

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

DIVISION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION
NEW YORK STATE PARKS AND RECREATION
ALBANY, NEW YORK (518) 474-0479

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

UNIQUE SITE NO. 001-06-0130
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

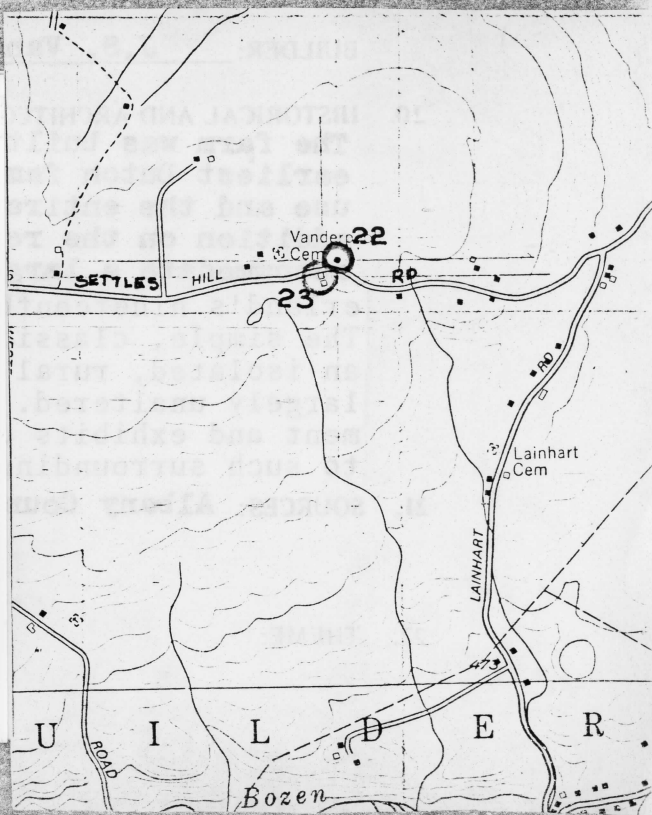
1. BUILDING NAME(S): Vanderpool Farm Complex (Building #22 & 23)
2. COUNTY: Albany TOWN/CITY: Guilderland VILLAGE: _____
3. STREET LOCATION: 3647 Settles Hill Rd.
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public ☐ b. private ☒
5. PRESENT OWNER: Theresa Stewart ADDRESS: 3647 Settles Hill Rd., R.D.1
6. USE: Original: Farmhouse Present: Farmhouse Altamont, N.Y.
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes ☒ No ☐
Interior accessible: Explain by appointment 12009

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: _____
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)

The farm is located atop Settles Hill and has a commanding view to the south of the Village of Altamont and the Heldeberg escarpment. The house, along with the barns across the road, form an intact farm complex.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):

The farmhouse has a modest bracketed cornice; a classical, recessed, center entrance with side lights and transom; and a one and one-half story ell on the east side with a one-story porch and eyebrow windows. The interior is basically unaltered.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1855

ARCHITECT: Unknown

BUILDER: J.S. Vanderpool

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

The farm was built by the Vanderpools, one of the town's earliest Dutch families. The farm has been in continuous use and the entire complex has been well preserved. The addition on the rear (north) of the house was built to accommodate a large extended family. The complex reflects Guild-erland's nineteenth-century existence as an agrarian community. The simple, classical details of the exterior are notable on such an isolated, rural farmhouse. The interior of the building is largely unaltered. It has survived among modern tract develop-ment and exhibits considerable architectural significance relative to such surroundings.

21. SOURCES: **Albany County Clerk's Office; See bibliography**

22. THEME:

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UNIQUE SITE NO. 001-06-0131
QUAD _____
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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

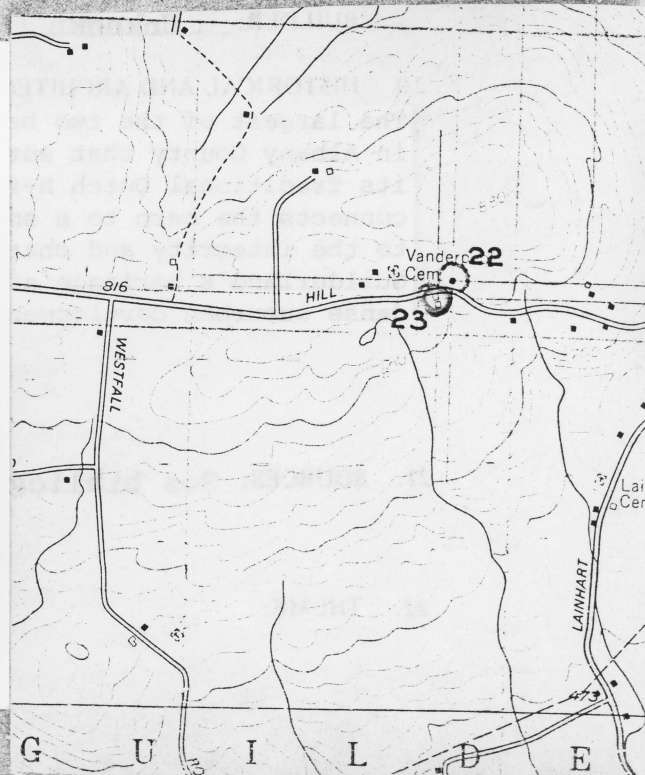
1. BUILDING NAME(S): Vanderpool Farm Complex
2. COUNTY: Albany TOWN: Guilderland CITY: Guilderland VILLAGE: _____
3. STREET LOCATION: 3647 Settles Hill Rd; OPPOSITE
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public ☐ b. private ☒
5. PRESENT OWNER: Theresa Stewart ADDRESS: 3647 Settles Hill Rd. Altamont,
N.Y. 12009
6. USE: Original: Barn Present: Barn
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 early Dutch 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:

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: Small pond to the west
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: Farmhouse
17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:
(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)
Together with house, the barns form an intact farm complex.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1800
- ARCHITECT: None
- BUILDER: Unknown

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

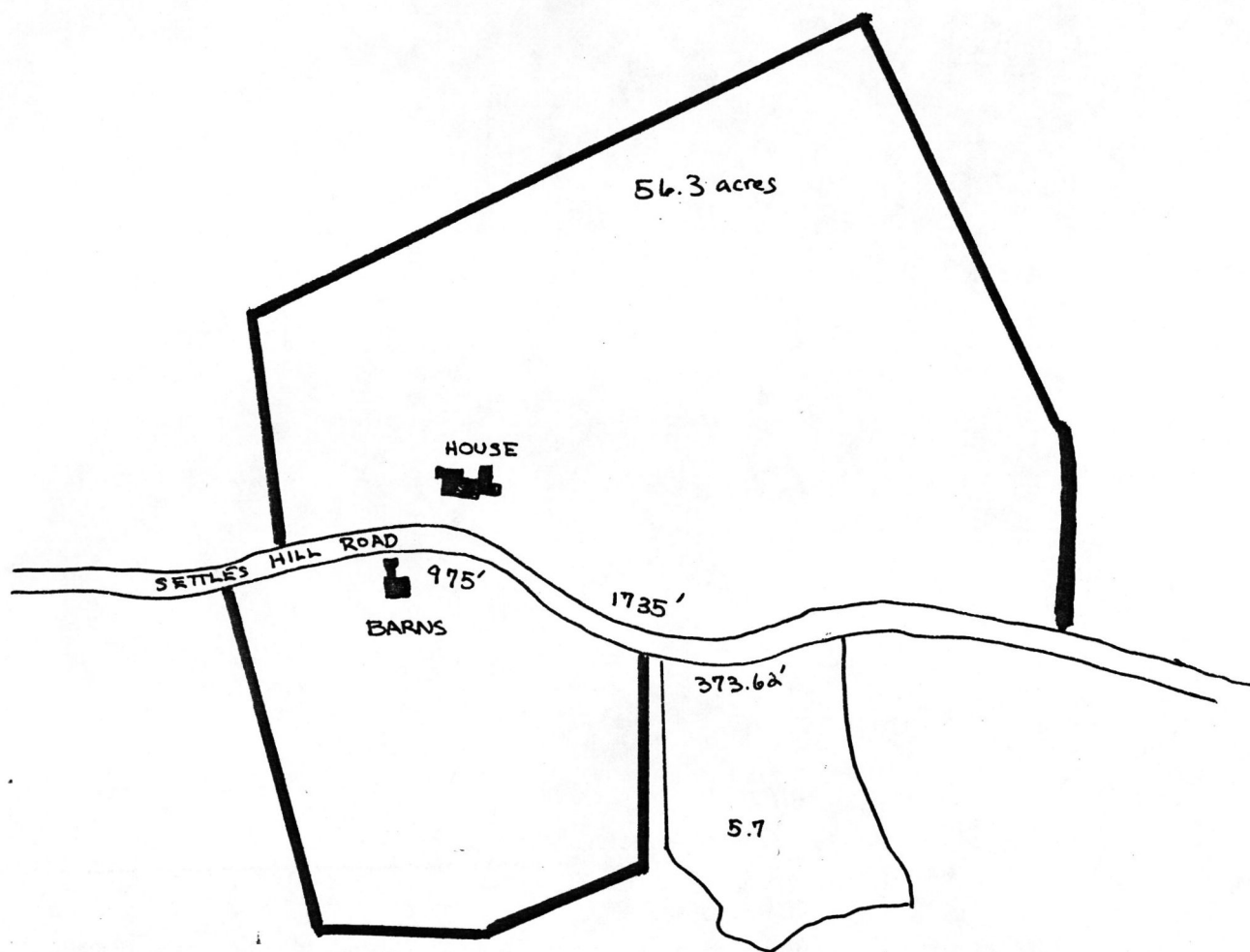
The largest of the two barns in the complex is one of the few Dutch barns in Albany County that survives intact. The building is distinguished by its traditional Dutch H-framing and construction methods. A small shed connects the barn to a smaller English barn to the north which contributes to the integrity and character of the complex. The buildings reflect Guilderland's heritage as a farming community. They survive near the dense suburban development bordering the village of Altamont.

21. SOURCES: **See bibliography**

22. THEME:

3647 Settles Hill Road
and Barn

Vanderpool Farm Complex
Buildings #22 + 23



1" = 400'

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

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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

- | | | | | | |
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| ✓ 102 1. | Altamont Historic District | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> | <u>11/10/82</u> |
| | | | Attest | | |
| 2. | Apple Tavern | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> | <u>11/10/82</u> |
| | | | Attest | | |
| 3. | Guilderland Cemetery Vault | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> | <u>11/10/82</u> |
| | | | Attest | | |
| 4. | McNiven Farm Complex | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> | <u>11/10/82</u> |
| | | | Attest | | |
| ✓ 106 5. | Crounse, Jacob, Inn | Substantive Review | Keeper | <u>Franklin Dwyer</u> | <u>11/10/82</u> |
| | | | Attest | | |
| 6. | Knower House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> | <u>11/10/82</u> |
| | | | Attest | | |
| 7. | Gardner House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> | <u>11/10/82</u> |
| | | | Attest | | |
| 8. | Crounse, John and Henry,
Farm Complex | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> | <u>11/10/82</u> |
| | | | Attest | | |
| 9. | Crounse, Frederick, House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers</u> | <u>11/10/82</u> |
| | | | Attest | | |
| ✓ 110 10. | Vanderpool Farm Complex | Substantive Review | Keeper | <u>Franklin Dwyer</u> | <u>11/10/82</u> |
| | | | Attest | | |

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service
Substantive Review

Vanderpool 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

☐ 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 C / ACCEPT

Reviewer Mar. Dugan

Discipline A.H.

Date 11/10/82

☐ 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

Acquire not specifically justified -- but form suggests importance because tract has survived amongst recent development

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

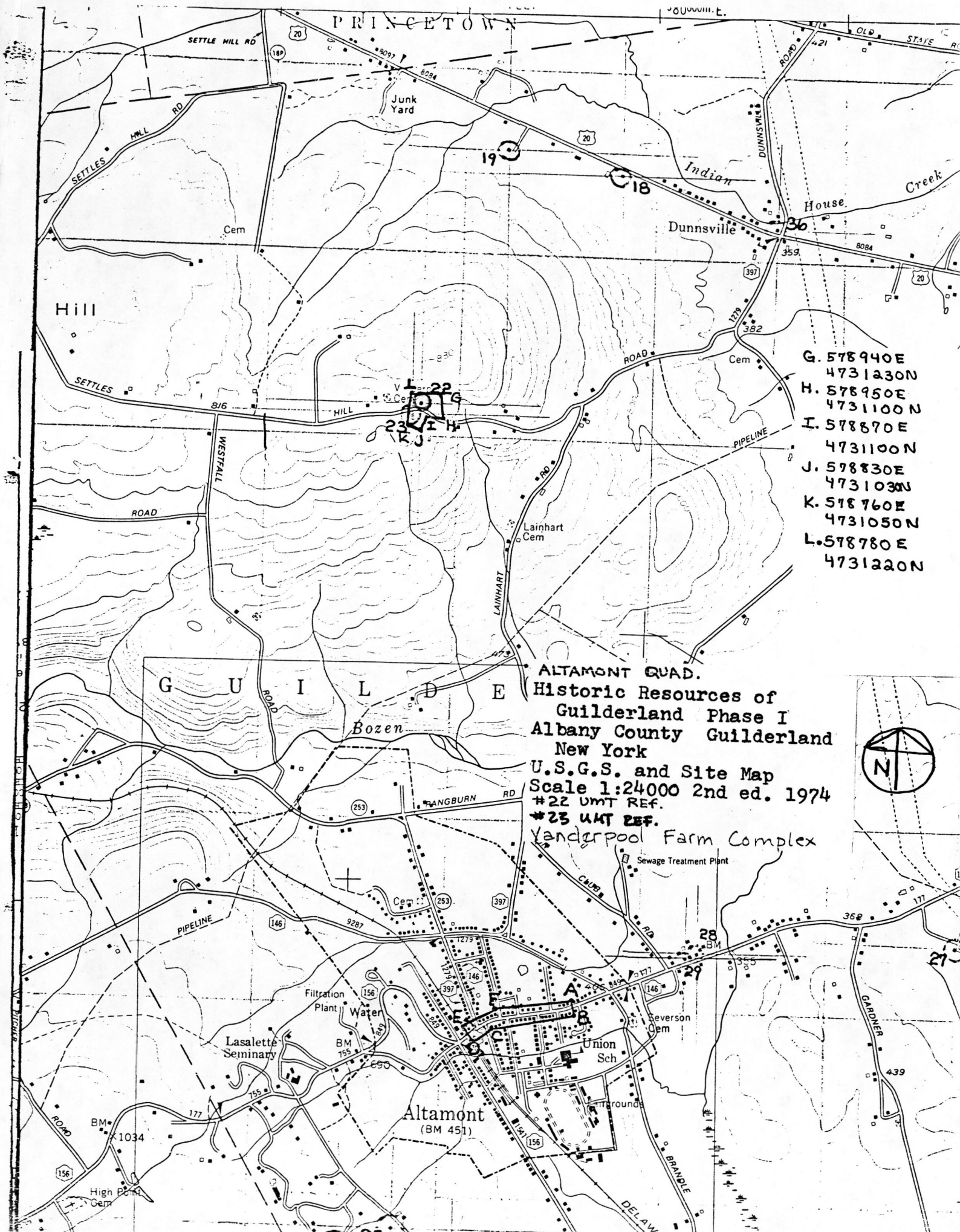
VANPEERPOOL FARM COMPLEX
Historic Resources of
Guilderland (Phase I)
Building #22



Detail of front door



Southern elevation
looking northeast



PRINCETOWN

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SETTLE HILL RD

189

20

Junk Yard

19

20

Indian Creek

ROAD

421

STATE R

Cem

Dunnsville

House

359

8084

20

Hill

SETTLES

816

HILL

22
23
24

ROAD

PIPELINE

Lainhart Cem

LAINHART

ROAD

G U I L D E

Bozen

ALTAMONT QUAD.
Historic Resources of
Guilderland Phase I
Albany County Guilderland
New York
U.S.G.S. and Site Map
Scale 1:24000 2nd ed. 1974
#22 UMT REF.
#23 UMT REF.
Vanderpool Farm Complex



LANGBURN RD

253

253

397

PIPELINE

146

9287

Filtration Plant

Water

BM 155

Lasalette Seminary

Altamont
(BM 451)

Sewage Treatment Plant

Union Sch

SEVERSON

Cem

BRANDIE

DELAWARE

BM 1034

High Pond

Cem

358

177

14

27

439

GARDNER

RECEIVED

JUN 12 1980

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
HISTORIC PRESERVATION
A W S

June 4, 1980

RECEIVED

JUN 6 1980

COMMISSIONER
PARKS & RECREATION

Mr. Orin Lehman
State Historic Preservation Field Service Bureau
NYS Office of Parks and Recreation
Empire State Plaza
Albany, New York 12238

Re: 3647 Settles Hill Road
Multiple Resources of
Cuilderland
Albany County

Dear Mr. Lehman:

My interest in having my home added to the National Register was stirred with the threat of Interstate Highway (I-88) passing directly in front of it.

The home is a late Greek Revival, built in 1855 and has had minor changes. It's setting, with a panoramic view of the Helderbergs, the Catskills, the Berkshires and the Village of Altamont is one of a kind. I would like to protect and preserve it from drastic structural changes and/or highway changes (which, I am aware are not a guarantee but a consideration) in the future.

Re: Dutch Barns
(3647 Settles Hill Rd.)

The dutch barns are part of the above property. They are in good condition and should be preserved for their architectural value as well.

I am now widowed and am uncertain as to how long I will be able to keep the property. It would be most comforting to know that architectural changes could not be made. I have seen the beauty of so many old homes lost to modernization. Many thanks for your consideration of the above.

Sincerely,

Theresa Stewart

(Mrs.) Theresa Stewart