

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, 1979

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

ORGANIZATION (if any): _____

***** (*Guilderland MRA*)

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. Asso. ADDRESS: 236 Main St., Guilderland Center, N
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: 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:



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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**