

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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| STATE: New York |
| COUNTY: Rockland |
| FOR NPS USE ONLY |
| ENTRY DATE APR 22 1976 |

1. NAME

COMMON:
Fraser-Hoyer House *use this*

AND/OR HISTORIC:
William Smith House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Treason Hill *off US 9W*

CITY OR TOWN:
West Haverstraw

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
26th-Hon. Benjamin A. Gilman

STATE: New York CODE: 036 COUNTY: Rockland CODE: 087

3. CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY (Check One) | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC |
|---|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <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 |
| PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ |

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Francis J. Hoyer

STREET AND NUMBER:
Treason Hill

CITY OR TOWN:
West Haverstraw

STATE:
New York

CODE:
036

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
New City

CITY OR TOWN:
New City

STATE:
New York

CODE:
036

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic Resources In the Hudson

DATE OF SURVEY:
1969 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Hudson River Valley Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
Empire State Plaza

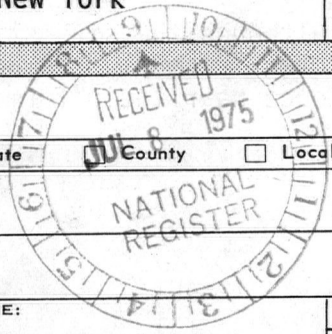
CITY OR TOWN:
Albany

STATE:
New York

CODE:
036

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7. DESCRIPTION

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|-----------|---|------------------------------------|--|---|-------|-----------|
| CONDITION | (Check One) | | | | Ruins | Unexposed |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Good | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated | | |
| | (Check One) | | (Check One) | | | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered | <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered | <input type="checkbox"/> Moved | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located on Route 9W in West Haverstraw, the Francis Hoyer House stands on a ridge overlooking the Hudson River. Today, tree growth obscures a lovely view of the Hudson River; the breathtaking vista of Haverstraw Bay. On one side of the front lawn stands a massive oak, reputed to be three hundred years old.

This residence is an example of a country manor of the landed gentry done in the vernacular style. The house is rectangular in plan and supported by an inter-locking wood structural system. Two stories high, it rests upon a stone foundation.

The form of the building is in the tradition common to the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. Hence, the structure is five bays in length, two stories high and has a hipped roof.

With emphasis upon the central bay, the front elevation is starkly symmetrical. This regularity is further reinforced by the two end chimneys. The main entrance has a transom and sidelights which are ornamented with leaded elliptical designs. Immediately above the front doorway is an entrance similar in design which at one time was the access to a balustraded porch. The front porch extends the length of the building and is supported by four Doric columns.

The interior of the house consists of eight rooms, an attic and a basement where the dirt floor has been covered with wood and brick. There are fireplaces in each room and in the cellar. Two spacious rooms flank a large central hall. On both the north and south ends, windows are close to the corners of the house in order to permit chimney space, a custom typical of this period.

The mantels are heavy in design and similar to those in many early Rockland and Bergen County homes. Other interior details include original hardware and rimlocks. The turning and curving of the stair's hand rail and newel post are good examples of the workmanship of this period. Ceilings with ornate cornices are of much later construction.

Generous in dimension but a bit pretentious in overall design, the use of simple materials, such as the clap-board exterior, give this country manor a rustic quality.

Although the site still retains a great deal of its original character, recently the Hoyer family has built a twentieth century residence near their former home.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

| | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

| | | | |
|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Architecturally, the Hoyer House is representative of a style of building common in the Hudson Valley in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. However, its architectural significance is surpassed by the important connection the site has with local Revolutionary War history.

The house is a good example of vernacular Federal style architecture. Some have observed that the house corresponds in almost every detail to the Captain Peter Warren House in Greenwich Village which has been described for more than 150 years as the most important dwelling in that section of Manhattan. Pictures are said to show them identical¹. Records also show that the Hoyer House may contain substantial elements of the William Smith House which originally occupied the site.

William Smith was the son of Judge Smith, who was one of the seven grantees of the Cheescock Patent. Judge Smith acquired two-sevenths of the patent and in his will left lot eight to William Smith, lot seven to Thomas Smith and sold lot six to Colonel Hawkes Hay. The Smith family was probably one of the most wealthy and cultured in Rockland County.

Originally, the three houses which were constructed on these lots formed an isocetes triangle. The William and Thomas Smith houses were two hundred yards apart forming the western base while the Hay House formed the apex of the triangle. After the night long conference between Major John Andre and Major Benedict Arnold, the Thomas Smith house became known as the Treason House. The Thomas Smith house was demolished in the early twentieth century and the Hay House was burned by the British.

William Smith who built on the site of the present Hoyer House was even more renowned than his father, Judge Smith. Published in 1753, his

¹William J. Dobbin, "The William Smith House" (Orangeburg, New York: The Historical Society of Rockland County, 1971), p. 10.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Cole, History of Rockland County, J. B. Beer & Co., 1884.

Dobbin, William, "The William Smith House," South of the Mountains, Oct.-Dec., 1971, The Historical Society of Rockland County.

Coke, Richard. Accomplice in Treason: Joshua Hett Smith and the Arnold Conspiracy (New York: New York Historical Society, 1973), appendix.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY | | | O R | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES | | |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------|---|-------------------------|--|
| CORNER | LATITUDE | LONGITUDE | | LATITUDE | LONGITUDE | |
| | Degrees Minutes Seconds | Degrees Minutes Seconds | | Degrees Minutes Seconds | Degrees Minutes Seconds | |
| NW | 0' 0" 0" | 0' 0" 0" | | 41° 12' 35" | 73° 59' 19" | |
| NE | 0' 0" 0" | 0' 0" 0" | | UTM References: | | |
| SE | 0' 0" 0" | 0' 0" 0" | | Easting: 584 840 Northing: 4562 520 | | |
| SW | 0' 0" 0" | 0' 0" 0" | | | | |

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 9.5 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 Ellen T. McDougall and

NAME AND TITLE: Steven S. Levy - Research Assistant

ORGANIZATION: Office of Parks and Recreation DATE: 5/19/75
N.Y.S. Division for Historic Preservation

STREET AND NUMBER: Empire State Plaza

CITY OR TOWN: Albany STATE: New York CODE: 036

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: [Signature]

Title: State Historic Preservation Officer

Date: 6/30/75

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

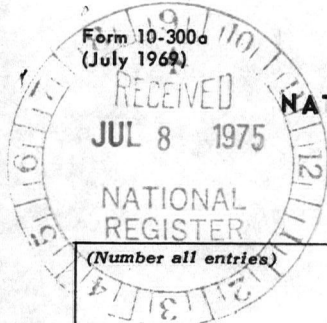
Acting [Signature]
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 4/27/76

ATTEST: [Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 4.16.76

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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(Continuation Sheet)

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| | APR 22 1976 |

Significance Continuation - Sheet 1

"History of New York from the First discovery to the year 1732" is considered by many authorities to be the best early history of New York.

Smith was an active British informer on troop movements of the Revolutionary forces and from his writings it can be inferred that he obtained much information from the Haverstraw area by watching troop crossings at Kings Ferry which was three miles from the site of the Hoyer House.

Captured by the Colonial forces, Smith was placed under house arrest in an Hudson Valley estate. There he remained until he escaped to New York City. In 1779, he was appointed British Chief Justice and served in that position until 1784. At that time, he left for England with Sir Guy Carleton. However, in 1786 he returned to Canada where he served as the first Chief Justice of Quebec and Lower Canada until his death.

William Smith's house :

"was burned in 1808 or 1809 according to an article on the History of Haverstraw, "Episton," November 10, 1846, in the White Plains, New York Eastern State Journal, December 3, 1846. This is substantiated by Charles A. Campbell, "Smith's House at Haverstraw," Magazine of American History, v. 1880, 32. He wrote 'William Smith's house was long ago destroyed by fire.' The site of Williams house was later occupied by the dwelling of the Fraser family. This is indicated on Rockland County Maps 1854, 1859, 1876."

After the Frasers built the structure, which still stands on the site of the William Smith house, the home passed through a succession of owners. The Hoyer family acquired the house in the early twentieth century. Hence, throughout the years the building has continued to be used as a private home.

²Richard Coke, Accomplice in Treason: Joshua Hett Smith and the Arnold Conspiracy (New York: New York Historical Society, 1973), appendix.

Property Smith, Wm House
Hoyer House Fraser-Hoyer House Rock land Co.
State New York Working Number 7.8. 75. 1271 Ref # 76001270

TECHNICAL
Photos 5
Maps 1

Property can't be identified on map

CONTROL
OK 7.17.75

I agree with Bill. I wonder if the site is not much more important than what is on it now. Also wonder if name is appropriate.

HISTORIAN
Conf. or Accept
E. Smith
8-21-75

THEY ARE NOMINATING STRUCTURE FOR ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY SIGN. BUT ARE MORE CONCERNED WITH SITE'S HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN
ACCEPT
LEBOVICH
8-8-75

KATE: WHAT NAME FOR THIS PROPERTY?

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF
Change name Accept
Colz
9-2-75

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

W. [Signature]
9.16.76

National Register Write-up _____
Federal Register Entry 6-1-76

Send-back 9.4.75
Re-submit _____

Entered APR 22 1976

INT:2106-74

NAME OF PROPERTY Hoyer House STATE New York

The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form is being returned to your office for clarification of the information indicated below. PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WHEN THE NOMINATION IS RESUBMITTED.

7 Description: _____

8 Statement of Significance: _____

9 Bibliography: _____

10 Geographical Data -- Acreage: _____
UTM Reference(s): Please send UTM references
Verbal Boundary Description: _____

12 Certification: _____
Photographic Coverage: _____

Map Coverage: Please use cross marks to identify property on the map

Other: #11 Date is missing.

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____
on the National Register staff, telephone _____

Thank you for your attention to the above items.

Charles A. H... [Signature]
Chief, Branch of Registration

Date: 5-4-75

INT:2105-74



Hoyer House
west Haverstran
Rockland Co. N.Y.

FRONT - NORTH ELEVATION

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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

PHOTO #1
STEVEN LEVY
1972

NPS Number 4/22/76

Title: Fraser-Hoyer House

Rockland County, N.Y.

Loc. Front - north elevation

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

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| | APR 22 1976 |

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: Francis Hoyer House
AND/OR HISTORIC: WILLIAM SMITH HOUSE

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Treason Hill

CITY OR TOWN:
West Haverstraw

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| STATE: New York | CODE 036 | COUNTY: Rockland | CODE 087 |
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3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT: Steven S. Levy

DATE OF PHOTO: 1972

NEGATIVE FILED AT:
N.Y.S. Division for Historic Preservation

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.
Front - North elevation

Photograph #1





FRANCIS HOYER HOUSE
WEST HAYESTRAW
ROCKLAND CO. N.Y.
PORCH - NORTH ELEVATION

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

NPS Number 4122/76

Title: Grosvenor-Hoyer House
Rockland County, NY

Loc. Hoyer House - North

PHOTO #2
CREDIT - STEVEN LEVY
1972

elevation - porch

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: Francis Hoyer House

AND/OR HISTORIC: *Frozen-Hoyer House - Wm South House*

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Treason Hill

CITY OR TOWN:
West Haverstraw

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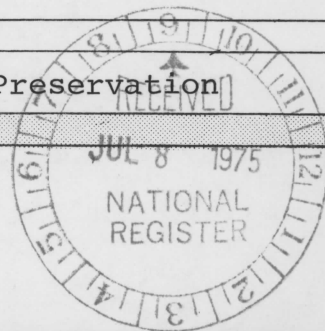
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N.Y.S. Division for Historic Preservation

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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

Hoyer House - North elevation - porch.

Photograph #2





FRANCIS HOYER HOUSE
WEST HAVERSTRAW
ROCKLAND CO. N.Y.

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

NPS Number 4/22/76

Title: Francis-Hoyer House
Rockland Co. N.Y.

Loc. north elevation - detail
front doorway

PHOTO # 3

CREDIT - CLARE THOLL
1970

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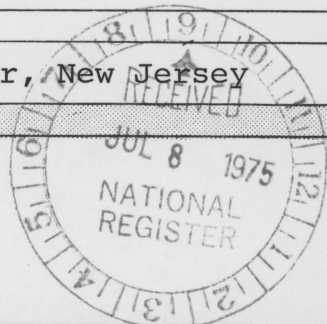
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4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

North elevation - Detail Front Doorway.

Photograph #3





FRANCIS HOYER HOUSE
WEST HAVER STRAW
ROCKLAND CO. N.Y

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

NPS Number 4/22/76

Title: Francis Hoyer House
Rockland Co. N.Y

Loc. Hoyer House - Ceiling

PHOTO #4

CREDIT - STEVEN LEVY

1972

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AND/OR HISTORIC: *William Smith Hoyer*

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

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West Haverstraw

STATE:

New York

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COUNTY:

Rockland

CODE

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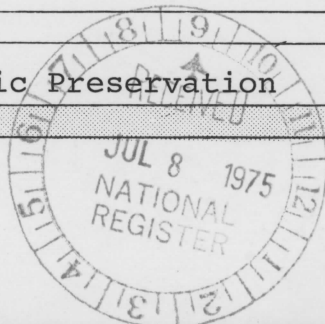
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Hoyer House - Ceiling.

Photograph #4





FRANCIS HOYER HOUSE

WEST HAVERSTRAW

ROCKLAND CO. N.Y.

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

NPS Number 4/22/76

Title: Frazier - Hoyer House

Rockland Co, NY

Loc. Hoyer House - plans

PHOTO #5

CREDIT - STEVEN LEVY

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CITY OR TOWN:
West Haverstraw

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DATE OF PHOTO: 1972

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4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.
Hoyer House - stairs.
Photo #5 Photograph #5



SMITH-HOYER HOUSE
EASTING 584 840
NORTHING 4562 520 12'30"



Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey

Control by USGS and USC&GS

Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1964. Field checked 1967
Supersedes map dated 1955

Selected hydrographic data compiled from USC&GS Chart 282 (1965)
This information is not intended for navigational purposes

Polycyclic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on New York coordinate system, east zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 18, shown in blue

Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL
DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER
THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 2.9 FEET

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
U. S. Route □ Slate Route ○



HAVERSTRAW, N. Y.
N4107.5—W7352.5/7.5

1967

AMS 6266 III NW—SERIES V821

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

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DATE ENTERED **APR 22 1976**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- ENCLOSE WITH MAP

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Hoyer House

AND/OR COMMON

William Smith House

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN

West

___ VICINITY OF

COUNTY

STATE

Haverstraw

Rockland

New York

3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE

U.S.G.S.

SCALE

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DATE

1967

4 REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES



NEW YORK STATE PARKS & RECREATION Agency Building 1, Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12238 Information 518 474-0456
Orin Lehman, Commissioner

April 7, 1976

Mr. Charles Herrington
Chief of Registration
Office of Archaeology and
Historic Preservation
U.S. Dept. of the Interior
National Park Service
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Herrington:

Re: Hoyer House
Rockland County
New York

Enclosed please find the nomination of the Hoyer House (West Haverstraw, Rockland County) which this office originally submitted to you on July 8, 1975. As requested in your transmittal sheet of September 4, 1975, UTM references have been added to the map and the nomination form; a small circle with cross marks identifies the approximated property boundaries. The correct date for Item #11 has also been added.

If you have any questions, please contact Lawrence Gobrecht, Historic Preservation Program Assistant, at 518-474-0479. Thank you for your re-consideration.

Sincerely,

Lynn A. Beebe
National Register and
Survey Coordinator
Historic Preservation
Field Services

LAB/LG/jf
Enclosure



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE NEW YORK

Date Entered APR 22 1976

Name

Location

~~Smith, William House~~
Fraser-Hoyer House

West Haverstraw
Rockland County

*Bob,
change card,
name*

Also Notified

Hon. Jacob K. Javits
Hon. James L. Buckley
Hon. Benjamin A. Gilman
Regional Director, North Atlantic
Region

✓ PR:M Mott:coc 4/22/76

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. Orin Lehman
Commissioner
Parks and Recreation
Agency Building 1
Empire State Plaza
Albany, New York 12238

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

1 NAME as it appears on federal register: **Fraser-Hoyer House** 2 OTHER NAMES: **Smith, William, House** 3 date of entry: **4-22-76** 4 county code: **087**

5 LOCATION street & number: **Treason Hill off U.S. 90** city / town: **West Havenstow** vicinity of: **NY** state: **NY** county: **Rockland** 6 NPS REGION: **N. Atlantic**

7 OWNER: PRIVATE STATE MUNICIPAL COUNTY MULTIPLE FEDERAL (agency name) 8 ADMINISTRATOR: **Ellen T. McDougall**

9 EXISTING SURVEYS: HABS HAER NHL 10 FUNDED?: YES NO 11 CONGRESS. DISTRICT: **26** 12 SOURCE OF NOMINATION: STATE FEDERAL

13 WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT?: YES NO 14 WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK?: YES NO 15 ACREAGE: **9.5** if state who prepared form? LOCAL PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

16 CONDITION: excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed unexcavated altered unaltered reconstructed excavated original site moved unknown 17 features: INTERIOR: SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-4 NOT APPLICABLE-7 EXTERIOR: SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-5 NOT APPLICABLE-8 ENVIRONS: SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-6 NOT APPLICABLE-9

18 ACCESS: YES - Restricted YES - Unrestricted No Access Unknown 19 ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO 20 SAVED?: YES NO IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT?: yes no

21 AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: ARCHAEOLOGY - prehistoric-2 ARCHAEOLOGY - historic-1 AGRICULTURE -3 ARCHITECTURE -4 ART-5 ENGINEERING -11 ENTERTAINMENT -26 COMMUNICATIONS -7 CONSERVATION -8 ECONOMICS -9 EDUCATION -10 LANDSCAPE ARCH. -15 LAW -16 LITERATURE -17 MILITARY -18 MUSIC -19 PHILOSOPHY -20 POLITICS / GOVT. -21 RELIGION -22 SCIENCE -23 SOCIAL / HUMANITARIAN -24 SOCIAL / CULTURAL -30 TRANSPORTATION -25 RECREATION -28 SETTLEMENT -29 URBAN PLANNING -31 OTHER (SPECIFY) 22 CLAIMS: explain 'first' 'oldest' 'only'

23 functions: WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: **House** CURRENTLY: **House** 24 dates of initial construction: **c. 1810-30** major alterations: **--** historic events: **--** 25 ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION: **--**

26 architectural style(s): **Federal** 27 architect: **--** 28 master builder: **--** 29 engineer: **--**

30 landscape architect / garden designer: **--** 31 interior decorator: **--** 32 artist: **--** 33 artisan: **--** 34 builder/contractor: **--**

35 NAMES give role & date
PERSONAL: **William Smith, inherited property on which house stands, built house destroyed by fire in 1808 on site of present house, loyalist whose brother's house was scene of meeting between conspirators Benedict Arnold and John Andre in 1780 (Thomas Smith - house destroyed in 20th c.)**
EVENTS: **-- Fraser family acquired ~~home~~ site in e.19thc., built present house**
INSTITUTIONAL: **-- Hoyer family, acquired house in early 20th c.**

36 NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP: **FRAME, CLAPBOARDING; 2 STORIES, RECTANGULAR, LOW HIPPED ROOF, INTERIOR END CHIMNEYS, FRONT CENTER ENTRANCE WITH LEADED TRANSOM AND SIDELIGHTS, 2ND-STORY CENTER ENTRANCE WITH SIDELIGHTS, 1-STORY FULL-WIDTH PORCH, BORED CORNICE WITH MUTULES AND DENTICULATED FRIEZE; MINOR ALTERATIONS. VERNACULAR, FEDERAL. C.**

Example of late 18th-early 19th-century domestic building style / common in the Hudson River Valley. situated on Treason Hill adjacent to site of house used by Benedict Arnold & Major John Andre in 1780 to plot the surrender of West Point.