

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 Crounse (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: 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): _____

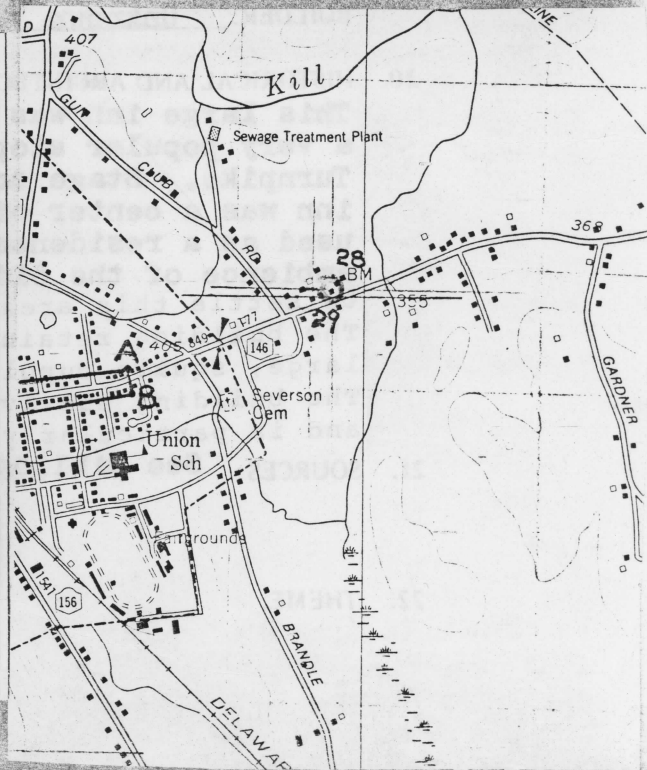
Front gable, porches & cupola added ca. 1870

12. PHOTO:

13. MAP:



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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

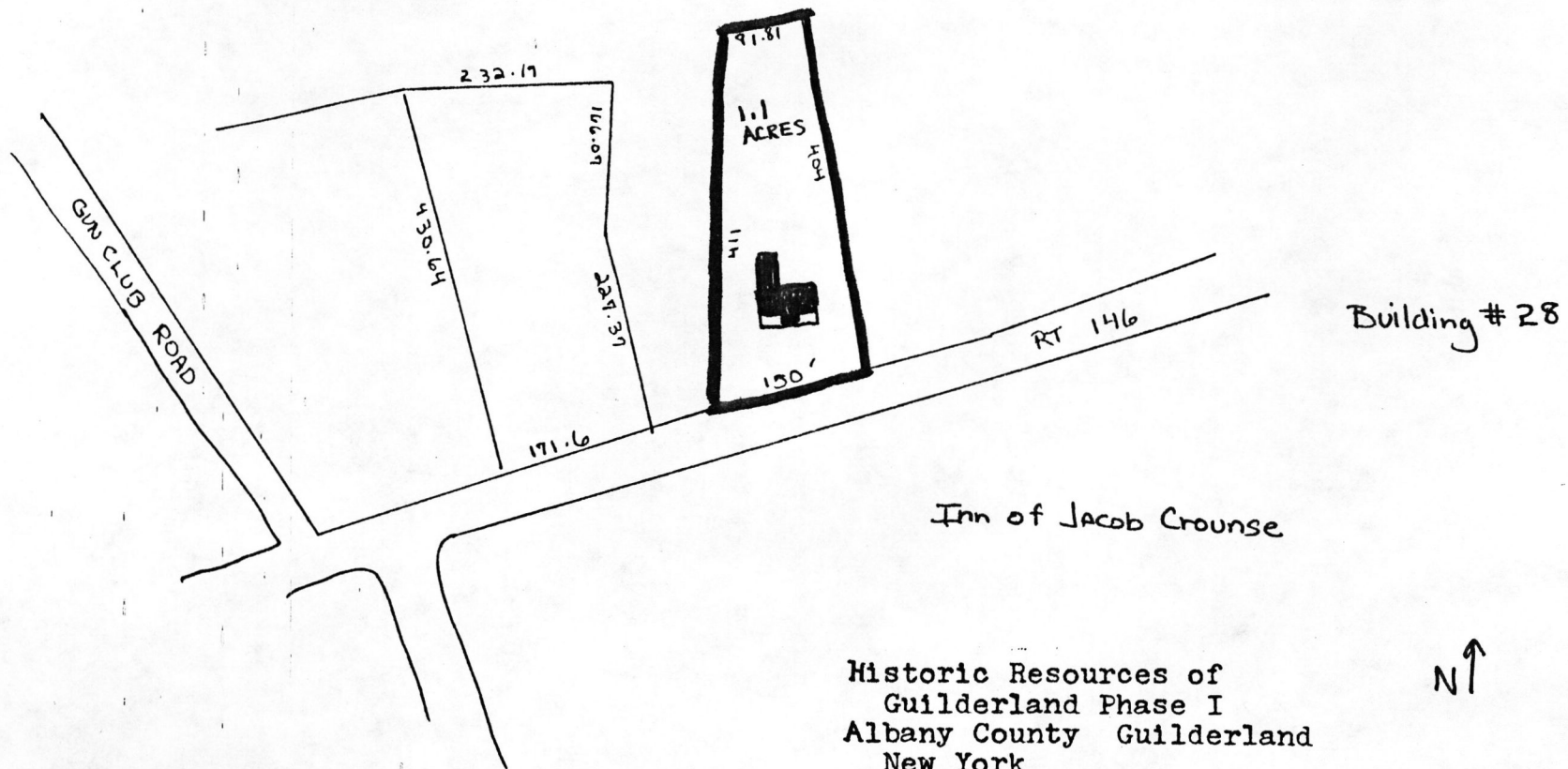
BUILDER: Unknown

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

1" = 200'

EXP. 10/31/84

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National 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

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| ✓ 1 ⁶² | Altamont Historic District | Entered in the
National Register | for
Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> 11/10/82 |
| | | | Attest | |
| 2. | Apple Tavern | Entered in the
National Register | for
Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> 11/10/82 |
| | | | Attest | |
| 3. | Guilderland Cemetery Vault | Entered in the
National Register | for
Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> 11/10/82 |
| | | | Attest | |
| 4. | McNiven Farm Complex | Entered in the
National Register | for
Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> 11/10/82 |
| | | | Attest | |
| ✓ 5 ⁶⁶ | Crounse, Jacob, Inn | Substantive Review | Keeper | <u>Ann Lee Dwyer</u> 11/10/82 |
| | | | Attest | |
| 6. | Knower House | Entered in the
National Register | for
Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> 11/10/82 |
| | | | Attest | |
| 7. | Gardner House | Entered in the
National Register | for
Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> 11/10/82 |
| | | | Attest | |
| 8. | Crounse, John and Henry,
Farm Complex | Entered in the
National Register | for
Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> 11/10/82 |
| | | | Attest | |
| 9. | Crounse, Frederick, House | Entered in the
National Register | for
Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> 11/10/82 |
| | | | Attest | |
| ✓ 10 ⁷¹ | Vanderpool Farm Complex | Substantive Review | Keeper | <u>Ann Lee Dwyer</u> 11/10/82 |
| | | | Attest | |

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 A+C / ACCEPT

Reviewer Mr. Doug J.

Discipline 11/10/82

Date A+C.

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

Acreage 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

Historic Resources of
Guilderland (Phase I)
Guilderland, New York
Albany County

INN OF JACOB CROONSE

BUILDING #28

Detail showing lantern at
intersecting gable



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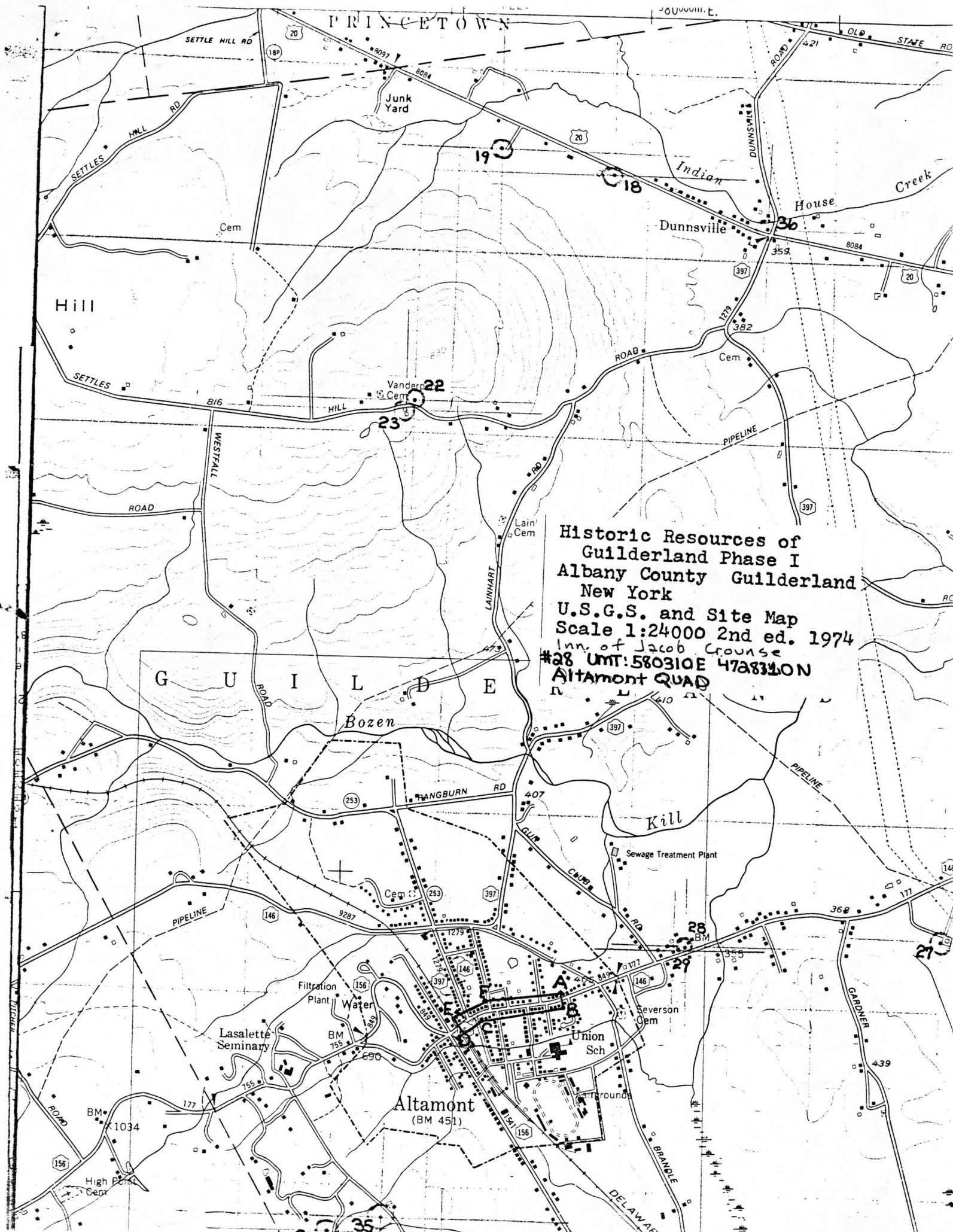
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Stone carriage step
in front of old inn



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Detail of porch columns



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Guilderland Phase I
Albany County Guilderland
New York
U.S.G.S. and Site Map
Scale 1:24000 2nd ed. 1974
Inn. of Jacob Crouse
#28 UTM: 580310E 4783310N
Altamont QUAD