

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. 001-06-0136

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): Inn of Jacob Crouse (Building #28)
2. COUNTY: Albany TOWN/CITY: Guilderland VILLAGE: Altamont
3. STREET LOCATION: 3933 Altamont Rd.
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
5. PRESENT OWNER: Charles Mealy ADDRESS: 3933 Altamont Rd., Altamont, N.Y.
6. USE: Original: inn Present: residence 12009
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
Interior accessible: Explain by appointment

DESCRIPTION

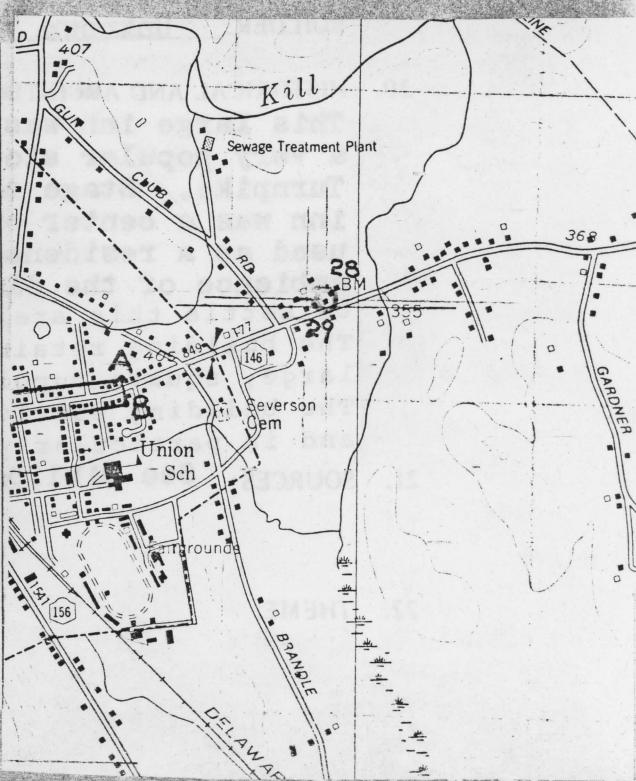
8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard b. stone c. brick d. board and batten
e. cobblestone f. shingles g. stucco other: _____
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: (if known) a. wood frame with interlocking joints
b. wood frame with light members
c. masonry load bearing walls
d. metal (explain) _____
e. other _____
10. 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):
Front gable, porches & cupola added ca. 1870

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: _____

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)

This area along Rte. 146 was the center of the hamlet of Knowersville (now Altamont). Other buildings are located adjacent to the inn.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):
The original building was rectangular in plan with a gable roof. Around 1870 the inn was enlarged slightly by adding a center gable wing on the front and a one-story porch. Porch has squared columns and hipped roof; a large, square, windowed cupola is at the intersection of the gables.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1833

ARCHITECT: Unknown

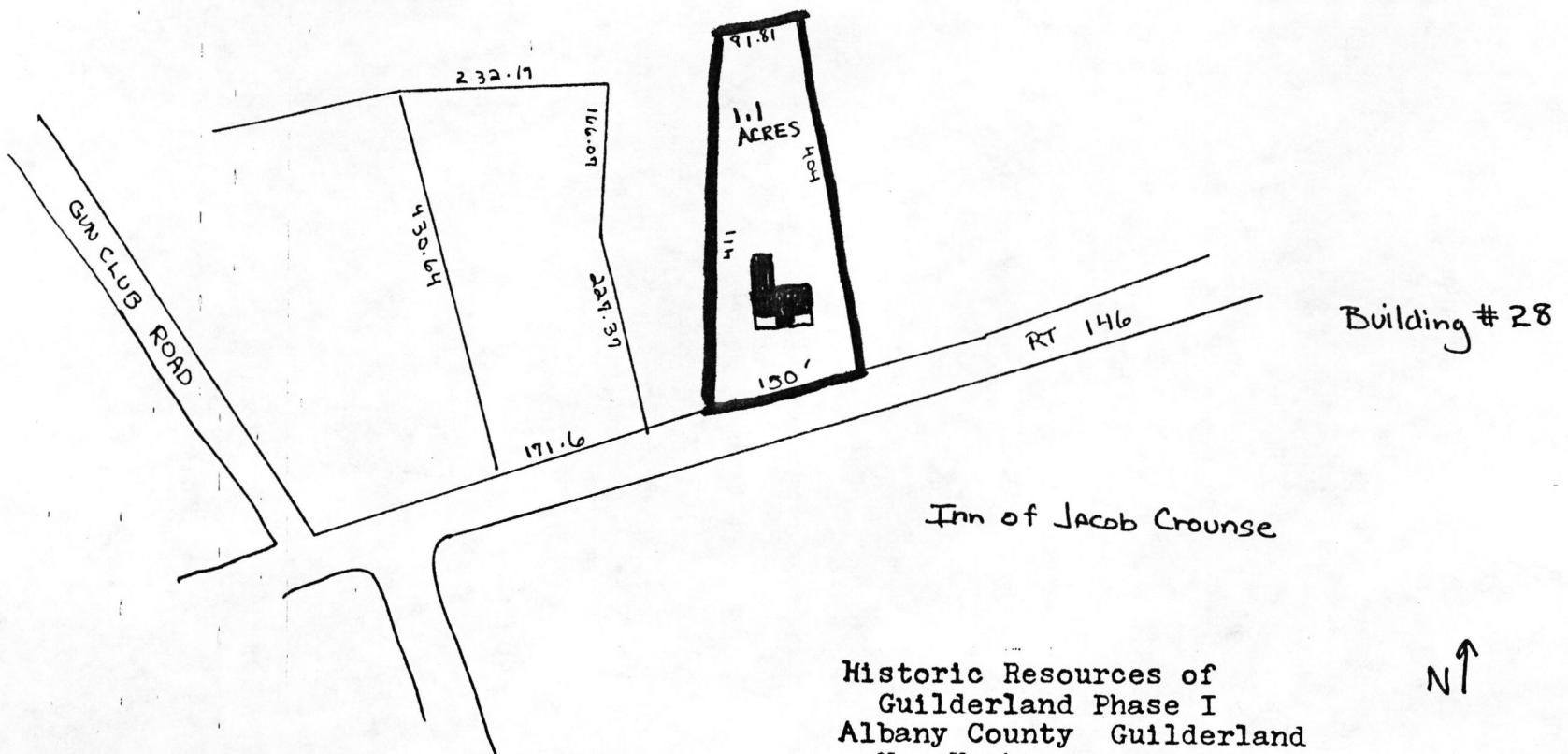
BUILDER: Unknown

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This large inn was built for Jacob Crounse in the 1830's and was a very popular stopping place for travellers on the Schoharie Turnpike. Stage coaches would change their horses here so the inn was a center of activity. Although the building has been used as a residence for over fifty years, the house retains the ambience of the old inn. The Crounse family was one of the earliest to settle this area and was very active in the politics of the town. The building retains significant architectural features such as a large, square cupola and square porch columns of the Doric order. The building survives intact amidst modern suburban development and is particularly important relative to this surrounding.

21. SOURCES: See bibliography

22. THEME:



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

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1" = 200'

EXP. 10/31/84

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

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Guilderland Multiple Resource Area
State New York

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Altamont Historic District	<u>Entered in the National Register</u>	for Keeper Attest	<u>Delores Byers 11/10/82</u>
2. Apple Tavern	<u>Entered in the National Register</u>	for Keeper Attest	<u>Delores Byers 11/10/82</u>
3. Guilderland Cemetery Vault	<u>Entered in the National Register</u>	for Keeper Attest	<u>Delores Byers 11/10/82</u>
4. McNiven Farm Complex	<u>Entered in the National Register</u>	for Keeper Attest	<u>Delores Byers 11/10/82</u>
5. Crounse, Jacob, Inn	<u>Substantive Review</u>	for Keeper Attest	<u>Franklin Dwyer 11/10/82</u>
6. Knower House	<u>Entered in the National Register</u>	for Keeper Attest	<u>Delores Byers 11/10/82</u>
7. Gardner House	<u>Entered in the National Register</u>	for Keeper Attest	<u>Delores Byers 11/10/82</u>
8. Crounse, John and Henry, Farm Complex	<u>Entered in the National Register</u>	for Keeper Attest	<u>Delores Byers 11/10/82</u>
9. Crounse, Frederick, House	<u>Entered in the National Register</u>	for Keeper Attest	<u>Delores Byers 11/10/82</u>
10. Vanderpool Farm Complex	<u>Substantive Review</u>	for Keeper Attest	<u>Franklin Dwyer 11/10/82</u>

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET**

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Substantive Review

Crounse, Jacob, Inn (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 11/10/82

RETURN _____

REJECT _____

Federal Agency: _____

- resubmission
 nomination by person or local government
 owner objection
 appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom. / Criteria ATC/accept

Reviewer Mac Dougall

Discipline 11/10/PK

Date 11/10

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
excellent	deteriorated	unaltered
good	ruins	altered
fair	unexposed	original site
		moved date _____

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

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UNIT 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 (Phase I)
Guilderland, New York
Albany County

INN OF JACOB CROUNSE

BUILDING #28

Detail showing lantern at
intersecting gable



Stone carriage steps
in front of old inn



Detail of porch columns

