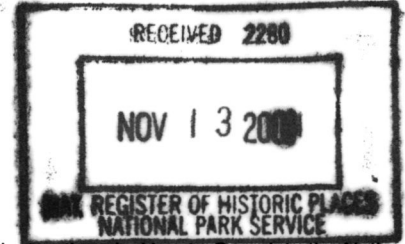


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Mrs. Osburn House

other name/site number n/a

2. Location

street & town 7872 NYS Route 81 not for publication

city or town Durham vicinity

state New York code NY county Greene code 039 zip code 12460

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Remondelle Carter, SHPO 10/15/01

Signature of certifying official/Title _____ Date _____
Commissioner, NY State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation
New York State Historic Preservation Officer

State of Federal agency and bureau _____

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title _____ Date _____

State or Federal agency and bureau _____

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:) _____

for
Signature of the Keeper _____ Date of Action _____
Edson H. Beall

Mrs. Osburn House
Name of Property

Greene, New York
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(check as many boxes as apply)

Category of Property
(check only one box)

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

- public-local
- private
- public-State
- public-Federal

- district
- building(s)
- site
- structure
- object

Contributing	Noncontributing	
002		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
002	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

n/a

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

n/a

6. Function or Use

Historic Function
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

INDUSTRY/PROCESSING/EXTRACTION/Manufacturing facility

Current Function
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

MID-19TH CENTURY/Greek Revival

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone

walls Wood

roof Asphalt Shingle

other _____

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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The Osburn House is situated on the east side of New York State Route 81 in the hamlet of Oak Hill, Greene County, New York. The building is situated on the north bank of the Squirmer Valley Creek, which crosses under Route 81 to enter the Catskill Creek. The building is set within a mix of nineteenth century residential and commercial buildings. This area has been identified as a potential historic district within the town of Durham.

The boundary for the nomination corresponds with the present legal description for the property. The nominated property includes less than one acre of land historically associated with the property.

Contributing buildings: 2

Non-contributing features: 0

The Osburn House (ca.1850) is a five by three-bay timber frame building. The house is sheathed with clapboards and is covered by a low-pitched hipped roof. The roofline is enlivened by a simple wide frieze and boxed eaves. Fenestration is largely symmetrical containing six-over-six light sash. The basement level of the building is fully exposed on the east, north and south elevation. The south elevation of the house rests directly on the stone banks of creek.

The south façade of the house is dominated by a three-story porch, which spans the facade's central three bays. It shelters a central entrance on each of the three stories. The at-grade entrance or principal entry is recessed and composed of a simple wood and glazed paneled door.

The east and west gable elevations of the house are largely identical with pairs of windows at the first, second and attic floors of the house. On the east elevation three windows overlooking the creek mark the basement level. The rear (north elevation) is dominated by a two-story wing, which appears to be original to the house.

On the interior the house is laid out in a traditional center hall single pile-plan. The house has undergone a number of stylistic changes over its 150 years of occupation. Finishes and moldings appear to date from a number of nineteenth century periods reflecting the ongoing changes to the building by its occupants.

Located behind the house, along the creek, is a mid-nineteenth century storage barn. The heavy timber frame barn, like the house retains a high degree of architectural integrity.

Mrs. Osburn House
Name of Property

Greene, New York
County and State

8. Description

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Areas of Significance

(enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Industry

Period of Significance

ca.1850

Significant Dates

ca.1850

Significant Persons

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

n/a

Cultural Affiliation

n/a

Architect/Builder

n/a

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other Name of repository: _____

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The Osburn House is architecturally significant as an intact example of large-scale, mid-nineteenth century residential/industrial architecture in the hamlet of Oak Hill, Greene County. Constructed ca.1850 the building served as both a manufacturing site on the Squimer Creek and a residence. As such, the building is a unique architectural hybrid in the community. Furthermore, the building is the last intact industrial building associated with this once burgeoning manufacturing center. As such, the Osburn house is a rare surviving link back to the hamlet's industrial development period.

The town of Durham was settled over a very short period of time. In a matter of thirty years the town grew from a largely uninhabited district in the town of Coxsackie to an independent township in Greene County. In 1790 the town's population was set at 1,822. By 1810 the town had population had grown to of 2,944. In 1805 the name Durham was adopted by the inhabitants reflecting the population's strong Connecticut roots. Throughout its development the area of Oak Hill has always served as a commercial center. Beginning in the early nineteenth century Oak Hill was growing into a vigorous industrial hamlet. Although the area had served as a regional milling center during the latter years of the eighteenth century, during the 1820s and 30s a shift in the community's industrial economy occurred. During this period a number of the old saw and grist mills were converted into use for heavier industry including woolen mills and iron foundries. It would be the introduction of malleable iron works into the community that would sustain its economy for nearly a century. The iron industry would drive the development of the hamlet throughout the nineteenth century. During this period several iron manufactories were established. Mr. Kimball opened the first of these factories in 1833. Known as the "lower foundry" it rolled out iron into plates. The second opened in soon after Kimble's and was known as the S.B. Smith Iron Works & Co Mal. In 1844 Sheldon Cherritree purchased the local plow works and established the Cherritree & Pierce Iron Foundry. Along with the material manufacturing aspect of the hamlet's development cam a number of smaller associated industries. These included blacksmiths, tin works, a weigh & scale manufacturer and several smaller manufacturing concerns. By 1857 the hamlet boasted two hotels, five stores, two churches, a school and 57 dwellings.

The Osburn house was constructed adjoining the S. B. Smith Iron Works & Co Mal, which was built ca.1830 (based on an 1857 map) straddling the Squimer Creek. East of the foundry was the Paddock store and on the other side of the highway was the Cherritree-Pierce Foundry. This complex of buildings formed the industrial nucleus of the hamlet of Oak Hill. The Smith foundry does not appear on an 1867 map of the hamlet. In 1865 the Cherritree & Pierce Foundry would burn and be rebuilt on a site south of the original foundry. By 1867 the Paddock store had evolved into the Cascade Lodge building. The lodge building and the Cherritree & Pierce Foundry are no longer extant. As a result, the Osburn house is the last surviving remnant of this early manufacturing core of Oak Hill. Although little is known about what may have been produced here, it is clear that with its creek side location, heavy timber framing and mill-like form that any number of small manufacturing operations could have been centered here. In 1867 a list of products manufactured at Oak Hill included such items as, latches, lock hasp, wiffletree hooks, toy horses, match safes, boot jacks, foot scrapers, and numerous other small utilitarian items.

As constructed, the Osburn house is an intact local example of mid-nineteenth century residential/industrial architecture. The architecture and ornamentation of the house is austere, reflecting its utilitarian beginnings. The floor plan for the upper residential portion of the building remains largely intact

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reflecting a center hall single pile plan. Finishes throughout the building reflect Greek Revival influences and survive with a high degree of integrity. The Osburn House retains high degree architectural integrity and stands as an important reminder of the commercial/industrial history of this community.

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Mrs. Osburn House
Name of Property

Greene, New York
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of Property Less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone Easting Northing

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title John A. Bonafide, Historic preservation Program Analyst

organization NYSOPRHP date June, 2001

street & number PO Box 189 telephone (518) 237-8643

city or town Waterford state NY zip code 12188-0189

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and **white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name/title Queen Family Trust

street & number Route 81 telephone _____

city or town Oak Hill state NY zip code 12460

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10. Geographical Data

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary for the nominated property is shown as the heavy black outline on the accompanying map entitled "Osburn House, Durham, Greene County, New York."

Boundary Justification

The boundary for the nomination has been drawn to include the current legal lot associated with the property.

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Osburn House

Durham, Greene County

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Neg. at: NYSOPRHP

Waterford, NY

Photograph

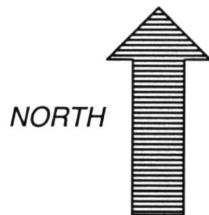
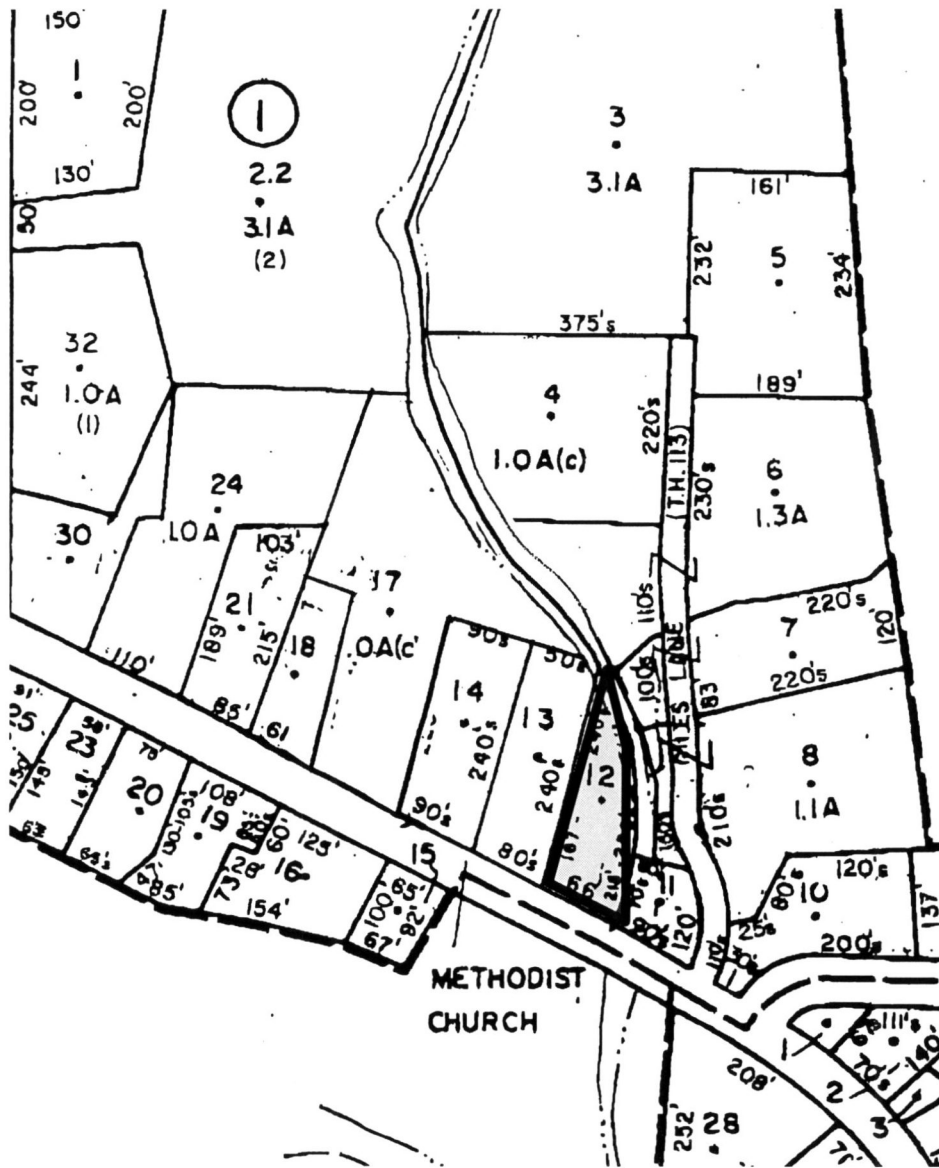
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3. North elevation
4. South elevation
5. East elevation showing stone retaining walls
6. East elevation
7. Interior detail
8. Interior detail
9. Barn



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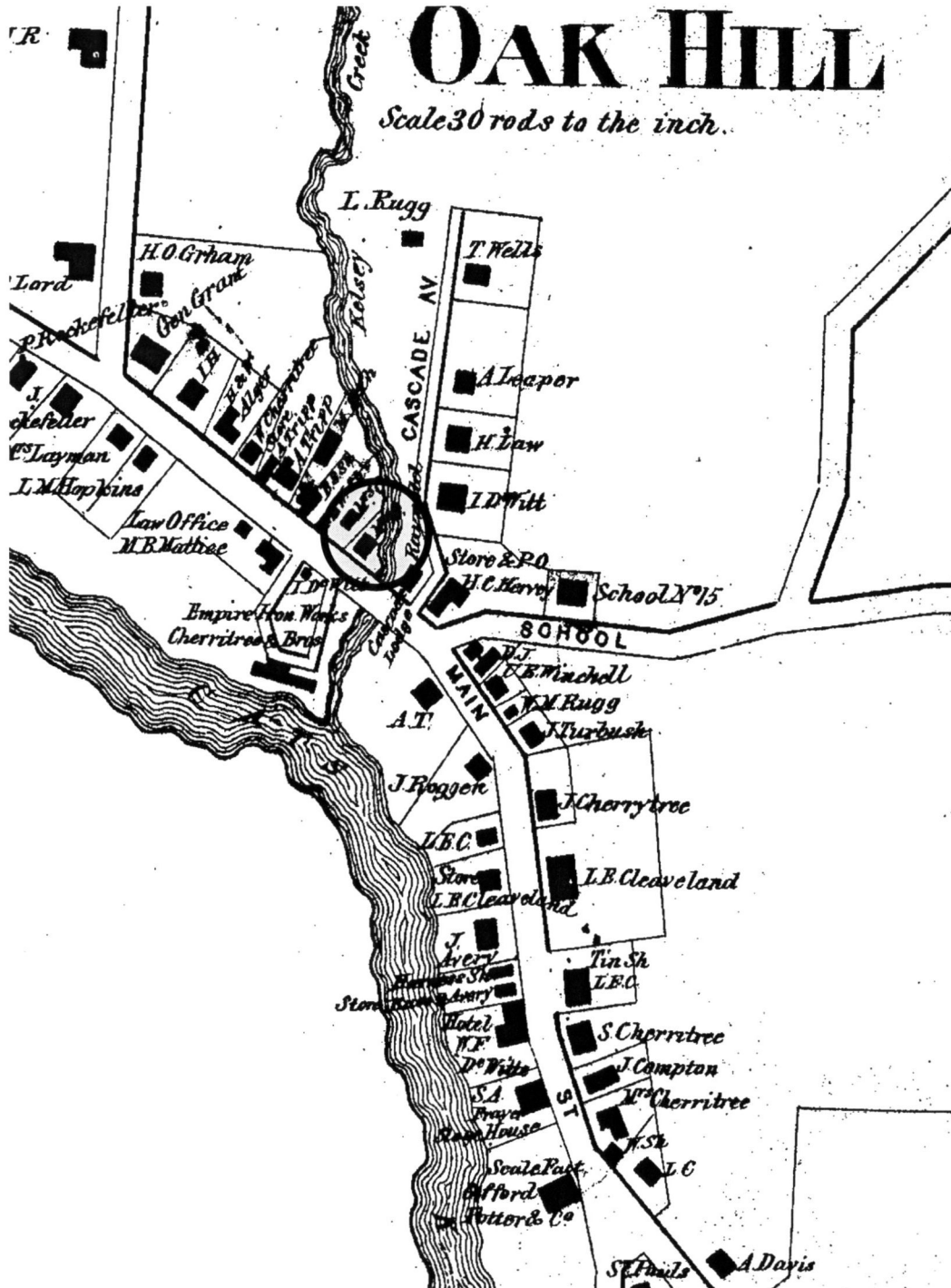
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Historic Map

Combination Atlas Map of Greene County.
Philadelphia: Everts, Ensign & Everts, 1876



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Osburn, Mrs., House
NAME:

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: NEW YORK, Greene

DATE RECEIVED: 11/13/01 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 12/07/01
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 12/23/01 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 12/29/01
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 01001390

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 12/28/01 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

**Entered in the
National Register**

RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N



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Durham, Greene Co.

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Osburn House
Durham, Greene Co.

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Osburn House
Durham, Greene Co.

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Durham, Greene Co.
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Durham, Greene Co.

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Durham, Greene Co.

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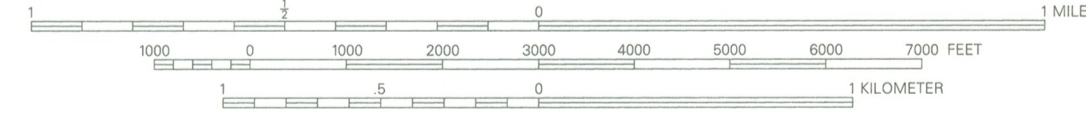
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QUADRANGLE LOCATION

SCALE 1:24 000



Transverse Mercator projection, 1927 North American Datum
To place on the 1983 North American Datum, move the projection lines 9 meters south and 34 meters west as shown by dashed corner ticks.

1000-meter ticks based on the New York Transverse Mercator projection grid. Between 72° and 75° West Longitude, this projection grid is identical to Zone 18 of the Universal Transverse Mercator projection grid. Areas east of 72° and west of 75° are direct mathematical extensions of Zone 18. The scale of this map has been adjusted by its projection scale factor in order to maintain true 1:24,000 scale. The Transverse Mercator projection scale factor at this quadrangle location is 0.9997.
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Control and spot elevations shown to the nearest foot.

Contours, at 20-foot intervals, shown unrevisioned from 1945 U.S. Geological Survey map. Datum is mean sea level.

BOUNDARIES:

State	-----
County	-----
Town or City	-----
Incorporated Village	-----
State / Federal Land	-----

ROADS:

Posted Touring Route:	-----	Divided:	-----
Interstate	(I-19)	Wide mail	=====
U.S.	(26)	Narrow mail or barrier	=====
State	(14)		
County	(14)	Undivided:	-----
State Highway (SH) number and limit	(8020)	4 or more lanes	=====
County road	(2)	Less than 4 lanes	=====
Interchange number	(I)	Vehicle track; trail	-----