

**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. 021-06-0001  
QUAD \_\_\_\_\_  
SERIES \_\_\_\_\_  
NEG. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME: Jessica Kemm DATE: February 21, 1979

YOUR ADDRESS: 31 Green St, Kingston, NY TELEPHONE: (914) 331-3096

ORGANIZATION (if any): HADAC, Box 274, Hurley, NY, 12443 (914) 331-8944

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**IDENTIFICATION**

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): St. Luke's Church *(C.M.P.A.)*
- 2. COUNTY: Columbia TOWN/CITY: Clermont VILLAGE: NA
- 3. STREET LOCATION: Rte 9; west side
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Town of Clermont ADDRESS: Town Hall, Germantown
- 6. USE: Original: Church Present: Church
- 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): \_\_\_\_\_

12. PHOTO: SEE ATTACHED SHEET

13. MAP: SEE ATTACHED SHEET

14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known  b. zoning  c. roads   
d. developers  e. deterioration   
f. other: \_\_\_\_\_
15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY: none  
a. barn  b. carriage house  c. garage   
d. privy  e. shed  f. greenhouse   
g. shop  h. gardens   
i. landscape features: \_\_\_\_\_  
j. other: \_\_\_\_\_
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   
f. industrial  g. residential   
h. other: cemetery adjacent

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)

St. Luke's Church is located on the west side of Rte. 9 in the hamlet of Clermont. Just south of the church are the town hall and the Clermont Academy. Scattered residences constitute the remainder of the hamlet. The nominated parcel consists of approximately one-half acre which was the original land associated with the church. An adjacent cemetery contains the graves of local individuals.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):

See continuation sheet.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: c. 1857-59

ARCHITECT: Richard M. Upjohn

BUILDER: Thomas VanDyke

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

See continuation sheet.

21. SOURCES:

See continuation sheet.

22. THEME: NA

CLERMONT MULTIPLE RESOURCE AREA  
CLERMONT, COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK

St. Luke's Church, Route 9

18. St. Luke's is a one-story Gothic Revival, frame church with a steeply pitched gable roof and board and batten siding. Its prominent feature is a large open-framed bell tower with a polygonal steeple and elaborate, pierced gable trim. The projecting entrance porch, located beneath it is on the east facade, has a steeply pitched gable roof with a duplicate bargeboard. The double doorway is enclosed by a rounded-arch surround. Above the porch is a double lancet window with trefoil arches between which is a trefoil window. Towards the rear of the south elevation is the projecting porch of the secondary entrance. The pierced bargeboard with quatrafoil designs is similar to the bargeboard of the main entrance. The doorway is concealed on the rear elevation. The three stained-glass windows on the south side of the church have pointed arches and wooden trim. The north elevation is four bays wide with stained-glass windows identical to the three on the south. The west elevation is dominated by a large, complex stained-glass window unit. An exterior brick chimney and bulkhead door to a later heating unit are located at this rear elevation. In 1982 the bell tower was refurbished and reroofed; the interior was insulated and resheathed with dry wall; and the exterior was painted white by the town of Clermont, which now owns the building and uses it as a community center.

20. St. Luke's Church is an outstanding example of rural ecclesiastical architecture. It was designed by the prominent architect Richard M. Upjohn, son of the renowned, mid-nineteenth century ecclesiastical architect Richard Upjohn. Its Gothic Revival features and board and batten siding are representative of the Upjohns' ideas concerning church designs in rural areas and the Episcopal ecclesiological movement of the period. The church was constructed in 1857 on land purchased from Judge Wilson by contractor Thomas VanDyke under the direction of Rev. Henry DeKoven. DeKoven, related through marriage to the Livingston family of Oak Hill, had gained distinction as the pastor of St. Paul's Church in Tivoli. It was apparently through the influence of DeKoven that Upjohn was commissioned to design the chapel. Like the many small wooden churches inspired by or built from Upjohn designs, St. Luke's Church is a distinguished example of rural ecclesiastical architecture.

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

dnr-11

Name Clermont Multiple Resource Area  
State New York

*Cover*

*accept 10/7/83*

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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|-----|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| 1.  | Bouwerie                | Entered in the<br>National Register | <i>for</i><br>Keeper | <i>Delores Byers</i> 10/7/83 |
|     |                         |                                     | Attest               | _____                        |
| 2.  | Brodhead, Thomas, House | Entered in the<br>National Register | <i>for</i><br>Keeper | <i>Delores Byers</i> 10/7/83 |
|     |                         |                                     | Attest               | _____                        |
| 3.  | Clarkson Chapel         | Entered in the<br>National Register | <i>for</i><br>Keeper | <i>Delores Byers</i> 10/7/83 |
|     |                         |                                     | Attest               | _____                        |
| 4.  | Clermont Academy        | Entered in the<br>National Register | <i>for</i><br>Keeper | <i>Delores Byers</i> 10/7/83 |
|     |                         |                                     | Attest               | _____                        |
| 5.  | Coons House             | Entered in the<br>National Register | <i>for</i><br>Keeper | <i>Delores Byers</i> 10/7/83 |
|     |                         |                                     | Attest               | _____                        |
| 6.  | Hickory Hill            | Entered in the<br>National Register | <i>for</i><br>Keeper | <i>Delores Byers</i> 10/7/83 |
|     |                         |                                     | Attest               | _____                        |
| 7.  | Old Parsonage           | Entered in the<br>National Register | <i>for</i><br>Keeper | <i>Delores Byers</i> 10/7/83 |
|     |                         |                                     | Attest               | _____                        |
| 8.  | St. Luke's Church       | Entered in the<br>National Register | <i>for</i><br>Keeper | <i>Delores Byers</i> 10/7/83 |
|     |                         |                                     | Attest               | _____                        |
| 9.  |                         |                                     | Keeper               | _____                        |
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| 10. |                         |                                     | Keeper               | _____                        |
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

St. Luke's Church (Clermont MRA)  
Columbia County  
NEW YORK

AUG 25 1983

Working No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.5.85  
Date Due: 9/22/83 - 10/9/83  
Action:  ACCEPT 10/7/83  
 RETURN \_\_\_\_\_  
 REJECT \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Entered in ~~the~~ \_\_\_\_\_  
National Register \_\_\_\_\_

- 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	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

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**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

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**13. Other**

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

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

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



St Luke's Church

Clermont N.Y., N.Y.

New from east



St. Luke's Church  
Clement, Md., Md.  
View From West



St. Luke's Church  
Clermont MEA, NY  
Box Two



St. Luke's Church  
Clermont MRA, NY  
interest



596

50'

597

6268 III NE  
(HUDSON SOUTH)

HUDSON 10 MI  
LIVINGSTON 15 MI

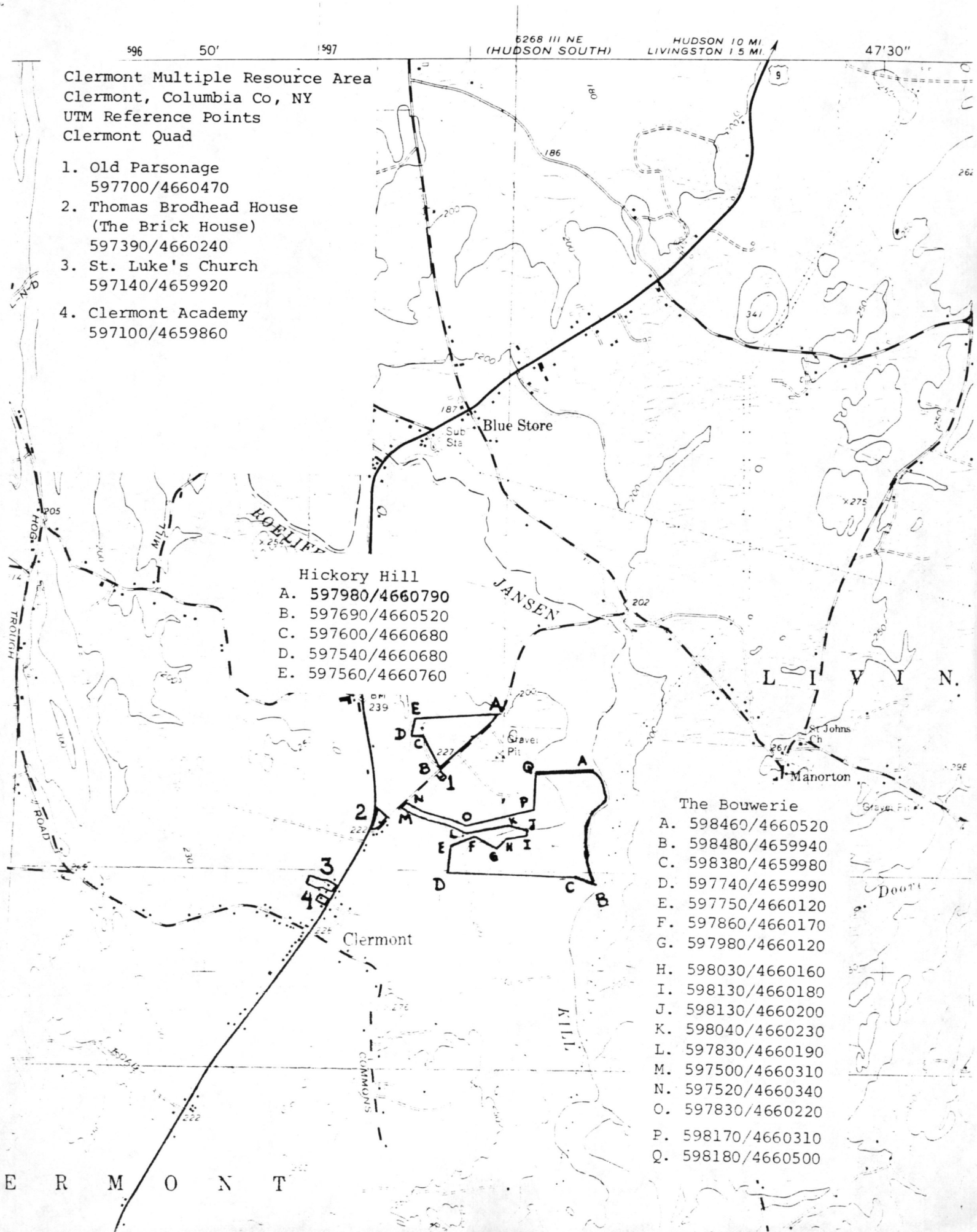
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Clermont Multiple Resource Area  
 Clermont, Columbia Co, NY  
 UTM Reference Points  
 Clermont Quad

1. Old Parsonage  
597700/4660470
2. Thomas Brodhead House  
(The Brick House)  
597390/4660240
3. St. Luke's Church  
597140/4659920
4. Clermont Academy  
597100/4659860

- Hickory Hill
- A. 597980/4660790
  - B. 597690/4660520
  - C. 597600/4660680
  - D. 597540/4660680
  - E. 597560/4660760

- The Bouwerie
- A. 598460/4660520
  - B. 598480/4659940
  - C. 598380/4659980
  - D. 597740/4659990
  - E. 597750/4660120
  - F. 597860/4660170
  - G. 597980/4660120
  - H. 598030/4660160
  - I. 598130/4660180
  - J. 598130/4660200
  - K. 598040/4660230
  - L. 597830/4660190
  - M. 597500/4660310
  - N. 597520/4660340
  - O. 597830/4660220
  - P. 598170/4660310
  - Q. 598180/4660500



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