

# 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. 001-06-0129  
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): \_\_\_\_\_

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**IDENTIFICATION** Van Patten Barn Complex (Building #14) (Guilderland MRA)

1. BUILDING NAME(S): Van Patten Barn Complex (Building #14)

2. COUNTY: Albany TOWN/CITY: Guilderland VILLAGE: \_\_\_\_\_

3. STREET LOCATION: 4773 Western Tpk.

4. OWNERSHIP: a. public ☐ b. private ☒

5. PRESENT OWNER: Emerson Van Patten Jr. ADDRESS: 4773 Western Tpke. Altamont, N.Y.

6. USE: Original: Barn Present: Barn 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 Dutch Barn Framing

10. CONDITION: a. excellent ☐ b. good ☐ c. fair ☒ d. deteriorated ☐

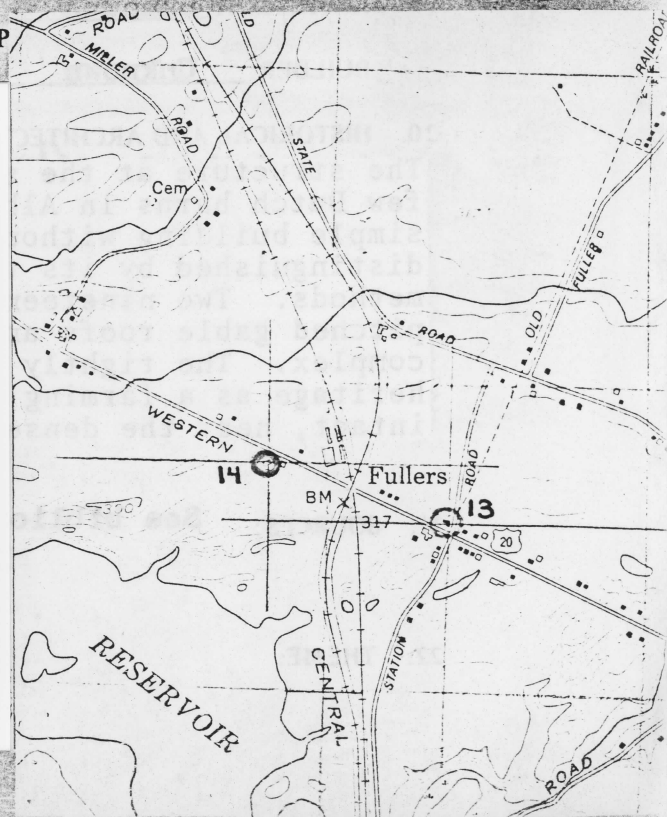
11. INTEGRITY: a. original site ☒ b. moved ☐ if so, when? \_\_\_\_\_  
c. list major alterations and dates (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

12. PHOTO:



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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: pasture & barnyard  
 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)

Barns are located on southern side of Western Turnpike and are surrounded by undeveloped farmland. The arbitrary boundary of 3.7 acres retains the original farm setting.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):  
 Complex of barns with Dutch barn to the southwest (ca. 1790) and two English barns (ca. 1830) to the north and east. Dutch barn has low sloping roof-line, H-frame with long exposed tongues in the mortise and tenon construction.

#### SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1790, 1830

ARCHITECT: Unknown

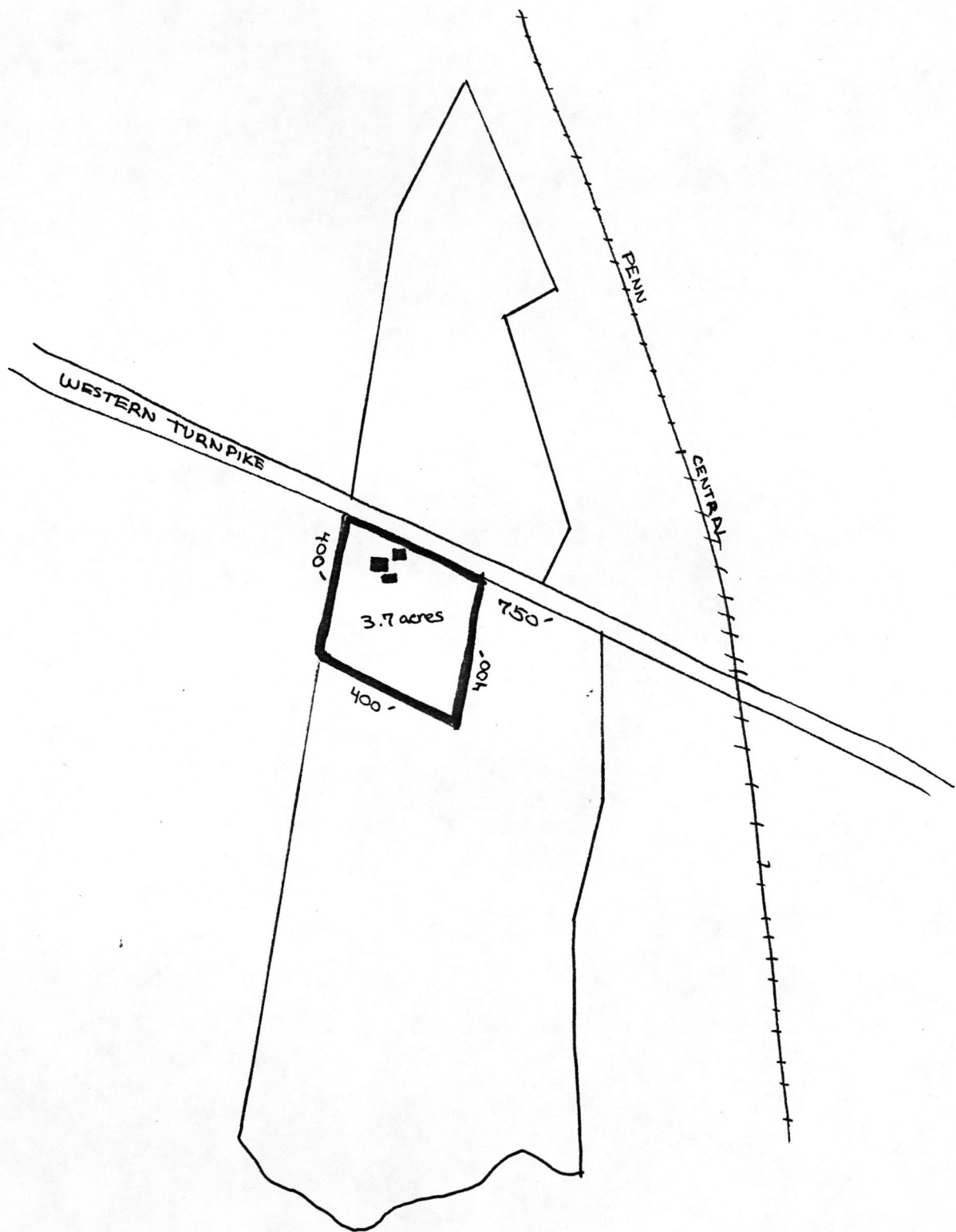
BUILDER: Unknown

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

The structure at the southwest of the farm complex is one of the few Dutch barns in Albany County that is intact and unaltered. A simple building without prominent exterior embellishments, it is distinguished by its traditional Dutch H-framing and construction methods. Two nineteenth-century barns, characterized by moderately pitched gable roofs and English framing, contribute to the farm complex. The tightly grouped buildings reflect Guilderland's heritage as a farming community. The structures survive, largely intact, near the dense suburban development bordering the village.

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

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

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Continuation sheet

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic GroupName Guilderland Multiple Resource Area  
State New York

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 11/10/8222. Prospect Hill Cemetery  
BuildingEntered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 11/10/82

23. Fuller's Tavern

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 11/10/82

24. Veeder Farmhouse #1

Entered in the  
National Register

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25. Veeder Farmhouse #2

Substantive Review

Keeper

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Anna Lee Douglas 11/10/82

26. Van Patten Barn Complex

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27. Gillespie House

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National Register

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Delores Byers 11/10/82

28. Sharp Brothers House

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29. Sharp Farmhouse

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30. Parker, Charles, House

Substantive Review

Keeper

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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

Van Patten Barn Complex (Guilderland MRA)  
Albany County  
NEW YORK

Working No. 959/82-2682  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.1.83  
Date Due: 10/29/82-11/13/82  
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 11/10/82  
☐ RETURN  
Entered in the 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

VAN PATTEN BARN COMPLEX  
Historic Resources of  
Guilderland (Phase I)  
Guilderland, New York  
Albany County

Building #14



Detail of side of Dutch Barn



View of contributing English Barns

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Building # 14

Detail of Dutch barn  
framing



Detail of framing



