

## BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. 001-06-0128

QUAD \_\_\_\_\_

SERIES \_\_\_\_\_

NEG. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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

ORGANIZATION (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

**IDENTIFICATION**

1. BUILDING NAME(S): Prospect Hill Cemetery Building (Building #12)  
 2. COUNTY: Albany TOWN/CITY: Guilderland VILLAGE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. STREET LOCATION: Western TPK NORTH SIDE, WEST OF RTE. 155  
 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private   
 5. PRESENT OWNER: Prospect Hill Cem. Assn. ADDRESS: 236 Main St., Guilderland Center, N.Y. 12085  
 6. USE: Original: storage Present: storage  
 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
j. other: cemetery \_\_\_\_\_

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: cemetery, highway

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:  
(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)  
**Part of Prospect Hill Cemetery, and set into the hill  
very close to heavily traveled Western Turnpike (U.S. Route 20)**

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

This small cemetery vault is constructed of coursed cobblestone with ashlar quoins; a stone lintel over the door and a quoined door surround. The gable roof is in patterned slate and has ornately sawn brackets at the overhang.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1863

ARCHITECT: unknown

BUILDER: J. Zeh

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

One of only several cobblestone buildings in Guilderland, the Prospect Hill Cemetery Building is a unique structure in the town. Although cobblestone construction was a common building technique in the northeast prior to the twentieth century, it was rare in this vicinity. The vault is a significant and unusual example of the use of this material. It is well crafted, with simple embellishments typical of a straightforward vernacular design. The building survives intact amidst modern suburban development encroaching upon the area.

21. SOURCES: cemetery, survey

22. THEME: multiple listings