

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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

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UNIQUE SITE NO. 013-44-0185
 QUAD _____
 SERIES _____
 NEG. NO. _____

YOUR NAME: Mari Runfola DATE: 6/6/79
 N.Y.
 YOUR ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 7, Westfield TELEPHONE: 716-326-2977
 ORGANIZATION (if any): Chautauqua County Historical Society

IDENTIFICATION Westfield Village Multiple Resource Area

1. BUILDING NAME(S): (No. 6) Reuben Gridley Wright Farm Complex
2. COUNTY: Chautauqua Co. TOWN: Westfield VILLAGE: Westfield
3. STREET LOCATION: 233 E. Main Street
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
5. PRESENT OWNER: Richard Wright ADDRESS: 223 E. Main St.
6. USE: Original: residential Present: residential
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
 Interior accessible: Explain _____

DESCRIPTION

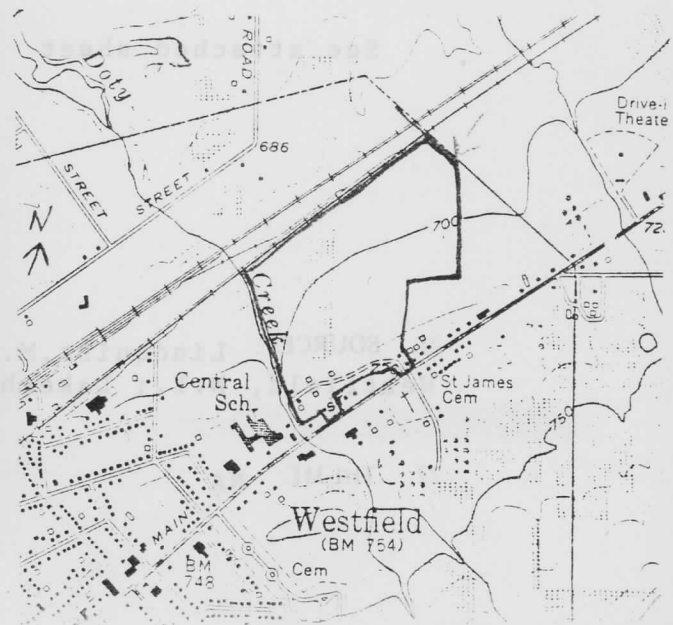
8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard b. stone c. brick d. board and batten
 e. cobblestone f. shingles g. stucco other: _____
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: a. wood frame with interlocking joints
 (if known) b. wood frame with light members
 c. masonry load bearing walls
 d. metal (explain) _____
 e. other _____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

UTM References (All Zone 17)
 U.S.G.S. map: scale: 1: 24,000
 Westfield Quad. Acreage: 72 acres

12. PHOTO: See attached photos

13. MAP:

	Easting	Northing
A.	618510	4688010
B.	618390	4687350
C.	618040	4687170
D.	617880	4687560
E.	618420	4688090



14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known b. zoning c. roads
d. developers e. deterioration
f. other: _____
15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY: See attached sheets for notation on
a. barn b. carriage house c. garage which are
d. privy e. shed f. greenhouse contributing
g. shop h. gardens
i. landscape features: _____
j. other: granary; tenant houses
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 Persons Creek is west of
f. industrial g. residential the main house
h. other: 72 acres of vineyards and a cornfield at
rear (north) of property to railroad tracks
17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:
(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)
The Reuben Gridley Wright Farm Complex is located in the rural, northeast section of village. The Westfield Academy and Central School are immediately west of the Wright farm. Smaller, altered or modern dwellings comprise the surrounding neighborhood. Much of the Wright property consists of extensive vineyards.
18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):

See attached sheet

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1883-84
- ARCHITECT: Enoch Curtis from Fredonia, alteration by C. Paxton Cody of Erie, Pa.
- BUILDER: Harry Wratten, Chief Carpenter

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

See attached sheet

21. SOURCES: Lindquist, M. and Lindquist, T. Architecture in Westfield. Westfield, N.Y.: Lakeshore Association for the Arts, 1975.

22. THEME: NA

Westfield Village Multiple Resource Area
No. 6 Reuben Gridley Wright Farm Complex, 233 East Main Street
Westfield, Chautauqua County, New York

18. The Reuben Gridley Wright Farm Complex consists of six contributing nineteenth-century structures related to an extensive vineyard. The main residence is a two-story frame Queen Anne style structure. The truncated hipped roof is characterized by corbelled brick chimneys and numerous cross gables and dormers, each with iron cresting, and is surmounted by cast-iron cresting. The structure is sheathed with clapboard siding, and scallop shingles and geometric woodwork ornaments the gable ends and projecting bays. A wide variety of fenestration is exhibited. There are numerous verandahs, porches and balconies.

Much of the original interior detailing remains intact. Particularly notable is the cherry woodwork with elaborate carved designs.

Throughout its history the residence has evolved to meet the changing needs of the occupants. Although the detailing of the Victorian verandahs was altered and the porte-cochère and the centrally located front dormer were removed in the early 1920's, the structure retains substantial architectural integrity.

Included within the boundaries of the nominated property are five contributing frame outbuildings. The barn is a one and one-half story building with a steeply pitched cross-gable roof and board and batten siding. The equipment shed is a long, narrow one-story structure with a gable roof and board and batten siding. The apple shed, which also served as a smokehouse and is now used as a garage, is a small, one and one-half story building with a gable roof and clapboard siding. The auxiliary barn is a small two-story structure with a gable roof and board and batten siding. The original grainary, converted in 1923 into a residence, is a two-story structure with a gable roof, interior end chimneys and board and batten siding. A one-story porch with Victorian detailing spans the front facade. The vineyard spreads across the property to the north of the buildings. Three non-contributing tenant houses (15 and 17 Persons Street and 269 East Main respectively) are also included on the property.

20. The Reuben Gridley Wright Farm Complex is a significant collection of buildings related to an extensive late nineteenth century vineyard operation. The main residence is a distinctive example of Queen Anne style architecture designed by Enoch Curtis, a prominent local architect from Fredonia, New York. The picturesque asymmetry, multi-gabled roof and ornate detailing of the dwelling are all typical features of the period and style.

The main house was completed in 1884 for Reuben Gridley Wright, one of Westfield's most prominent citizens. Reuben G. was the son of Reuben Wright, one of Westfield's earliest settlers. (Wright Sr. built #8 of the individual properties included in the multiple resource nomination, the Reuben Wright House. Born in 1824, Reuben G. grew up in Westfield. At eighteen years of age, he entered the mercantile establishment of Hungerford & Knight where he remained for five years as a clerk. In 1849 he went west seeking gold. He spent a successful and prosperous six years in California, returning permanently to Westfield in 1855. He was active in a variety of business enterprises, particularly in the Westfield grape industry. Wright married Cora E. Pierce in 1870 and lived, for eight years, in the Gerald Mack House on North Portage Street (#3 of the individual properties included in the multiple resource area). Shortly after this he began construction of his new home in the fashionable Queen Anne style. The house was designed by Enoch Curtis, a prominent Fredonia architect. The contractor was John Ard; Harry Wratten was the chief carpenter. The 1923 renovation was supervised by C. Paxton Cody of Erie, Pa.

The intact residence retains substantial integrity and remains an outstanding example of Queen Anne style. The house and related outbuildings form a significant late nineteenth century vineyard complex. The property continues to function as a working farm, with a significant portion of the 72 acres still under cultivation.

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 Westfield Village Multiple Resource Area

State New York

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

11. Nickleplate Railroad, Norfolk &
Western Freighthouses & Depot

Substantive Review

Determined Eligible

Keeper Linda McClelland 9-26-83

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Attest _____

12. Nixon Homestead

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 9/26/83

Attest _____

13. Rorig Bridge

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 9/24/83

Attest _____

14. Thompson, Henry Dwight, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 9/26/83

Attest _____

15. Ward House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 9/20/83

Attest _____

16. Welch Factory Building #1

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 9/26/83

Attest _____

17. Wright, Reuben Gridley, Farm
Complex

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 9/26/83

Attest _____

18. Wright, Reuben, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 9/26/83

Attest _____

19. French Portage Road
Historic District

Substantive Review

for Keeper Robert Handberg 12/6/83

Attest _____

20. York-Skinner House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 9/26/83

Attest _____

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Wright, Reuben Gridley, Farm Complex
(Westfield Village MRA)
Chautauqua County
NEW YORK

Working No. AUG 12 1983
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-7-84
Date Due: 9/8/83 - 9/26/83
Action: ACCEPT 9/26/83
 RETURN
National Register REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

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

~~Entered~~ **Entered** in the _____ RETURN
National Register _____ REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

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

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed |

Check one

- unaltered
- altered

Check one

- original site
- moved date _____

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 _____

UTM 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: _____

Reuben Gridley Wright Farm Complex
233 East main Street



Barn
View from west



Equipment Shed
View from southeast



269 1/2 East main street
Grainery
(Tenant House)
View from south

Reuben Gridley Wright Farm Complex
233 East Main Street



Reuben Gridley Wright House
View from east



Barn
View from southeast

Reuben Gridley Wright Farm Complex
233 East Main Street



Apple Shed/
Smoke House



Auxiliary Barn



Vineyards

Reuben Gridley Wright Farm Complex
233 East Main Street



Tenant House
15 Persons Street
Non-contributing



Tenant House
17 Persons Street
Non-contributing



Tenant House
269 East Main Street
Non-contributing

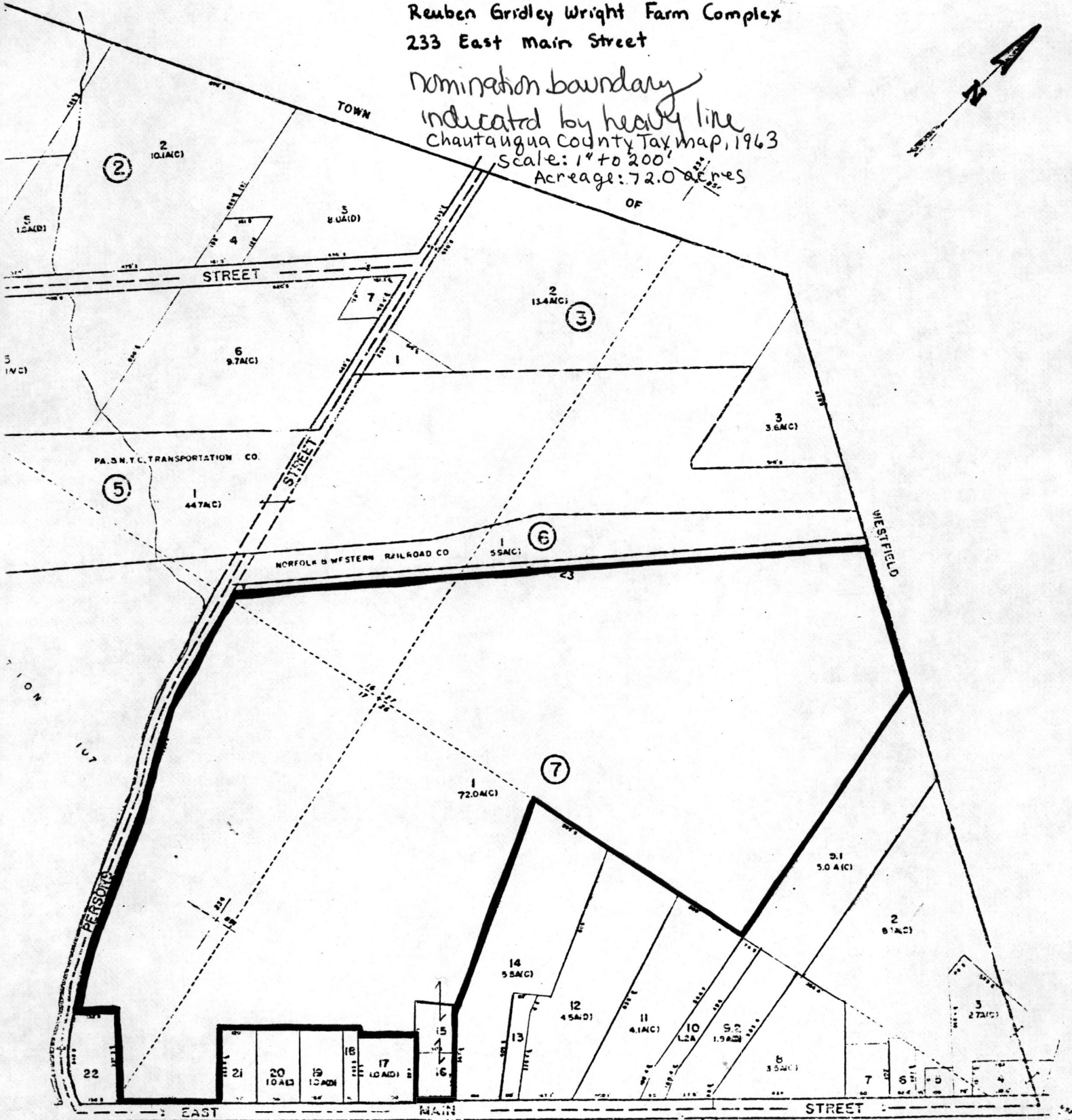
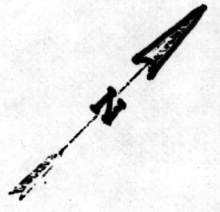
Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000602

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Reuben Gridley Wright Farm Complex
 233 East main Street

*Nomination boundary
 indicated by heavy line
 Chautauqua County Tax map, 1963
 Scale: 1" = 200'
 Acreage: 72.0 acres*



CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY

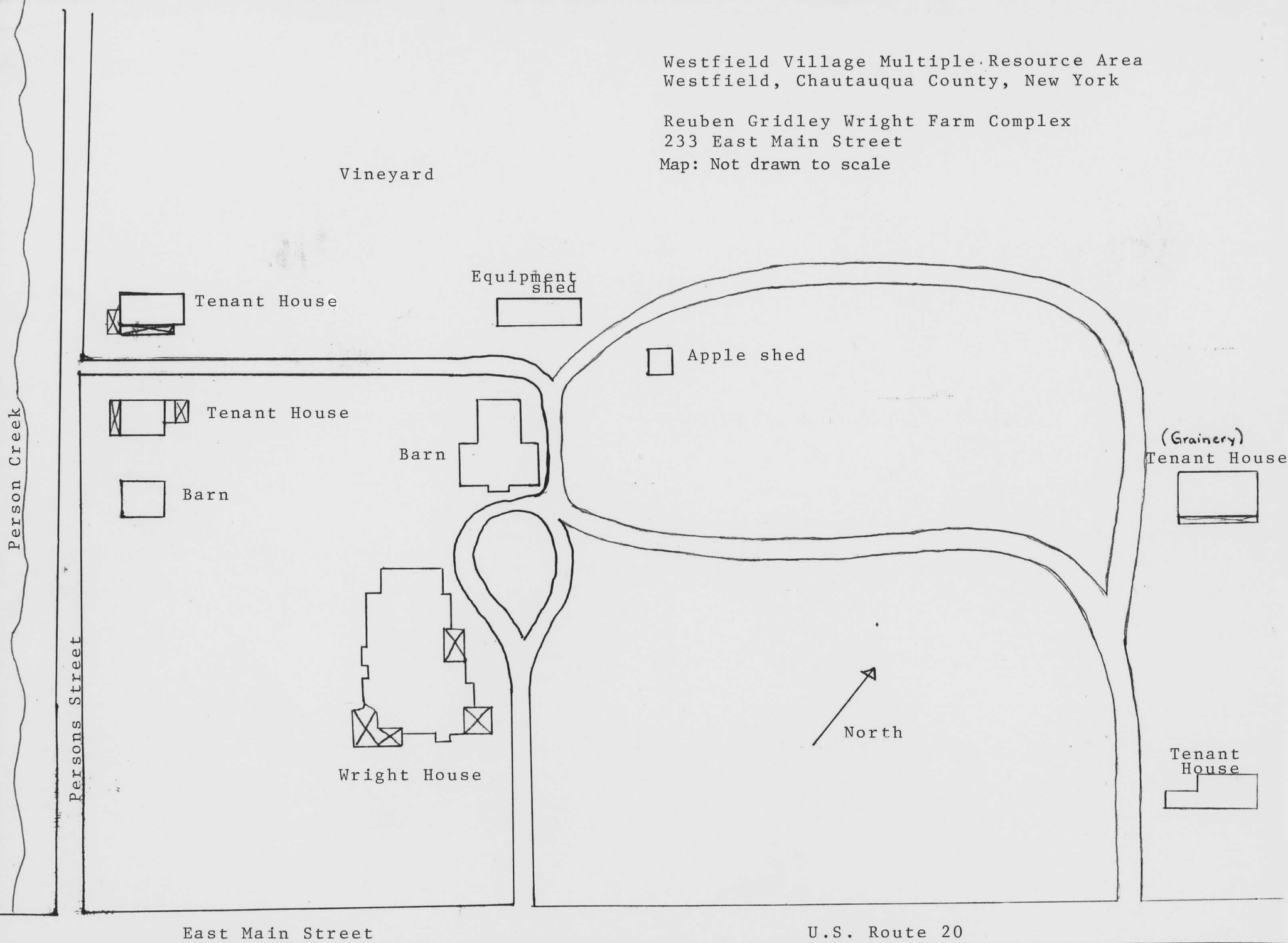
NEW YORK

VILLAGE

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Reuben Gridley Wright Farm Complex
233 East Main Street
Map: Not drawn to scale

Vineyard



East Main Street

U.S. Route 20