

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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1. Name

historic Johnson-Jolls Complex

and/or common Dr. Willard B. Jolls House

2. Location

street & number S-4287 South Buffalo Street

___ not for publication

city, town Orchard Park

___ vicinity of

congressional district

38

state New York

code 036

county

Erie County

code 029

3. Classification

Category

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

Ownership

public
___ private
___ both
Public Acquisition
___ in process
___ being considered

Status

___ occupied
 unoccupied
___ work in progress
Accessible
 yes: restricted
___ yes: unrestricted
___ no

Present Use

___ agriculture
___ commercial
___ educational
___ entertainment
___ government
___ industrial
___ military
___ museum
___ park
___ private residence
___ religious
___ scientific
___ transportation
 other: vacant

4. Owner of Property

name Town of Orchard Park

street & number S-4295 South Buffalo Street

city, town Orchard Park

___ vicinity of

state New York

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.

Erie County Hall

street & number

95 Franklin Street

city, town

Buffalo

state New York

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Statewide Inventory of Historic Places has this property been determined eligible? ___ yes no

date February 1979

___ federal state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records N.Y. State Division for Historic Preservation

city, town Albany

state New York

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Johnson-Jolls House and related outbuildings are located immediately south of the intersection of U.S. Route 20A and N.Y. Route 240 in the heart of the commercial area of the village of Orchard Park.

The Italianate, two-story, square, brick structure stands on a foundation of dressed, regular ashlar stone. The facade (west) is five bays wide with a one-story porch extending the width of the building. Above the hipped roof is a frame cupola and four corbelled brick chimneys. A broad, bracketed cornice surrounds the main block above an ornamental frieze. This design is repeated in reduced proportions on the cornices of the cupola and porch. The fenestration is regular and symmetrical, consisting of double-hung, round-arched, two-over-two sash.

In plan, the house consists of a center hall flanked by two rooms on each side. The main stair rises to a second floor hallway flanked by two front bedrooms. To the rear is a transverse corridor which leads to three smaller bedrooms and bath. The main stairway continues to the cupola.

All interior doors, moldings, shutters, stairs and hardware are intact and original to the house. The dining room, parlor, library and central hallway all retain their original plaster cornices. The house has four marbleized slate fireplaces, two on each floor. The iron fireboxes were originally piped for gas and have patent dates just prior to the time the house was built. There are also a number of original gas fixtures with globes.

Alterations to the exterior of the main block are as follows: a one-story brick extension to the west side of the house circa 1880, modification to the front porch in 1910, a new chimney on the north side in 1907, and an extension to the south side porch in 1925. The only interior alteration has been the addition of plumbing and electrical services in the early twentieth century.

There are three outbuildings located behind the main house which were built between 1900-1910. A two and one-half story, frame carriage house with cornice returns replaced the original after a 1902 fire. Alongside the carriage house is a one-story frame garage and a one-story brick chicken coop.

Original plantings and landscape design features on the site are still visible but are heavily overgrown.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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Specific dates 1869-70

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Built in 1869-70 by a prominent and prosperous local merchant, Ambrose Johnson, the substantial, brick residence is a fine example of the Italianate style as manifested in domestic architecture. Significant for the wealth and variety of its original detail that remains intact on both the exterior and the interior, it well represents an important aspect of architectural fashion in the period between 1845-75.

The house was built by Ambrose Johnson, owner of the general store in Orchard Park. Johnson, a locally distinguished citizen, felt that a person of his success and influence should live in a home befitting his status. By the end of the Civil War it was a sign of affluence to own a brick home, and the elegant Italianate style distinguished his home from the simple, frame Greek Revival architecture of his neighbors.

Ambrose Johnson sold the property to Angeline and Catherine Brown in 1881, who owned it until 1902 when they sold it to Dr. Willard B. Jolls. From 1902 until his death in 1963, Dr. Jolls served his community faithfully and his home served as a symbol of healing to the people of Orchard Park. The doctor remodeled the rear portion of the house for his offices, but was also responsible for the building's remarkable state of preservation. Miss Michelfelder, the Jolls' housekeeper, owned the property until her death in October 1978. The town of Orchard Park is the present owner of the property.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Albany, New York. Historic Preservation Field Services Bureau. Research file.
 Smith, H. Perry. History of Buffalo and Erie County. Two Volumes. Syracuse:
 D. Mason and Co., 1884.
 White, Truman Clark. Our County and Its People. Boston: The Boston History Co.,
 1898.

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED
ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreage of nominated property .66 acres
 Quadrangle name Orchard Park Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A	<u>17</u>	<u>6 84 6 00</u>	<u>4 7 3 6 1 7 0</u>	B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Dr. Jolls Complex is centrally located on a .66 acre plot of land bounded on the north, east and south by the property lines of the complex and on the west by South Buffalo Street. See attached site map.

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

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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 organization Division for Historic Preservation date February 14, 1980
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 city or town Albany state New York

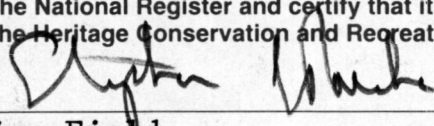
12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

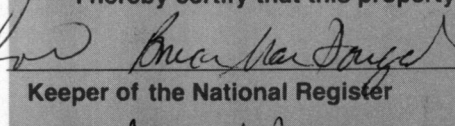
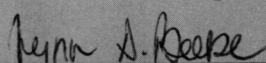
As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature



Director, Historic Preservation Field Services Bureau

date 2/21/80

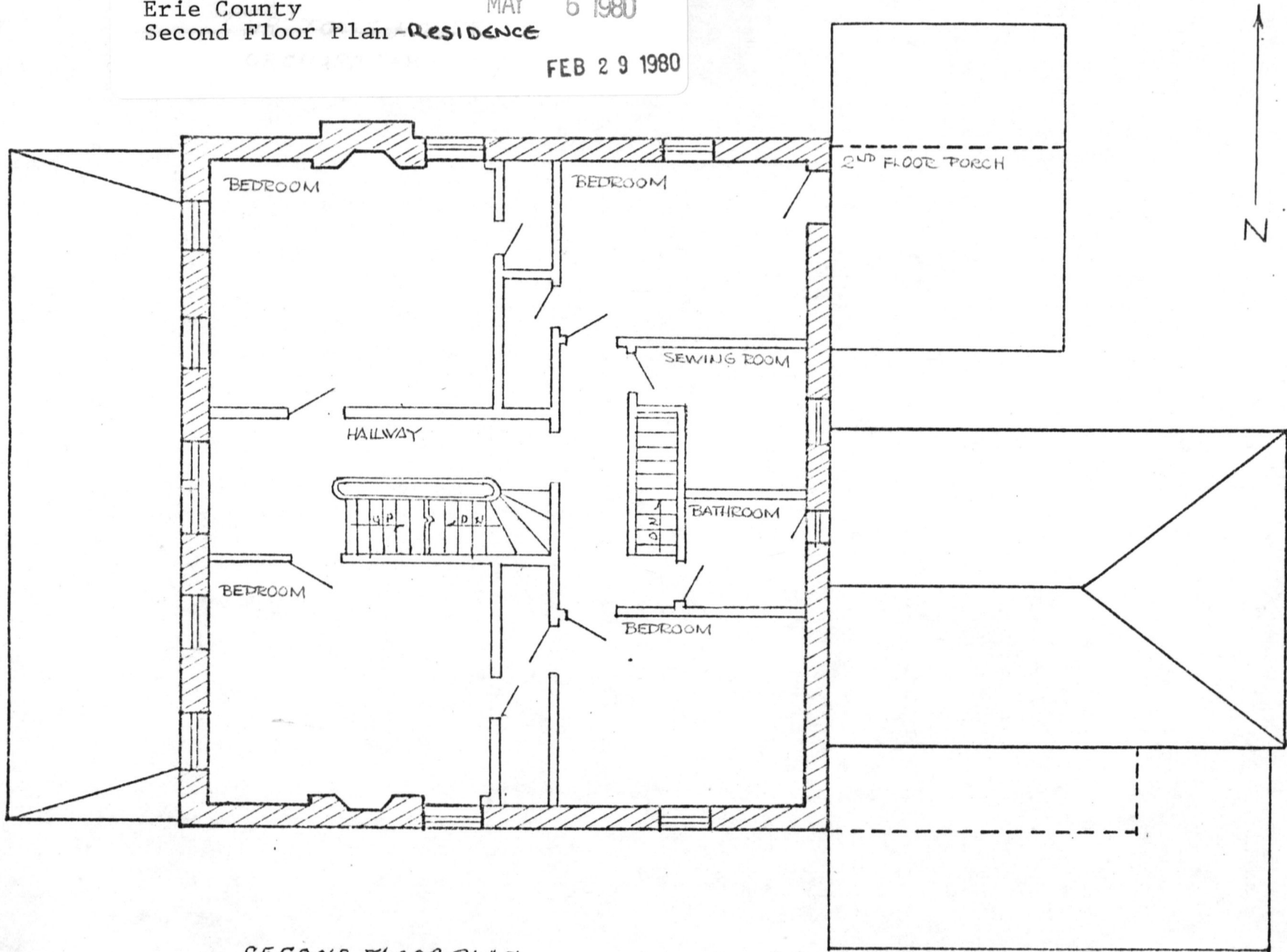
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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
	date <u>May 6, 1980</u>
Keeper of the National Register	
Attest: 	date <u>April 21, 1980</u>
Chief of Registration	

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Erie County

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Second Floor Plan - RESIDENCE

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SECOND FLOOR PLAN

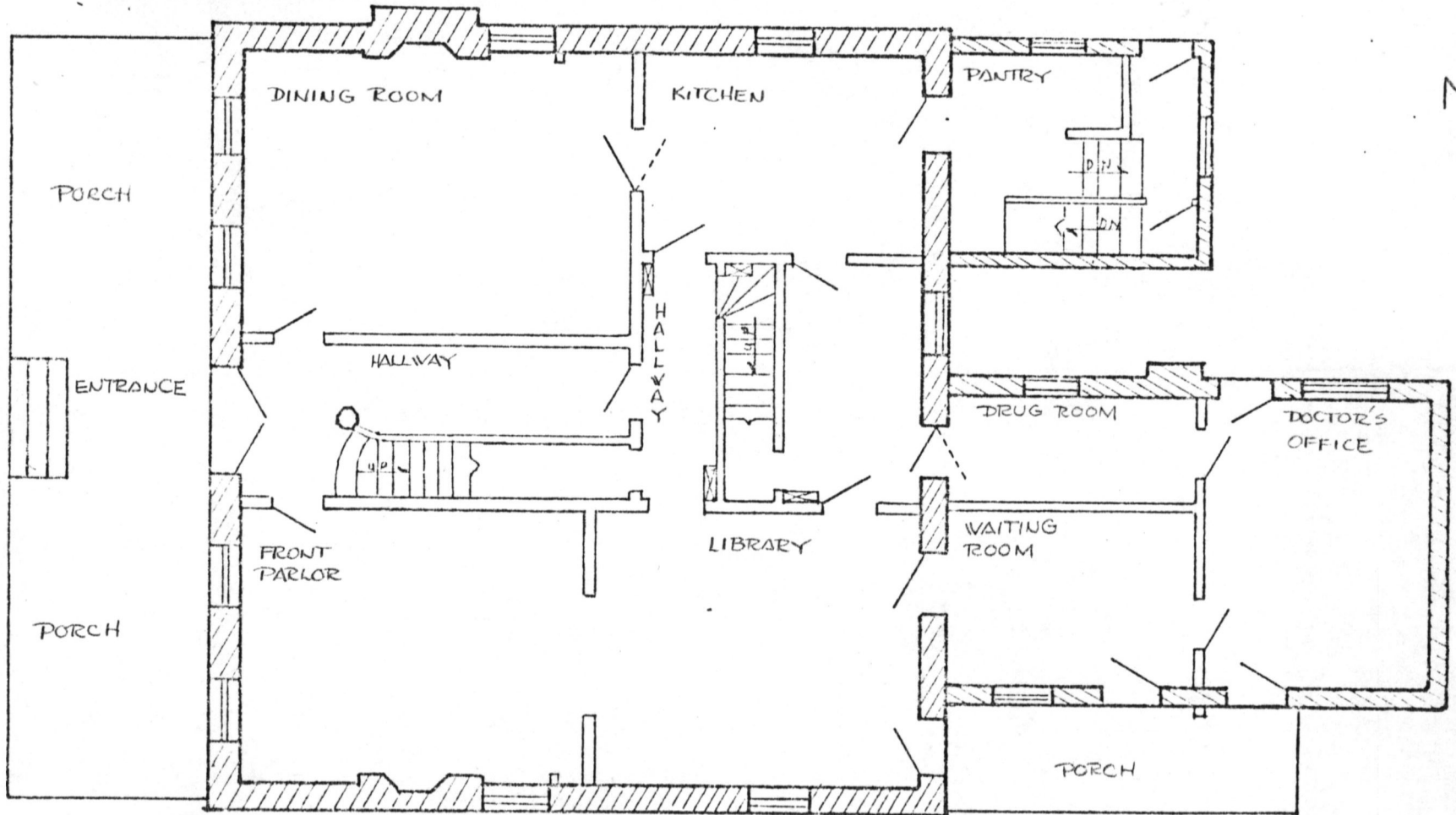
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First Floor Plan - Residence

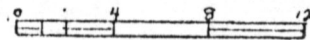
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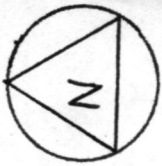
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FIRST FLOOR PLAN

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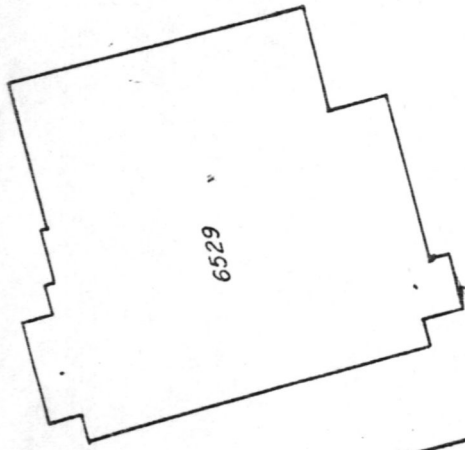




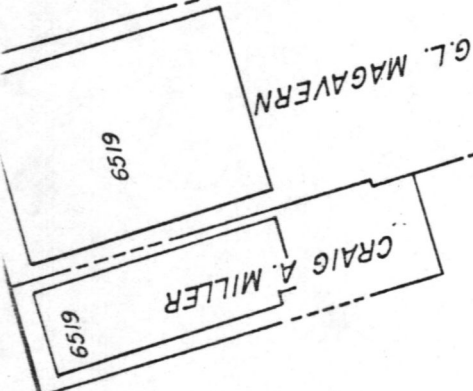
Johnson-Jolls Complex FEB 29 1980
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 Site Map--heavy black line indicates
 nomination boundary

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LIBERTY NATIONAL
 BANK & TRUST CO.



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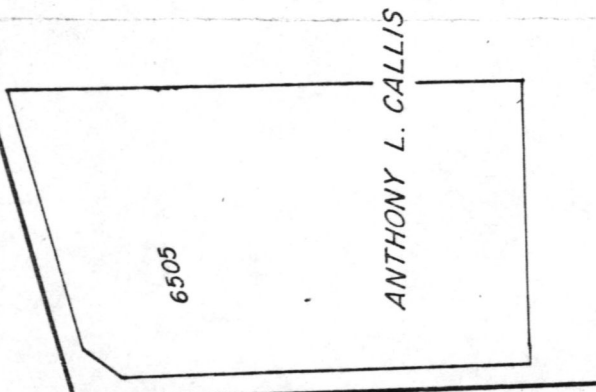


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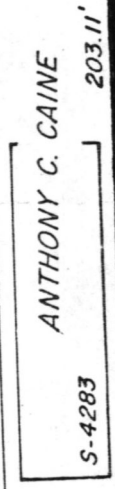
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CRAIG A. MILLER



6505

ANTHONY L. CALLIS



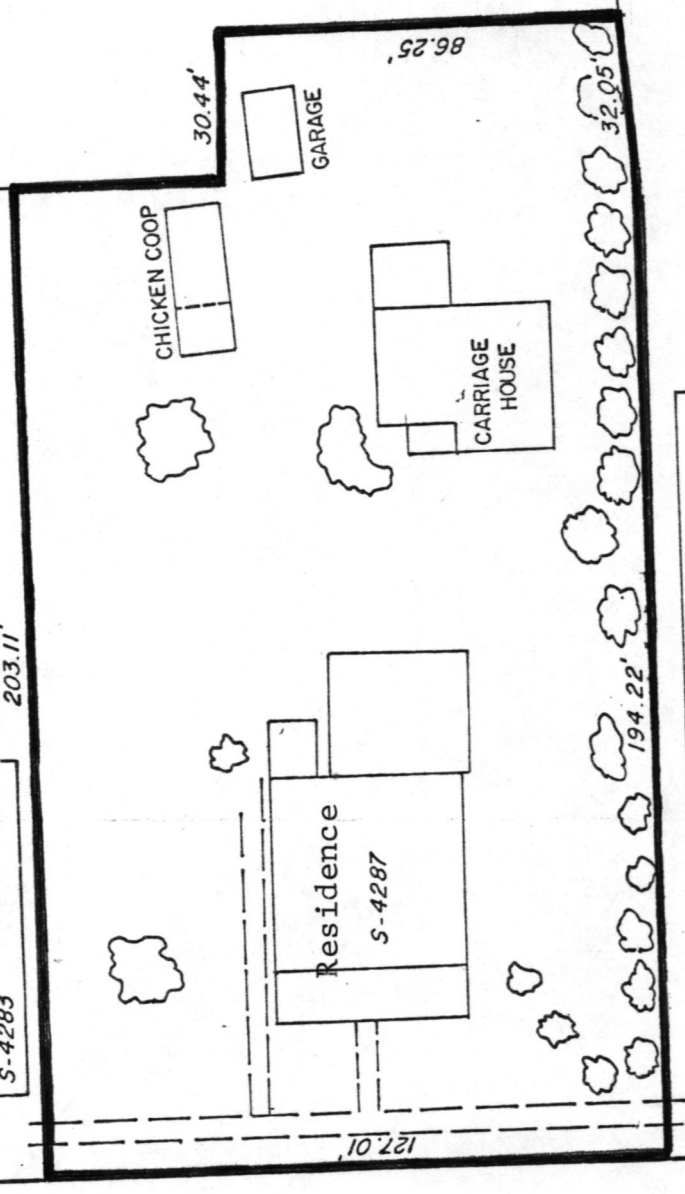
ANTHONY C. CAINE

S-4283

203.11'

(66' R.O.W.)

SOUTH BUFFALO STREET - RT. 2408, 277



30.44'

GARAGE

86.25'

CHICKEN COOP

CARRIAGE HOUSE

Residence

S-4287

194.22'

32.05'

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

S-4295

SITE PLAN - JOLLS PROPERTY

Property

Johnson-Gallie Complex

80002611

State

NY - Erie

Working Number

2-29-80 726

TECHNICAL

CONTROL

Photos 11

Maps 1

HISTORIAN

This Italianate Residence built in 1865-70 is significant as an example of period domestic architecture built for a well-to-do family. Although its condition appears rundown at present, it does retain a significant amount of original material. It is an excellent example of Italianate domestic architecture.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Accept. P. Reed 4/18/80

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

*Accept
L. Debe
4/21/80*

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

Entered MAY 6 1980

Federal Register Entry 2.3.81

Re-submit _____



JOHNSON-JOLLS COMPLEX
DR. WILLARD B. JOLLS COMPLEX
S-4287 SOUTH BUFFALO STREET
ORCHARD PARK, ERIE COUNTY,
NEW YORK 14127

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A. FRONT VIEW

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B. LEFTSIDE VIEW

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C. RIGHTSIDE VIEW

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D. ~~REARVIEW~~

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E. FULL STAIRHALL VIEW FEB 29 1980



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F. FIREPLACE-BEST-NORTHWEST ROOM

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G. FIRST FLOOR FRONT ROOM
WOODWORK DETAIL

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H. CARRIAGE BARN

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I. Chicken Coop

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J. JOLL'S HOUSE EARLIEST PHOTOGRAPH
1890 - 1900

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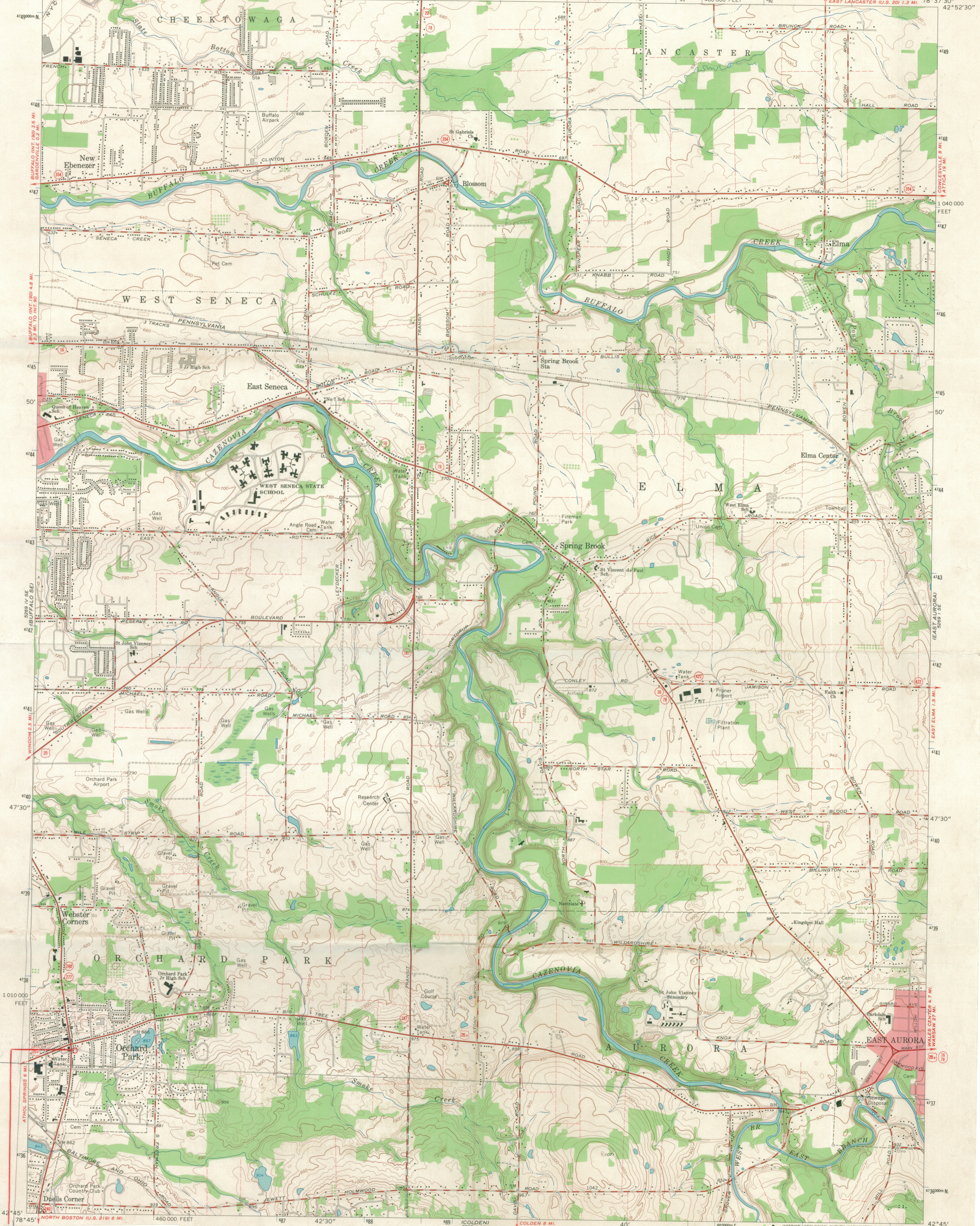
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K. FRANKLYN GARAGE

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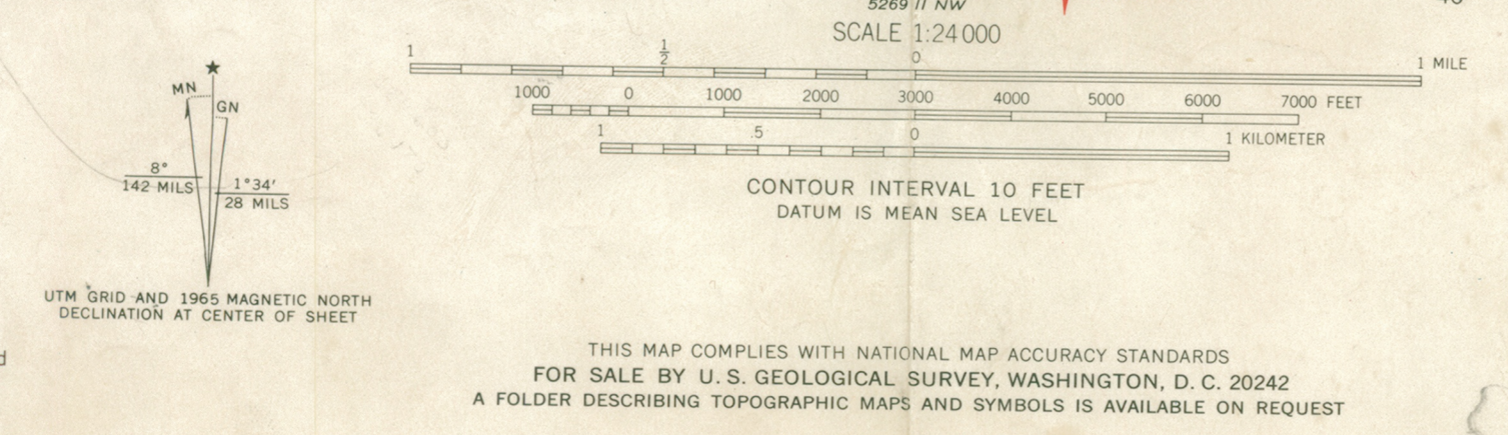


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 Erie County
 Orchard Park Quadrangle Zone 17
 UTM Regenerces

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Northing 4736170

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 Mercator grid ticks,
 Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown



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

ORCHARD PARK, N. Y.
 SW/4 DEPEW 15' QUADRANGLE
 N4245-W7837.5/7.5

1965

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60
206.57
320
516.75



46.43

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE NEW YORK

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
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Wilbur House	Fairport Monroe County
Richardson's Tavern	Perinton Monroe County
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Johnson-Jolls Complex	Orchard Park Erie County

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