

**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 Silas Gardner House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 1141 Union Avenue _____ not for publication

city, town Gardnertown _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district 26

state New York code 36 county Orange code 71

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Mr. and Mrs. Daniel C. Olson

street & number 1141 Union Avenue

city, town Newburgh _____ vicinity of _____ state New York

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Orange County Government Center

street & number 255-275 Main Street

city, town Goshen, _____ state New York

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible? _____ yes no

date 1975 _____ federal _____ state county _____ local

depository for survey records Orange County Historians' Office

city, town Goshen _____ state New York

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Silas Gardner House is located on the west side of Union Avenue in the town of Newburgh, 250 feet north of South Plank Road (NY 52). The rectangular, two and one-half story, random coursed stone residence is three bays wide and two bays deep (approximately 46' by 29'). On the west end is a one-story stone kitchen addition (date unknown) with a shed roof.

On the south side, at grade, is a central entrance. A cantilevered roof over the door is not shown in a picture of the house published in 1908 and therefore is thought not to be original.

The double-hung sash windows are uniformly 6/6 except in the kitchen and also one directly above the stoop, which is triple-hung 6/6/6. All the windows have wooden shutters. Another exterior door with a rectangular transom light provides exit at grade on the north wall. Interior brick chimneys straddle the ridge at both ends of the house.

On the interior, the first floor (main section) now consists of a large living room with two fireplaces, a closet, and an open stairway. It is altered from the original format which consisted of two rooms, a center hall, a storeroom, and an enclosed stairway. On the second floor, an open stairway runs to one bedroom, while a bath has been put in a small bedroom. The second floor parlors and the third floor are unchanged. The interior is finished with plaster and dry walls, painted wooden mantels, and painted woodwork, most of it original.

Fifty feet to the rear of the house is a small, one-story, frame barn now sheathed with aluminum siding that has been remodelled into a nursery school. The school does not contribute to the historical or architectural significance of the property. Approximately 130 feet south of the house are the remains of a millpond and a stone tunnel sluice leading across Union Avenue to the site of David Bond's gristmill, which was demolished some years ago.

The Silas Gardner house is bordered with coniferous trees to the south, a hedge to the east, and flowering trees to the northeast. There is a stone fence on both the south and east, a short distance from the walls of the house.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Silas Gardner house, long recognized as a local landmark, is significant for both architectural and historical reasons. A largely intact, representative example of rural craftsmanship and vernacular architecture, the hillside house exhibits evidence of Flemish architectural influence in its flared roofline and deep eaves, a feature that is a unique survival in Orange County vernacular architecture. It was also the residence of one of the original settlers in the area who, during the American Revolution, became well known as a Tory. The property also includes the partial remains of a tunnel sluice which may yield important archeological remains associated with the eighteenth and nineteenth century use of the property.

Except for minor changes, the external appearance of the house is nearly the same as in the period of its historic importance. The kitchen wing appears to have been added early. Although it is not original (as shown by join marks) it would not have been inappropriate at the date of original construction.

Although Silas Gardner signed the Pledge of Allegiance in June or July of 1775,¹ he was court-martialed in April of 1777 for "levying war against the United States of America, holding correspondence with and assisting the enemies of the said States." He appears to have assisted Tories and British to escape to Canada or to New York City. (In one place a Mrs. Powell, wife of a British officer, is identified and in others the wife of Sir John Johnson. Sir John is said to have sent Gardner a valuable ring in payment.²) Gardner was sentenced to be hanged, but pardoned, and in 1778, released on parole.

Although Silas Gardner is cited as an early settler³ on the Kipp Patent, granted Oct. 17, 1720,⁴ the date of this residence has not yet been established. Its architectural style and construction methods, however, clearly place it within the eighteenth century.

Unlike many of those identified as Tories, Gardner remained in the area and apparently prospered following the war. He was respectable enough that this section of the town of Newburgh has been continuously known as Gardnertown. He was elected path-master in 1785.⁵

Adelaide Skeel's King Washington (Philadelphia: 1908), appropriately subtitled "A Romance of the Hudson Highlands," uses the Silas Gardner House as the setting for its climactic passage. It also included a period photograph of the house showing its appearance prior to 1908.

The Silas Gardner House deserves to be placed on the National Register as a substantially intact an increasingly rare example of eighteenth century vernacular architecture, as a structure associated with the locally important personage of Silas Gardner, and because it may yield information important in the comparative study of mill technology and siting.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Eager, Samuel W. An Outline History of Orange County. Newburgh: S. T. Callahan, 1846-7.
 Calendar of historical mss. relating to the War of the Revolution. Albany: 1868.
 Public Papers of George Clinton. New York & Albany: Wynkoop, Hallenback & Crawford, 1899-1900
 Ruttenber, E. M. History of the Town of Newburgh. Newburgh: E. M. Ruttenber & Co.,
 Printers, 1859.

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreage of nominated property 1.485½ acres

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle name Newburgh

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The property on which the Silas Gardner house is located (Tax Map Lot # 64-1-3) is a 17-sided lot totalling 1.485½ acres on the west side of Union Avenue in the Town of Newburgh, with 307.3 feet of frontage on Union Avenue, beginning 78 feet north of the

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

state	code	county	code

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

Malcolm A. Booth (914)294-5657

Edited by

name/title Lawrence E. Gobrecht, Historic Preservation Field Service Bureau

organization N.Y.S. Historic Preservation Office date December 8, 1979

Agency Bldg. # 1

street & number Empire State Plaza telephone 518-474-0479

city or town Albany, state New York 12238

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 P. White

Director, Historic Preservation Field Services Bureau

title date 1/30/80

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

Bruce Van Donge

Keeper of the National Register

date 3/28/80

Attest: *Kenneth B. Beebe*

date March 27, 1980

Chief of Registration

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- ¹ Ruttenber, E. M. History of the Town of Newburgh. Newburgh: 1859, p. 52.
- ² Eager, Samuel W. An Outline History of Orange County. Newburgh: 1846-7, p. 203; Proceedings of the Provincial Convention, May 3, 1777, in Public Papers of George Clinton. New York & Albany: 1899, I, 790; Thomas Palmer to George Clinton, Public Papers of George Clinton. New York & Albany, 1900, II, 782-3; Ruttenber, op. cit., p. 55n.; and Ruttenber, E. M. History of the County of Orange with a History of the Town and City of Newburgh. Newburgh: 1875, p. 139n.
- ³ Ruttenber. History of the Town of Newburgh. Newburgh: 1859, p. 48.
- ⁴ Ruttenber, E. M., and L. H. Clark. History of Orange County. Philadelphia: 1881, p. 16.
- ⁵ Ibid., p. 327.

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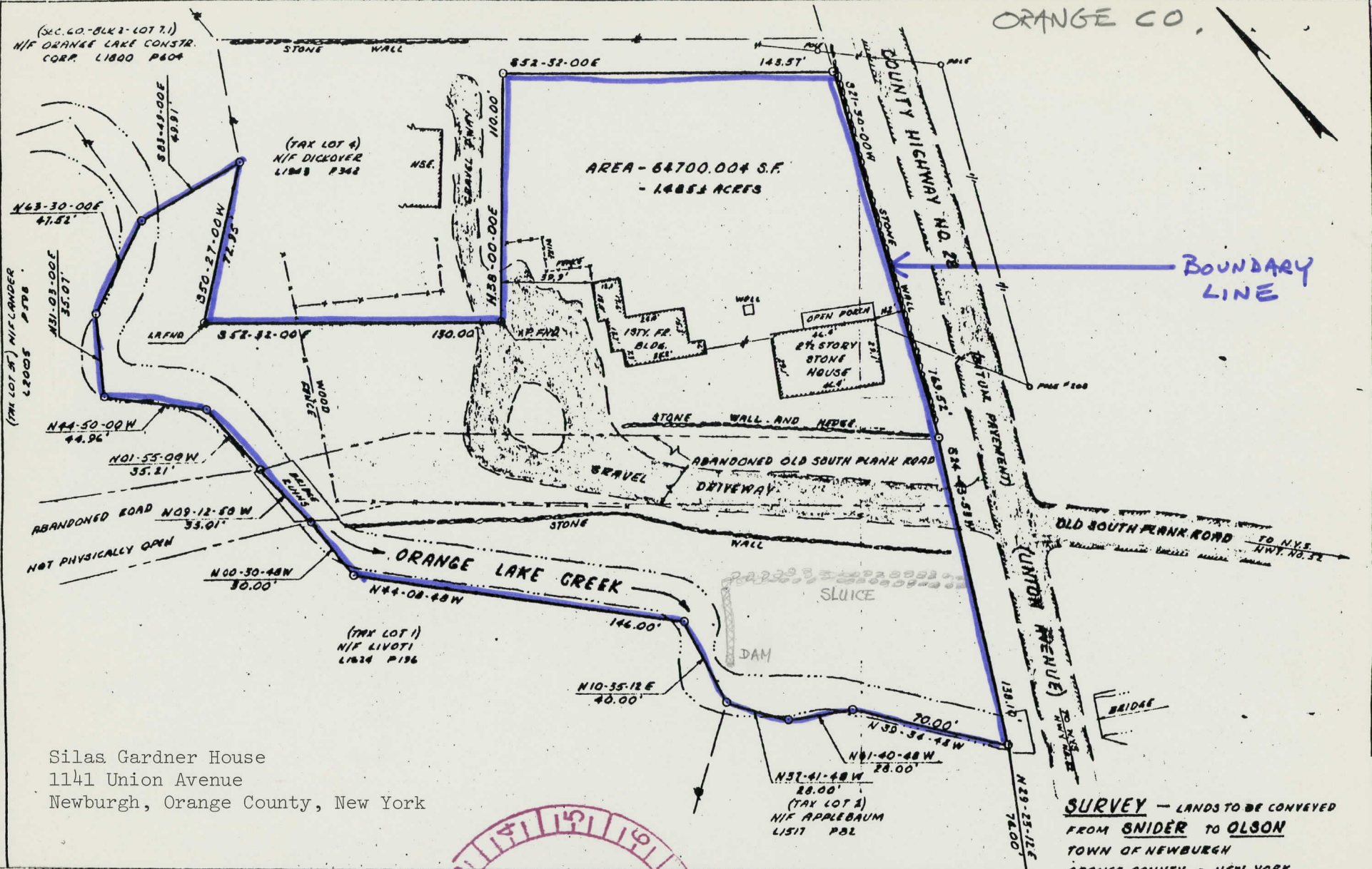
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the intersection with Route 52 (see attached site map).

Survey for The Silas Gardner House - 1141 Union Avenue - Newburgh, New York 12550

ORANGE CO.



Silas Gardner House
 1141 Union Avenue
 Newburgh, Orange County, New York

SURVEY - LANDS TO BE CONVEYED
 FROM **SNIDER** TO **OLSON**
 TOWN OF NEWBURGH
 ORANGE COUNTY - NEW YORK



80002734

Property Gardner, Silas House

State NY - Orange Working Number 2-12-80 474

TECHNICAL

CONTROL

Photos 3
Maps 2

HISTORIAN

Meets Criteria C: This house is an example of 18th Century vernacular architecture of the Hudson River Region. It illustrates Flemish/Dutch ethnic influences, a type of construction that is becoming increasingly rare. It should be noted that interior alterations to the structure detract from its architectural significance. It also appears that many exterior details have been replaced.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ACCEPT 3/20/80 P. Reed

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
L. Beebe
3/27/80

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up _____ Send-back _____ Entered MAR 28 1980
Federal Register Entry 2-3-81 Re-submit _____



Silas Gardner House
1141 Union Avenue, *gardnertown,*
Orange County, N. Y.

Photo: L. Moriello, 9/79
Neg.: NYS Div. Hist. Preservation
View: From N

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Orange County, N. Y.

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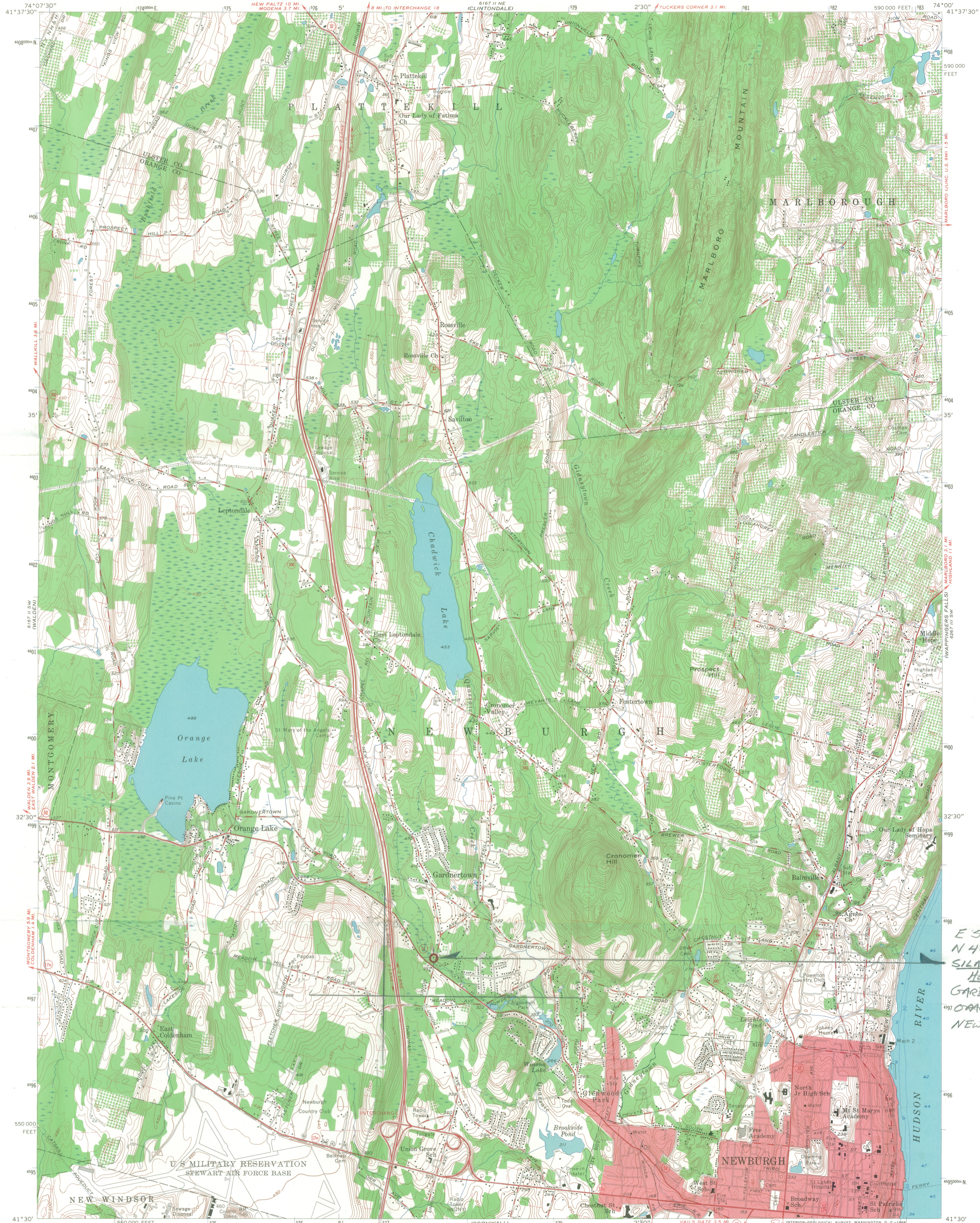
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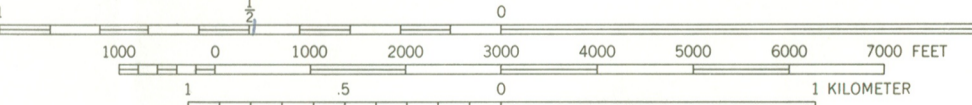
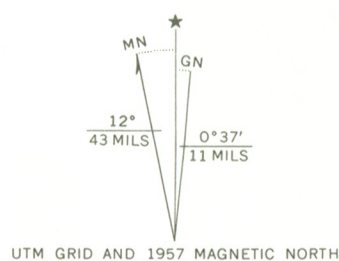
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SILAS GARDNER
HOUSE
GARDNERTOWN
ORANGE CO.
NEWBURGH QUAD

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS and USC&GS
Topography from aerial photographs by photogrammetric methods
Aerial photographs taken 1955 and 1956. Field check 1957
Hydrography compiled from USC&GS chart 282 (1954)
Polyconic 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
visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked
Red tint indicates area in which only
landmark buildings are shown
Unchecked elevations are shown in brown



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL
DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS LOW WATER
SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER
THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 2.8 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 ————

NEWBURGH, N. Y.
SE/4 NEWBURGH 15' QUADRANGLE
N4130—W7400/7.5
1957
AMS 6167 II SE—SERIES V821



MAR 28 1980



United States Department of the Interior

HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND RECREATION SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

IN REPLY REFER TO: 661

FEB 20 1980

Dear Property Owner:

The property you own has been nominated for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The National Register is the government's official list of historic buildings and other cultural resources worthy of preservation. This nomination is pending in our office.

If your property is depreciable and is listed in the National Register, there are certain benefits and provisions of the Tax Reform Act of 1976 that may apply to you. We are enclosing information about this law and a general description of the National Register program.

Soon we will be considering whether your property should be listed, using as our guidelines the "Criteria for Evaluation" shown in the enclosed material. If you wish to comment on whether your property should be listed, we would be pleased to hear from you. Send your comments within 30 days of the date of this letter to me, Carol D. Shull, Acting Keeper of the National Register, Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, Department of the Interior, Pension Building, 440 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20243 (Attn: NOM). Please include the name and address of the property as shown on the address label on this letter. If you have questions about the National Register program or the enclosed material, you should also address them to me.

In the enclosed material you will note references to standards for rehabilitating old buildings. These standards are a list of do's and don't's for people who are fixing up old buildings. If the owner of a building listed in the National Register, either individually or as part of a district, wishes to take advantage of the Tax Reform Act benefits, these standards must be followed. A copy of these standards is available from Technical Preservation Services, Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, Department of the Interior, Pension Building, 440 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20243. Questions about the standards should also be addressed to that same office.

Sincerely,

Carol D. Shull
Acting Keeper of the National Register

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel C. Olson
1141 Union Avenue
Newburgh, NY

RE: Gardner, Silas House

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

MAR 3 1980

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE (ATTACHED)

INFORMATIVE MATERIAL SENT

TELEPHONE CALL (ATTACHED)

REVISION TAKEN

FILED

8/11/80

Silas Gardner House
2-26-80

Orange Co.

YP

Mr. & Mrs. Daniel C. Olson
1141 Union Avenue
Newburgh, New York 12550

(914) 564-0572

February 29, 1980

Carol D. Shull,
Acting Keeper of the National Register
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Washington, DC 20243

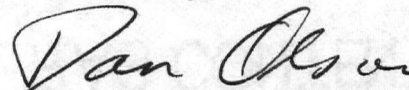
Attn: NOM (661)
Re: Silas Gardner House

Dear Ms. Shull:

We are entirely in favor of the listing of the Silas Gardner House
on the National Register of Historic Places.

I talked briefly with Ms. Lynn Beebe (202-343-6401) this morning, and indicated if appropriate, we would try to assist in supplying further information. At the present we are hopeful the information supplied by New York State will be thorough, and adequate for approving the listing.

Sincerely,



Daniel C. Olson

DCO:jc

ENCHMENT BOND
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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE NEW YORK

Date Entered **MAR 28 1980**

Name

Location

Gardner, Silas, House

Gardnertown
Orange County

Yelverton Inn and Store

Chester
Orange County

Honorable Daniel P. Moynihan Also Notified

Honorable Jacob K. Javits
Honorable John M. Murphy
Honorable Sedgwick W. Green
Honorable Ted Weiss
Honorable Hamilton Fish, Jr.
Honorable Benjamin A. Gilman

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

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For further information, please call the National Register at (202)343-6401.

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STATE NEW YORK

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Elliott, Dr. Samuel MacKenzie, House	Staten Island Richmond County
Former Police Headquarters Building	New York New York County
Eldridge Street Synagogue	New York New York County
Roosevelt, Sara Delano, Memorial House	New York New York County
Harvard Club of New York City	New York New York County
Church of the Immaculate Conception and Clergy House	New York New York County
McGraw-Hill Building	New York New York County
Reed Memorial Library	Carmel Putnam County
DeRham Farm	Garrison vicinity Putnam County

Also Notified