

**BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM**

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

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
UNIQUE SITE NO.	_____
QUAD	_____
SERIES	_____
NEG. NO.	_____

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ORGANIZATION (if any): Preservation Planning Workshop, Cornell Univ.

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**IDENTIFICATION**

1. BUILDING NAME(S): Jennings-Marvin House
2. COUNTY: Tompkins TOWN/CITY: Dryden VILLAGE: Dryden
3. STREET LOCATION: 9 Library Street
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private
5. PRESENT OWNER: Paul Volante, Jr. ADDRESS: 9 Library Street
6. USE: Original: residence Present: same
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes  No   
Interior accessible: Explain no, private home

**DESCRIPTION**

8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard  b. stone  c. brick  d. board and batten   
e. cobblestone  f. shingles  g. stucco  other: wood and asbestos
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: (if known) a. wood frame with interlocking joints   
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):  
none known

12. PHOTO:

13. MAP:

see attached

see attached

14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known  b. zoning  c. roads   
 d. developers  e. deterioration   
 f. other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:  
 a. barn  b. carriage house  c. garage   
 d. privy  e. shed  f. greenhouse   
 g. shop  h. gardens  none  
 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: \_\_\_\_\_

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district) Located midway along the residential block of Library Street in close proximity to the commercial area of the Dryden "four corners," this one and one-half story, frame construction residence, built in 1897, serves as the focal point of the block, with its two-story tower and architectural style unique to the village. The house is located on a parcel of less than one acre which measures 78' X 191.5' X 83' X 191.5' as shown on the attached tax map.

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

see continuation sheet

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1897

ARCHITECT: unknown

BUILDER: J. Dwight

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

see continuation sheet

21. SOURCES:

see continuation sheet

22. THEME:

NA

Jennings-Marvin House

18. This three-bay, two-story residence is unique in Dryden for its eclectic design showing the influence of the Queen Anne style in massing and the Colonial Revival and Shingle styles in detailing. The most notable feature is the two and one-half story octagonal tower with its wooden shingle sheathing and oval windows with keystones. A steeply pitched gable roof connects the rear of the tower with the main body of the house. Hip roofed dormers protrude from the main roof expanse which extends down to provide cover for the front porch and wraps around the base of the tower providing a balustraded deck space on the second floor. The wraparound porch is supported by tapered columns and has a simple balustrade and lattice-like base. The porch steps are placed at an angle to provide entrance at the base of the tower.

The clapboarded first story contains a central entrance with simple wooden trim. The varied fenestration includes large single pane windows with diamond-pane transoms, narrow one-over-one double-hung sash, a round headed gable window, and a two-story projecting bay. All of the windows feature decorative lintels.

20. The Marvin House is significant as an unusual example in the multiple resource area of late nineteenth century eclectic vernacular residential architecture. Of wood frame construction sheathed in wood shingles and clapboard, the building exhibits Queen Anne style massing with a conical-roofed tower and Colonial Revival style decorative elements in its oval windows, hip roof dormers and balustraded balcony. The sweeping hip roof, which covers the porch, and extensive use of wood shingles evoke the Shingle style. Exhibiting an eclectic design that is unique in the village, the Marvin House is the best example in the multiple resource area of a local builder's personal interpretation of the architectural fashion of the period. Although one expects to find eclectic style buildings at the turn-of-the-century, the overscaled tower, unusual massing and odd fenestration result in a non-academic design with an unusual character and charm. The house was built in 1897 for Dr. Frank S. Jennings and his wife, Mary. Dr. Jennings was a well-respected physician and public-minded citizen of the village. In 1904, however, Miss Jennie Marvin purchased the house and resided there for many years. Locally, the house is known as the Marvin residence.
21. Goodrich, George E. The Centennial History of the Town of Dryden, 1797-1897. 2nd edition. Ithaca, New York: Wilcox Press, 1975. Maps of Dryden village, 1866 and 1897. Sanborn Insurance Company Maps of Dryden, 1893, 1898, and 1904. Deed search, Tompkins County Clerk's Office.

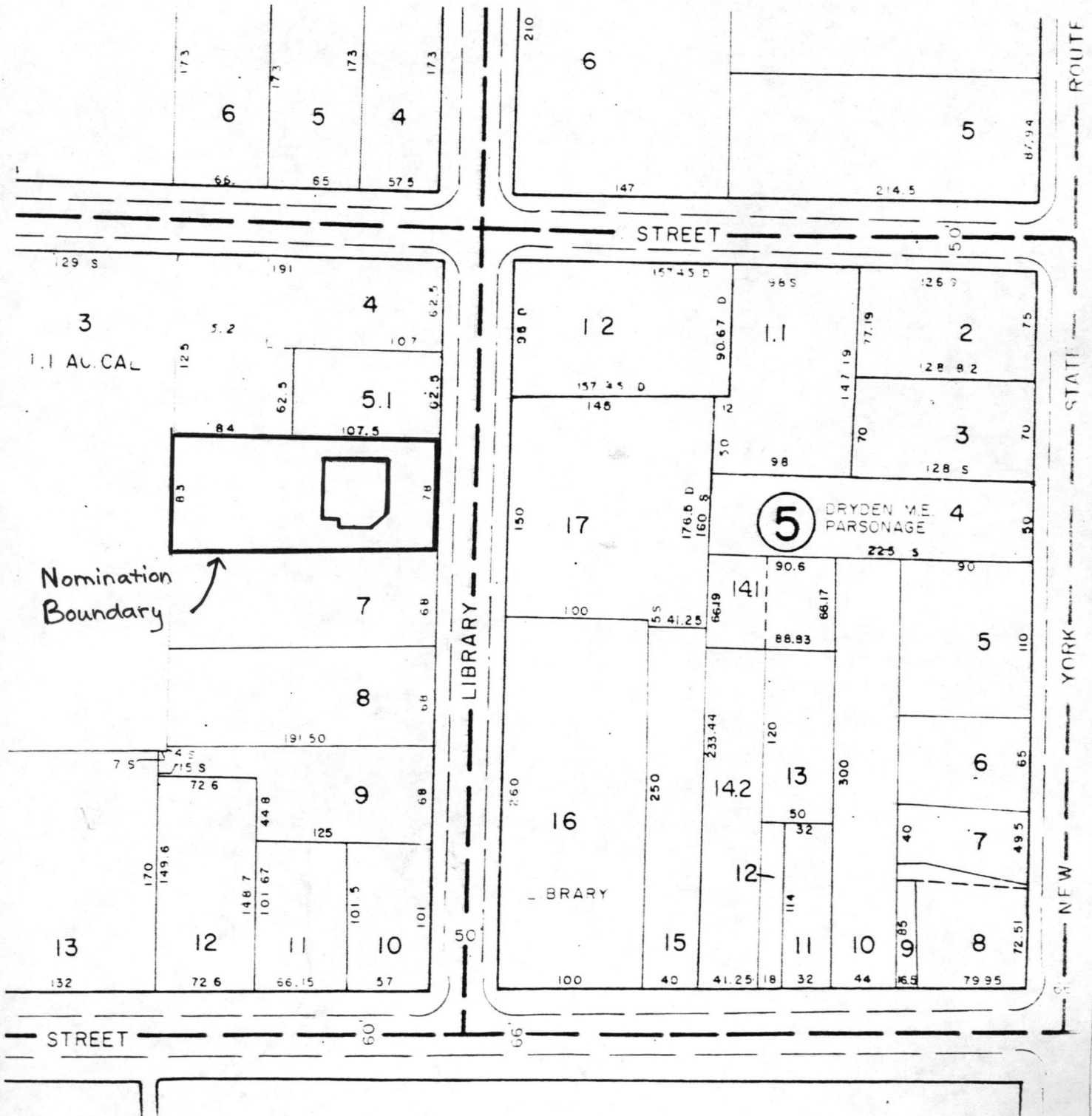
Dryden (Map #5 of 8)

Marvin House, 9 Library St.

Dryden Multiple Resource Area  
Dryden, New York  
Tompkins County



1" = 100



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 Dryden Village Multiple Resource Area  
State Tompkins County, NEW YORK

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Dryden Historic District   | Substantive Review                  | Keeper     | <u>Bruce Van Dyke 6/5/87</u> |
|                               |                                     | Attest     | _____                        |
| 2. Clarke, Luther, House      | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 6/8/87</u>  |
|                               |                                     | Attest     | _____                        |
| 3. Jennings-Marvin House      | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 6/8/87</u>  |
|                               |                                     | Attest     | _____                        |
| 4. Lacy-Van Vleet House       | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 6/8/87</u>  |
|                               |                                     | Attest     | _____                        |
| 5. Methodist Episcopal Church | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 6/8/87</u>  |
|                               |                                     | Attest     | _____                        |
| 6. Rockwell House             | Substantive Review                  | Keeper     | <u>Bruce Van Dyke 6/8/87</u> |
|                               |                                     | Attest     | _____                        |
| 7. Southworth House           | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 6/8/87</u>  |
|                               |                                     | Attest     | _____                        |
| 8. Southworth Library         | Entered in the<br>National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 6/8/87</u>  |
|                               |                                     | Attest     | _____                        |
| 9.                            |                                     | Keeper     | _____                        |
|                               |                                     | Attest     | _____                        |
| 10.                           |                                     | Keeper     | _____                        |
|                               |                                     | Attest     | _____                        |

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Jennings-Marvin House (Dryden Village MRA)  
Tompkins County  
NEW YORK

APR 26 1984

Working No. \_\_\_\_\_

Fed. Reg. Date: 2.5.85

Date Due: 5/24/84 - 6/10/84

Action:  ACCEPT 6-8-84

RETURN \_\_\_\_\_

Entered in the  
National Register  REJECT \_\_\_\_\_

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

- 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

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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: \_\_\_\_\_



Dryden Multiple Resource Area

Dryden, New York

Tompkins County #20 of 69

Photo: Karen Glazener, 1983

Neg: Dryden Historical Society

*densities*

View: Marvin House, 9 Library  
Street, from the southeast.



Dryden Multiple Resource Area

Dryden, New York

Tompkins County

#21 of 69

Photo: Karen Glazener, 1983

Neg: Dryden Historical Society

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View: Marvin House, 9 Library  
Street, from the northeast.



Dryden Multiple Resource Area  
Dryden, New York  
Tompkins County #22 of 69  
Photo: Karen Glazener, 1983  
Neg: Dryden Historical Society  
View: <sup>denwipes-</sup> Marvin House, 9 Library  
Street, from the east.



Dryden Multiple Resource Area

Dryden, New York

Tompkins County #23 of 69

Photo: Karen Glazener, 1983

Neg: Dryden Historical Society

View: <sup>JENNINGS-</sup>Marvin House, 9 Library  
Street, detail of the tower  
from the southeast.

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000547