

**HISTORIC AND NATURAL DISTRICTS  
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1. NAME OF DISTRICT: GANSEVOORT/EAST STEUBEN STREETS HISTORIC DISTRICT

2. COUNTY: STEUBEN TOWN/CITY: BATH VILLAGE: BATH

3. DESCRIPTION:

See attached sheet *E. Steuben and Gansevoort  
sts.*

4. SIGNIFICANCE:

see attached sheet

5. MAP:

See attached sheet

6. SOURCES:

See Bibliography

7. THREATS TO AREA:

BY ZONING

BY ROADS

BY DEVELOPERS

BY DETERIORATION

OTHER None

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

8. LOCAL ATTITUDES TOWARD THE AREA:

NA

9. PHOTOS:

see attached

Bath Village Multiple Resource Area  
Bath, Steuben Co., New York

Gansevoort/East Steuben Streets Historic District

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The Gansevoort/East Steuben Streets Historic District is comprised of 22 residences concentrated along sections of Gansevoort and East Steuben Streets. Gansevoort Street runs north-south, one block east of Liberty Street. East Steuben Street extends eastward from the northeast corner of Pulteney Square. The district is an enclave of intact, middle-class nineteenth and early twentieth century structures located northeast of Pulteney Square, the visual focal point of the Liberty Street Historic District. The boundaries are drawn to exclude the modern and altered historic structures which characterize the surrounding streetscapes. There are no intrusions.

The historic building stock in the district generally consists of large, two-story frame structures on lots less than one acre in size. Dwellings of different types, periods and styles are integrated throughout the three-block neighborhood. Homogeneity and cohesiveness are created by the relative uniformity of building scale and lot size. The dwellings, dating from c. 1830 to 1908, are designed in a broad range of architectural styles, including Greek Revival, Italianate, Queen Anne and Colonial Revival. The earliest extant residences in the district, including the Ten Eyck Gansevoort House (10 Gansevoort Street, Photo 18), the Lewis Biles House (13 Gansevoort Street, Photo 19), the C.H. Young House (103 East Steuben Street) and the McMaster/Parkhurst House (101 East Steuben Street), are designed in the Greek Revival style. They are two-story structures with three-bay side-hall configurations. They exhibit Greek Revival style features such as pedimented gable ends, two-story pedimented porticoes, wide friezes and trabeated entrances.

Mid-nineteenth century transitional dwellings in the district include the Simmons House (8 Gansevoort Street), the W.P. Sedgwick House (126 East Steuben Street, Photo 22), and the Hess/DePeyster House (113 East Steuben Street). They retain the basic Greek Revival form and configuration, but begin to exhibit Italianate style features such as low-pitched hipped roofs, bracketed cornices and wide verandahs. The influence of the octagon mode is reflected in the structure at 117 East Steuben Street (the eastern portion of the Steuben County Offices), originally an octagonal dwelling which was substantially altered when converted into office space.

Dating from Bath's second period of prosperity are examples of Italianate style residential architecture, including 11 Gansevoort Street (Photo 20), 122 East Steuben Street, 115 East Steuben Street (the west portion of the Steuben County Offices) and the James F. Howell House (105 East Steuben Street, Photo 21). L-shaped configurations, low-pitched hipped roofs with broadly projecting, bracketed eaves, prominent cupolas and projecting bay windows with bracketed cornices distinguish these two-story frame dwellings.

Late nineteenth century structures in the district include the Moses Davison House (5 Gansevoort Street), the George Parker House (7 Gansevoort Street) and 111 East Steuben Street, all of which are designed in the Queen Anne style. These dwellings are large, asymmetrical structures with picturesque, multi-gabled roofs. They feature projecting bays, balconies and elaborate verandahs. Examples of late-nineteenth century eclectic dwellings are located at 12 Gansevoort Street and 124 East Steuben Street. Ornamental woodwork embellishing the gable ends and porches

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distinguish these large, asymmetrical buildings. The one early twentieth century structure included in the district, the Schultz House (6 Gansevoort Street), exhibits features of the Colonial Revival style, including a denticulated cornice and engaged columns separating the tripartite windows on the first story and the hipped roof dormers protruding from the structure's steeply pitched hipped roof.

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The Gansevoort/East Steuben Streets Historic District is the only intact, nineteenth-century middle-class residential neighborhood in the village of Bath. The enclave contains a significant concentration of Greek Revival, Italianate and Queen Anne style dwellings. The substantially intact houses, dating from c. 1830 to 1908, reflect the development of one of Bath's more fashionable middle-class residential areas. Many of the dwellings in the neighborhood are historically associated with locally prominent merchants and businessmen.

East Steuben and Gansevoort Streets were two of the earliest streets laid out when the village was planned in the late eighteenth century. Distinctive examples of the Greek Revival style, typical of Bath's earliest extant buildings, include the Ten Eyck Gansevoort House (10 Gansevoort Street, Photo 18), the Lewis Biles House (13 Gansevoort Street, Photo 19), the C.H. Young House (103 East Steuben Street), and the McMaster/Parkhurst House (101 East Steuben Street). The Ten Eyck Gansevoort House has a prominent two-story pedimented portico, a feature associated with the more elegant variations of the Greek Revival style. The Lewis Biles and the C.H. Young Houses represent vernacular adaptations of the style. The former, a modest frame structure, is distinguished by a pedimented gable end oriented towards the street, an L-shaped configuration and a wide frieze, features typical of the style. The three-bay, side-hall configuration and gable roof with prominent returns of the C.H. Young House distinguish it as a Greek Revival style structure. The McMaster/Parkhurst House, elegant and distinctive in the district for its masonry construction, is characterized by a pedimented gable end oriented towards the street and a three-bay, side-hall configuration. These four dwellings date from the 1830's and 1840's as do most other Greek Revival structures in the village. They reflect Bath's earliest prosperity as a riverfront commercial center on the Cohocton River at the headwaters of the Susquehanna River transportation route. Prominent local citizens associated with the dwellings of the district's earliest period of significance include Ten Eyck Gansevoort, an early settler of Bath who came from Albany in the early 1800's, Lewis Biles, in the tin ware and stove making business, C.H. Young, a produce dealer, and Guy H. McMaster, a lawyer and noted county judge.

Distinctive examples of Italianate style residential architecture, reflecting Bath's second period of prosperity brought on by the railroad industry, are also included in the district. Features characteristic of the period and style, including low-pitched hipped roofs with bracketed eaves, cupolas and projecting bay windows with bracketed cornices, are exhibited by the district's Italianate style dwellings at 11 Gansevoort Street (Photo 20), 122 East Steuben Street, 115 East Steuben Street

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(the west portion of the Steuben County Offices) and 105 East Steuben Street (the James F. Howell House, Photo 21). Prominent local citizens historically associated with the dwellings of this period include David McMaster (11 Gansevoort Street), who operated a carriage manufacturing business with his neighbors, the Loomis family, and Austin Otis (122 East Steuben Street), a bookkeeper.

Although substantially altered when converted into office space, 117 East Steuben Street (the east portion of the Steuben County Offices) was once a unique and distinctive example of the mid-nineteenth century octagon mode. The structure retains its prominent octagonal cupola as well as a suggestion of its original octagonal configuration.

The East Steuben and Gansevoort Streets neighborhood continued to develop as a fashionable middle-class enclave after 1880. Significant examples of the Queen Anne style include the Moses Davison House (5 Gansevoort Street), owned by a partner in H.W. Perine's department store who was also the director of the Bath Savings and Loan Association, the George Parker House (7 Gansevoort Street) owned by a station express agent for the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, and the dwelling at 111 East Steuben Street. The three are characterized by picturesque asymmetry, multi-gabled roofs, corbelled brick chimneys, ornamental woodwork and sweeping verandahs, typical features of the period and style. Late nineteenth century eclectic dwellings exhibit a variety of distinctive ornamental features, including turned and scroll-sawn woodwork embellishing porches and gable ends.

The one early twentieth century dwelling (6 Gansevoort Street), reflecting the influence of the Colonial Revival style, complements the architecture of the district by the use of similar scale, form, and materials, and contributes to the distinctive architectural quality of the district. Stylistic features include a denticulated cornice, a large hipped roof which also serves as the front (west) porch roof, and tripartite windows on the first story and in the hipped roof dormers which are separated by engaged columns.

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<u>Address</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Photo #</u>
EAST STEUBEN STREET (south side)			
126	c. 1860	W.P. Sedgwick House; two-story, three-bay frame residence with Italianate features, low-pitched hipped roof with broadly projecting eaves, clapboard siding, one-story front porch with turned posts, balustrades and spindle frieze, six-over-six windows with miter-arched drip molds.	22
124	c. 1880	Two-story, three-bay frame residence, cross-gable roof, wooden ornamentation in apex of gable ends, clapboard siding, two-over-two windows with simple wooden trim, one-story front porch with bracketed cornice, slender corner pilasters.	
122	c. 1880	Two-story, L-shaped frame Italianate residence, clapboard siding, low-pitched hipped roof, bracketed cornice, one-story front porch, four-over-four windows with miter-arched drip molds; projecting bay window on east side; modern one-story rear wing, new chimney.	
120	1830- 1850	L.V. Church House; two-story, three-bay altered frame residence, gable roof, pedimented dormer, two over two windows with simple wooden trim, one-story front porch supported by square columns; moved and altered early twentieth century.	
EAST STEUBEN STREET (north side)			
115	c. 1860s; c. 1874	Steuben County offices; two-story, frame brick and stone civic building, originally two separate residences; east section: originally an octagon house, now characterized by a low-pitched multi-gabled roof with a prominent octagonal cupola, front facade features a projecting central pavilion with a large, glass block window above the entrance; west section: originally an Italianate style dwelling, retains its two-story, three-bay, L-shaped configuration, broadly projecting eaves with wide, bracketed frieze and miter-arched drip molds above windows; early twentieth century alterations and conversion into office space.	

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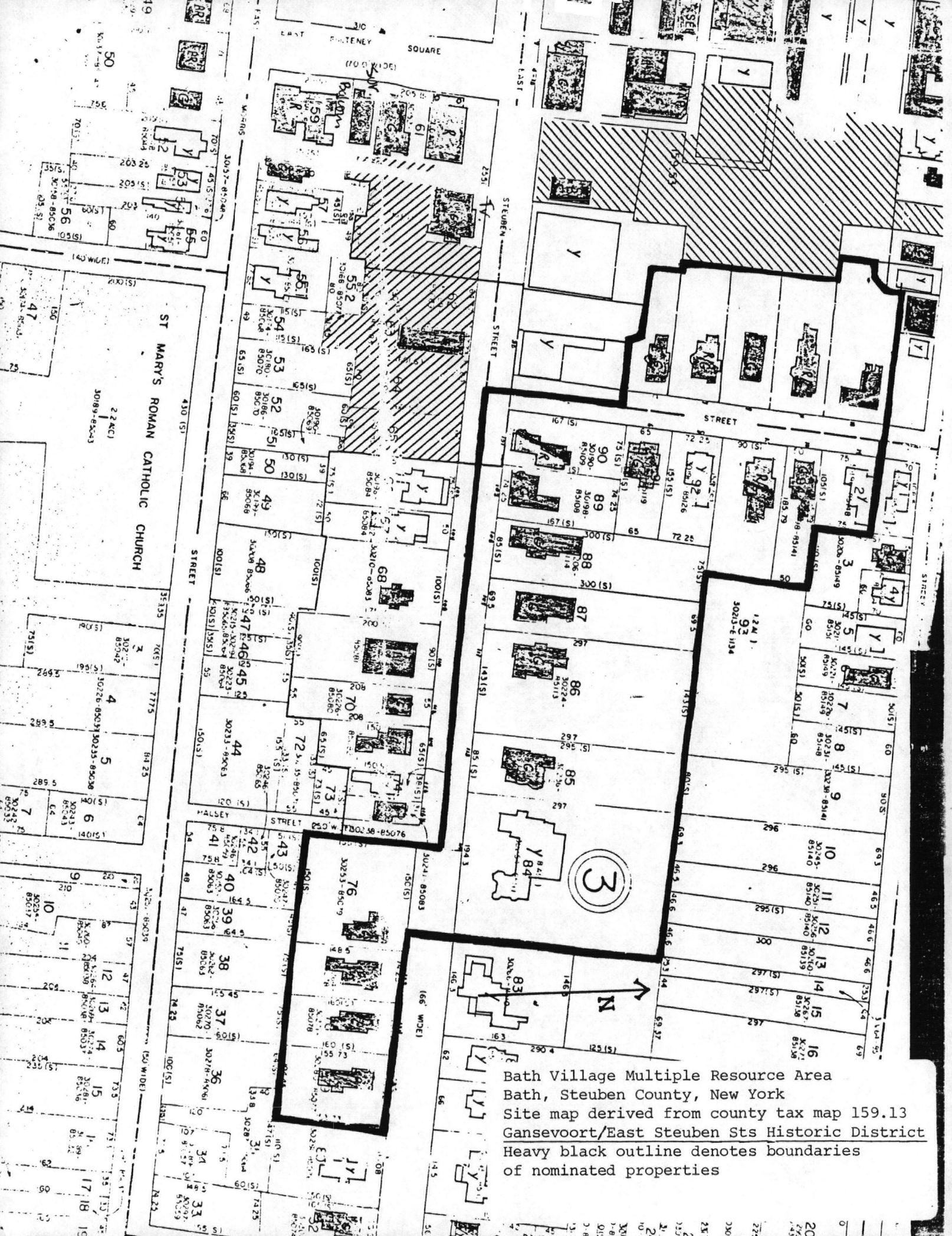
<u>Address</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Photo #</u>
113	c. 1850	Hess-DePeyster House; two-story frame residence, steeply pitched cross gable roof, bracketed cornice, projecting bay windows with bracketed cornices, miter-arched window in front gable end; one-story front entrance porch with hipped roof replaced original porch, later addition of one-story rear wing, modern siding.	
111	c. 1880s	Two-story, frame Queen Anne style residence, steeply pitched cross-gable roof, corbelled brick chimney, one-story porches encircle east and west corners, front facade features a projecting central pavilion with chamfered first-story corners.	
109	c. 1850	Two-story, three-bay frame residence, gable roof with prominent central front gable, wide bracketed frieze, paired two-over-two windows with miter-arched lintels, two-story projecting bay window, prominent corner pilasters; small central entrance porch with bracketed posts; later addition of small porte-cochere.	17
105	c. 1850	James F. Howell house; two-story, three-bay frame Italianate residence, low-pitched hipped roof with broadly projecting eaves supported by paired brackets, iron grills in frieze openings, six-over-six windows with miter-arched lintels, side entrance surrounded by sidelights, pilasters and transom light; later addition of one and one-half story east wing, one-story rear wing.	21, 17
103	c. 1840	C.H. Young house; two-story, three-bay Greek Revival style frame residence with one-story wing, six-over-six windows with simple wooden trim, gable roof with prominent returns; later addition of one-story front porch with bracketed cornice, square columns, two-story rear wing.	17
101	c. 1845	McMaster/Parkhurst house; two-story, three-bay Greek Revival brick residence on raised foundation, pedimented gable end is oriented towards street, featuring oculus window and dentils; wide frieze with dentils encircles structure, later addition of one-story front porch supported by fluted Doric columns, glass-enclosed entrance, projecting bay window on west elevation.	17

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GANSEVOORT STREET (east side)			
14	c. 1880	Two-story, five bay frame residence, gable roof with broadly projecting eaves, two-over-two windows with simple wooden trim; later addition of central entrance porch, modern siding, rebuilt chimneys, addition of one-story rear wing; dwelling may possibly date from c. 1820 but has been dramatically altered and no longer retains original integrity.	
12	c. 1890	Two-story Queen Anne style frame residence, truncated hipped roof, wooden ornamentation in apex of front and side cross gables, front verandah and side porches feature ornately turned spindles, posts and balusters, original window openings with simple wooden trim, modern sashes.	
10	c. 1833	Ten Eyck Gansevoort house; two-story, three-bay Greek Revival style frame residence, pedimented portico supported by fluted Doric columns, two-story recessed side wing with one-story front porch, side entrance surrounded by sidelights and transom light.	18
8	c. 1860s	Simmons house; two-story, three-bay frame residence, hipped roof with broadly projecting eaves, one-story front porch with turned posts and modern iron rail, modern siding.	
6	c. 1908	Shultz house; one-story frame residence, steeply pitched hipped roof, cornice with dentils, prominent dormers with hipped roofs, denticular cornices and triple windows separated by columns; porch with turned balustrade supported by Doric columns encircles southwest corner of structure.	

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GANSEVOORT STREET (west side)			
13	c. 1840- 1850	Lewis Biles house; two-story, three-bay frame Greek Revival style residence with one and one-half story wing, clapboard siding, pedimented gable end, wide frieze, two-over-two windows with simple wooden trim, entrance porch with hipped roof supported by square columns.	19
11	c. 1860s	Two-story frame Italianate residence, low-pitched hipped roof with prominent cupola, broadly overhanging eaves supported by brackets, wide frieze, clapboard siding, projecting two-story bay windows on east and south elevations with four-over-four sashes, one-story porch encircles southeast corner of dwelling; later addition of rear shed wing.	20
9	c. 1880s	Loomis house; two-story frame residence, cross-gable roof, clapboard siding, projecting front pavilion with projecting bay window; two-over-two upper-story windows with simple wooden trim; rebuilt entrance porch, altered doorway, one-story rear addition.	
7	c. 1880s	George Parker house; two-story frame Queen Anne style residence, hipped roof with prominent cross gables, corbelled brick chimneys, projecting bays and pavilions, elaborate entrance porches with spindle friezes and turned balustrades.	
5	c. 1880s	Moses Davison house; two-story frame Queen Anne style residence, hipped roof with prominent cross gables, corbelled brick chimney, scallop shingle in front cross gable, clapboard siding, slender corner pilasters, one-over-one windows with simple wooden trim, veranda with replaced railing spans front facade; later addition of one-story frame rear wing.	



Bath Village Multiple Resource Area  
 Bath, Steuben County, New York  
 Site map derived from county tax map 159.13  
 Gansevoort/East Steuben Sts Historic District  
 Heavy black outline denotes boundaries  
 of nominated properties

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National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

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Name Bath Village Multiple Resource Area  
State New York

Cover account 9/30/83

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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|-----|--|---|------------|--------------------------------|
| 1.  | Campbell-Rumsey House                                | Entered in the<br>National Register       | for Keeper | <u>Melrose Byers</u> 9/30/83   |
|     |  |   | Attest     | _____                          |
| 2.  | Cobbleston House                                     | Entered in the<br>National Register       | for Keeper | <u>Melrose Byers</u> 9/30/83   |
|     |  |   | Attest     | _____                          |
| 3.  | Davenport Library                                    | Entered in the<br>National Register       | for Keeper | <u>Melrose Byers</u> 9/30/83   |
|     |  |   | Attest     | _____                          |
| 4.  | Gansevoort/East Steuben Streets<br>Historic District | Entered in the<br>National Register       | for Keeper | <u>Melrose Byers</u> 9/30/83   |
|     |  |   | Attest     | _____                          |
| 5.  | Haverling Farm House                                 | Entered in the<br>National Register       | for Keeper | <u>Melrose Byers</u> 9/30/83   |
|     |  |   | Attest     | _____                          |
| 6.  | Liberty Street Historic District                     | Entered in the<br>National Register       | for Keeper | <u>Melrose Byers</u> 9/30/83   |
|     |  |   | Attest     | _____                          |
| 7.  | McMaster House                                       | Substantive Review                        | for Keeper | <u>Donna Ann Prigo</u> 9/30/83 |
|     |  |   | Attest     | _____                          |
| 8.  | Perine, H. W., House                                 | Substantive Review Determined<br>Eligible | for Keeper | <u>Donna Ann Prigo</u> 9/30/83 |
|     |  | DOE/OWNER OBJECTION                       | Attest     | _____                          |
| 9.  | Potter-Van Camp House                                | Entered in the<br>National Register       | for Keeper | <u>Melrose Byers</u> 9/30/83   |
|     |  |   | Attest     | _____                          |
| 10. | Robie, Reuben, House                                 | Entered in the<br>National Register       | for Keeper | <u>Melrose Byers</u> 9/30/83   |
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Gansevoort/East Steuben Streets Historic  
District (Bath Village MRA)  
Steuben County  
NEW YORK

Working No. AUG 25 1983  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-7-84  
Date Due: 9/24/83 - 10/9/83  
Action:  ACCEPT 9/30/83  
 RETURN  
 REJECT  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Entered in the \_\_\_\_\_  
National Register \_\_\_\_\_

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 Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use

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	
	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	
	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	

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

State Historic Preservation Officer  
 (A.R.M. Village M.A.)  
 Stephen County  
 NEW YORK

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_  
 Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_  
 UTM 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: \_\_\_\_\_



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Area, Bath, Steuben County, NY

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E. Steuben/Gansevoort Sts H.D.

Ten Eyck Gansevoort House

10 Gansevoort St.

**Photo # 18**



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Lewis Biles House

13 Gansevoort St.

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11 Gansevoort St.

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James F. Howell House  
105 E. Steuben St.  
Photo # 21

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E. Steuben/Gansevoort Sts H.D.

W.P. Sedgwick House

126 E. Steuben St. 22

Photo # 22



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E. Steuben/Gansevoort Sts. Hist-  
oric District; E. Steuben St, 17  
north side looking east

Photo # 17

Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

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