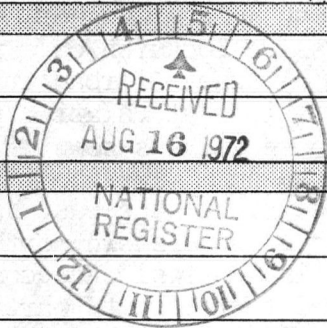


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1. NAME

COMMON:
Wagner, Webster, House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
East Grand Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Palatine Bridge

STATE: New York CODE: 36 COUNTY: Montgomery CODE: 057

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ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC: Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted, <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted, <input type="checkbox"/> No			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Jason B. Coppernoll

STREET AND NUMBER:
East Grand Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Palatine Bridge

STATE:
New York

CODE:
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Montgomery County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Fonda

STATE:
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
New York State Historic Trust State-wide Survey of Historic Sites and Buildings

DATE OF SURVEY:
Nov. 1967 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
New York State Historic Trust

STREET AND NUMBER:
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Webster Wagner House is an imposing dwelling built in 1876 in an impressive location on a ridge overlooking the old Mohawk Turnpike (N.Y.S. Route 5), the railroad tracks of the New York Central, and the canalized Mohawk River at Palatine Bridge. Across the river is the village of Canajoharie. The house retains some of its original terraced yard with shrubs, trees, and stone vases. Flanking the main entrance are weathered stone lions. Most of the yard to the east has been lost and a recent dwelling has replaced the carriage house shown northeast of the house in the 1878 print. West of the house is a residence contemporary with it. Another Victorian house across Route 5 to the south partially blocked the view of the Wagner house but this building has been torn down.

The huge frame house with horizontal siding is typical of the gradiose houses of the 1870's. It has a full basement, a two and one half story main block, a two story rear service wing to which is attached a one story service wing. There is rich diversity and inventiveness of design as the rectangular mass of the main block is broken by a three story entrance tower at the southeast corner, an overhanging dormer with bracing in the gable on the main (south) facade, two and one half story polygonal bays on the west and east sides, a one story veranda across the front (south) and across the east side to the bay, and a two story piazza along the east side north of the bay. The roofline varies as the main block has a sculptural mansard roof broken by chimneys, dormers of various sizes, the tower, the roofs of the bays and the rear wings' have gable roofs. Originally, the roof was terminated by iron cresting which has disappeared. A play between voids and solids is created by the openness of the deep piazza on the first floor and the mass of the entrance tower and main block. Exterior details are heavy and bold and particularly interesting are the various arches on the tower.

The interior shows the freedom of planning usual in grand houses of the 1870's. The narrow entrance hall to the east opens into two large linked parlors on the west. North of the parlors is the dining room with a polygonal bay and across the hall from it is a library with polygonal bay. These rooms have elaborate mahogany and walnut burl woodwork. The parlors have marble mantels with colonettes while the dining room has a wood mantel with mirror above and a built in buffet with mirror above. The shapes of rooms on the upper floors vary due to the changing roofline and various shapes of dormers. Bedrooms have carved mantels and one has a handsome built in wardrobe. Throughout the house are late nineteenth century lighting fixtures.

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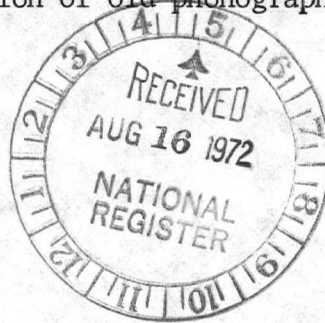
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The house retains many features dating from the occupancy of the Wagners, the original owners. The main doors have frosted glass with "W's" and the entranceway has tiling on the floor and on the wall to the dado. There is an intercom system, at present not functioning, which was installed before Mrs. Wagner's death.

Changes include the acoustical tiles on the ceilings in the parlors, and various changes in the service area as the kitchen has been relocated. The rear stairs have been removed for a bath. The house at present contains Mr. Jason Coppemoll's extensive collection of old phonograph records and record players.



8. SIGNIFICANCE

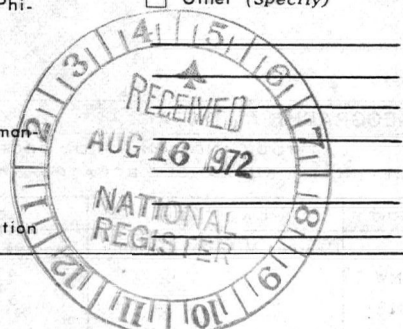
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Webster Wagner house, a well preserved post-Civil War house, illustrates the monumental aspirations of a self-made millionaire-inventor. This elaborate house was designed by the Syracuse architect, Horatio Nelson White, (1814-1892) is closely linked with the Railroad Age. It was built in 1876 by Webster Wagner, the inventor of the Wagner sleeping car, of the drawing room car, and of the elevated ventilation panel for the roof of railroad cars. Webster was president of the New York Central Sleeping Car Company which later merged with Pullman's company. The inventor also served in the New York State Assembly and then in the State Senate.

HISTORY

Webster Wagner, a descendant of early Palatine settlers in Montgomery County, was born near Palatine Bridge on October 2, 1817. After receiving a common school education, he became an apprentice in the wagon maker trade to his brother, James. He eventually became James' partner but their business was unsuccessful. In 1843 Wagner became a railroad station agent at Palatine Bridge. Later he was an American Express Agent there as well.

Wagner, realizing the need for more comfortable travelling accommodations, invented the sleeping car. With the help of George B. Gates, T. N. Parmalee of Buffalo, and Morgan Gardner of Utica, he built four sleeping cars for \$3,200 each. On September 1, 1858, these began running on the New York Central Railroad. At first ventilation in these cars was a problem but in 1859 Wagner invented an elevated car roof with ventilators in elevation. He sold this patent to New York Central. Wagner was president of the New York Sleeping Car Company, the manufacturer of "one of the first practical sleeping cars made in America."¹ In 1867 Wagner invented the first palace car or drawing room coach. About this time, Wagner moved his office from Palatine Bridge to Albany and then to New York City. After his death his company merged with the Pullman Palace Car Company.

In 1876 Wagner built the large frame house overlooking the railroad tracks and the Mohawk River at Palatine Bridge. This gracious house with lavish woodwork was used as a summer home as the Wagners also had a home in New York City.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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NAME AND TITLE: T. Robins Brown, Research Assistant

ORGANIZATION: New York State Historic Trust DATE: June, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER: Building 2, State Office Campus

CITY OR TOWN: Albany STATE: New York CODE: 36

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Alexander Aldrich

Title State Liaison Officer

Date August 10, 1972

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert M. Utley
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 3/7/73

ATTEST: [Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date 3.2.73

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In 1870 Wagner, a Republican, was elected to the State Assembly from his Montgomery County district. In 1871 he was elected to the State Senate from the 15th district. He was reelected until his death. In 1880 he was a delegate to the Chicago convention.

On January 13, 1882 Wagner burned to death in one of his palace cars in the Spuyten Duyvil Railroad accident on the Hudson River Railroad. Wagner's wife lived in the house at Palatine Bridge until her death around 1890. The house then passed through several owners and since 1949 has been owned by Jason Coppernoll who uses it as a residence and store for his business in old phonographs and records.



¹Nelson Greene, ed. History of the Mohawk Valley 1614-1925. II. Chicago: S. J. Clarke, 1925, p. 1690.

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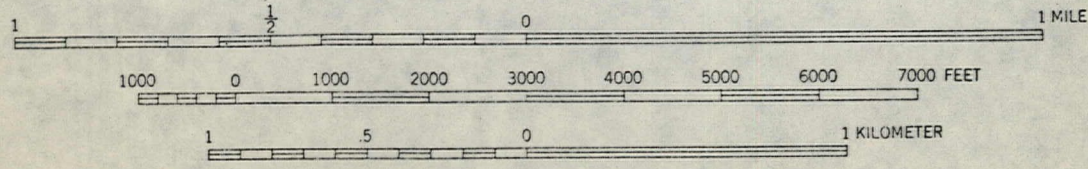
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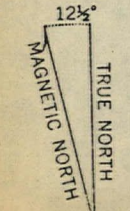
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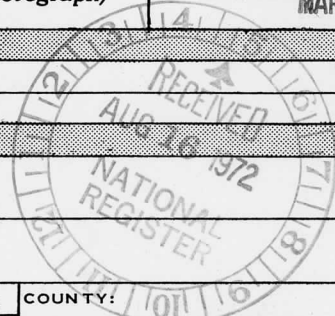


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4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

View looking northwest showing east and south (main) facades.



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Title: Wagner, Webster, House

Loc. Montgomery, N. Y.

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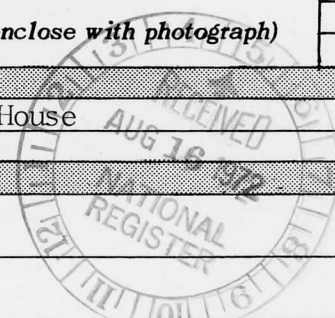
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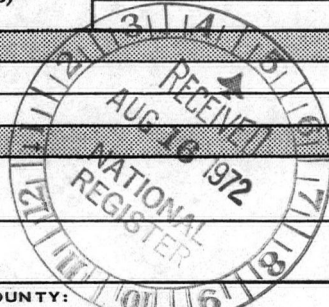
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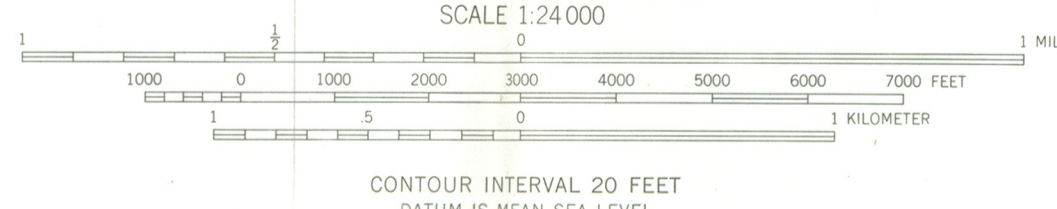
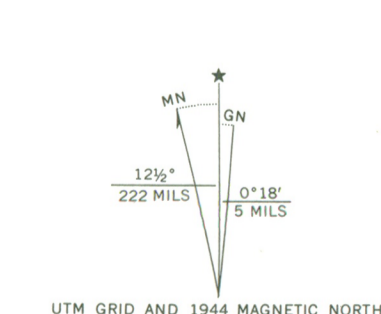
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STATE OF NEW YORK
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ALEXANDER ALDRICH
COMMISSIONER



August 10, 1972

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

As the State Liaison Officer, I am forwarding the enclosed nomination to the National Register of Historic Places:

Wagner, Webster, House, Palatine Bridge
Montgomery County, New York

The above nomination has been reviewed and approved by the Governor's Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation in accordance with the criteria outlined in Section 2.2 of the Grants Guide.

The staff of the Trust, the officially designated Preservation Agency, would welcome the opportunity to discuss this submission with your office.

Sincerely,

ALEXANDER ALDRICH
State Liaison Officer

Dr. William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
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