

**BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM**

DIVISION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
NEW YORK STATE PARKS AND RECREATION  
ALBANY, NEW YORK (518) 474-0479

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

UNIQUE SITE NO. NR001-04-0208  
QUAD \_\_\_\_\_  
SERIES \_\_\_\_\_  
NEG. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

JUL 31 1979

YOUR NAME: Doris Vanderlipp Manley DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

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**IDENTIFICATION**

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): Godfrey Farmhouse
- 2. COUNTY: Albany TOWN/CITY: Colonie VILLAGE: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 1313 Loudon Road
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Frank McEvoy ADDRESS: One Dana Avenue, Albany, NY
- 6. USE: Original: Farmhouse Present: Residence
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes  No   
Interior accessible: Explain \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIPTION**

- 8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard  b. stone  c. brick  d. board and batten   
e. cobblestone  f. shingles  g. stucco  other: Aluminum siding on sides
- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: (if known) a. wood frame with interlocking joints   
b. wood frame with light members   
c. masonry load bearing walls   
d. metal (explain) \_\_\_\_\_  
e. other \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. CONDITION: a. excellent  b. good  c. fair  d. deteriorated
- 11. INTEGRITY: a. original site  b. moved  if so, when? \_\_\_\_\_  
list of alterations and dates (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

**13. MAP:**

UTM: Zone 18 N4740030 E603460  
Acreage: Plot roughly 300'X150'  
Verbal Boundary: The property being nominated  
is shown cross-hatched on the attached  
Town of Colonie Tax Map.



14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known  b. zoning  c. roads   
 d. developers  e. deterioration   
 f. other: encroaching commercial strip development
15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY: along NYS Route 9  
 a. barn  b. carriage house  c. garage   
 d. privy  e. shed  f. greenhouse   
 g. shop  h. gardens   
 i. landscape features: \_\_\_\_\_  
 j. other: \_\_\_\_\_
16. SURROUNDINGS OF THE BUILDING (check more than one if necessary):  
 a. open land  b. woodland   
 c. scattered buildings   
 d. densely built-up  e. commercial   
 f. industrial  g. residential   
 h. other: located on hill overlooking Mohawk Valley

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:  
 (Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)

Not in a district. This is an individual nomination which is part of the  
 Historic Resources of New York State Route 9, Colonie, nomination.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):

See sheet

**SIGNIFICANCE**

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: c.1836
- ARCHITECT: unknown
- BUILDER: \_\_\_\_\_

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

see Sheet

21. SOURCES: 1851 map, Vicinity of Albany and Schenectady Counties: 1854  
 Gould Map: 1866 Beer's Map of Watervliet: Landmarks of Albany County by  
 Amasa Parker, 1897: History of Albany and Schenectady Counties, 1609-1886,  
 by Howell and Tenney: deed transactions: Interviews with Lois Wells,  
 descendent of the Godfreys and R. Arthur Johnson, archeologist and geneological  
 researcher.

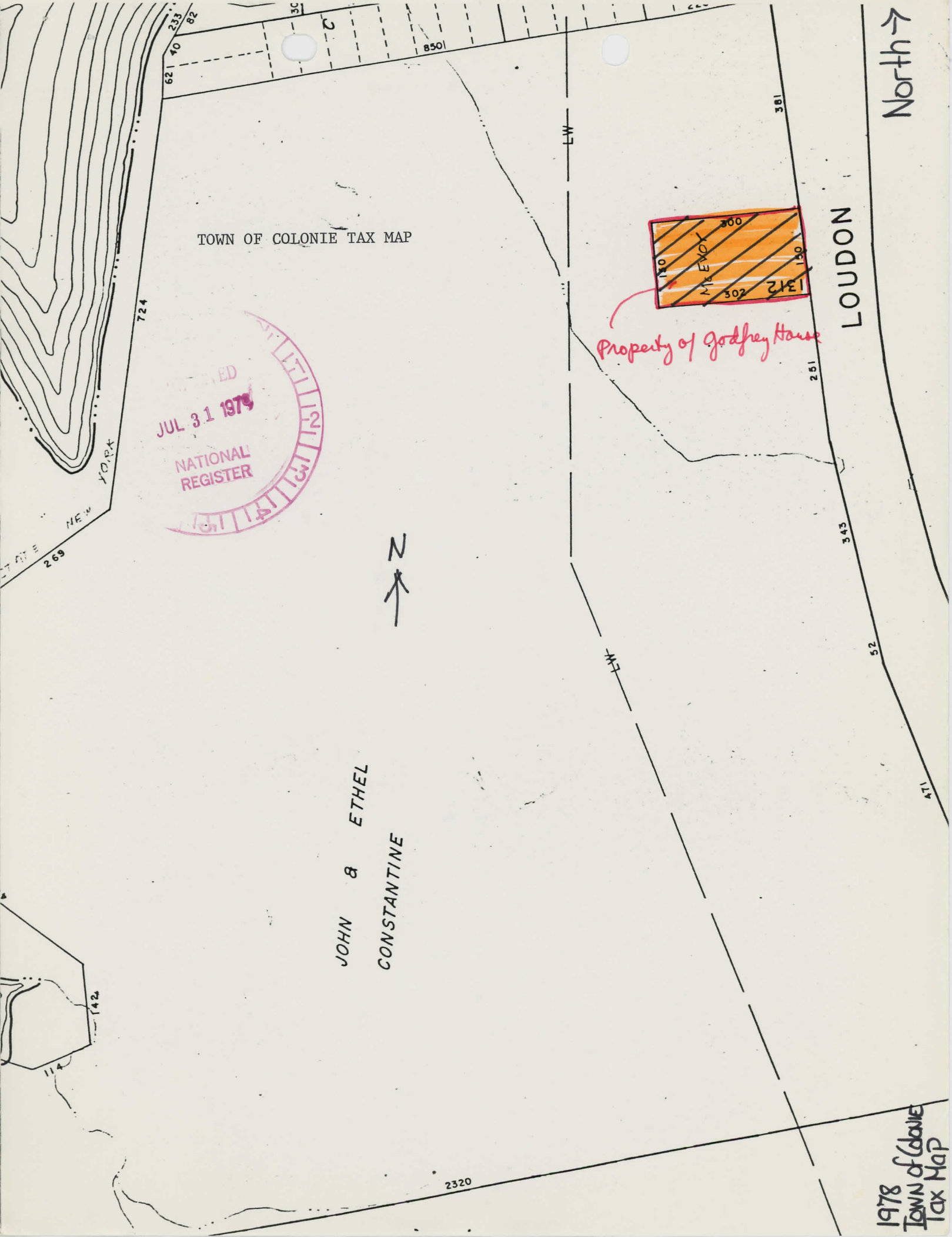
18. Exterior: A Greek Revival, temple-form, one and a half story residence with a rear wing. Impressive portico has fluted columns. A side entrance has a small Greek Revival porch and the front facade of the rear wing is faced with four pilasters and a full entablature.

Interior: The interior is remarkably intact, having its original woodwork, stairway, mantels and much hardware.

20. Historical: This land was part of the old Fonda property which was divided into three sections upon the death of Henry Fonda in 1835. It was acquired by Isaac F. Lansing in 1836 and by George A. Godfrey in 1840. The Godfrey family sold off portions of the original 217 acres but retained ownership of the farmhouse for several generations.

Architectural: This Greek Revival farmhouse with its Classical portico is a rarity in the Town of Colonie. Sited on a hill with the Mohawk Valley as a backdrop, it is easy to imagine the confidence and native pride which inspired the building of a farmhouse in emulation of the admired ancient Greek architecture.





TOWN OF COLONIE TAX MAP

RECORDED  
JUL 31 1979

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Property of Godfrey House

LOUDON

1978  
Town of Colonie  
Tax Map

North →



62 40 233 82  
3C  
850  
724  
269  
NEW YORK  
142  
114  
2320  
LW  
LW  
381  
251  
345  
52  
471

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

See Continuation Sheet

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_ SEE CONTINUATION SHEET Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

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Zone	Easting			Northing					

B 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

C 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

D 

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Zone	Easting			Northing					

Verbal boundary description and justification

Properties bordering New York State Route 9 in the Town of Colonie.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Doris Manley  
Division for  
organization Historic Preservation date 6/28/79  
street & number Agency Bldg. #1 telephone 518-474-0479  
city or town Albany state New York

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *Stephen B. Beebe*  
title Director, Historic Preservation Field Services Bureau date 7/24/79

For HCRS use only  
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register  
*John C. Shell* date 10-4-79  
Keeper of the National Register  
Attest: *John C. Shell* date 10-4-79  
Chief of Registration

Property New York State Route 9, Town of  
Colonie Multiple Resource Area (Partial Inventory)

State N. Y. Albany Working Number 7.31.79.1826

**TECHNICAL**

Photos 15 + 54  
Maps 3

**CONTROL**

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Given the modified policy of the NR enunciated in recent letter to GA/SHPO, **HISTORIAN** I would consider this to be an adequate MR nomination. The survey area is well defined, extending from Albany city limits in S to Mohawk river in N. Every property on both sides of Route 9 was surveyed; while we might quibble over whether this is an "intensive inter-disciplinary survey," the form states that, after consultations with SHPO, every NR eligible property is included. Please note the statements pertinent to this in Part 7, page 1, paragraphs 4 & 5, and in Part 7, page

2, paragraph 3, which indicate that it might be possible that future research or restoration work might result in amendments to this nomination. The overall statement of significance is well-articulated: this is an intensively used historic road through an agrarian area which really only experienced significant architectural development in the second half of the 19th century, so that the extent and nature of the resources are limited

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

The areas of significance checked could have been expanded, for as the **ARCHEOLOGIST** survey sheets and narrative show, these elegant and/or pretentious homes are associated with prominent political, commercial, and professional persons who sought access to urban careers plus semi-rural residential environments. (Specifically, the discussion of significance of the Wheeler Home should have been better; but the date, materials, location, scale, style, and especially fine details of the home link it implicitly to the lifestyle of Albany elites.) J.F.T.

**OTHER**

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_  
Review \_\_\_\_\_

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

ACCEPT 10-4-79

Joe Fowler

**BRANCH CHIEF**

**KEEPER**

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_ Send-back \_\_\_\_\_ Entered OCT 4 1979  
Federal Register Entry 11-6-79 Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_

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VIEW BEHIND HOUSE

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Godfrey Farmhouse

1313 Loudon Road

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Empire State Plaza, Albany, N.Y.



BARN

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ENTRANCE HALL

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LIVING ROOM 1

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ENTRANCE

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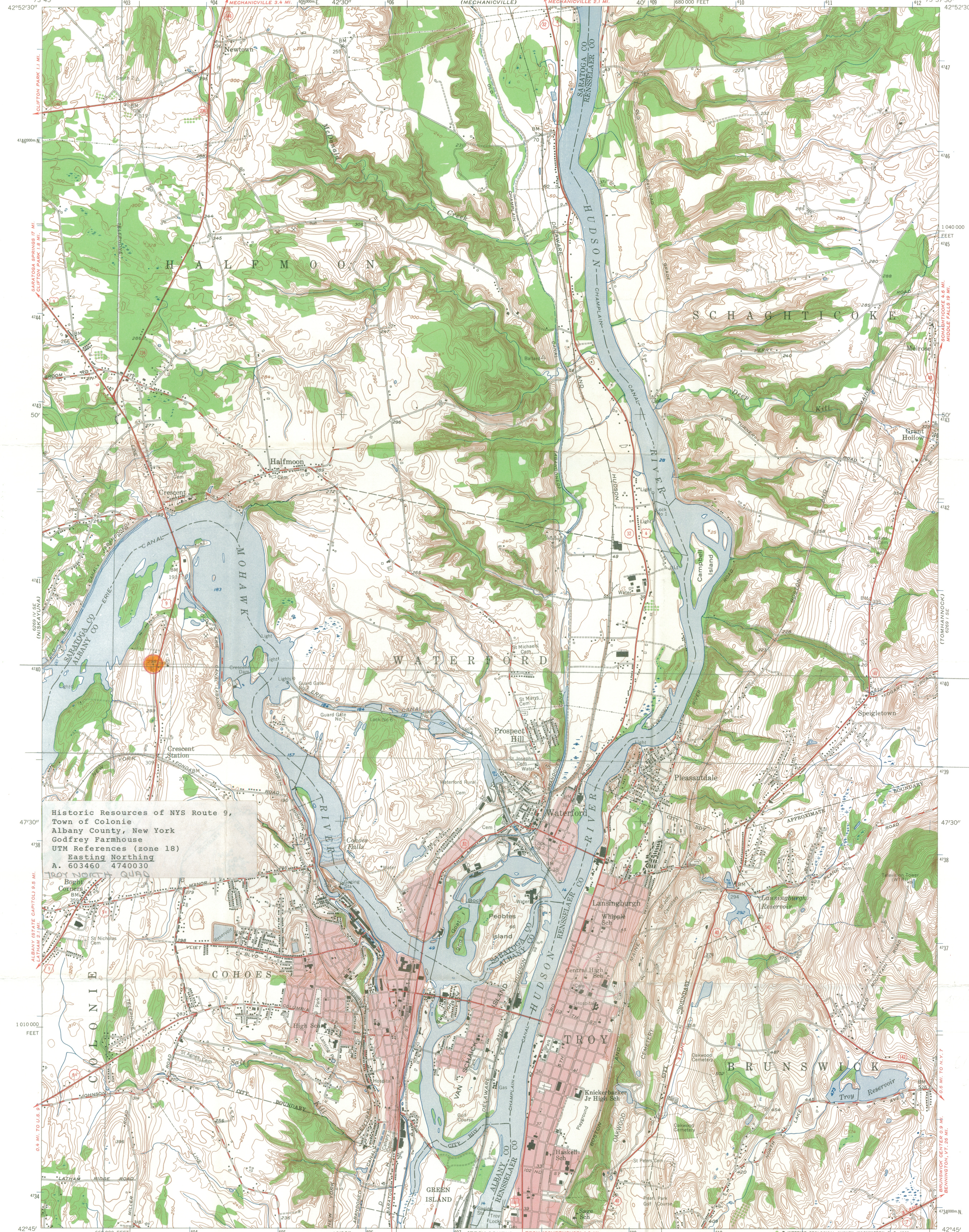


DOOR DETAIL

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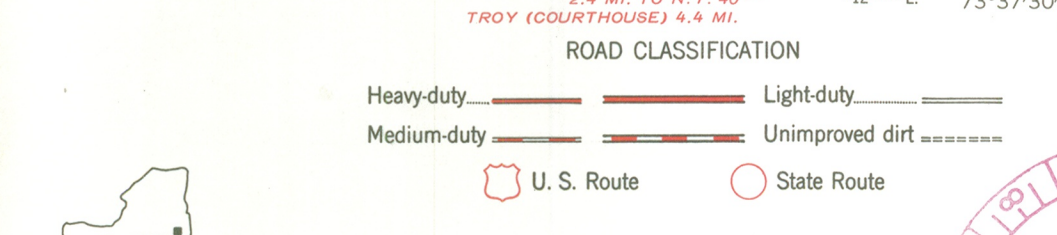
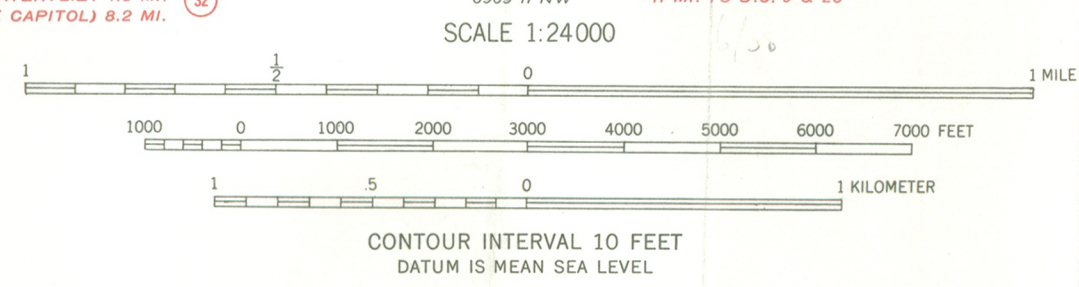
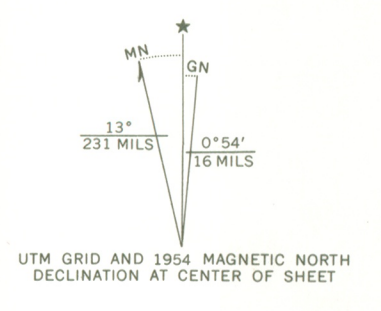
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Albany County, New York  
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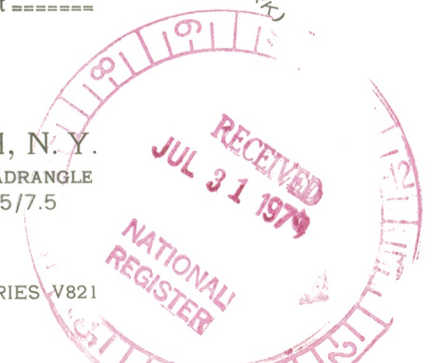
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Topography from aerial photographs by stereophotogrammetric methods. Aerial photographs taken 1952. Field check 1954  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on New York coordinate system, east zone  
Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown  
Unchecked elevations are shown in brown  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 18, shown in blue



TROY NORTH, N. Y.  
SW/4 COHOES 15' QUADRANGLE  
N4245—W7337.5/7.5

1954  
AMS 6269 I SW—SERIES 7821



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