

7. Description

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| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered | <input type="checkbox"/> original site |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed | | NA |

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Lettie G. Howard is a wood-hulled two-masted fishing schooner originally constructed in 1893. The present appearance of the vessel reflects major rebuilding which occurred in 1923. No photographs or plans have been located which might reveal alterations from the ship's original configuration; however, the Lettie G. Howard conforms to the standard design of a "Fredonia" class fishing schooner with a sharp clipper-type bow. The vessel was renamed the Mystic C at the time of its rebuilding.

The fishing boat is 75.4 feet long with a 20.8 foot beam. The rigging scheme is that of a two-masted schooner, with wood bowsprit, fore and main masts, booms, and gaffs. The planked deck layout is basically intact, with its steering wheel, after cabin, hatches, forecastle and life rails. Below deck, the low forecastle contains berths, a galley and cupboards. The main hold is partitioned to provide fish holding bins. The after cabin contains berths, benches and storage bins for equipment.

The Lettie G. Howard is presently moored at South Street Seaport Museum, where it has been exhibited since 1968.

8. Significance

| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
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Specific dates 1893 **Builder/Architect** Arthur Storey

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Lettie G. Howard (Mystic C) is the only substantially intact surviving example of a "Fredonia" class fishing schooner, a vessel common to the New England coastal fishing grounds during the late nineteenth-early twentieth century. Built in Massachusetts in 1893, the vessel was rebuilt in 1923. As the Mystic C, the ship remained an active Atlantic Coast fishing vessel until 1966. As the last remaining vessel of its type, the Lettie G. Howard/Mystic C is a significant historic transportation artifact of the important coastal fisheries.

The "Fredonia" model fishing schooner, having a very sharp and long entrance and clipper bow, was introduced by designer Edward Burgess of Boston in 1889 with the schooners Fredonia and Nellie Dixon. It was the popular form for fishing vessels on the Atlantic Coast from Maine to the Gulf of Mexico until around 1905. The Fredonia design provided a vessel that could sail fast, getting the catch home to market while still fresh, and remain seaworthy in swells or heavy seas which might be encountered well offshore. Vessels of this type made up the majority of the Gloucester fishing fleet at the turn-of-the-century and were a common sight at New York's Fulton Fish Market.

The Lettie G. Howard/Mystic C is the last surviving example of the smaller, inshore Fredonia type, employed on the fishing grounds off New England such as the Goerge's Bank. Built by Arthur D. Storey at Essex, Massachusetts in 1893, the vessel spent its early years fishing out of Gloucester. Its later career was spent in the Gulf of Mexico red snapper fishery, operating out of Pensacola, Florida. The active career of this fishing vessel did not end until 1966.

Despite the fact that it was rebuilt in 1923, the Lettie G. Howard/Mystic C retains complete integrity of design and method of construction. As the sole surviving example of its type, it accurately represents the Atlantic coastal fishing schooners of the period 1890-1925.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Chappelle, Howard I. The American Fishing Schooners 1825-1935.
New York: W.W. Norton, 1973.

10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property less than one

Quadrangle name Jersey City

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Lettie G. Howard: Length: 75.4'; Breadth: 20.8'; Moored at Pier 16, South Street Seaport, New York, New York County

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

state NA code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

See Continuation Sheet

name/title Merrill Hesch

organization Div. for Historic Preservation

date 7-84

street & number Agency Bldg. 1, Empire State Plaza

telephone 518-474-0479

city or town Albany

state New York

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 Julia S. Stokely

title Deputy Commissioner for Historic Preservation

date 8/2/84

For NPS use only

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

Alvares Byers
Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the
National Register

date 9-7-84

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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

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

For NPS use only

received

date entered

Lettie G. Howard, Pier 16, New York, New York Co.

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Research and documentation provided by:

Norman I. Brouwer
South Street Seaport
16 Fulton Street
New York, NY

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Lettie G. Howard-Mystic C (schooner)
New York County
NEW YORK

AUG 9 1984

Working No. _____

Fed. Reg. Date: 2.5.85

Date Due: 9/6/84 - 9/23/84

Action: ACCEPT 9-7-84

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

| Category | Ownership Public Acquisition | Status Accessible | Present Use |
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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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed | <input type="checkbox"/> altered | 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

(reference) 3. of Jay M. Brown, Deputy
of the State Historic Preservation Officer
New York State
New York

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: _____



Lettie G. Howard
South Street Seaport, New York
New York Co.

Photo: South Street Seaport Museum, 1982

Neg: South Street Seaport Museum
View: from water/north side

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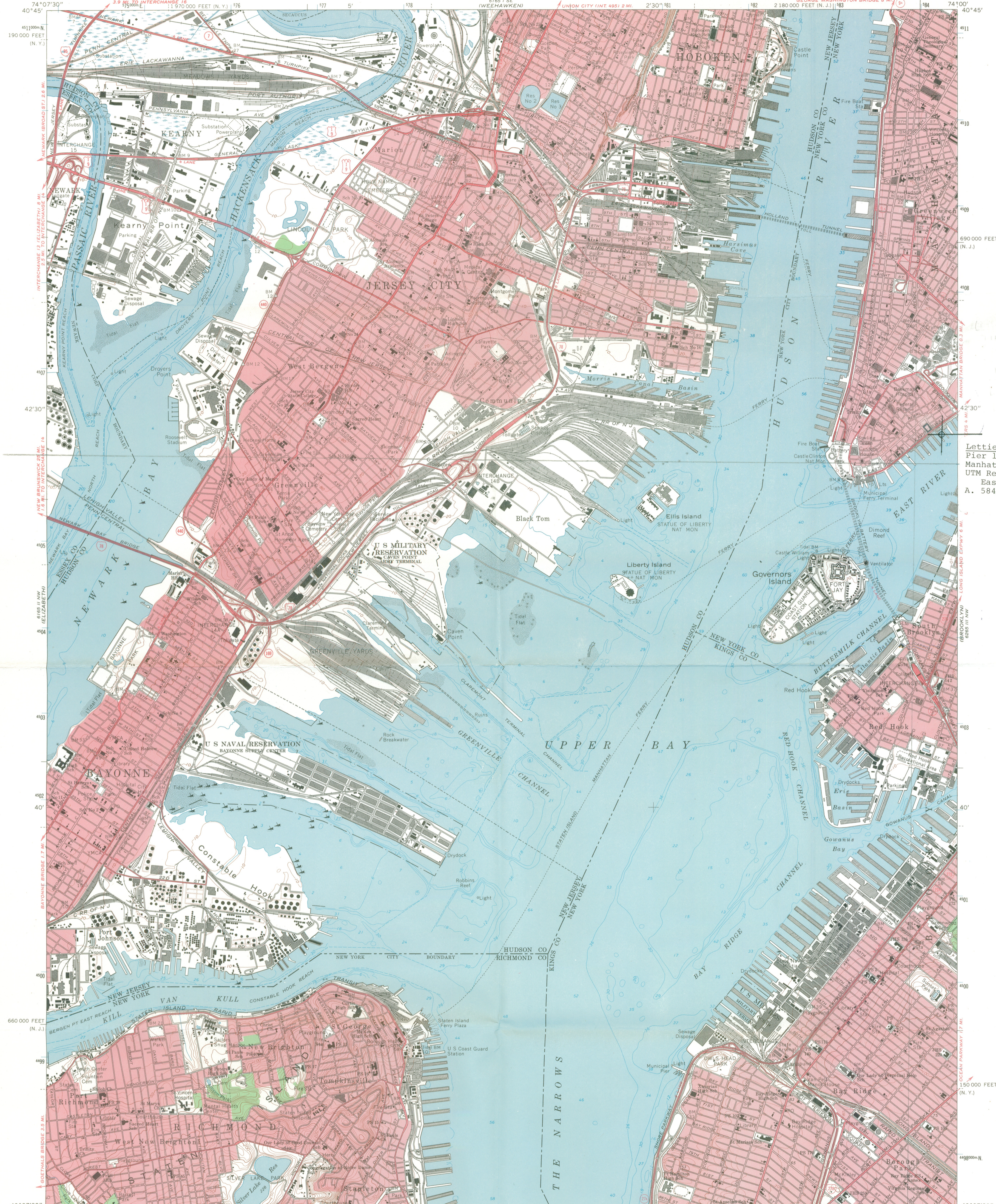


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Lettie G. Howard
South Street Seaport, NY
New York Co.
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1984
Neg: South Street Seaport Museum
View: deck

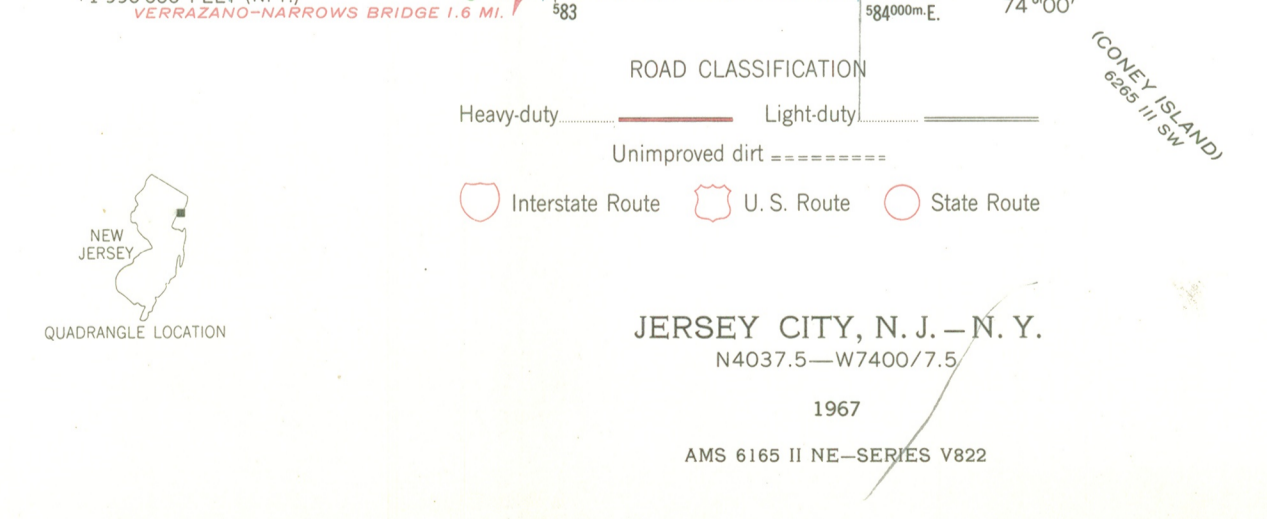
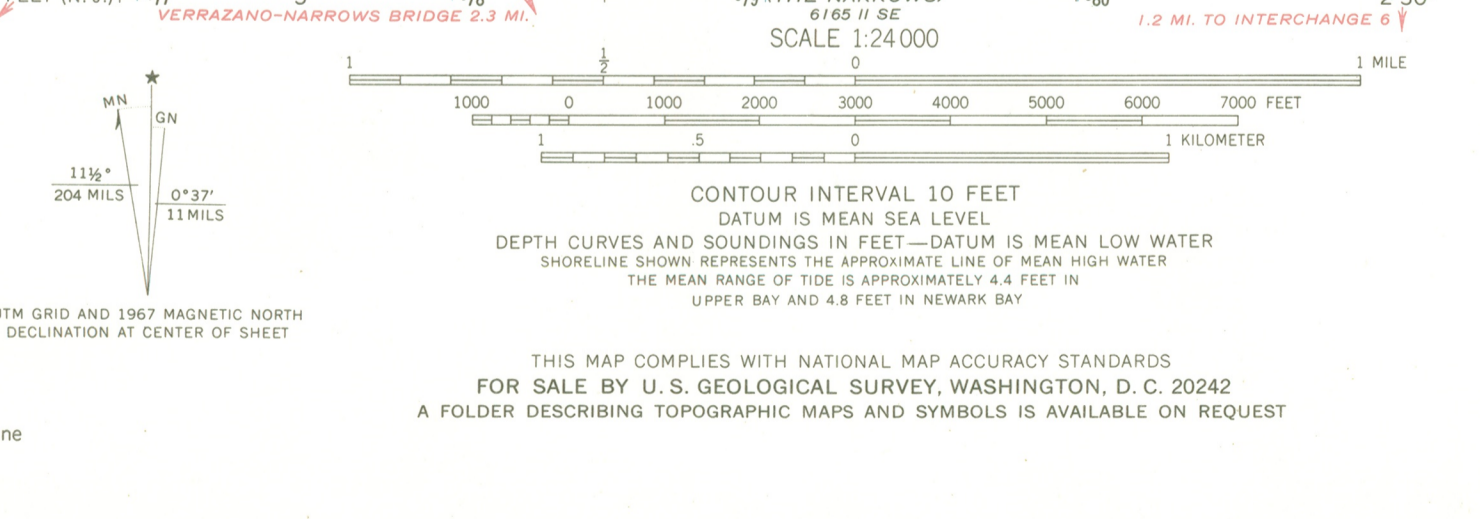
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

JERSEY CITY QUADRANGLE
NEW JERSEY-NEW YORK
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
GEORGE WASHINGTON BRIDGE 6 MI



Lettie G. Howard
Pier 16, East River
Manhattan, New York
UTM Reference
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Revised in cooperation with New York Department of Transportation
Control by USGS, USC&GS, USCE, New Jersey Geodetic Survey,
and City of New York Board of Estimate and Apportionment
Planimetry by photogrammetric methods and from USC&GS
Charts T-5111, T-5277, T-5332, T-5450, T-5453, T-5454,
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photographs taken 1954 and planetable surveys 1955
Revised from aerial photographs taken 1966. Field checked 1967
Selected hydrographic data compiled from USC&GS Charts 285, 287, 541,
and 745 (1966). This information is not intended for navigational purposes
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum. 10,000-foot grids based on
New Jersey coordinate system, and New York coordinate system, Long Island zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 18, shown in blue
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown



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LETTIE G. HOWARD (SCHOONER)

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07 / 28 / 2016

(Resource Name)

(Reference Number[s])

(Date form completed)

NEW YORK

NEW YORK

WACC

(County)

(State)

(Completed by)

STATUS:

1. MISSING ___ 2. REMOVED/ DEMOLISHED ___ 3. NHL 4. TR ___ 5. MRA ___ 6. OVER-SIZED ___ 7. NPS - UNDOCUMENTED ___ 8. DOE - OWNER OBJECTION ___ 9. RESTRICTED ___

EXPLANATION:

1. Missing Status: Entire Folder (); Nomination (); Map(s) (); Photos ()
Available on: Microfiche (); Optical Disk ()

2. _____
(Cause for removal)

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(Date Removed)

3. _____
(NHL Name, if different than NRHP Name)

04 / 11 / 1989
(Date Designated)

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(TR or MRA Name)

5. _____
(If multi-state/county MRA, state/county where filed and location)

6. _____
(Location of oversize file)

7. _____
(Current source of partial documentation)

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(Target Date)

- COMMENTS: _____
(Where found, or source of replacement)

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(Date Found/Replaced)