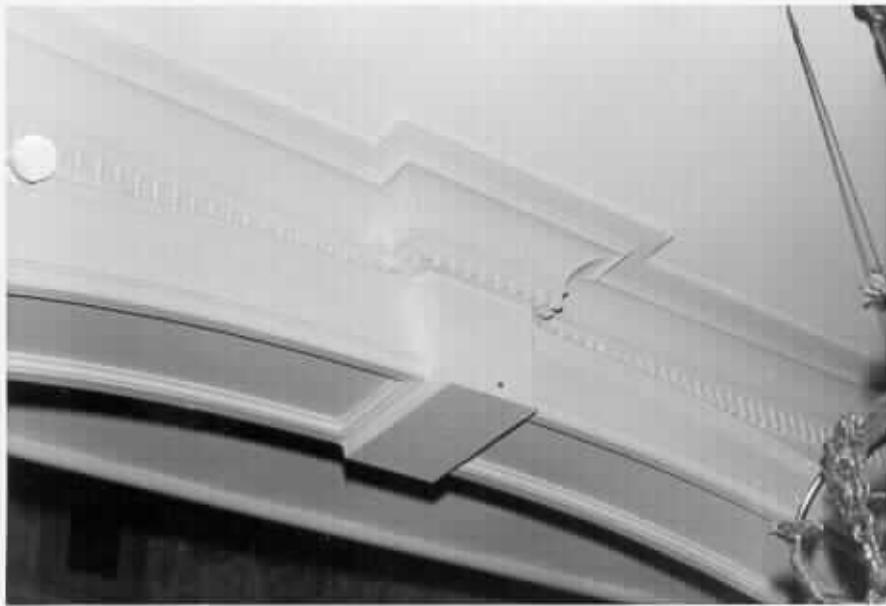


Detail of hardware on front  
door.

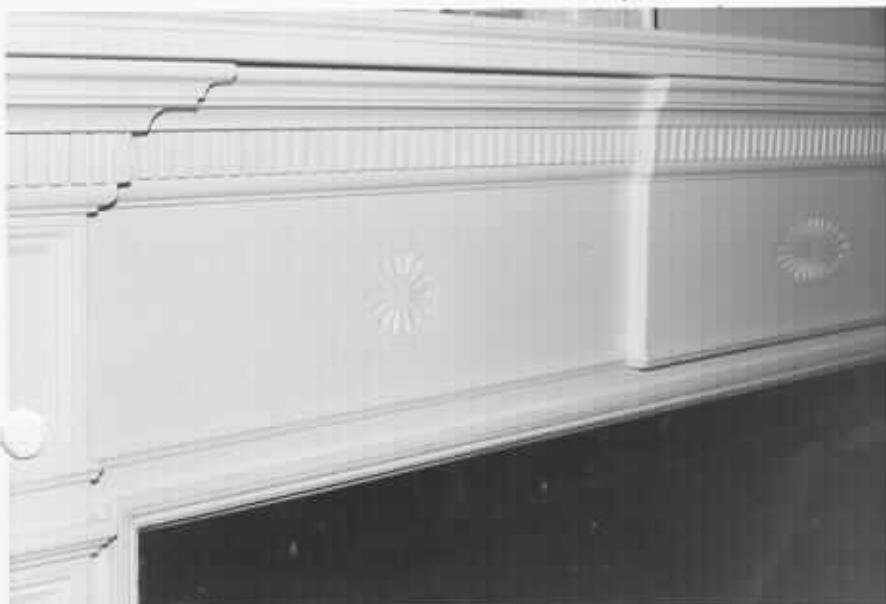
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Knover House  
Guilderland, NY  
Albany Co.

Detail of archway in the central hall.

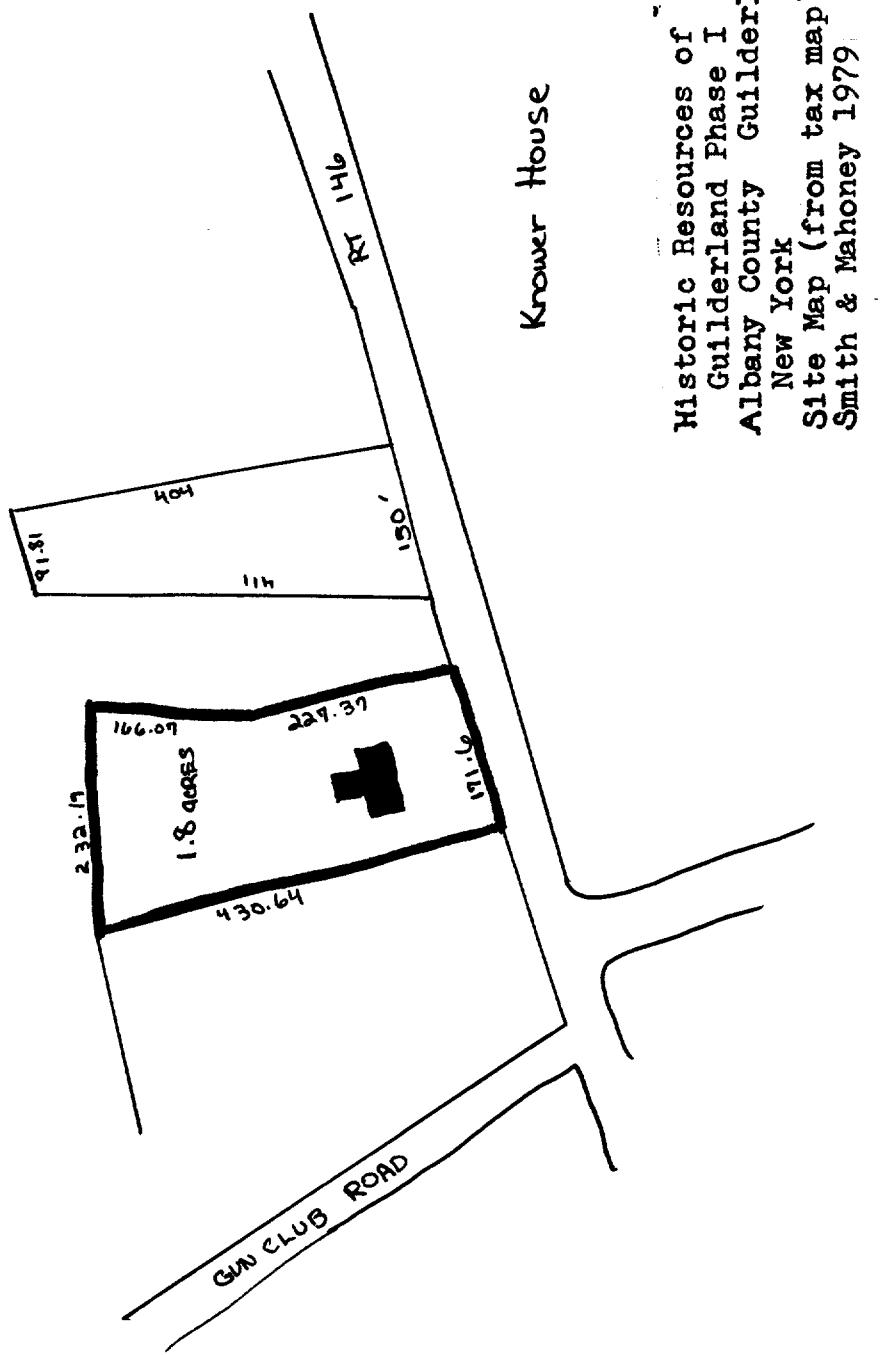


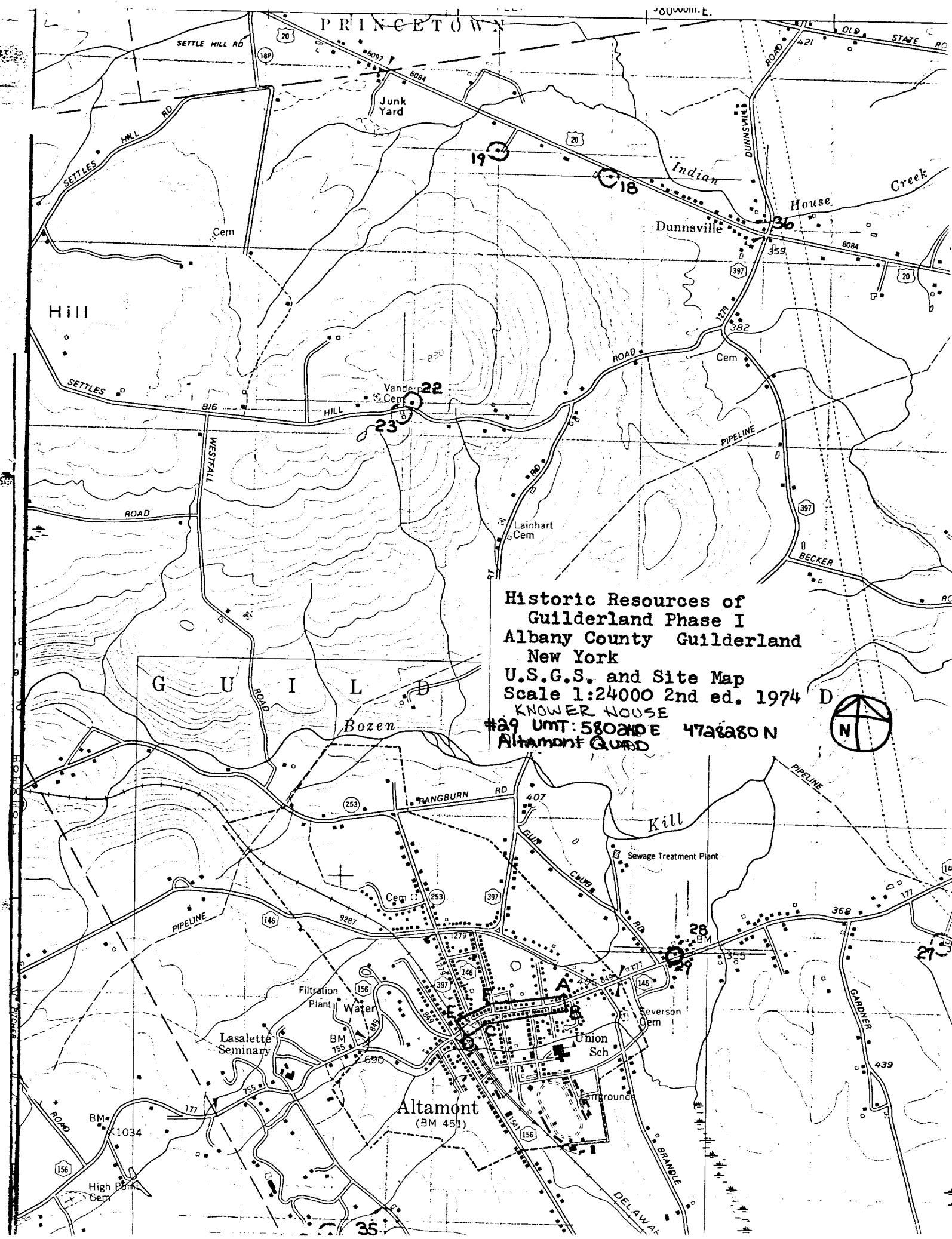
Fireplace in the first story  
east parlor.



Detail of carved decoration on  
mantel in the east parlor.

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New York

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

Scale 1:24000  
KNOWER HOUSE

#29 UMT: 580240 E 47a8a80 N  
Altamont Quad



## Altamont (BM 451)



EDWARD O. BEE  
RD#1 Box 12  
ALTA MONT NY  
12001

DEAR MR LEHMAN:

I wish to provide you with ADDITIONAL information on the Knower House located in Altamont NY. Enclosed you will find a copy from the Book that the Town Historian (Mr Arthur Green) wrote some time ago. It includes dates etc. I would like our house to be included in the National Register as it does represents one of the first houses in the area.

Mr Knower was the founder of Altamont which was called Knowersville at the time. I have spent a considerable amount of money restoring the house and am very

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Round if the outcome.

I would be honored to  
have the known House list  
and will continue to work  
to preserve its history

Sincerely

Edward O. B.