

HISTORIC AND NATURAL DISTRICTS
INVENTORY FORM

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

✓ 1. NAME OF DISTRICT: Vassar-Warner Row (P. M. R. A.)

✓ 2. COUNTY: Dutchess TOWN/CITY: Poughkeepsie VILLAGE: _____

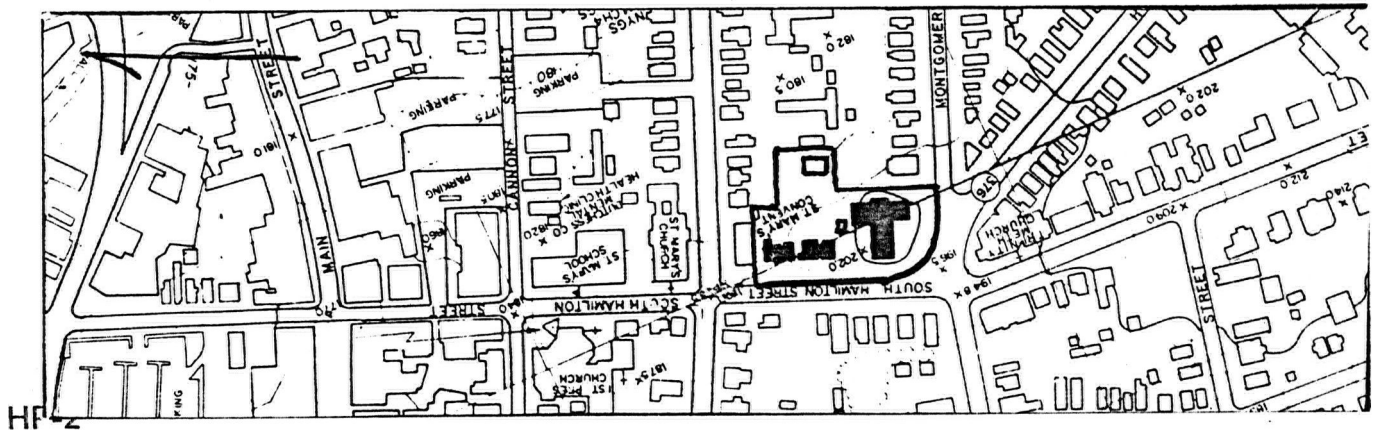
✓ S. Hamilton from Montgomery to 40 Hamilton St.

3. DESCRIPTION: The focal point of this row is the imposing 1837 Vassar-Warner Home (with its 1898 Corydon Wheeler-designed wing), which is a massive three-story, brick structure at the juncture of South Hamilton, Montgomery, and Hooker Avenue. On the building's north side are three Queen Anne-style residences, which are asymmetrical in plan, two-and-a-half-stories tall, and of various materials, including brick, slate, stone, clapboards, and square and scalloped shingles. The grassy lawns and trees along this stretch of South Hamilton Street give the houses a private feeling, even though they are only three blocks from the Main Mall.

Starting at the northeastern corner of South Hamilton and (cont.)
4. SIGNIFICANCE:

The monumental Vassar-Warner Home was the second building for the Dutchess County Academy (which had given its name to Academy Street.) This school for young men was the oldest in Poughkeepsie and existed in this location until the mid-19th century, when the building was sold to the city for a public school. Later the edifice was purchased by J. Rowland Warner, who envisioned the Old Ladies Home, which he founded in 1871. As with many of Poughkeepsie's charitable institutions, William W. Smith, of the Smith Brothers Cough Drop Company, was associated with it and suggested the expansion undertaken in 1898. The large rear wing was sensitively designed by Corydon Wheeler, who was also the architect for the National Register-eligible Trinity Church

5. MAP: (cont.)



6. SOURCES: Platt, History of Poughkeepsie, 1905; City Directories: 1843 to 1902; Maps: 1834, c. 1850, 1857, 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: Not only do the local residents acknowledge the historical and architectural merits of the Dutchess Academy/Vassar-Warner Home Row, but the City of Poughkeepsie does as well. During the past year when new sidewalks were laid, the city installed bluestone and brick walkways.

9. PHOTOS: See photographs numbered VW-1 through VW-3 in the accompanying envelope.

DISTRICT/ROW # IX. , continued Vassar-Warner

3. DESCRIPTION, CONTINUED

Montgomery Streets, the row's boundary runs along Montgomery Street in a southeasterly direction to the rear lot line of the Vassar-Warner Home. It proceeds along the rear property lines of Nos. 52, 48, 42-46, and 40, to the northeastern line of No. 40, follows the latter line to South Hamilton Street, and then runs along the southeastern curb of South Hamilton to the place of beginning. (See #5: MAP for detailed boundary.) UTM: 18/589460/4616740. Approximate acreage is two.

4. SIGNIFICANCE, CONTINUED

across the street to the south. The three residential structures to the north are fine representative examples of the Queen Anne Style and illustrate the variety of design choices in that eclectic mode. As a group, the buildings exhibit period integrity and distinctive characteristics in the City of Poughkeepsie.

VASSAR-WARNER ROW, POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y.

<u>BLDG. #</u>	<u>STREET & NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ARCHITECTURAL & HISTORICAL DATA</u>	<u>OWNER & ADDRESS</u>
	<u>S. Hamilton St.</u>			
198.	40	c.1884	Two and a half story, brick residence; hipped roof with iron cresting on roof; molded and bracketed cornice; patterned brick frieze; various pediments and dormers; ornate chimneys; paired or triple 1/1 windows, recessed under arched brick lintels; double doors; water table, with outbuilding.	Catholic High School Assoc. same
199.	42-46	c.1885; 1902	Brick and clapboarded, Queen Anne-style row house; two and a half stories; hipped roof; several three-sided bays; classical entablature; full-height pilasters; diamond-paned or 1/1 windows; classical and Eastlake-style porches; central pediment.	42, 44: Wade Bolde 25 Academy St. 46: Mary J. Spisso same
200.	48	c.1889	Small Queen Anne-style dwelling with clapboarding and shingles; hipped roof with pedimental dormer; turret at left on second story; shingled pediment over entry porch; 4/1 windows; 3-sided bay.	Old Ladies Home 52 So. Hamilton S
201.	52	c.1837; 1898	Monumental Greek Revival-style structure; three stories plus raised basement; brick; classical pediment, entablature, and full-height Ionic columns; porches at each story; sandstone belt course; 6/6, 4/4 windows; double, glazed doors; similar turn-of-the-century wing at rear by Corydon Wheeler.	Old Ladies Home same

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National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Poughkeepsie Multiple Resource Area
State NY

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. Wilkinson House **Substantive Review**
DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Keeper

Patricia Andrews
Patricia Andrews 11/26/82

Attest

eligible 11/22/82 *Patrick Andrews*

22. Niagara Engine House **Entered in the
National Register**

Keeper

Selma Byers 11/26/82

Attest

23. First Presbyterian Church **Entered in the
National Register**

Keeper

Selma Byers 11/26/82

Attest

24. Vassar-Warner Row **Entered in the
National Register**

Keeper

Selma Byers 11/26/82

Attest

25. Boughton/Haight House **Substantive Review**

Keeper

Patricia Andrews 11/26/82

Attest

accept 11/22/82 *Patrick Andrews*

26. Dwight-Hooker Avenue
Historic District **Entered in the
National Register**

Keeper

Selma Byers 11/26/82

Attest

27. Reynolds House **Entered in the
National Register**

Keeper

Selma Byers 11/26/82

Attest

28. Trinity Methodist Episcopal
Church and Rectory **Entered in the
National Register**

Keeper

Selma Byers 11/26/82

Attest

29. Hershkind House **Entered in the
National Register**

Keeper

Selma Byers 11/26/82

Attest

30. Sague House **Substantive Review**

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Vassar-Warner Row (Poughkeepsie MRA)
Dutchess County
NEW YORK

Working No. 10.12.82-2867
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.1.83
Date Due: 11/25/82 — 11/26/82
Action: ACCEPT 11/26/82
 RETURN
 REJECT
Entered in the National Register
Federal Agency: _____

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

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
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 _____ Areas 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

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UMT 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

Vassar-Warner Row

Credit: HADAC, P.O. Box 274 Hurley, NY

Neg. on File: NYSDHP, Albany, NY

Bldg. Nos. 198, 199, 200

Looking South

Photo # VW-1



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Bldg, Nos. 199 & 200

Looking Southeast

Photo # VW-2



Multiple Resources of Poughkeepsie,

Dutchess County, New York

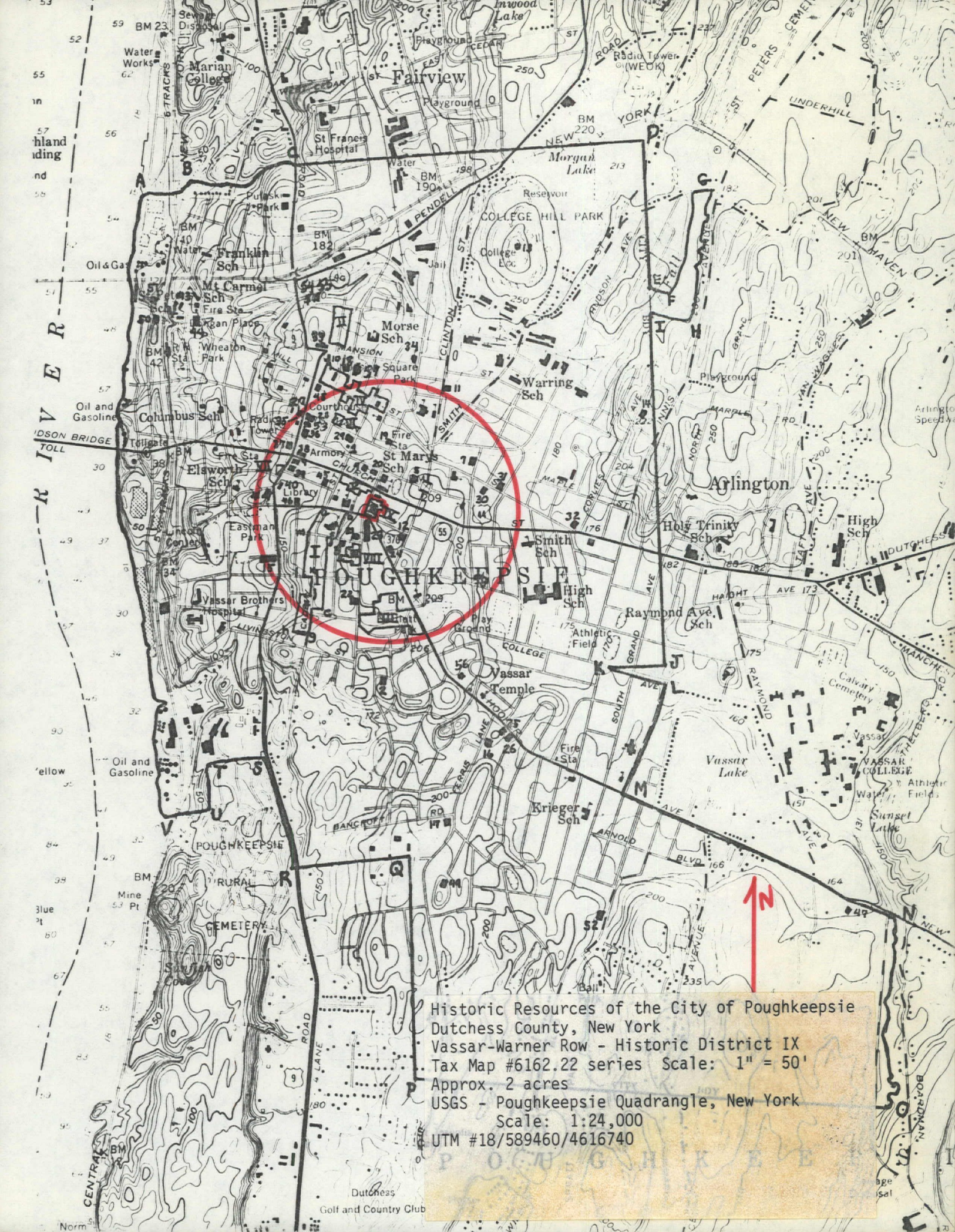
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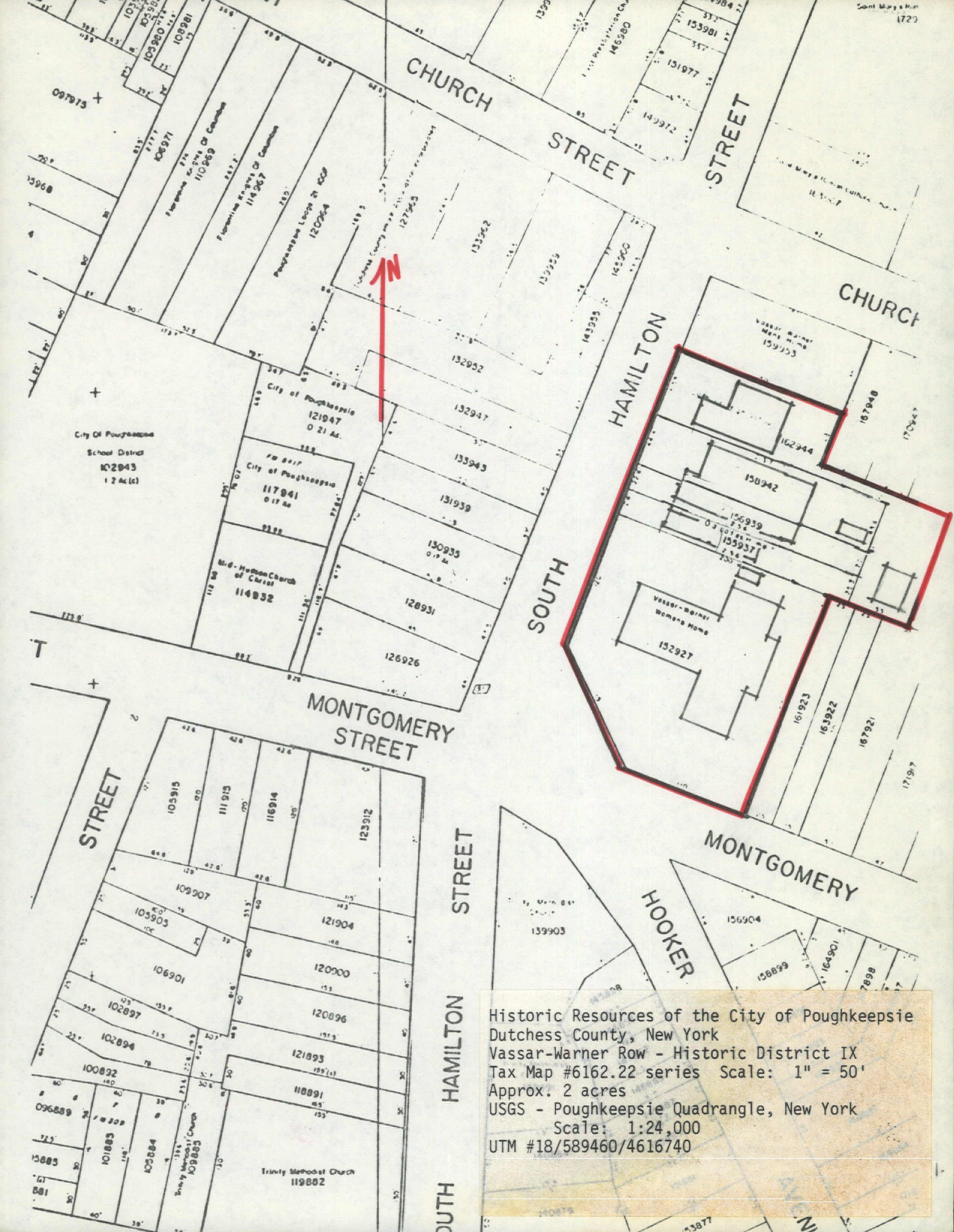
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Bldg. Nos. 201 (with 200)

Looking Northeast Photo # VW-3



Historic Resources of the City of Poughkeepsie
 Dutchess County, New York
 Vassar-Warner Row - Historic District IX
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 Approx. 2 acres
 USGS - Poughkeepsie Quadrangle, New York
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