

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

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

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

1. Name

historic Mycenae Schoolhouse

and/or common

2. Location

NY 5

street & number Rte. 5 (southside) near Rte. 290 Intersection — not for publication

city, town Manlius — vicinity of

state New York code 036 county Onondaga code 067

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	NA in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	NA 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. Harry J. Griffiths

street & number 2063 Stanley Road

city, town Cazenovia — vicinity of state New York

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Onondaga County Courthouse

street & number Columbus Circle

city, town Syracuse state New York

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Resources
title Statewide Inventory of Historic has this property been determined eligible? — yes no

date July 1979 — federal state — county — local

depository for survey records NYS Division for Historic Preservation, Agency Bldg. 1
Empire State Plaza

city, town Albany state New York 12238

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 type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date NA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Mycenae Schoolhouse is located on the south side of Route 5, the old Genesee Turnpike, in Mycenae, a hamlet in the town of Manlius. Its imposing position at the bend of Route 5 makes it the architectural "introduction" to Mycenae. The nominated property is a small lot of less than one acre surrounded by woodland and scattered dwellings.

The rectangular Greek Revival style structure is constructed of rough cut, locally quarried limestone with quoins. The low-pitched gable roof, with its gable end facing the street, is decorated with a full entablature and cornice returns. The original wooden roof shingles have been replaced by asbestos shingles. A small, square wooden bell tower features decorative scrollwork. A corbeled brick chimney dominates the rear gable end.

The facade is asymmetrically arranged with two rectangular two over two windows to the left of the entrance. The entrance door is capped with a rectangular, three-pane transom. The east and west elevations are each punctured by three rectangular two over two windows. All windows have stone sills and lintels. On the south elevation are two symmetrically placed doors with transoms. The original wooden shutters and doors have been removed and placed in storage.

The interior is divided into two cloakrooms at the north and the classroom. The original wainscoting is intact as well as the tongue and groove horizontal paneling which covers the arched ceiling. A raised wooden teacher's podium, recessed between the two cloakrooms, remains intact.

The current owners have restored the schoolhouse to its original appearance and it now serves as a meeting hall for a local religious organization.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates circa 1850 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Mycenae Schoolhouse is architecturally significant as an example of early nineteenth century limestone construction in the vernacular Greek Revival style and as one of the few surviving intact limestone schoolhouses in Onondaga County. In addition, as the only civic structure in Mycenae, the schoolhouse has been the focal point of religious, social and political activity in the hamlet throughout its history.

The hamlet of Mycenae, which lies between Fayetteville and Chittenengo in the town of Manlius, was originally known as Hartsville. A rural farming community, Mycenae had a tannery and a small hotel and served as a rest stop on the Genesee Turnpike. It is evident from its early construction date that the citizens of this small community valued education and regarded the schoolhouse as an important social institution. The oldest deed which can be traced to the property reveals that in 1827 Abraham Mabie sold the property to the Manlius School District for a sum of ten dollars, with the provision that it remain in use as a school "in a calm and peaceable manner."¹ It is unclear, however, whether the school mentioned in the deed is the present structure since the 1855 census refers to the Mycenae schoolhouse as "new." Distinguished only by its modest vernacular detailing, the building could have been constructed any time in the second quarter of the nineteenth century.

The structure was used by the Manlius School District as a school until 1936. In 1955, the district sold the property to the Mycenae Community Center, which maintained the property until 1970. Since then, the property has been owned by various private individuals. Of the three stone schools constructed in the township during the nineteenth century, the Mycenae schoolhouse is the only one which survives intact.

As the only civil structure in Mycenae, the building has housed religious services, town meetings and social gatherings. Its commanding position at the western approach to the tiny hamlet clearly reflects the importance of the structure as a civil institution within the community. The intact one-room schoolhouse is a significant reminder of the importance given to education by the rural farming communities of central New York.

¹

Onondaga County Court House, Grantor Book 2625, p. 495.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bruce, Dwight. Onondaga's Centennial: Gleanings of a Century. Boston: Boston History Co., 1896, v. II.

Clayton, W.W. History of Onondaga County, New York: 1615-1878. Syracuse: D. Mason and Co., 1878.

Onondaga Landmarks: A Survey of Historic and Architectural Sites in Syracuse and Onondaga County. Syracuse: Cultural Resources Council, 1981.

10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name Manlius, NY

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See attached general plot plan

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

state	NA	code	county	code
state	NA	code	county	code

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state	NA	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title John F. Harwood, Field Representative (see continuation sheet)

organization NYS Division for Historic Preservation date April 1983

street & number Agency Bldg. 1, 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 National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Allen R. Cucchi

title Deputy Commissioner and Counsel date 6/17/83

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

Patrick Andrus date 8/11/83

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration

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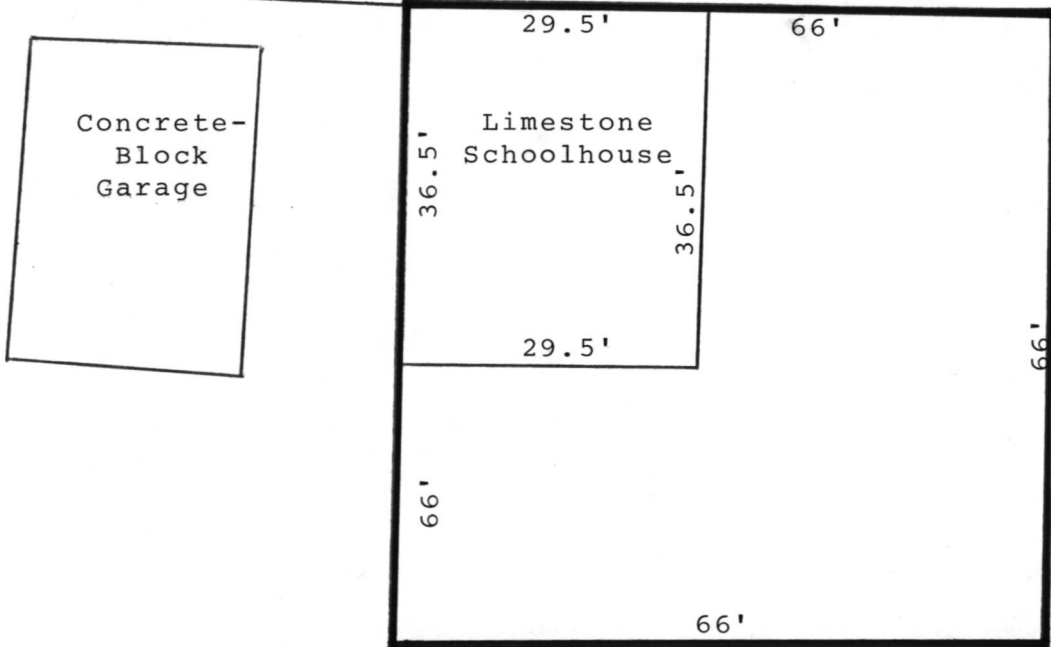
Continuation sheet Mycenae Schoolhouse, Manlius,
Onondaga County, New York Item number 11

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Draft nomination prepared by: Mary Jo Dorko
Consultant
349 State Street
Albany, New York 12210

Mycenae Schoolhouse
Manlius, Onondaga County
New York
General Plot Plan with
Dimensions
Nomination boundary indicated
by heavy line.

NEW YORK STATE ROUTE 5



Continuation Sheet:

Mycenae Schoolhouse
Onondaga Co., New York

Reviewer's Comments: and a corbelled brick chimney. Built, ca. 1850 the structure has been used for religious, social and political activities as well as educational. It is the only civic structure in the hamlet of Mycenae. Of only 3 stone schools constructed in Manlius Township during the 19th century it is the only one to have survived intact. "Its commanding position at the Western approach to the tiny hamlet clearly reflects the importance of the structure as a civil institution within the community."

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Substantive Review

Mycenae Schoolhouse
Onondaga County
NEW YORK

Working No. JUN 27 1983
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-784
Date Due: 7/25/83 - 5/11/83
Action: ACCEPT 8/11/83
 RETURN
 REJECT

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

Federal Agency: _____

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

The Mycenae Schoolhouse is being nominated as architecturally significant at the local level. It represents a vernacular interpretation of the Greek Revival style. Constructed of locally quarried limestone, it features a gable roof, cornice returns, a small square wooden bell tower with decorative scrolling.

Recom./Criteria Accept - Criterion C
Reviewer J. Heron
Discipline Arch. Hist.
Date 8/11/83
 see continuation sheet

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

*agree with reviewer - accept c
Patricia Andrews
Historian 8/11/83*

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership		Status		Present Use
	Public	Acquisition	Accessible	Not 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

- 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

- 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 ✓ See attached plot plan

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 Marilee Jefferson Date 8/1/83 Phone: 202-343-9500

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



Mycenae Schoolhouse
Rte. 5 near Rte. 90 Intersection
Manlius, Onondaga Co., NY
Photo: J.F. Harwood, May 1983
Negs: NYS Div. for Historic Preservation
View: North and East elevations
#1 of 4



Mycenae Schoolhouse

Rte. 5 Near Rte. 90 Intersection

Manlius, Onondaga Co., NY

Photo: J.F. Harwood, May 1983

Negs: NYS Div. for Historic Preservation

View: North and West elevations

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Mycenae Schoolhouse

Rte. 5 near Rte. 90 intersection

Manlius, Onondaga Co., NY

Photo: J.F. Harwood, May 1983

Negs: NYS Div. for Historic Preservation

View: East Elevation

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Mycenae Schoolhouse

Rte. 5 near Rte. 90 Intersection

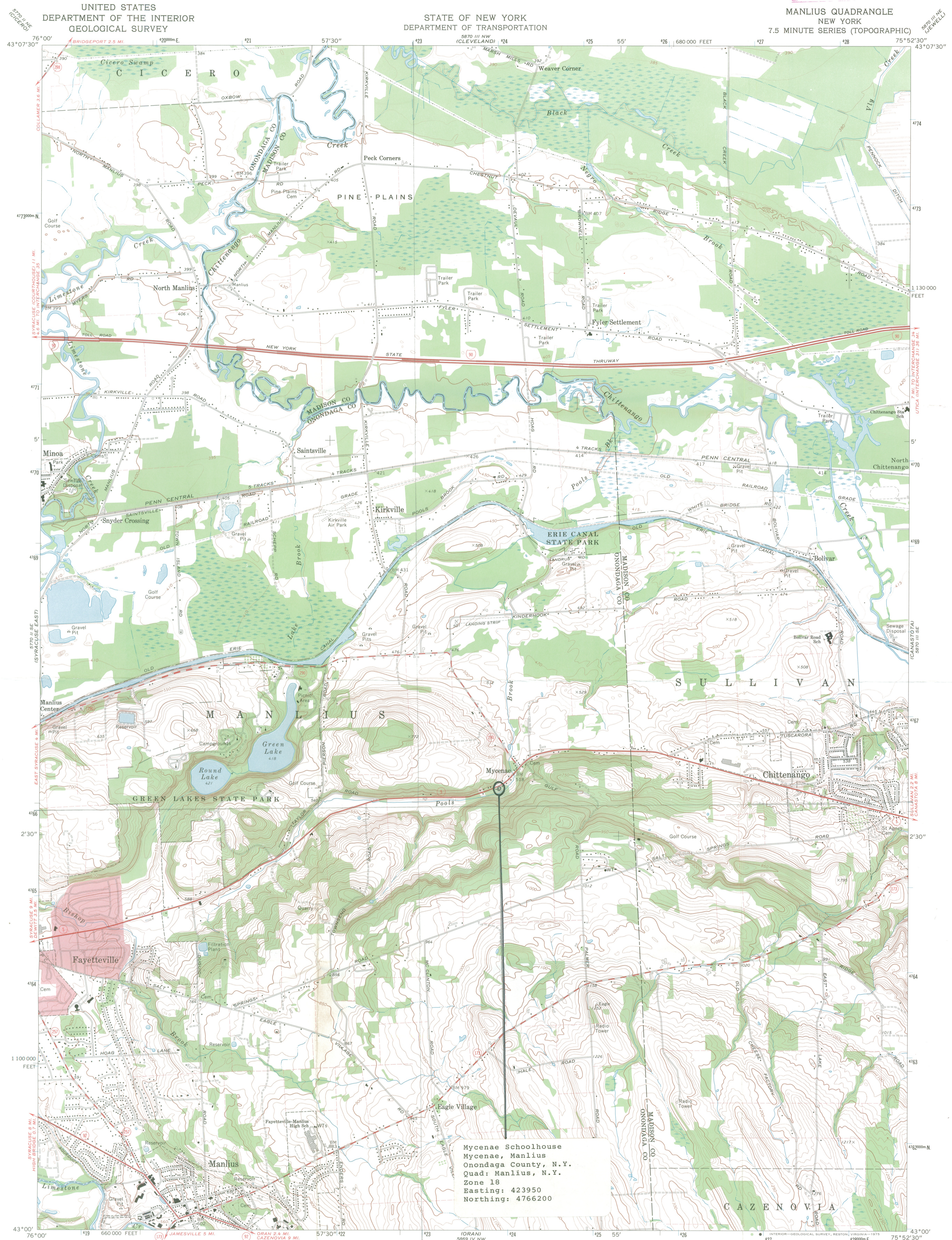
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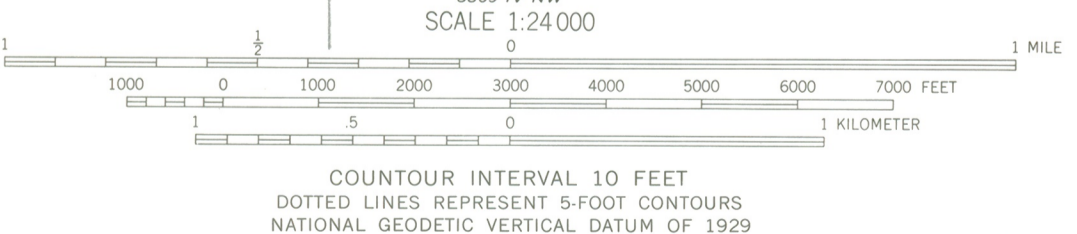
View: South elevation

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Mycenae Schoolhouse
Mycenae, Manlius
Onondaga County, N.Y.
Quad: Manlius, N.Y.
Zone 18
Easting: 423950
Northing: 4766200

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Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1972. Field checked 1973
Supersedes map dated 1957
Projection and 10,000-foot grid ticks: New York coordinate
system, central zone (transverse Mercator)
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 18, shown in blue. 1927 North American datum
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Primary highway, hard surface
Secondary highway, hard surface
Light duty road, hard or improved surface
Unimproved road
Interstate Route
U. S. Route
State Route



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