

YOUR NAME: Town of Guilderland DATE: June 1, 1979

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

ORGANIZATION (if any): _____

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME(S) Van Patten Barn Complex (Building #14)
2. COUNTY: Albany TOWN/CITY: Guilderland VILLAGE: _____
3. STREET LOCATION 4773 Western TPK.
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
5. PRESENT OWNER Emerson Van Patten Jr ADDRESS 4773 Western Tpke, Altamont, N.Y.
6. USE: Original: Barn Present: Barn 120009
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 Dutch Barn Framing
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: pasture & barnyard
j. other: _____

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)

Barns are located on southern side of Western Turnpike and are surrounded by undeveloped farmland. The arbitrary boundary of 3.7 acres retains the original farm setting.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):
Complex of barns with Dutch barn to the southwest (ca. 1790) and two English barns (ca. 1830) to the north and east. Dutch barn has low sloping roof-line, H-frame with long exposed tongues in the mortise and tenon construction.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1790, 1830

ARCHITECT: Unknown

BUILDER: Unknown

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

The structure at the southwest of the farm complex is one of the few Dutch barns in Albany County that is intact and unaltered. A simple building without prominent exterior embellishments, it is distinguished by its traditional Dutch H-framing and construction methods. Two nineteenth-century barns, characterized by moderately pitched gable roofs and English framing, contribute to the farm complex. The tightly grouped buildings reflect Guilderland's heritage as a farming community. The structures survive, largely intact, near the dense suburban development bordering the village.

21. SOURCES: **See bibliography**

22. THEME:

Van Patten Barn Complex
Historic Resources of
Guilderland (Phase I)
Guilderland, New York
Albany County

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Detail of side of Dutch Barn



View of contributing English Barns

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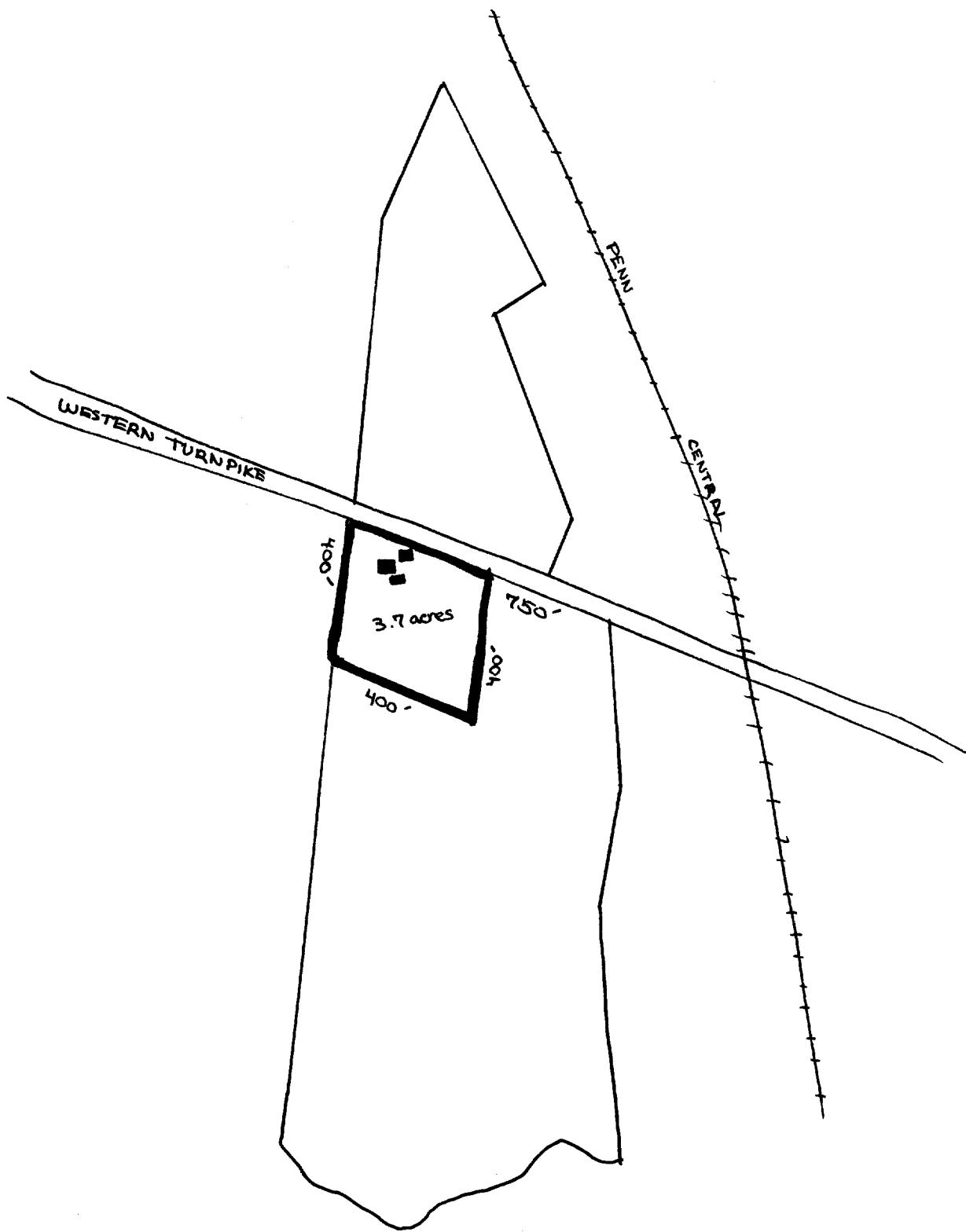
Detail of Dutch barn
framing



Detail of framing

Van Patten's Dutch Barn

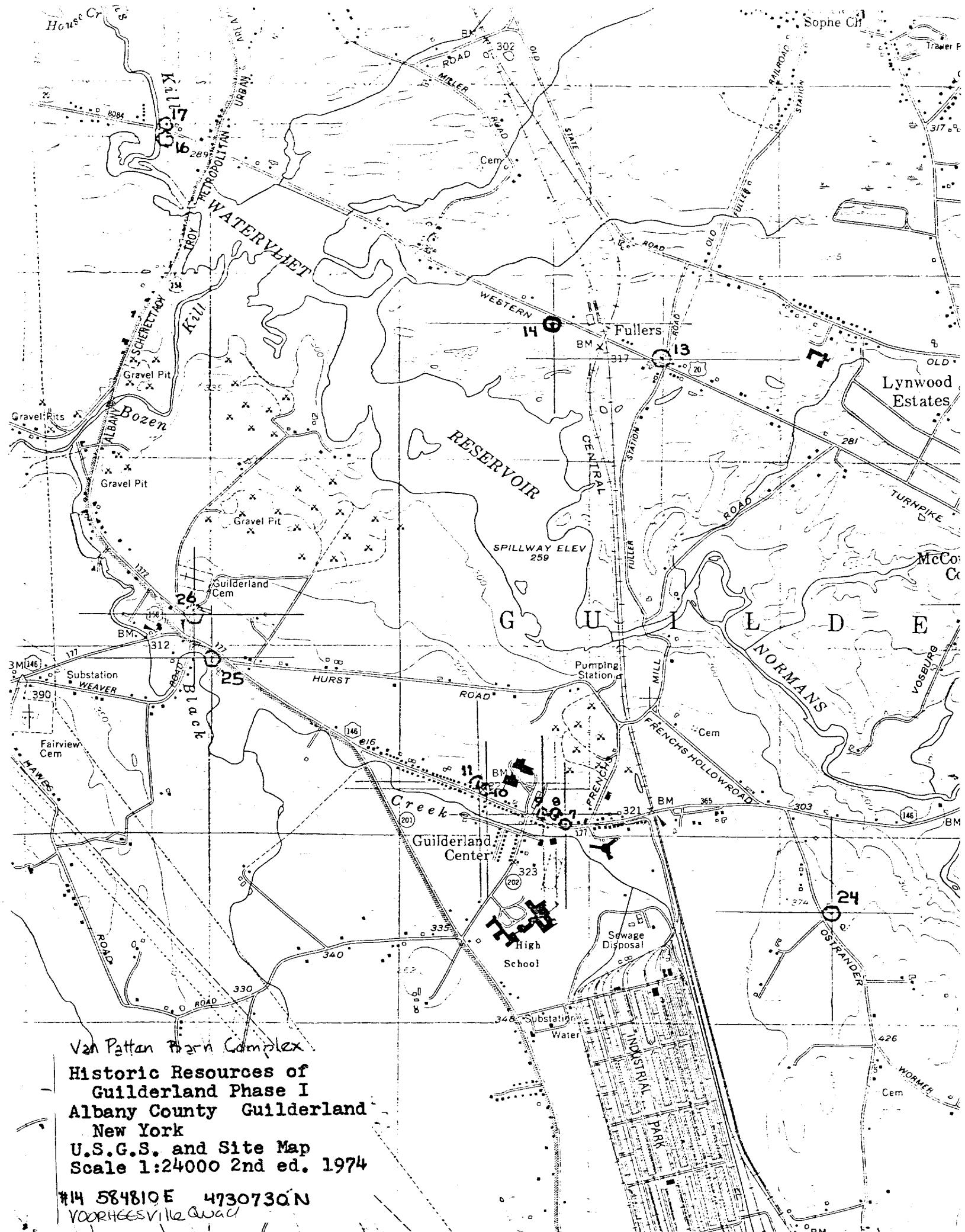
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Historic Resources of
Guilderland Phase I
Albany County Guilderland
New York
Site Map (from tax map)
Smith & Mahoney 1979

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1" = 400'



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

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