

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. 001-06-0139
QUAD _____
SERIES _____
NEG. NO. _____

YOUR NAME: Town of Guilderland DATE: June 2, 1979

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

ORGANIZATION (if any): _____

IDENTIFICATION

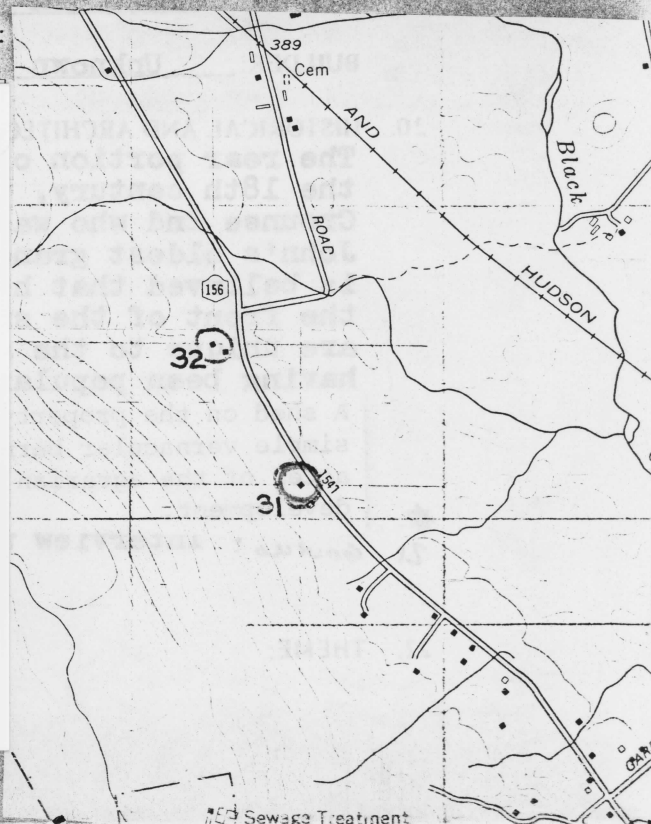
1. BUILDING NAME(S): John and Henry Crounse Farm Complex (Building #31)
2. COUNTY: Albany TOWN/CITY: Guilderland VILLAGE: _____
3. STREET LOCATION: 3970 Altamont-Voorheesville Rd
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public ☐ b. private ☒
5. PRESENT OWNER: Beverly Waite ADDRESS: 3970 A-V Rd., Box 380, Altamont, N.Y. 12009
6. USE: Original: residence Present: residence
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): _____

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: Informal plantings
 j. other: Shed was used as a small tannery
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 house retains its 18th-century setting at the base of the Helderbergs. The Crounse homestead is to the north. The property contains about 25 acres of woodland and farm land.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):
The rear portion contains many 18th-century features such as raised and fielded paneling and a large kitchen fireplace. The large two-story front section has symmetrically placed rooms and original 19th-century details. The shed roof portico with lattice supports is unique to the area.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: Rear ca. 1790, front ca. 1860

ARCHITECT: Unknown

BUILDER: Unknown

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:
The rear portion of the house was built in the latter part of the 18th century, probably by John Crounse, son of Frederick Crounse 2nd who was very active during the Revolution. When John's oldest grandson, Henry P. Crounse, was married in 1860 it is believed that he had the large two-story addition built on the front of the smaller home. The front porch latticework supports are unique to the area and appear on many homes, apparently having been popularized by a local carpenter/craftsman.

A shed on the property was once used as a small tannery. Both it and the simple vernacular barn to the south of the house contribute to the character of the agrarian complex. The buildings survive amidst modern suburban development.

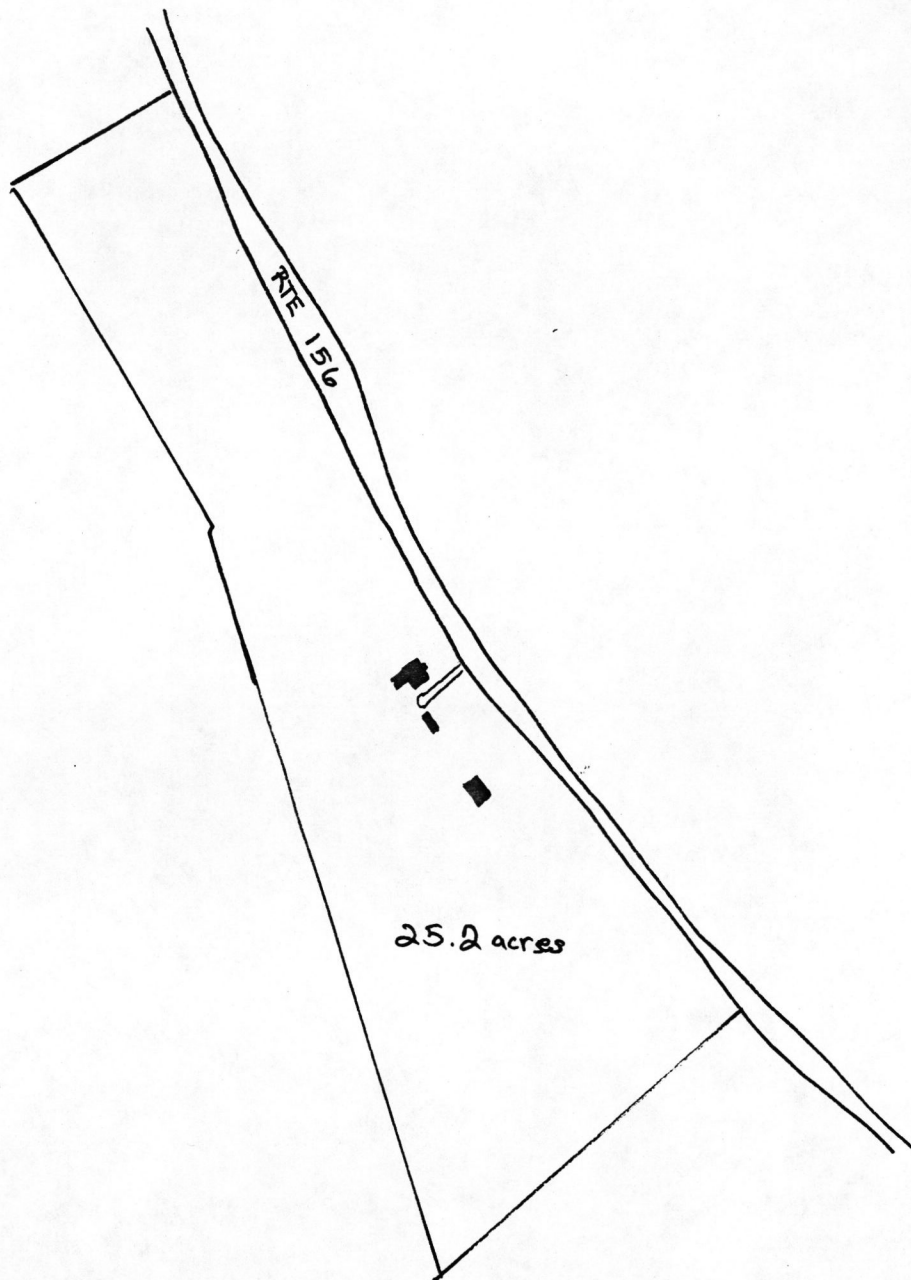
21. **Notes: interview with owner, see bibliography**

22. THEME:

Waite

3970 Altamont-Voorheesville Road

Building # 31



John and Henry Crouse Farm Complex N↑

Historic Resources of
Guilderland Phase I
Albany County Guilderland
New York

Site Map (from tax map)
Smith & Mahoney 1979

1" = 400'

EXP. 10/31/84

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

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date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

Page 4 of 4

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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|-------|---|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| ✓ 102 | 1. 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 | _____ |
| ✓ 100 | 5. Crounse, Jacob, Inn | Substantive Review | Keeper | <u>James 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 | _____ |
| ✓ 101 | 10. Vanderpool Farm Complex | Substantive Review | Keeper | <u>James Lee Dwyer</u> 11/10/82 |
| | | | Attest | _____ |

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Crounse, John and Henry, Farm Complex (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

Entered in the ☐ RETURN

National Register ☐ 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 _____

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"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<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

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

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

Building #31

JOHN and HENRY CROUNSE
FARM COMPLEX

Western elevation
showing original
portion



MAY • 80



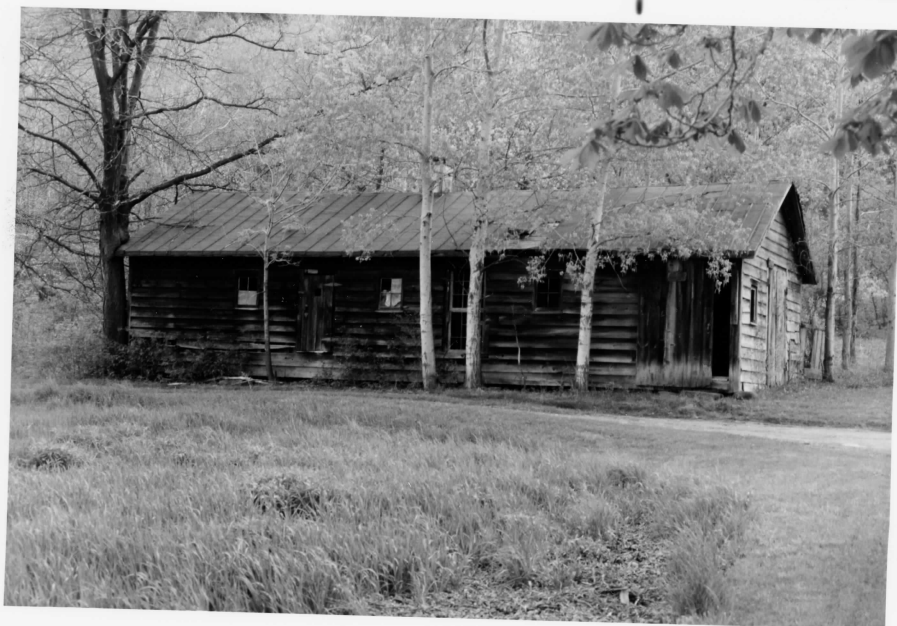
Detail of latticework
columns on front entry

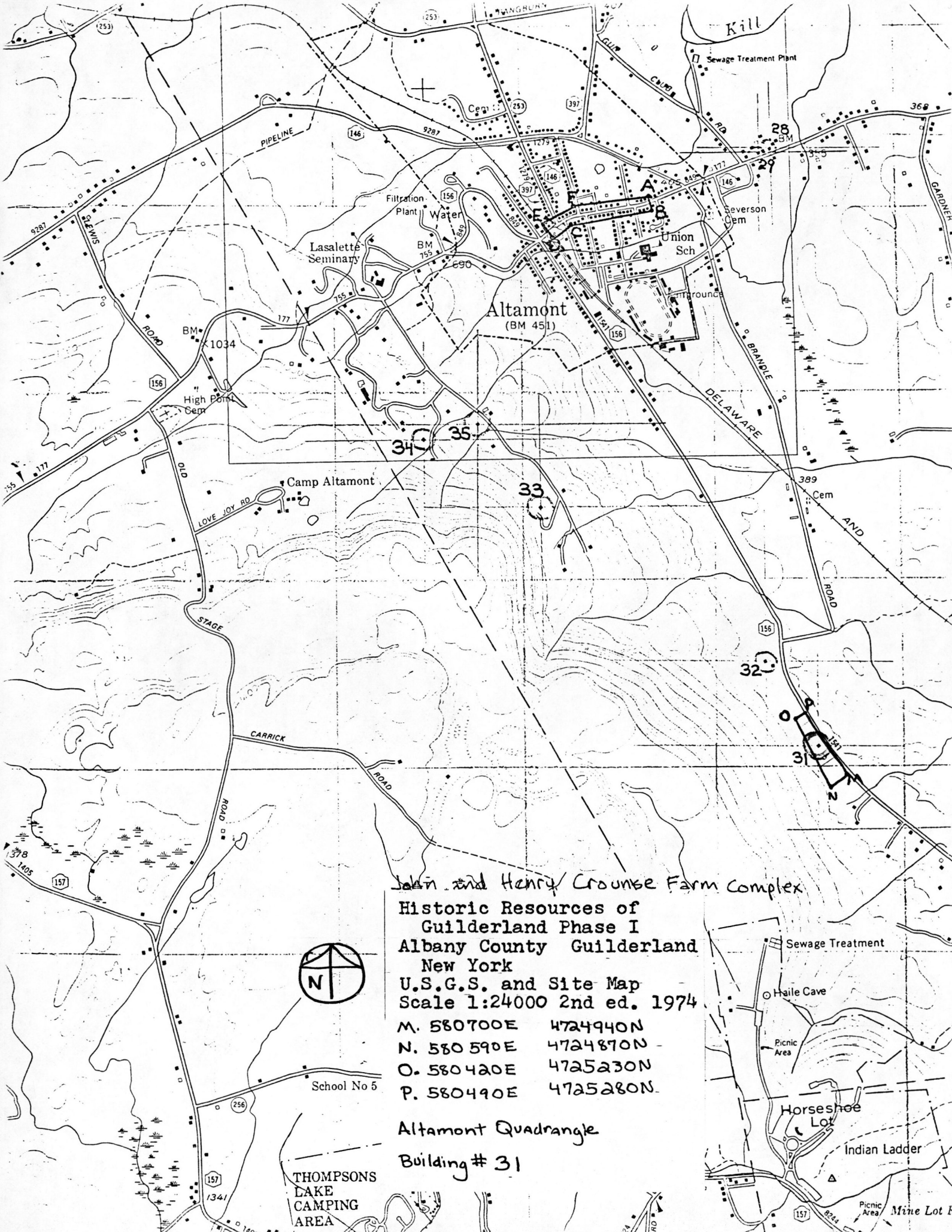
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Guilderland (Phase I)
Building #31
JOHN and HENRY CROUNSE FARM COMPLEX



Barns at southwest of
property





John and Henry Crounse Farm Complex

Historic Resources of
Guilderland Phase I
Albany County Guilderland
New York
U.S.G.S. and Site Map
Scale 1:24000 2nd ed. 1974

M. 580700E	4724940N
N. 580590E	4724870N
O. 580420E	4725230N
P. 580490E	4725280N

Altamont Quadrangle
Building # 31

