

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

UNIQUE SITE NO. 001-06-0122
QUAD _____
SERIES _____
NEG. NO. _____

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

YOUR ADDRESS: Town Hall Guilderland TELEPHONE: _____
N.Y.

ORGANIZATION (if any): _____

IDENTIFICATION JOHN

1. BUILDING NAME(S): Schoolcraft House (Building #6)
2. COUNTY: Albany TOWN/CITY: Guilderland VILLAGE: _____
3. STREET LOCATION: 2299 Western Tpk
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public ☐ b. private ☒
5. PRESENT OWNER: P. Wein & B. Becker ADDRESS: 2299 Western Tpk., Guilderland, N.Y.
6. USE: Original: residence Present: apartments 12084
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes ☒ No ☐
Interior accessible: Explain by appointment

DESCRIPTION

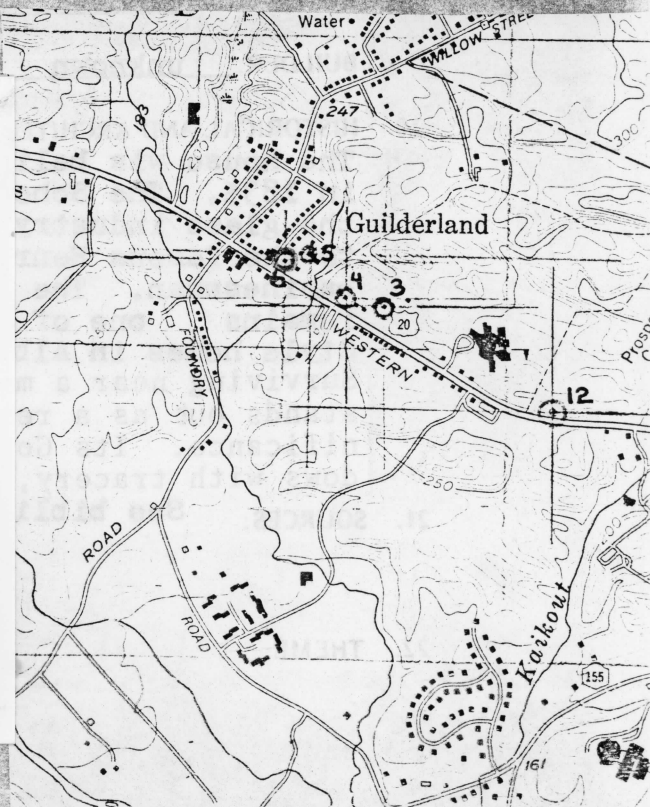
8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard ☐ b. stone ☐ c. brick ☐ d. board and batten ☐
e. cobblestone ☐ f. shingles ☐ g. stucco ☐ other: wide, horizontal boards
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: a. wood frame with interlocking joints ☐
(if known) b. wood frame with light members ☒
c. masonry load bearing walls ☐
d. metal (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):
Chimney crowns removed in recent years

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 ☒ (Modern - not significant)
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: church

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)

The house is located on a corner lot of Western Avenue at Schoolcraft Street. The Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church is located to the east of the house and commercial properties are situated on the west side.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):
Outstanding example of the Gothic Revival Style with gingerbread vergeboards, pinnacles with crockets, casement windows with diamond panes and cased with hood moldings, bay windows with tracery, paneled chimneys, balustrade with low-relief tracery, and horizontal beaded siding.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1835

ARCHITECT: unknown

BUILDER: unknown

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

The house was believed to have been built for John Schoolcraft in 1835. The Schoolcraft family was instrumental in developing the glass industry in Guilderland. John Schoolcraft was uncle to the famous Henry Rowe Schoolcraft, a writer, scientist, and businessman. The house has been divided into apartments, but remains one of the finest examples of the Gothic Revival Style homes in Albany County.

Surviving near a modern suburban environment, the Schoolcraft House stands out as a remarkable structure of great architectural significance. Its Gothic embellishments include crockets, lancet windows with tracery, label-molded lintels, battlements, and ornate

21. SOURCES: See bibliography

22. THEME:

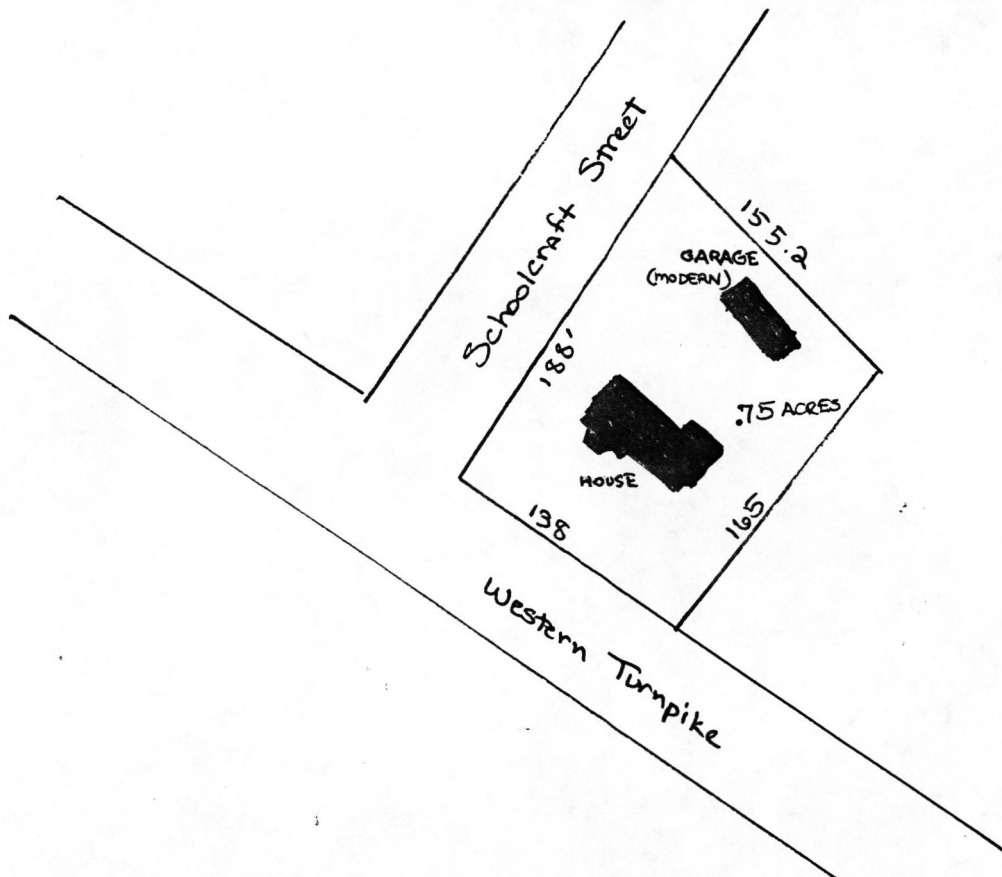
Historic Resources of Guilderland (Phase I)
Guilderland, NY
Albany County
John Schoolcraft House (Building #6)

continuation sheet

20. bargeboards, all of which contribute to its romantic appearance. Unusual in this region at the time of its construction, the Schoolcraft House is a rare example of its type and period in the town of Guilderland.

2299 Western Turnpike
Schoolcraft House

Building # 6



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

1" = 100'

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Guilderland Multiple Resource AreaState New York

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

11. Aumic House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delora Byers 11/10/82

Attest

12. Coppola House

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National Register

for Keeper

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13. Schoolcraft, John, House

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National Register

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14. Helderberg Reformed Dutch
ChurchEntered in the
National Register

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15. Mynderse-Frederick House

Substantive Review

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Bruce Van Donge 11/10/82

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16. Chapel House

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National Register

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17. Rose Hill

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National Register

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18. Hamilton Union Church
RectoryEntered in the
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ChurchEntered in the
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20. Schoolhouse #6

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Schoolcraft, John, House (Guilderland MRA)
Albany County
NEW YORK

Working No. 9/29/82-2682

Fed. Reg. Date: 2.1.83

Date Due: 10/29/82 - 11/13/82

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 11/16/82

☐ RETURN

☐ REJECT

Entered in the
National Register
Federal Agency: _____

- ☐ resubmission
- ☐ nomination by person or local government
- ☐ owner objection
- ☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments: _____

Recom./Criteria _____

Reviewer _____

Discipline _____

Date _____

see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: ☐ technical corrections cited below
☐ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph
- ☐ completeness
- ☐ clarity
- ☐ alterations/integrity
- ☐ dates
- ☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- ☐ summary paragraph
- ☐ completeness
- ☐ clarity
- ☐ applicable criteria
- ☐ justification of areas checked
- ☐ relating significance to the resource
- ☐ context
- ☐ relationship of integrity to significance
- ☐ justification of exception
- ☐ other _____

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Address of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USMT References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other _____

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

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Guilderland, New York
Albany County

Building #6

JOHN SCHOOLCRAFT HOUSE

Detail of gable end
on southern elevation



Detail of front door

Historic Resources of
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JOHN SCHOOLCRAFT HOUSE

Detail of pinnacle
with crockets



