

# 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): Guilderland MRA

## 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

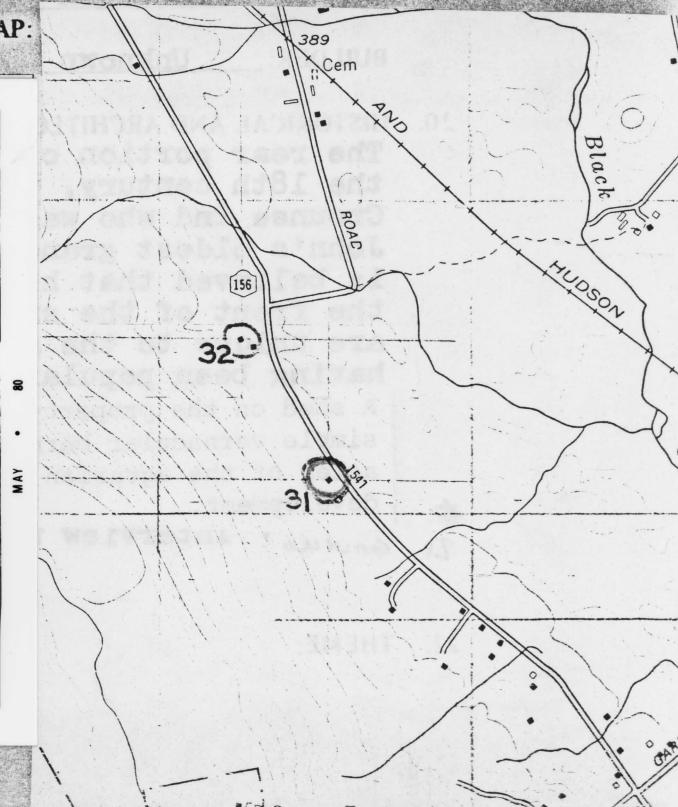
## DESCRIPTION

8. BUILDING MATERIAL:
  - a. clapboard
  - b. stone
  - c. brick
  - d. board and batten
  - e. cobblestone
  - f. shingles
  - g. stucco
  - other: \_\_\_\_\_
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:  
(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): \_\_\_\_\_

## 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.

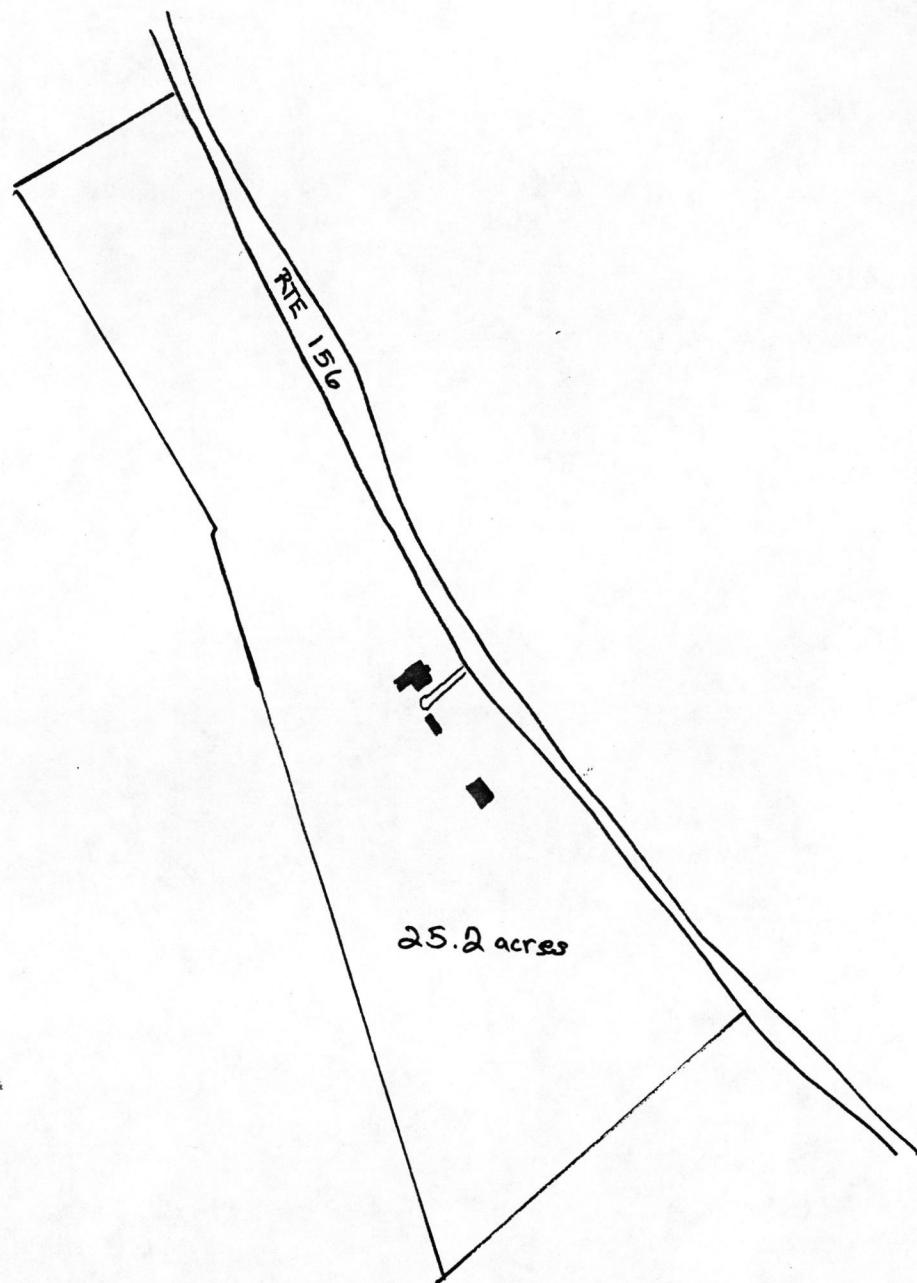
A shed on the property was once used as a small tannery. Both it and the simple vernacular barn to the south of the house contribute to the character of the agrarian complex. The buildings survive amidst modern suburban development.

21. SOURCE: interview with owner, see bibliography

22. THEME:

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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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

Crounse, John and Henry, Farm Complex (Guilderland  
MRA)

Albany County  
NEW YORK

resubmission  
 nomination by person or local government  
 owner objection  
 appeal

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Entered in the National Register

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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 CROONSE  
FARM COMPLEX

Western elevation  
showing original  
portion



Detail of latticework  
columns on front entry

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



Barns at southwest of  
property



