

HISTORIC AND NATURAL DISTRICTS  
INVENTORY FORM

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NEW YORK STATE PARKS AND RECREATION  
ALBANY, NEW YORK (518) 474-0479

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YOUR NAME: Townley McElhiney Sharp DATE: August 10, 1980

YOUR ADDRESS: Box 274, Hurley, N.Y. TELEPHONE: 914-331-8944

ORGANIZATION (if any): Historic Architecture & Decorative Arts  
Consultants

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✓ 1. NAME OF DISTRICT: South Hamilton Street Row (P.M.R.A.)

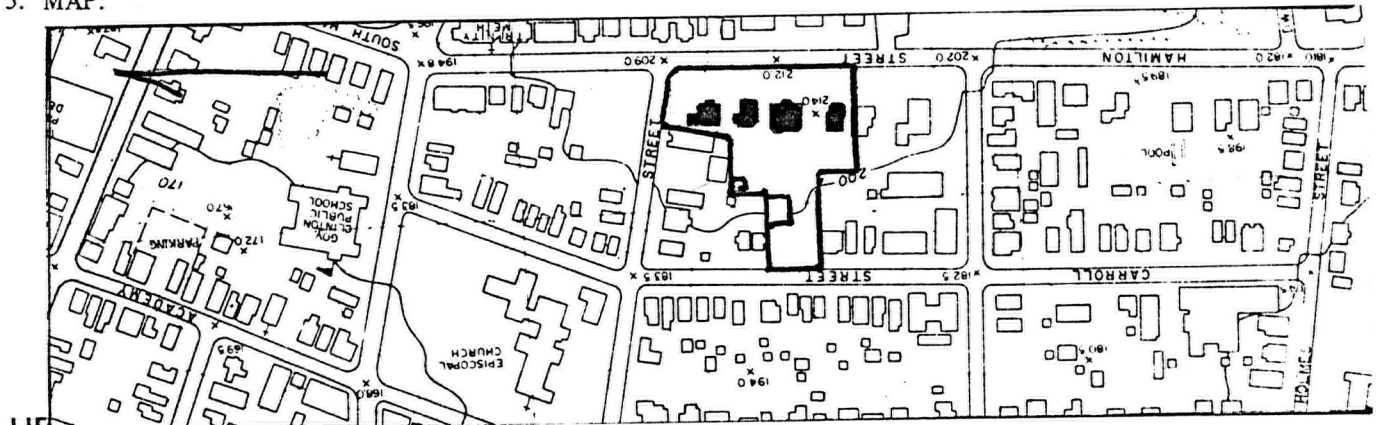
✓ 2. COUNTY: Dutchess TOWN/CITY Roughkeepsie VILLAGE: \_\_\_\_\_  
81-87 S. Hamilton St.

3. DESCRIPTION: The four houses in this row are all clapboarded and date from 1871 or 1872. Varying from two-story Second Empire residences to three-and-a-half-story Italian Villa- and Victorian Residential-style dwellings, each is sited on a large grassy lot, with many trees. Distinctive architectural features include slate mansard roofs, bracketed and Eastlake-style porches, towers, an arcaded loggia, balconies, a porte-cochère, and a large period barn (at the rear of No. 85.) These houses clearly represent the upper-middle class suburbs of the 1870s.

Starting at the southwest corner of South Hamilton and Barclay Streets, the row's boundary runs west along Barclay (cont.)

4. SIGNIFICANCE: South Hamilton Street, named for Alexander Hamilton, is characterized by residential buildings for almost its entire length, starting at Cannon Street south to Livingston Street. The South Hamilton Street Row is the first block, moving away from the Central Business District, with set-back structures, large suburban lawns, and many trees. From a perusal of city directories, it appears that George Corlies developed this row as private speculation. It has been suggested that Nos. 83, 85, 87, and 89 (latter now completely altered) were originally similar Second Empire residences. The houses at 83 and 87 retain their initial appearance, while 85 was transformed in the 1880s into an elaborate Victorian Residential-style dwelling (cont.)

5. MAP:



6. SOURCES: Platt, History of Poughkeepsie, 1905; City Directories: 1871-1872 to 1872-1873; Maps: 1867, 1874, 1876, c. 1880, 1887, 1895; Opdycke, Guide, 1977.

7. THREATS TO AREA:

BY ZONING  BY ROADS  BY DEVELOPERS

BY DETERIORATION  OTHER None

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

8. LOCAL ATTITUDES TOWARD THE AREA: Although local residents are proud and protective of their block, they fear encroachments from marginal neighborhoods nearby. At the same time, this row is within a two-block proximity of the National Register-eligible Academy and Dwight-Hooker Avenue Historic Districts, which should bolster the residents' efforts to maintain their properties appeal and integrity.

9. PHOTOS: See photographs numbered SH-1 and SH-2 in the accompanying envelope.

DISTRICT/ROW # VIII., continued South Hamilton Street

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3. DESCRIPTION, CONTINUED

to the western property line of No. 81. It then follows the rear lot lines of Nos. 81, 83, 85, and 87, in an irregular way to the southern line of No. 87, runs east to South Hamilton Street, and along the western curb of the street to the place of beginning. (See #5: MAP for detailed boundary lines.) UTM: 18/589350/4616450. Approximate acreage is three.

4. SIGNIFICANCE, CONTINUED

by Captain John H. Brinckerhoff, owner of the Poughkeepsie Transportation Company and the famous steamer "Mary Powell." With its distinctive architectural details, No. 85 is unique in the City of Poughkeepsie and with the best example of the Italian Villa Style, No. 79 South Hamilton Street, makes an important statement about elevated taste and wealth in Poughkeepsie during the late-19th century. The two intact and distinguished Second Empire houses provide an interesting contrast and indicate different preferences for residential styles in Poughkeepsie in the 1870s.

SOUTH HAMILTON STREET ROW, POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y.

BLDG. #

STREET & NUMBER

DATE

ARCHITECTURAL & HISTORICAL DATA

OWNER & ADDRESS

S. Hamilton St.

194.	81	c.1872	Italianate Villa-style house; clapboarded; two to three stories plus mansard roof; projecting tower at center front with two story arch embracing large second story window and paneled, double entry doors; 4/4 windows are single or paired; at right is wing with arcaded loggia and small tower.	Abstel Realty 155 Franklin
195.	83	c.1871	Clapboarded, Second Empire-style residence; two stories plus mansard roof; dormers with arched pediments; paneled & bracketed cornice; 2/2 windows with molded lintels; bracketed porch; wing at back.	Robert W. Jaegen same
196.	85	c.1871	Two and a half to three story, clapboarded house; deeply projecting cornice with brackets; wide frieze with windows; second and third story central tower with balcony; arched 1/1 windows; ornate wrap-around porch with porte-cochère in the Eastlake Style; arched entryway with large, double doors.	Marion S. Rutherford same
197.	87	c.1871	Clapboarded, Second Empire-style house; two stories and a mansard roof; dormers with arched pediments; paneled & bracketed cornice; 2/2 windows with molded lintels; bracketed porch; wing at rear; 3 sided bay; double door entry.	Everett K. Weed Jr. same

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Poughkeepsie Multiple Resource Area

State NY

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

41. Dutchess County Courthouse

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Melona Byers 11/26/82

Attest

42. Farmer's and Manufacturer's Bank

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Melona Byers 11/26/82

Attest

43. Young Men's Christian Association

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Melona Byers 11/26/82

Attest

44. New York State Armory

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Melona Byers 11/26/82

Attest

261 45. South Hamilton Street  
Row

Substantive Review

Keeper

Bruce Lee Dwyer 11/26/82

Attest

accept Patrick Andrus 11/23/82

46. Hasbrouck House

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47. Adriance Memorial Library

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48. Harlow Row

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49. Old St. Peter's Church

Substantive Review

**OWNER OBJECTION**

Keeper

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262 50. Pelton Mill

Substantive Review

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Substantive Review

South Hamilton Street Row (Poughkeepsie MRA)  
Dutchess County  
NEW YORK

Working No. 10/12/82-2867  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2 1 83  
Date Due: 11/11/82 — 11/26/82  
Action:  ACCEPT 11/26/82  
 RETURN  
 REJECT

Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*distinguished collection of architecturally significant  
late 19th cent. residences representing upper middle  
class of 1870's*

Recom./Criteria Accept  
Reviewer Patrick Andrews  
Discipline Historian  
Date 11/23/82  
 see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for:  technical corrections cited below  
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input 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

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

## 8. Significance

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Area of Significance—Check and justify below \_\_\_\_\_

Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_ Builder/Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) \_\_\_\_\_

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

*this statement of significance is not as well done as others, but the buildings are clearly significant*

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

## 10. Geographical Data

Average of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_  
Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_  
USGS References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

## 11. Form Prepared By

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:  
\_\_\_\_\_ national \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

## 13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



Multiple Resources of Poughkeepsie,

Dutchess County, New York

South Hamilton Street Row

Credit: HADAC, P.O.Box 274 Hurley, N.Y.

Neg. on file: NYSDHP, Albany, N.Y.

Bldg. Nos. 194 & 195

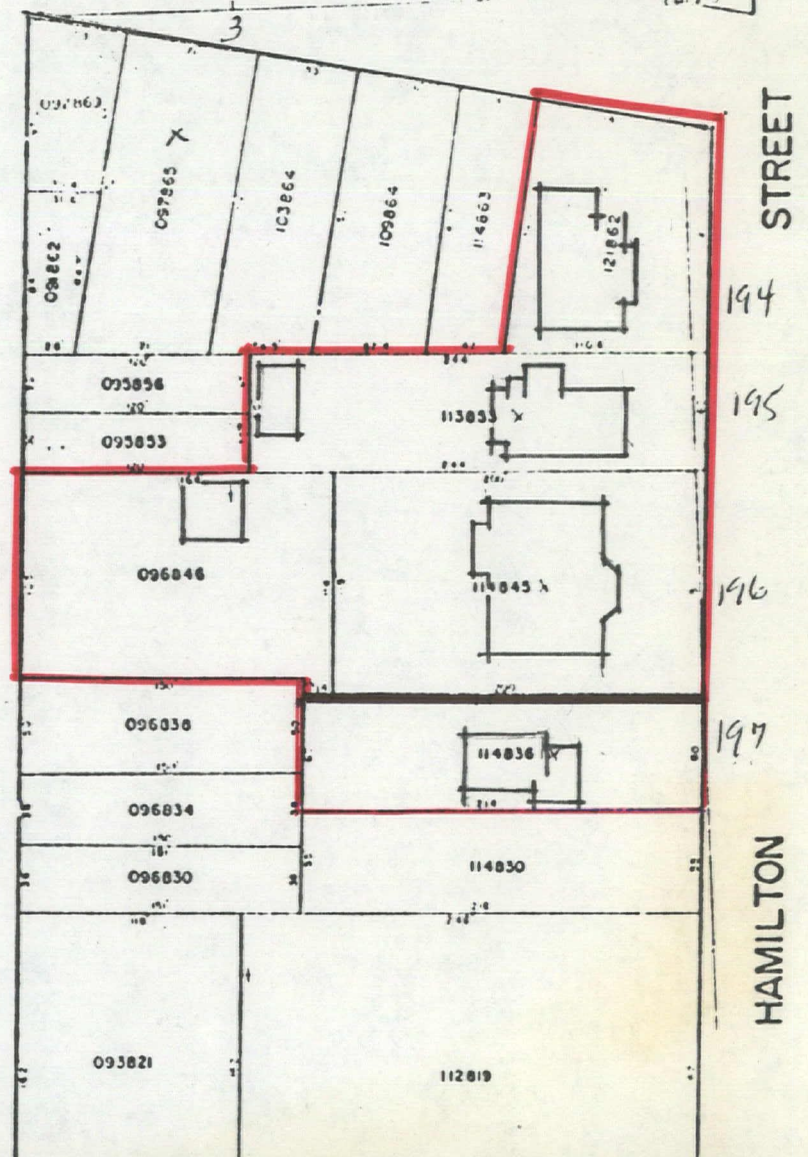
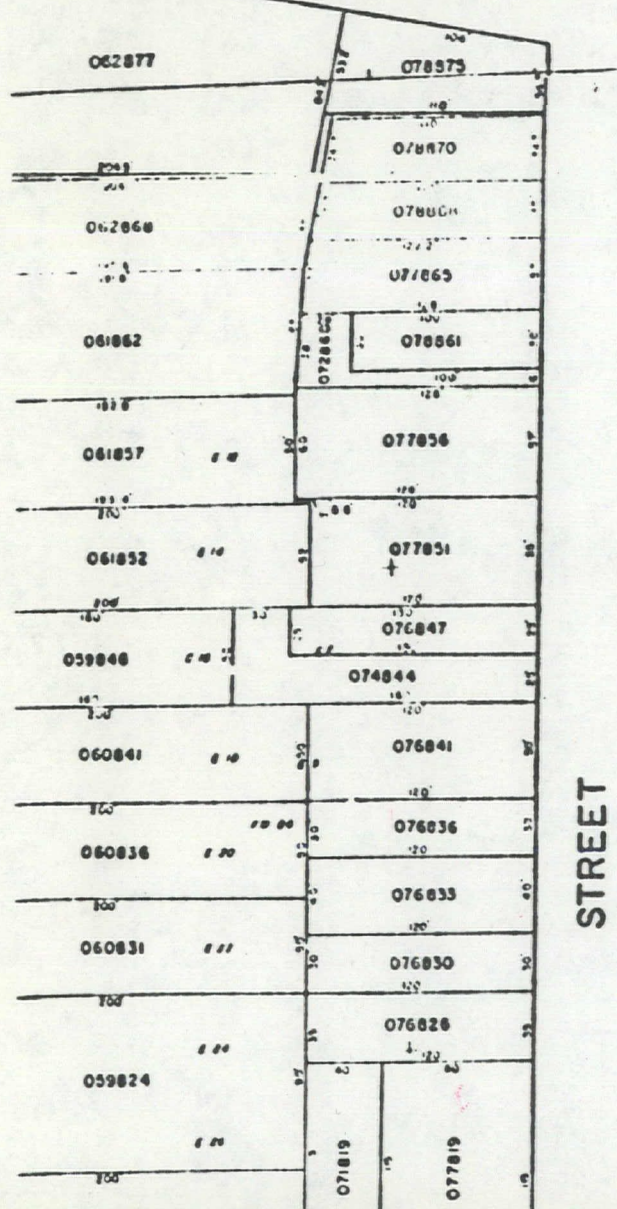
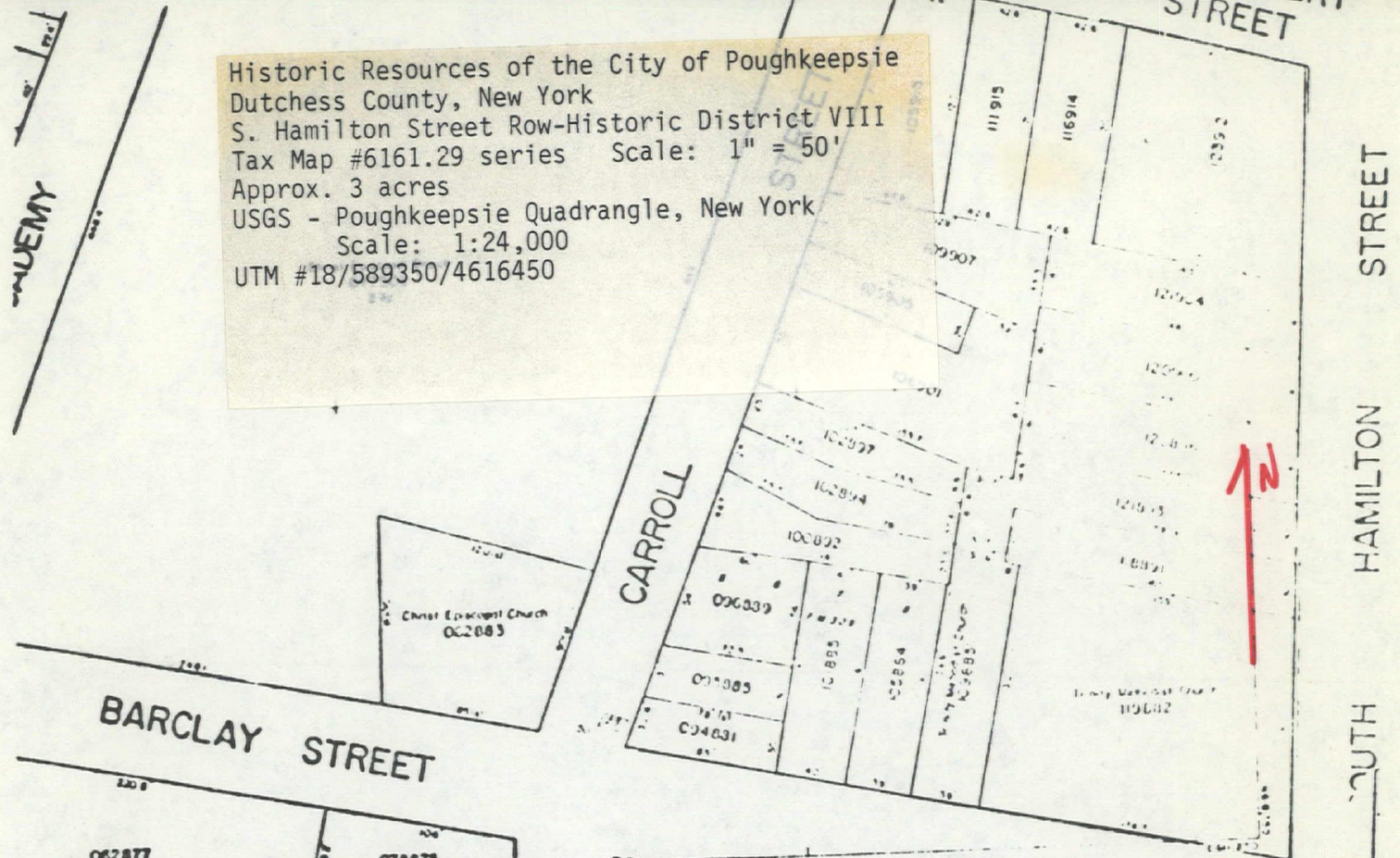
Looking Southwest

Photo # SH-1



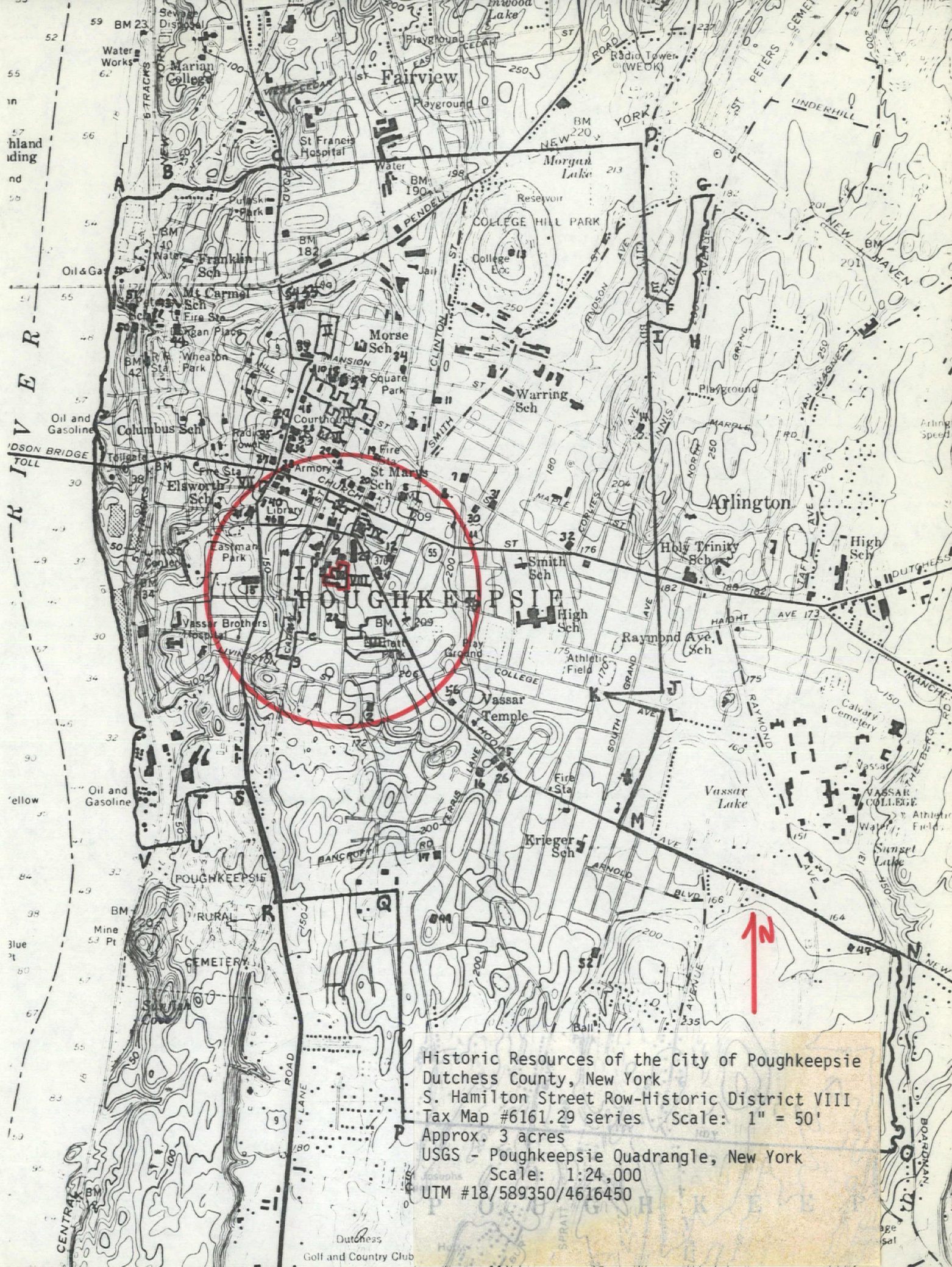
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Bldg. Nos. 196 & 197 (with 195)  
Looking Northwest Photo # SH-2

Historic Resources of the City of Poughkeepsie  
 Dutchess County, New York  
 S. Hamilton Street Row-Historic District VIII  
 Tax Map #6161.29 series Scale: 1" = 50'  
 Approx. 3 acres  
 USGS - Poughkeepsie Quadrangle, New York  
 Scale: 1:24,000  
 UTM #18/589350/4616450



HAMILTON STREET  
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