

ACQUISITION EXCESSIVE: 46

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

DIVISION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION
NEW YORK STATE PARKS AND RECREATION
ALBANY, NEW YORK (518) 474-0479

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UNIQUE SITE NO. 001-06-0130
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): _____

IDENTIFICATION

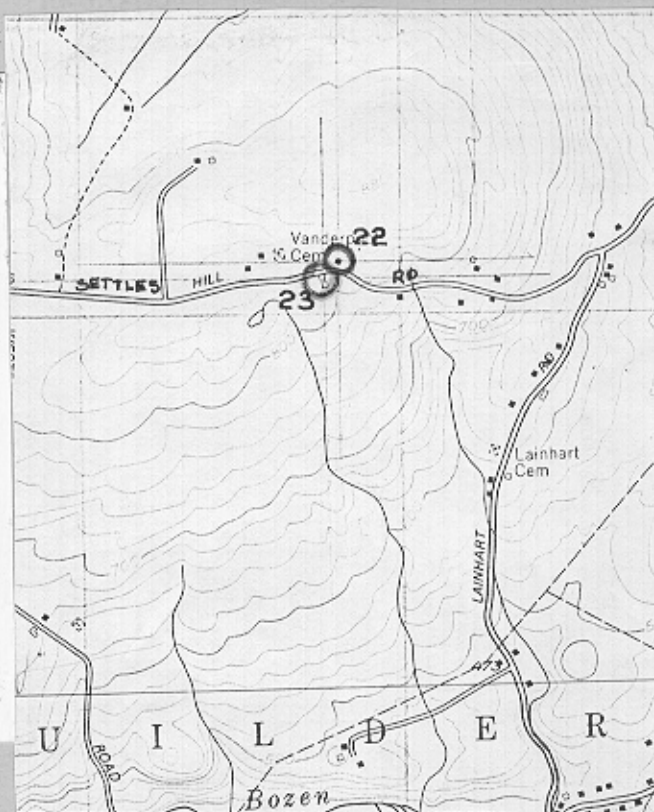
1. BUILDING NAME(S): Vanderpool Farm Complex (Building #22 & 23)
2. COUNTY: Albany TOWN/CITY: Guilderland VILLAGE: _____
3. STREET LOCATION: 3647 Settles Hill Rd
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public ☐ b. private ☒
5. PRESENT OWNER: Theresa Stewart ADDRESS: 3647 Settles Hill Rd., R.D.1
6. USE: Original: Farmhouse Present: Farmhouse Altamont, N.Y.
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes ☒ No ☐
Interior accessible: Explain by appointment 12009

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 ☒
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: _____
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 farm is located atop Settles Hill and has a commanding view to the south of the Village of Altamont and the Heldeberg escarpment. The house, along with the barns across the road, form an intact farm complex.

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

The farmhouse has a modest bracketed cornice; a classical, recessed, center entrance with side lights and transom; and a one and one-half story ell on the east side with a one-story porch and eyebrow windows. The interior is basically unaltered.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1855

ARCHITECT: Unknown

BUILDER: J.S. Vanderpool

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

The farm was built by the Vanderpools, one of the town's earliest Dutch families. The farm has been in continuous use and the entire complex has been well preserved. The addition on the rear (north) of the house was built to accommodate a large extended family. The complex reflects Guild-erland's nineteenth-century existence as an agrarian community. The simple, classical details of the exterior are notable on such an isolated, rural farmhouse. The interior of the building is largely unaltered. It has survived among modern tract development and exhibits considerable architectural significance relative to such surroundings.

21. SOURCES: **Albany County Clerk's Office; See bibliography**

22. THEME:

Vanderpool Farm Complex
Historic Resources of
Guilderland (Phase I)
Building #22



Detail of front door



Southern elevation
looking northeast

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UNIQUE SITE NO. 001-06-0131
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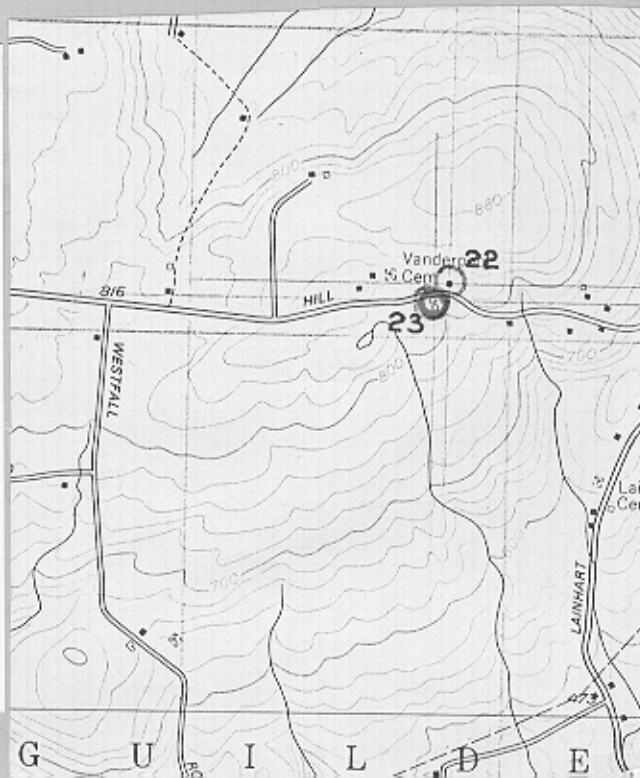
1. BUILDING NAME(S): Vanderpool Farm Complex
2. COUNTY: Albany TOWN: Guilderland VILLAGE: _____
3. STREET LOCATION: 3647 Settles Hill Rd; OPPOSITE
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public ☐ b. private ☒
5. PRESENT OWNER: Theresa Stewart ADDRESS: 3647 Settles Hill Rd. Altamont,
6. USE: Original: Barn Present: Barn N.Y. 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: a. wood frame with interlocking joints ☒
(if known) b. wood frame with light members ☐
c. masonry load bearing walls ☐
d. metal (explain) _____
e. other early Dutch 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: Small pond to the west
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: Farmhouse
17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:
(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)
Together with house, the barns form an intact farm complex.
18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):
The Dutch barn is easily recognized by the low sloping roof and unique framing system. The plan is comprised of a long threshing floor running end to end with a wide aisle on either side.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1800

ARCHITECT: None

BUILDER: Unknown

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

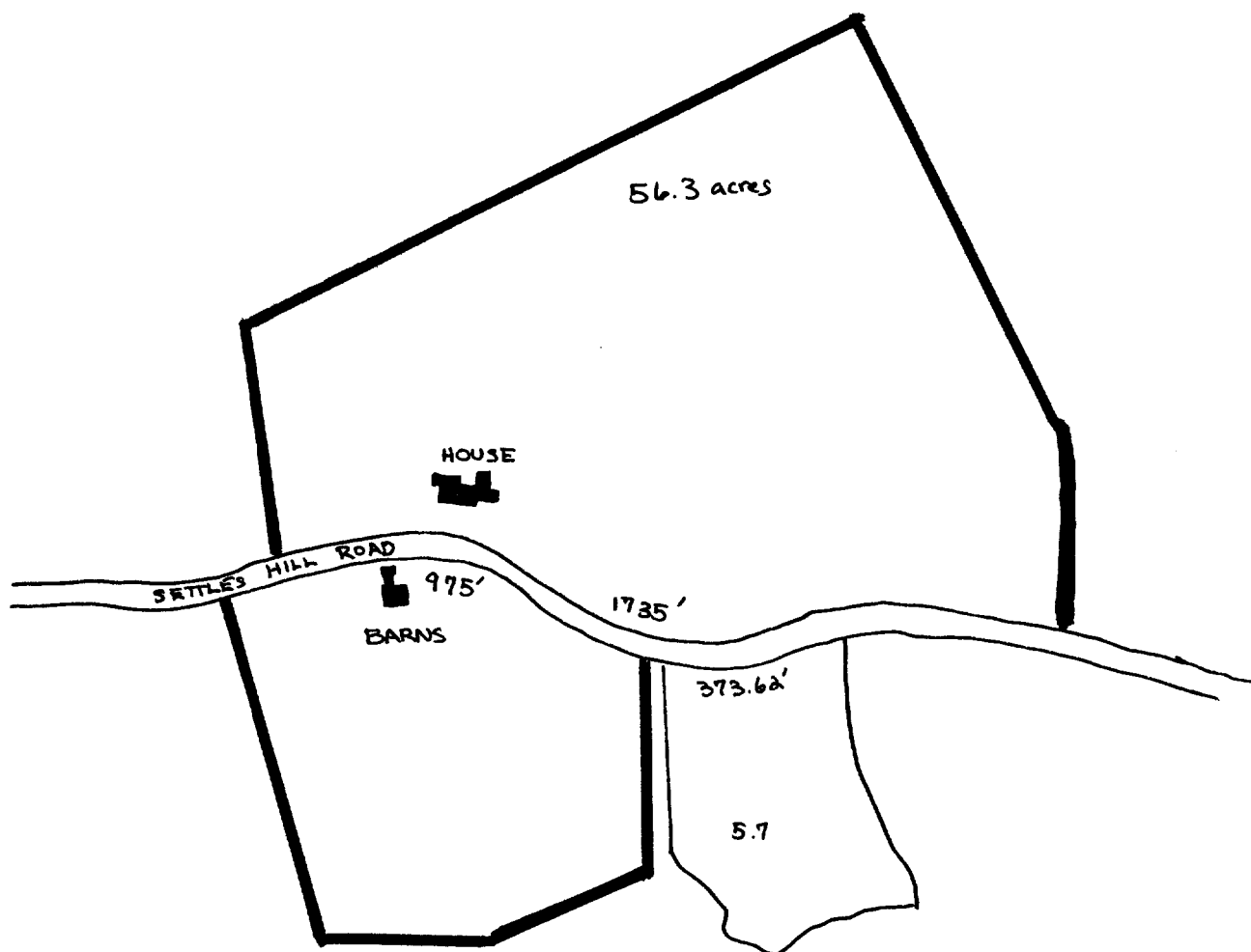
The largest of the two barns in the complex is one of the few Dutch barns in Albany County that survives intact. The building is distinguished by its traditional Dutch H-framing and construction methods. A small shed connects the barn to a smaller English barn to the north which contributes to the integrity and character of the complex. The buildings reflect Guilderland's heritage as a farming community. They survive near the dense suburban development bordering the village of Altamont.

21. SOURCES: **See bibliography**

22. THEME:

3647 Settles Hill Road
and Barn

Vanderpool Farm Complex
Buildings #22 + 23



1" = 400'

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

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**COMMISSIONER
PARKS & RECREATION**

Mr. Orin Lehman
State Historic Preservation Field Service Bureau
NYS Office of Parks and Recreation
Empire State Plaza
Albany, New York 12238

Re: 3647 Settles Hill Road
Multiple Resources of
Guilderland
Albany County

Dear Mr. Lehman:

My interest in having my home added to the National Register was stirred with the threat of Interstate Highway (I-88) passing directly in front of it.

The home is a late Greek Revival, built in 1855 and has had minor changes. It's setting, with a panoramic view of the Helderbergs, the Catskills, the Berkshires and the Village of Altamont is one of a kind. I would like to protect and preserve it from drastic structural changes and/or highway changes (which, I am aware are not a guarantee but a consideration) in the future.

Re: Dutch Barns
(3647 Settles Hill Rd.)

The dutch barns are part of the above property. They are in good condition and should be preserved for their architectural value as well.

I am now widowed and am uncertain as to how long I will be able to keep the property. It would be most comforting to know that architectural changes could not be made. I have seen the beauty of so many old homes lost to modernization. Many thanks for your consideration of the above.

Sincerely,

Theresa Stewart

(Mrs.) Theresa Stewart