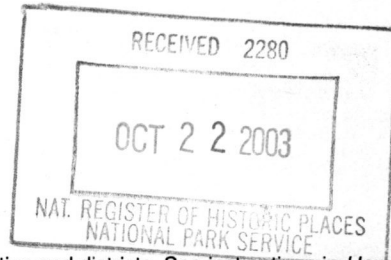


United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service



National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

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 Bennett Hill Farm

other name/site number n/a

2. Location

street & town Bennett Hill Road at Rowe Road  not for publication

city or town New Scotland  vicinity

state New York code NY county Albany code 001 zip code 12

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.)

[Signature] [Signature] 10/03/03  
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:)

[Signature] 12/5/03  
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action  
**Edson H. Beall**

Bennett Hill Farm  
Name of Property

Albany, New York  
County and State

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(check as many boxes as apply)

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

**Category of Property**  
(check only one box)

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

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

Contributing	Noncontributing	
7	1	buildings
1		sites
		structures
		objects
8	1	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  
Agriculture/Storage

**Current Function**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single Dwelling  
Agricultural/Storage

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

MID-19<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY/Greek Revival

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone  
walls Wood  
roof Asphalt Shingles  
other

**Narrative Description**

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

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Bennett Farm Complex is located on both sides of Bennett Hill Road at the intersection of Rowes Hill Road in the hamlet of Clarksville, Town of New Scotland, Albany County, New York. Open rolling farmland and wood lots bound the nominated property on all sides. The complex of buildings is grouped together and set close to the road, which bisects the nominated acreage.

The nominated farm complex includes the farmhouse (1821 & ca.1834, contributing building), main barn (1797), animal barn (ca.1900), wagon shed (ca.1900), shop ((modern non-contributing), fruit barn (ca.1900), smokehouse (ca.1810) and the tenant house (ca.1890). The 30 acres historically associated with the farm is also been classified as a contributing feature of the nomination.

**Farm House (1821 & ca.1834)**

The Bennett farmhouse is at least the second home to be constructed on the farm.<sup>1</sup> The contributing house consists of two distinctive building periods. The original block of the house is a three by two-bay two and one half-story dwelling that dates from the 1821 when William and Elizabeth Chapman acquired the farm. The house is constructed of coursed limestone blocks. This portion of the house is covered by a steeply pitched gable roof. Window and door openings in this portion of the house are original, however the sash and the original entry have been replaced.

In the 1830s Rushmore and Emily Bennett acquired the property. At this time a large Greek Revival style, two and one-half story, three by two-bay wood frame addition was added to the west side of the home. The large expansion features eyebrow windows along the eave line and a finely crafted Greek Revival era entrance. The entry is recessed and composed of a two panel wood door flanked by sidelights. The recess is framed by a simple shouldered architrave.

A second two-story frame addition with later additions was extended from the north side of the original block during this same construction era. This wing lacks the architectural detail of the first.

On the interior the house has undergone changes with each successive generation of the Bennett family. Generally, much of the floor plan, window and door trims, doors, stair and plaster wall finishes survive.

**The Main Barn (ca.1797)**

The main barn is a massive German style barn. The building is constructed of massive timbers mortised together to form classic "H" bents most notably associated with the region's traditional Dutch barns. However, the barn's two-story form set it apart from most of the surviving examples of eighteenth-century Germanic barn architecture. According to the regionally noted timber framing expert, Richard Babcock:

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<sup>1</sup> The earlier dwelling was located on the south side of Bennett Hill Road close to the main barn and would most likely have been erected by Jonas T. Bush in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century.

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As one would have entered this unique barn through the wooden-hinged folding doors, from the south onto the thrashing floor, a pair of horses were stabled to the right and a couple of milk cows to the left. These animals were for the use of the farm only.

The structure was designed to dry thrash wheat. The wheat was piled high above the large anchor beams over the thrashing floor. The central part of the barn consists of sets of timbers designed to be the heart of the barn with wing walls on the east and west. At a somewhat later date the entrance to the barn was changed. This was no doubt after the Revolution when dairy farming replaced wheat growing. At this point the barn thus became a storage place for hay in greater abundance and more cow stalls were added below.

**Animal Barn (ca.1900)**

The horse barn is an elongated single story frame structure that is grafted on to the south side of the main barn. The building envelops much of the south side of the main barn and is extended significantly eastward beyond the east façade of the main barn.

**Wagon Shed (ca.1900)**

The wagon shed is situated directly east of the animal barn. The building is a single story frame structure with two open wagon bays on the east-side. The shed, animal barn and main barn are linked together forming a small farmyard that now serves a small flock of sheep.

**Shop**

A modern (non-contributing) frame shop is situated west of the main barn.

**Fruit Barn (ca.1900)**

This building is a large multi-use frame bank-style agricultural building located just west of the main barn. The building was constructed to serve several functions on the farm during the early years of the twentieth century. The basement level of the elongated structure is designed for the storage of fruit. Three large concrete lined storage rooms were built into the barn for the cool dry storage of apples and pears. The sizes of these rooms provide clear evidence of the magnitude of the farm's fruit production during this era. The second level of the building, which is at grade on the south side of the barn, was designed for carriage/wagon storage. Four sets of paired carriage house doors provide access to the large open floor. The attic of the building appears to have served as storage and a shop.

**Smoke House (ca.1810)**

A single story rubble stone building adjacent to the farmhouse. The smokehouse was used during much of the farm's history to cure meats.

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**Tenant House (ca.1890)**

A one and one-half story frame building, which was constructed to incorporate the smokehouse into its plan. The tenant house served as a place for farm hands to live. It was also a place for guests during the peak of the farm's boarding house era.

**Farm Setting**

The 30 acres associated with the Bennett farm today retains a high degree of integrity from the farm's historic period. The acreage east of the road is open and drops off to the east. This land remains open and still in agricultural use. The land west of the road rises and is largely tree lot. Collectively this acreage provides an intact setting for this important farmstead and is a contributing component.

**8. Significance**

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

Agriculture \_\_\_\_\_

Entertainment/Recreation \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Period of Significance**

ca.1797- 1946 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Dates**

ca.1797, 1821 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Persons**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

n/a \_\_\_\_\_

**Cultural Affiliation**

n/a \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Architect/Builder**

n/a \_\_\_\_\_

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**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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Bennett Farm Complex is an outstanding collection of farm architecture in the town of New Scotland, Albany County. It is architecturally significant as a largely intact example of a late-eighteenth early-nineteenth century tenant farmstead that developed with the expansion of mix agricultural economy and which has retained its original buildings and agricultural setting. Of particular interest is the farm's Germanic barn. Established just after the American Revolution, the farm descended through the Bennett family virtually intact for more than a century.

An intact collection of six contributing agricultural-related buildings in addition to the enhance the significance of the Bennett farm as an excellent example of an early Van Rensselaer tenant farm, which prospered, adding some buildings while adapting others to the ever changing needs of the regional agri-economy. The Germanic barn, smokehouse, animal barn, shed, fruit barn and tenant house all relate directly to the evolution of this working farmstead over 169 years of continuous operation. Collectively, the components of the Bennett Farm provide an important resource for the study of agricultural practices and rural life in New Scotland and the Capital District region of New York.

Stephan Van Rensselaer III (1764-1839), the sixth lord of the manor of Rensselaerwyck, presided over a domain of approximately 3000 tenants and 436,000 acres in Albany and Rensselaer counties. To attract tenants to his vast holdings, Van Rensselaer had offered patriots of the American Revolution homesteads without cost for a seven-year period, after which the landlord subjected his tenants to a "durable lease." Alexander Hamilton, Van Rensselaer's brother-in-law, designed a lease that bound the new tenants permanently to the estate. According to historian Henry Christman, "Van Rensselaer adroitly sidestepped the issue of feudalism, which had been outlawed in New York State in 1872 by the abolition of entail and primogeniture." Van Rensselaer 'sold' the farmer and his heirs and assigns forever, on the following conditions:

As 'purchase' price for the title to and use of his soil, the tenant was to pay ten to fourteen bushels of winter wheat annually, and four fat fowls; and he was to give one day's service each year with team and wagon. He was to pay all taxes, and was to use the land for agricultural services only. The patroon specifically reserved for himself all wood, mineral, and water rights, and the rights of re-entry to exploit these resources. The tenant could not sell the property, but only his contract of incomplete sale, with its terms unaltered. A 'quarter sale' clause restricted him still further: if he wished to sell, the landlord had the option of collecting one-fourth of the sale price or recovering full title to the property at three quarters of the market price.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Henry Christman, *Tin Horns and Calico* (Cornwallville: Hope Farm Press, 1975), p. 6.

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Under Stephen Van Rensselaer III, farms in Rensselaer Manor grew in number until, at his death in 1839, there were over 3000. After 1846 the Van Rensselaer family sold many of their holdings to Walter Church, a real estate investor, who, in turn, sold most of the farms to the tenants occupying them. Tenants bought most of the farms between 1850 and 1880; however, some farmers continued to lease. Some farmers were still paying rent in the 1930s.<sup>3</sup>

On July 17, 1797 Jonas T. Bush (records also refer to him as Jonas TerBush) leased the nominated property from Stephen Van Rensselaer. These leases were generally were granted for twenty years. It is during this period that the original frame house (no longer extent) and the large barn were constructed on the property. In the 1820s, presumably at the end of the Bush lease, the property is taken over by William Chapman and his wife, Elizabeth. Chapman had the new stone farmhouse constructed on the property in 1821. A date stone on the rear elevation of the house is inscribed "WCH 1821." The initials are those of the builder of the house, William C. Hewett.

In 1834 Rushmore Bennett acquired the farm. He was the son of Daniel Bennett (b.1777-d.1813), who immigrated from Falfield, Gloucestershire, England in 1802. Bennett arrived in New York and sailed up the Hudson to Albany. He then traveled westward seeking work. He arrived in New Scotland and was employed as a farm laborer by Titus Rushmore. Daniel would marry Rushmore's daughter, Abigail (b.1782-d.1848) in 1804. Daniel purchased a farm adjoining the Rushmore farm to the south. Together Daniel and Abigail had four children, Ann (b.1806-d.1847), William (b.1807-d.1876), Rushmore (1809-d.1875), and Thomas (b.1812-d.1868).

Rushmore married Emily Whitcomb. Together they raised three children, Erasmus<sup>4</sup>, Mary, and Elizabeth. In 1834 Bennett purchased the large farm on the north side of Bennett Hill from William Chapman. Bennett quickly expanded the operation of the farm. He constructed a gristmill on the Onesquethaw Creek, where it passes through the property and expanded the stone farmhouse with frame additions. Cash crops on the farm during this period included sheep (wool and meat), apples, pears, oats, and potatoes. By the close of the nineteenth century the farm had also begun its transformation into a seasonal inn.

In 1909 the property passed to Rushmore's daughter, Elizabeth H. Bennett. Elizabeth married Wilhelmus Rowe. The couple continued the extensive farming operation on the property and added a large fruit barn and storehouse. They continued and expanded the operation of what became known as "Bennett House." Clients staying at Bennett House would arrive via the West Shore Railroad disembarking at the Ravena or Altamont stations. There they would be met by one of the farm's carriages and driven to the hostelry.

In 1927 the farm passed to Anson H. Rowe and his wife, Ida. Anson was the first in the

<sup>3</sup>Floyd I. Brewer, ed., *Bethlehem Revisited* (Bethlehem Bicentennial Commission, 1993), p. 76.

<sup>4</sup>Erasmus Bennett established himself as an importer of Breeding horses. He settled in Topeka, Kansas where he established a palatial home and stables. This property was acquired by the State of Kansas in the late 1890s for use as their Executive Mansion. It served in this capacity until the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century

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family line to farm the land on a part time basis. Anson was educated at Cornell where he studied agriculture. Rowe was employed by the State of New York. However, he also continued to operate the large apple and pear orchards and maintain several large flocks of sheep. In 1946, upon his retirement from the state, Rowe sold the farm to Ralph and Edna Schultz. This transaction ended the Bennett family's 133-year occupation of the farm. The property sold again in 1978 and was acquired by the present owners in 1981. As part of this sale the farm lot was reduced to the nominated thirty-acre parcel, with much of the remaining acreage being donated to the Albany Land Conservancy. During the current ownership the buildings have been carefully restored and renovated.

The Bennett farm, with its intact farmhouse, agricultural outbuildings, cemetery and acreage retains a high degree of integrity of setting, location, feeling, association, design, materials and craftsmanship and survives as an important local reminder of the development and evolution of the town of New Scotland.

Bennett Hill Farm  
Name of Property

Albany, New York  
County and State

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 30 Acres

### UTM References

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

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Zone Easting Northing

3 18 585380 4713230

Zone Easting Northing

5 18 585910 4713590

Zone Easting Northing

2 18 585400 4713310

Zone Easting Northing

4 18 585940 4713400

Zone Easting Northing

6 18 585960 4713670

Zone Easting Northing

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 Information Systems Manager

organization NYSOPRHP date April, 2003

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 Mr. & Mrs. Saidel

street & number Bennet Hill Road telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city or town New Scotland state NY zip code 12067

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**Verbal Boundary Description**

The boundary for the nominated property is shown as the heavy black outline on the accompanying map entitled Bennett Hill Farm Complex, New Scotland, Albany County, New York.

**Boundary Justification**

The boundary for the nomination has been drawn to coincide with the current legal lots associated with the farm complex.

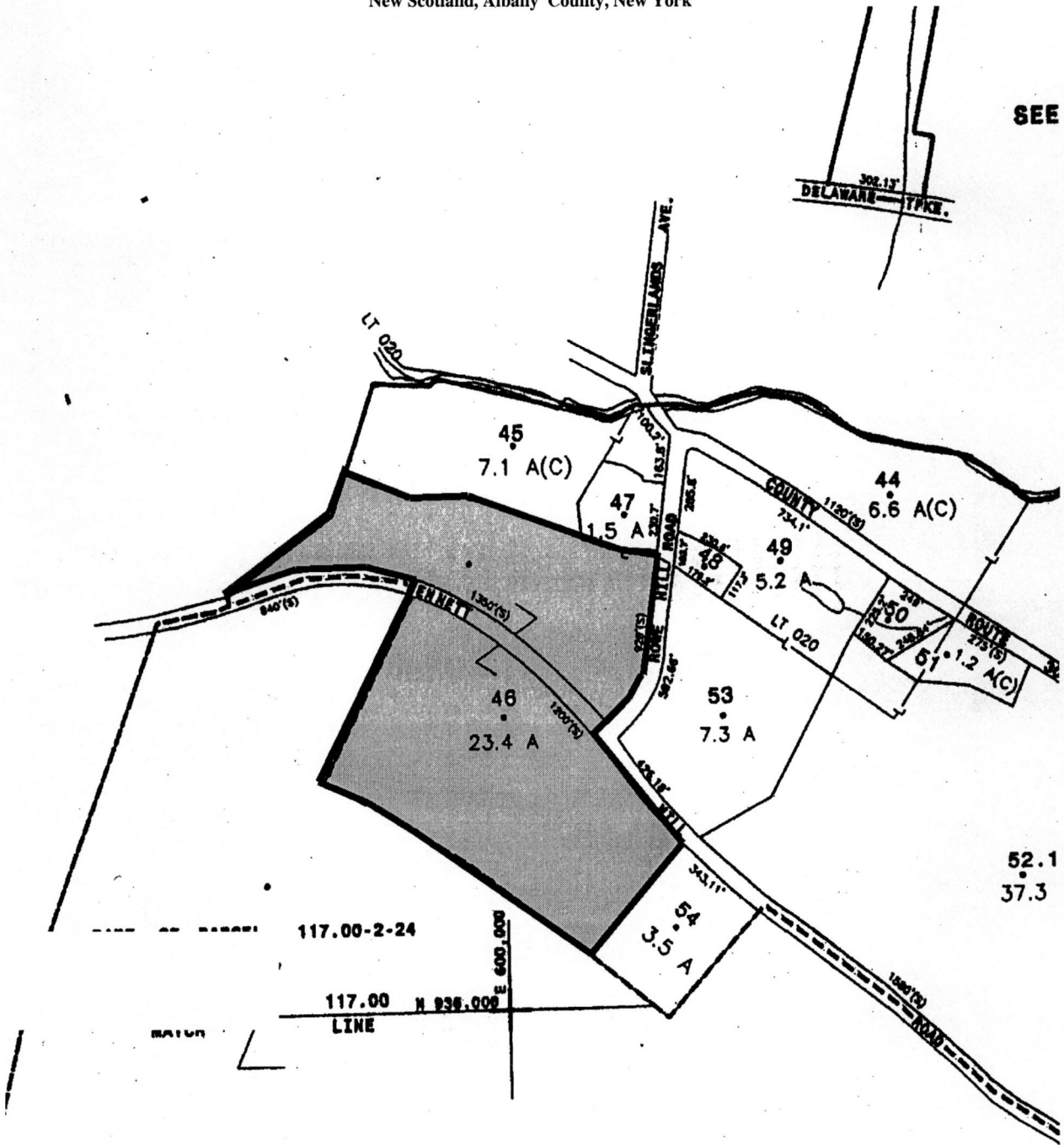
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
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**Bennett Hill Farm Complex**

New Scotland, Albany County, New York



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photo key 

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**Bennett Hill Farm Complex**

New Scotland, Albany County

Photo by: John A. Bonafide, 2003

NYS OPRHP, Waterford, NY

Neg. at: NYS OPRHP, Waterford, NY

**Photographs**

1. Farmhouse (1834 frame wing, 1821 stone house)
2. Interior (front hall)
3. Interior (front hall)
4. Fruit Barn, Work Shop (at right n/c modern)
5. Main (Germanic) Barn with animal barn expansion (on left)
6. Barn interior (grade level)
7. View (west) down Bennett Hill Road

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Bennett Hill Farm

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: NEW YORK, Albany

DATE RECEIVED: 10/22/03      DATE OF PENDING LIST: 11/19/03  
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DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

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REQUEST: N    SAMPLE: N    SLR DRAFT: N    NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT     RETURN     REJECT    12/5/03 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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NEW SCOTLAND ALBANY CO.

Photo 1





BENNETT HILL FARM  
NEW SCOTLAND. ALBANY Co.  
Phot 2



BENNETT HILL FARM  
NEW SCOTLAND, ALBANY CO.  
Photo 3



BENNETT HILL FARM  
NEW SCOTLAND, ALBANY CO.  
Photo 4

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BENNETT HILL FARM  
NEW SCOTLAND, ALBANY CO.

Photo 5

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BENNETT HILL FARM

NEW SCOTLAND, ALBANY Co.

Photo 6

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BENNETT HILL FARM  
NEW SCOTLAND, ALBANY CO.  
Photo 7





**BENNETT HILL FARM**  
NEW SCOTLAND, ALBANY CO.  
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ZONE 18  
SCALE 1:24,000

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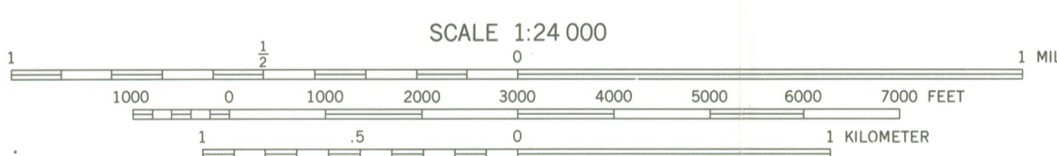
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**ROAD CLASSIFICATION**

Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
U. S. Route	State Route

CLARKSVILLE, N. Y.  
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N 4230-W 7352.5/7.5

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Peter M. Suidel  
98 Bennett Hill Rd.  
Feura Bush, NY 12067-2302

January 1, 2003

Mr. John Bonafide  
Office Parks + Rec.  
MGR. Historic Preservation  
Waterford, N.Y. 12188-0189

Dear John,

I have been meaning to thank you for reviewing Bennett Hill Farm along with my good friend Daniel Mackay who has been preparing the documents — now with your kind assistance.

Since I spend several months in Florida (leaving January 6) I am requesting that things be moved along in plenty of time to meet the March deadline — we've waited for more than 2 years! If there's anything we can do to further the process along, just let us know. Our phone # is:

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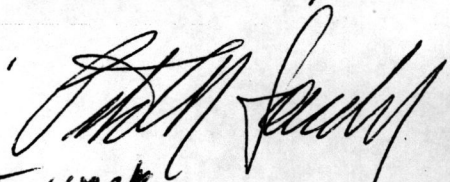
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Both my wife and I look forward to many healthy and happy years here at Bennett Hill Farm.

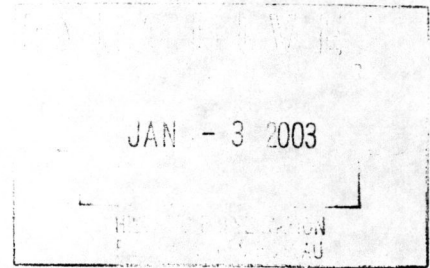
Thank you for your assistance and support.

Sincerely,



I'm always in town the last week of each month to serve a 6 yr appointment as overseer on the Committee on Professional Standards 3rd Judicial District.

Peter Saidel  
Bennett Hill Farm  
98 Bennett Hill Road  
Feura Bush, New York, 12067



John Bonafide  
NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation  
State Historic Preservation Office  
Peebles Island - Box 497  
Waterford, New York 12188-0189

January 1, 2003

Dear Mr. Bonafide:

This letter is to formally indicate my intention to seek nomination of Bennett Hill Farm to the National Register of Historic Places. My seventy acre farm property, located at the intersection of Rowes Hill and Bennett Hill Roads in the Town of New Scotland, Albany County, remains in active use and includes barns, outbuildings, and farmhouse that date to the late 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Daniel Mackay, a former resident on the property and professional in the field of historic preservation, has prepared a preliminary nomination for the property. Please review and augment his materials as you feel is necessary. It is my hope that a nomination will be complete in time for review by the State Advisory Board at its March meeting.

I authorize Daniel to serve as my point of contact regarding finalization of the nomination material as I will frequently be away from home in the next several months. If necessary, please contact Daniel care of his business address:

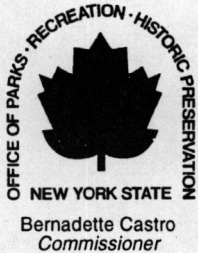
Daniel Mackay  
Preservation League of New York State  
44 Central Avenue  
Albany, New York 12206  
(518) 462-5658 x18  
(518) 462-5684 (fax)

My thanks for your December visit to Bennett Hill Farm and your interest in supporting a National Register nomination for this property.

Sincerely,

Peter Saidel  
Bennett Hill Farm

Cc: Daniel Mackay



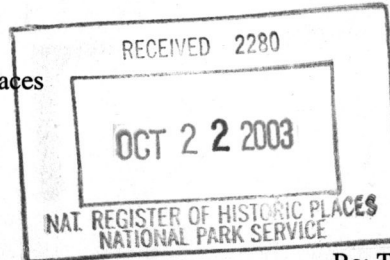
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518-237-8643

Bernadette Castro  
Commissioner

October 20, 2003

Ms. Alexis Abernathy  
National Park Service  
National Register of Historic Places  
1201 Eye St. NW  
8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Washington, D.C. 20005



Re: Transmittal of National Register  
Nomination

Dear Ms. Abernathy:

I am pleased to transmit one new National Register nomination to be considered for listing by the Keeper of the National Register as follows:

Bennett Hill Farm, New Scotland, Albany Co., NY

Thank you for your assistance in processing this proposal. Please feel free to call on me at 518-237-8643 ext. 3258 if any questions arise.

Sincerely,

Mark L. Peckham  
National Register  
Program Coordinator

enclosure