

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:
New York

COUNTY:
Washington

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ENTRY DATE
MAY 2 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
Skene Manor *Pottin, Judge Joseph H, House*

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Mountain Terrace

CITY OR TOWN:
Whitehall

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: **29**

STATE: **New York** CODE: **36** COUNTY: **Washington** CODE: **115**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Leo Mulholland

STREET AND NUMBER:
Mountain Terrace

CITY OR TOWN:
Whitehall

STATE:
New York

CODE:
36

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Washington County Office Building

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Fort Edward

STATE:
New York

CODE:
36

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

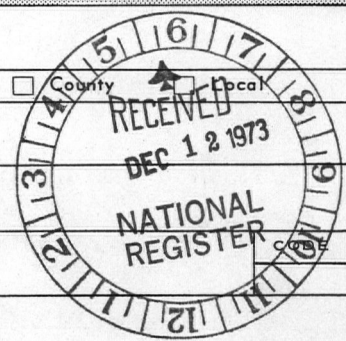
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:



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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A handsome Victorian mansion built of stone quarried from its own site, Skene Manor is perched halfway up a steep hillside overlooking the Village of Whitehall. It was considered to be one of the finest residences in the northern part of the state, according to the 1876 edition of Godey's Lady's Book, which also described the building as being in the "Gothic" style of architecture. Godey published an illustration of the building as well as a description of it.

Roughly square in plan, the manor has two towers and is embellished with three flat-roofed, bracketed porches. The tower on the south side of the building is the same height as the house itself. It has a tall gabled dormer set into the cone-shaped roof and a cornice with blunt wooden brackets. The tower in the center of the facade is much more imposing, being three and a half stories high with an elongated pyramidal roof. The roof line of this tower is broken by a wall dormer on each of the four sides. At the front, a large clock has been installed

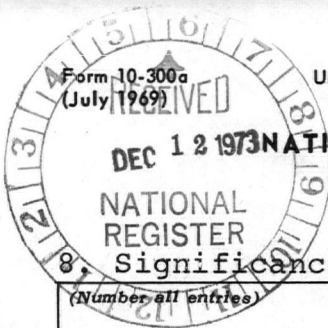
The roof is a steep mansard covered with patterned slate and surmounted by a decorative iron cresting. There are six dormer windows and a large wall dormer on the north side of the structure. The windows are tall and narrow with arched lintels.

Both inside and out, the materials and workmanship used in Skene Manor were of the very best. The walls are of solid masonry, with three layers of brick backing up the random ashler stone of the exterior. Within, no expense was spared to create a sumptuous atmosphere. Every room has a marble mantel and the woodwork is of many woods--mahogany, walnut, oak and birch. There are two stained glass windows, elaborate gas lamps, richly sculptured moldings and doors with panelling in high relief.

Fortunately, the changing function of the mansion from a private dwelling to a restaurant has necessitated no great changes. In 1961, a full restaurant kitchen was added at the rear of the house, rather than attempt to integrate the equipment into the existing fabric.

S E E I N S T R U C T I O N S





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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natural that he should engage the services of Almon Chandler Hopson, a local architect of proven abilities.

Quarrying the native grey sandstone from the site, Hopson used recently-immigrated Italian stone masons and a slater named Richard Lewis to create the unusual mansion. It immediately became the social center of Whitehall and its environs.

Almon Chandler Hopson had come to Whitehall from Vermont. Over a period of thirty years he designed and supervised the construction of most of the buildings on Whitehall's main street, as well as Skene Manor, Our Lady of Angels Church and the Baptist Church. The latter was remodeled after a fire. Besides these works, he built several fine mansions in the vicinity of Whitehall, but these have been demolished.

After Judge Potter's death in 1902, the mansion was purchased by Edgar Lowenstein, who came to Whitehall to act as secretary in his brother-in-law's Champlain Silk Mills. Lowenstein installed the gas fixtures and two furnaces. When this owner left to establish the Lowenstein Mills in Providence, the house came into the hands of Dr. Theodore Sachs, an optometrist. It was Sachs who moved the old wooden-faced town clock from the Presbyterian Church and placed it on the tower at Skene Manor.

After the death of Dr. Sachs, the mansion was abandoned. It was wartime. The lead was stolen from the clock, making it inoperative, and the copper was stripped from the attic cistern. Skene Manor seemed about to share the fate of so many fine mansions of the late nineteenth century. Its large size, fourteen foot high ceilings and inaccessible site made it the perfect "white elephant."

Luckily, a reprieve was in sight; the Clayton Shears wanted something with which to occupy their retirement years. They purchased the house for back taxes in 1946 and opened it as a restaurant and bar. Fortunately for the grand old mansion built by Judge Potter, their business was a success.

Now that the restaurant is being operated by a couple whose nine children help fill the many bedrooms of the century-old house, it seems probably that Whitehall's most admired landmark will be around for many years to come.

B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1814

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Skene Manor was built for Judge Joseph Potter, a famous New York State lawyer, by Almon Chandler Hopson, the "Christopher Wren" of Whitehall. The structure is noteworthy not only for its unusual siting on the side of a steep mountain but also for its fortress-like architecture. Though located in a village of modest homes far from the bustling life of the big cities, the architecture of Skene Manor may be compared favorably with the finest homes to be found anywhere at that time.

Judge Joseph Potter was born in Easton in 1821 and lived to see the dawn of the twentieth century. He studied law at Union College in Schenectady. Shortly after being admitted to the bar, he came to Whitehall to practice. From the very commencement of his legal career, Judge Potter showed unusual ability. He attained a reputation for integrity, so that early in his career he became one of the foremost lawyers in northern New York. In 1849, he was elected District Attorney of Washington County. He then became County Judge and, finally, Judge of the Supreme Court.

Though eminent as a jurist, it was as a judge that Potter excelled. His interpretation of the law was guided by the highest sense of justice. It was said that it was futile to carry a case to the Court of Appeals after his decision had been made.

In 1888, Judge Potter was attacked viciously by the New York City press for upholding the necessity for proper legal proceedings in a bribery case which came before him in that city. In the face of "the fiercest storm that ever burst on an American Court", the Judge adhered to his belief in the due process of law and thereby won the lasting admiration of his fellow lawyers.

So prominent a man could afford to live well. While Judge of Washington County, in 1867, Potter purchased a plot of land on Skene Mountain overlooking Whitehall. Originally, this land had been in the possession of Philip Skene, the founder of Whitehall. When Potter decided to build on the site in 1874, it was

See continuation sheet

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 6 acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Doris Manley, Research Assistant

ORGANIZATION: New York State Division for Historic Preservation DATE: _____

STREET AND NUMBER: South Swan Street

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

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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: [Signature]

Title: State Historic Preservation Officer

Date: 12/6/73

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

[Signature]
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 5/2/77

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 3-2-74

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9. Major Bibliographical ~~References~~ ^(Continuation Sheet)

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Godey's Lady's Book, Compo 231, Vol. 93, 1876.

Stone, William L. and Hon. A. Dallas Wait, Associate Editors,
Washington County, New York: Its History to the Close of the
Nineteenth Century. The New York History Company, 1901.

Potter, Charles Edward, editor, History and Geneologies of the
Potter Families in America; Potter, Alfred Mudge and Son, 24
Franklin Street, Boston, 1886.



WRITE-UP COMMENT
SHEET
(leave attached to nomination)

PROPERTY: Skene Manor New York

If there are comments (negative or positive) which will affect the write up, please indicate them below.

NAME: check name change -

LOCATION:

DESCRIPTION:

STYLE OR CULTURE:

DATE AND INSTIGATOR (builder, architect, group, engineer, etc.):

PRESENT CONDITION (altered, covered, ruins, deteriorated--archeological):

SIGNIFICANCE (specify paragraph or line):

SURVEY RECORDS (is form correct?):

COMMENTS:

PROPERTY Potter, Judge Joseph House STATE N. y.

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Washington
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TECH REVIEW
PHOTOS 5
MAPS 1

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HISTORIAN
yes

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ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN Called 1-29-74: change name (historic name) to:
Potter, Judge Joseph, House
Accept
J Thorman
1-29-74

ARCHEOLOGIST

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF
Accept
Cole
3/19/74

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER
Wm
5/2/74

National Register Write-up 5/31/74

Send-back _____

Federal Register entry June 4, 1974

Re-submit _____

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3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT: Carol Greenough, Photographer

DATE OF PHOTO: 1973

NEGATIVE FILED AT:

Carol Greenough, Photographer, Whitehall, New York

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

South elevation

#1 of 5 photos





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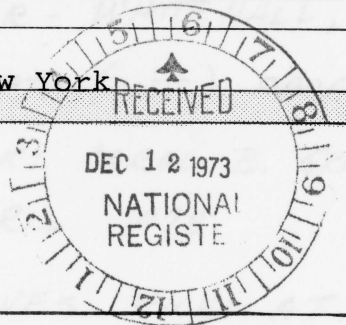
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North elevation

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LADIES
MEN

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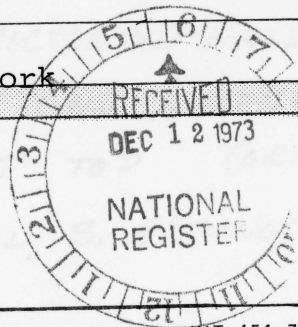
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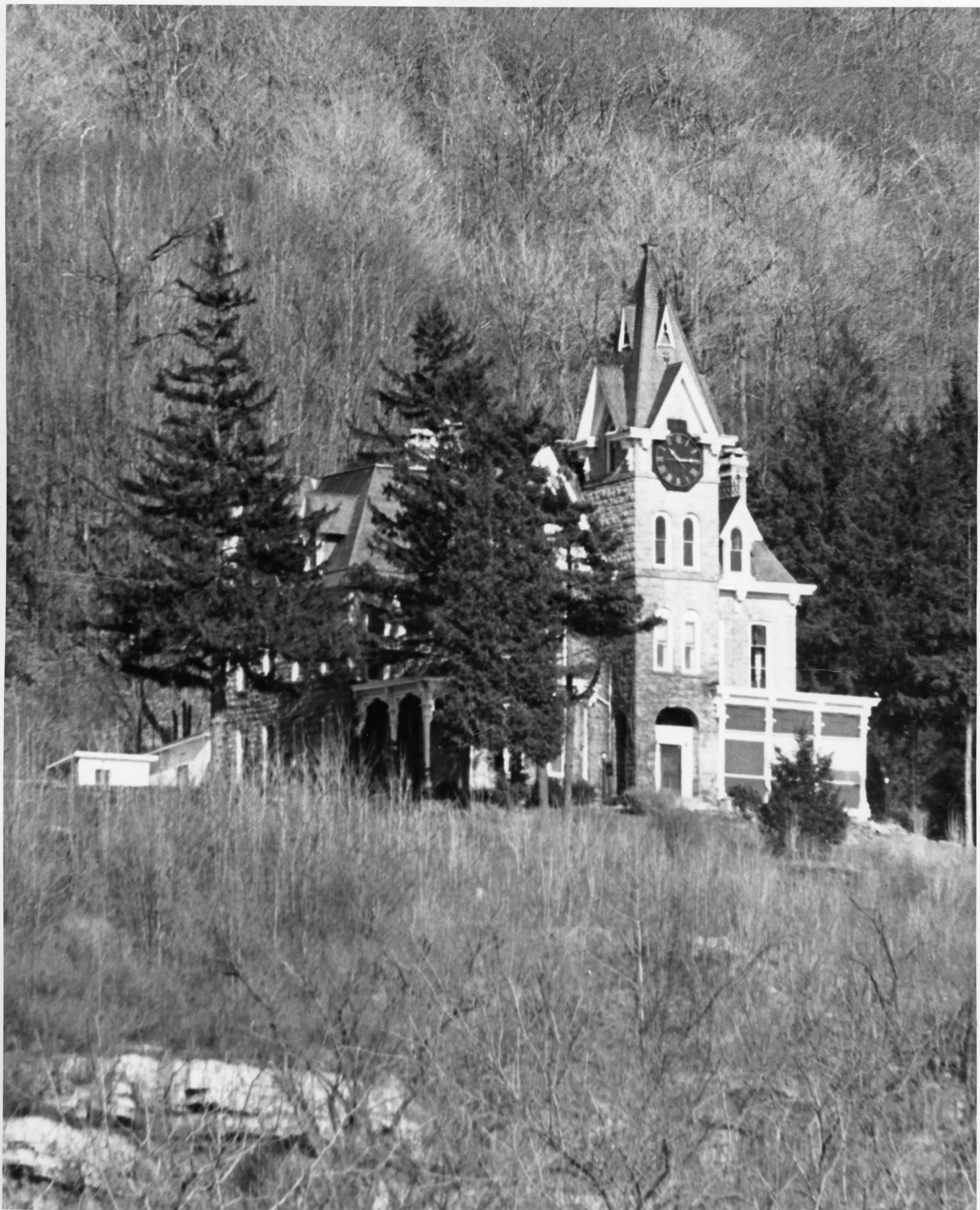
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Interior--entrance hall

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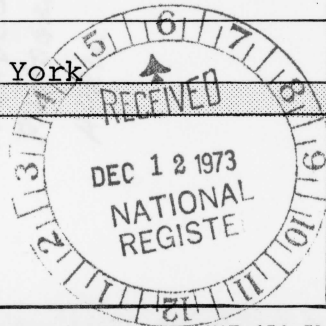
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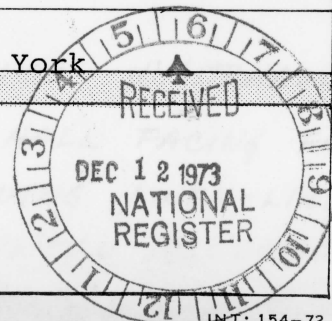
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Interior--entrance hall

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Whitehall

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New York

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3. MAP REFERENCE

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U.S.G.S. topographic

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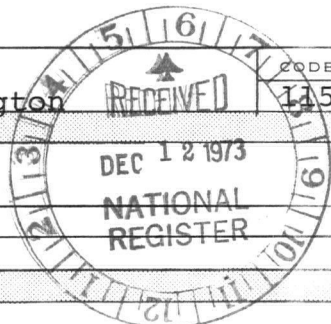
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TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.

Whitehall, New York



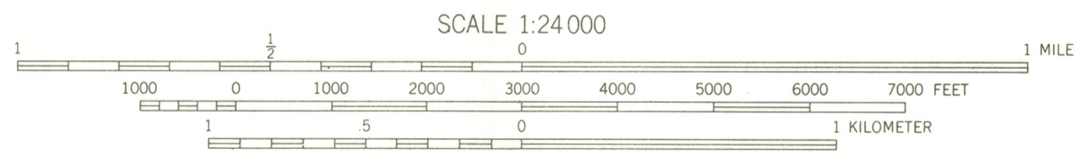
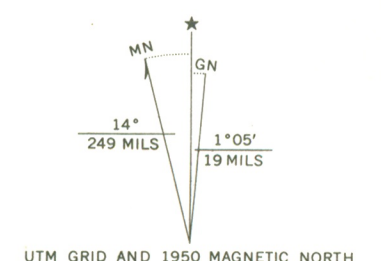
UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

WHITEHALL QUADRANGLE
NEW YORK-VERMONT
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
SW/4 WHITEHALL 15' QUADRANGLE



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east zone, and Vermont coordinate system
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zone 18, shown in blue



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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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Medium-duty	4 LANE 6 LANE	Unimproved dirt	-----
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WHITEHALL, N.Y.-VT.
SW/4 WHITEHALL 15' QUADRANGLE
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NEW YORK STATE PARKS & RECREATION South Swan Street Bldg. South Mall, Albany, New York 12223 Information 518 474-0456
Alexander Aldrich, Commissioner

December 6, 1973



Dr. William Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
National Park Service
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

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

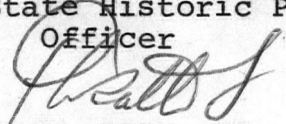
Skene Manor, Mountain Terrace, Whitehall, New York, Washington County

The above nomination has been reviewed and approved by the Committee on the Registers in accordance with the criteria outlined in Section 2.2 of the Grants Guide.

The staff of the New York State Division for Historic Preservation, the officially designated Preservation Agency, would welcome the opportunity to discuss this submission with your office.

Sincerely,

ALEXANDER ALDRICH
State Historic Preservation
Officer

By: 
F. L. RATH, JR.
Deputy Commissioner



NEW YORK STATE PARKS & RECREATION South Swan Street Bldg. South Mall, Albany, New York 12223 Information 518 474-0456
Alexander Aldrich, Commissioner

December 7, 1973

Ms. Kate Cole
National Register of Historic Places
Department of the Interior
National Park Service
18th & C Streets, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240



Dear Kate:

This enclosed continuation sheet missed the boat! It goes with the Skene Manor nomination form (Whitehall, Washington County). Could you reunite it with the rest of the form which was mailed yesterday.

Sincerely,

Cornelia E. Brooke

Cornelia E. Brooke
Research Assistant
Division for Historic
Preservation

CEB/cak

Enclosure

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE NEW YORK

Date Entered MAY 2 1974

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Potter, Judge Joseph, House	Whitehall Washington County
Smith, Adon, House (Village Office Bldg.)	Hamilton Madison County
East Hampton Village District	East Hampton Suffolk County

Also Notified

Hon. James L. Buckley

Hon. Jacob K. Javits

Hon. Carleton J. King

Hon. James M. Hanley

Hon. Otis G. Pike

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. Alexander Aldrich, Commissioner
Parks and Recreation
Room 303, South Swan St. Bldg.
Albany, New York 12223

Regional Director, North-Atlantic
Region

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Ms. Jennifer Leigh Steinmetz
StoneMarke Farm
RD #1 Box 1677
Dresden Hill Road
Whitehall, New York 12887

JUL 1 1997

Dear Ms. Steinmetz:

Thank you for your letter of May 24, 1997 regarding the Judge Joseph Potter House in Whitehall, New York.

We have reviewed the information you submitted as well as the National Register of Historic Places nomination for the property. Although the house is a good example of the Victorian Gothic Style, there is no information to suggest that it would meet the criteria to be designated as a National Historic Landmark (NHL) either for its architecture or its association with Judge Joseph Potter. In addition, alterations such as the addition of the kitchen, the installation of the clock in the tower, and the enlargement of two window openings to create a large doorway have impacted its integrity.

We suggest you contact the New York State Historic Preservation Officer, Ms. Bernadette Castro, for possible sources of technical and financial assistance. She can be reached at the following address: Empire State Plaza, Agency Building One, 20th Floor, Albany, New York 12238 or 518/ 474-0443.

We appreciate your interest in the National Historic Landmarks program and hope that you are successful with your restoration plans. If you have any questions, please contact NHL Architectural Historian Ms. Carolyn Pitts at 202/343-8166.

Sincerely,

(Sgd.) Carol D. Shull

Carol Shull
Chief, National Historic Landmarks Survey
and Keeper, National Register of Historic Places

cc: Ms. Bernadette Castro
Commissioner, Office of Parks, Recreation
and Historic Preservation
Empire State Plaza
Agency Building 1, 20th Floor
Albany, New York 12238

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