

**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.	093-01-0109
QUAD	_____
SERIES	_____
NEG. NO.	_____

YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: 1979; 1983

YOUR ADDRESS: 620 State St, Schenectady TELEPHONE: (518) 382-3286

ORGANIZATION (if any): Schenectady County Planning Department

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**IDENTIFICATION**

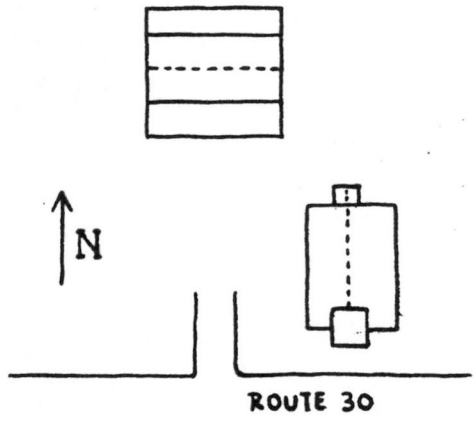
- ✓ 1. BUILDING NAME(S): Duanesburg-Florida Baptist Church
- ✓ 2. COUNTY: Schenectady TOWN/CITY: ~~Schenectady~~ Duanesburg VILLAGE: \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ 3. STREET LOCATION: ~~Route 30; north side; west of Herrick Road~~
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. USE: Original: church Present: church
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes  No   
Interior accessible: Explain during services

**DESCRIPTION**

- 8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard  b. stone  c. brick  d. board and batten   
e. cobblestone  f. shingles  g. stucco  other: \_\_\_\_\_
- 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): \_\_\_\_\_

12. PHOTO:  
SEE ATTACHED SHEET

13. MAP:  
Plan not to scale.



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   
i. landscape features: \_\_\_\_\_ j : contributing.  
j. other: church hall
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)

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

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

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

**SIGNIFICANCE**

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: ca 1868/69; 1893  
ARCHITECT: 1860s main block : unknown; 1893 facade : A. Wilmot  
BUILDER: Unknown

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

21. SOURCES:

SEE COVER SHEET, ITEM 9

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DUANESBURG MULTIPLE RESOURCE AREA  
DUANESBURG, SCHENECTADY COUNTY, NEW YORK

Duanesburg-Florida Baptist Church, Route 30

#17. The Duanesburg-Florida Baptist Church occupies a small (less than two acres) lot in the small crossroads hamlet of Braman's Corners in the northwest quadrant of Duanesburg. The only other intact, historic structure in the hamlet is the Joseph Braman House (ca.1850s, individual component). The hamlet is currently composed of extensively altered historic structures and a few modern intrusions. The heavy black outline on the enclosed county tax map (lot #43.01-1-13.1) defines the boundary of the nominated property.

#18. The Duanesburg-Florida Baptist Church, the original section of which was built ca.1868-1869, is a three-bay-wide, four-bay-deep frame edifice. The rectangular structure has a gable roof, a wide frieze and broad, rear corner pilasters, attributes which are typical of mid-nineteenth century vernacular, Greek Revival style architecture in Duanesburg. The front facade, with its engaged central tower, was erected in 1891. The square tower has a pyramidal roof surmounted by a finial and exhibits a variety of detailing associated with late Victorian eclectic design. Exterior siding materials include scallop shingling, horizontal clapboard siding and panels of diagonal boarding. Palladian windows, recently covered with protective boarding, are located on the south, east and west elevations of the uppermost story of the tower. The main entrance, located at the base of the tower, features a panelled double-doorway surmounted by a large, round-arched fanlight with tracery. Large rectangular window openings throughout the structure contain twelve-over-twelve-over-twelve triple sash. The relatively plain, spacious interior, featuring beaded-board wainscot and a hipped ceiling, appears to date from the 1890s when the facade was added, although it is not known if Wilmot himself was responsible for the remodelling.

To the northwest of the church is a contributing frame church hall/parsonage which dates from ca.1913.

#20. The Duanesburg-Florida Baptist Church is an architecturally and historically significant example of nineteenth-century religious architecture in the town of Duanesburg. Dating from c.1868, the structure retains several characteristic attributes from its original Greek Revival style design, including a gable roof, wide frieze and broad corner boards. Although the influences of the Greek Revival style persisted throughout the nineteenth century in Duanesburg, especially in the town's rural areas, this church was constructed several decades later than the height of the style's popularity. The church is especially distinguished, however, by its distinctive late Victorian period facade, added in 1891 by a locally prominent architect from nearby Amsterdam (Montgomery County).

A. Wilmot's design includes an elaborately embellished central tower and a variety of eclectic detailing such as the pinnacle surmounting the steeply pitched roof, the bracketed cornice, Palladian-inspired

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Duanesburg-Florida Baptist Church, Route 30 p.2

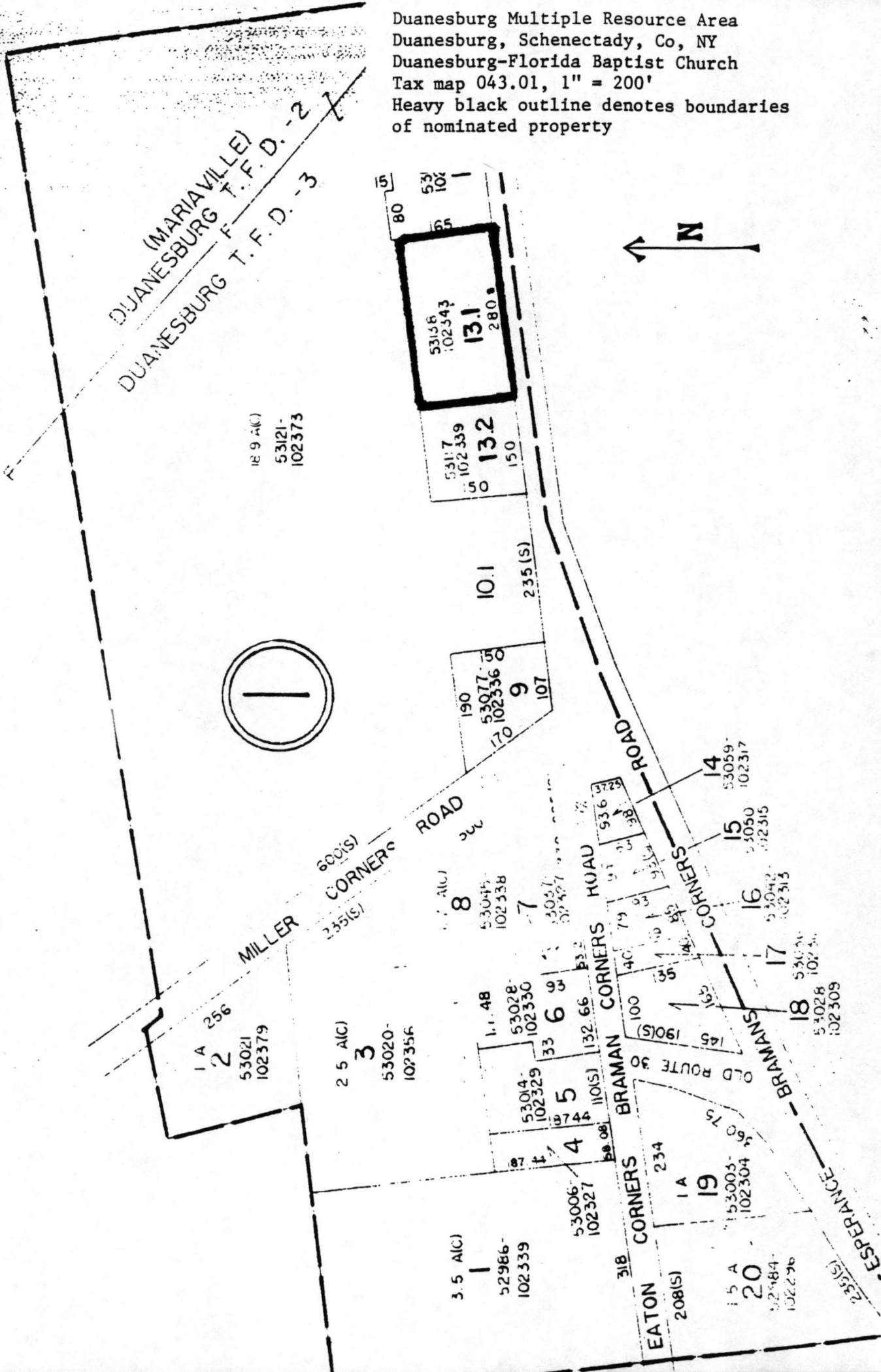
windows, scallop shingling, diagonal boarding, applied scroll-sawn  
woodwork and a large fanlight with tracery above the panelled,  
double-door. This facade is the only documented example of  
architect-designed construction in the town of Duanesburg.  
Additional significance is derived from the intact, early twentieth  
century church hall on the property.

The church is historically significant as an important  
institution in the crossroads hamlet of Bramans Corners. It is  
associated with the oldest Baptist congregation in Schenectady  
County. There are no extant records prior to 1800, but it is  
known that there were members of the Baptist denomination among  
the earliest settlers of the town of Duanesburg. According to  
the earliest records there was a small society of Baptists,  
known as Elder John Mudge's Church, in the northern part of  
the town and another group in the bordering town of Florida  
under the leadership of Elder Reuben Mudge. On July 19, 1800,  
the two small churches united under the name of the Duanesburg  
and Florida Baptist Church with a membership of eight brethren  
and nine sisters. During the next three and one-half decades  
the congregation worshipped in schoolhouses and private residences.  
Prominent pastors during this period include Reuben Mudge and  
Bartimeus Bramans, a member of the family after which Bramans  
Corners was named. In 1835 a meeting house was erected on the  
site of the present edifice. The present parsonage was erected  
in 1864.

The present church was completed and dedicated in 1869. The  
congregation continued to flourish and, in 1891, the church  
was expanded and modernized to the design of architect Wilmot.  
The large enclosed shed/hall northwest of the church was erected  
in 1913. New front steps were constructed in 1937, but there  
have been no other major alterations in the twentieth century.

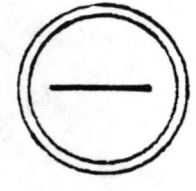
The church remains an important reminder of nineteenth-  
century life in Bramans Corners.

Duanesburg Multiple Resource Area  
 Duanesburg, Schenectady, Co, NY  
 Duanesburg-Florida Baptist Church  
 Tax map 043.01, 1" = 200'  
 Heavy black outline denotes boundaries  
 of nominated property



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 DUANESBURG T.F.D. - 3

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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 Duanesburg Multiple Resource Area  
State Schenectady County, NEW YORK

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

11. Duanesburg-Florida Baptist Church

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Arlene Byers 10/11/84

Attest

12. Ferguson Farm Complex

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Arlene Byers 4/24/85

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13. Gaige Homestead

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National Register

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14. Gilbert Farmhouse

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15. Green, Joseph, Farmhouse

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16. Halladay Farmhouse

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17. Hawes Homestead

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18. Howard Homestead

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19. Jenkins House

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20. Lasher, George, House

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Duanesburg-Florida Baptist Church  
(Duanesburg MRA)  
Schenectady County  
NEW YORK

Working No. AUG 28 1984

Fed. Reg. Date: 2/4/84

Date Due: 9/27/84 - 10/12/84

Entered in the  
National Register  
Action:  ACCEPT 10-11-84  
 RETURN  
 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

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	Check one	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<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

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Duanesburg-Florida Baptist Church, Route 30



View from southeast



View from southeast

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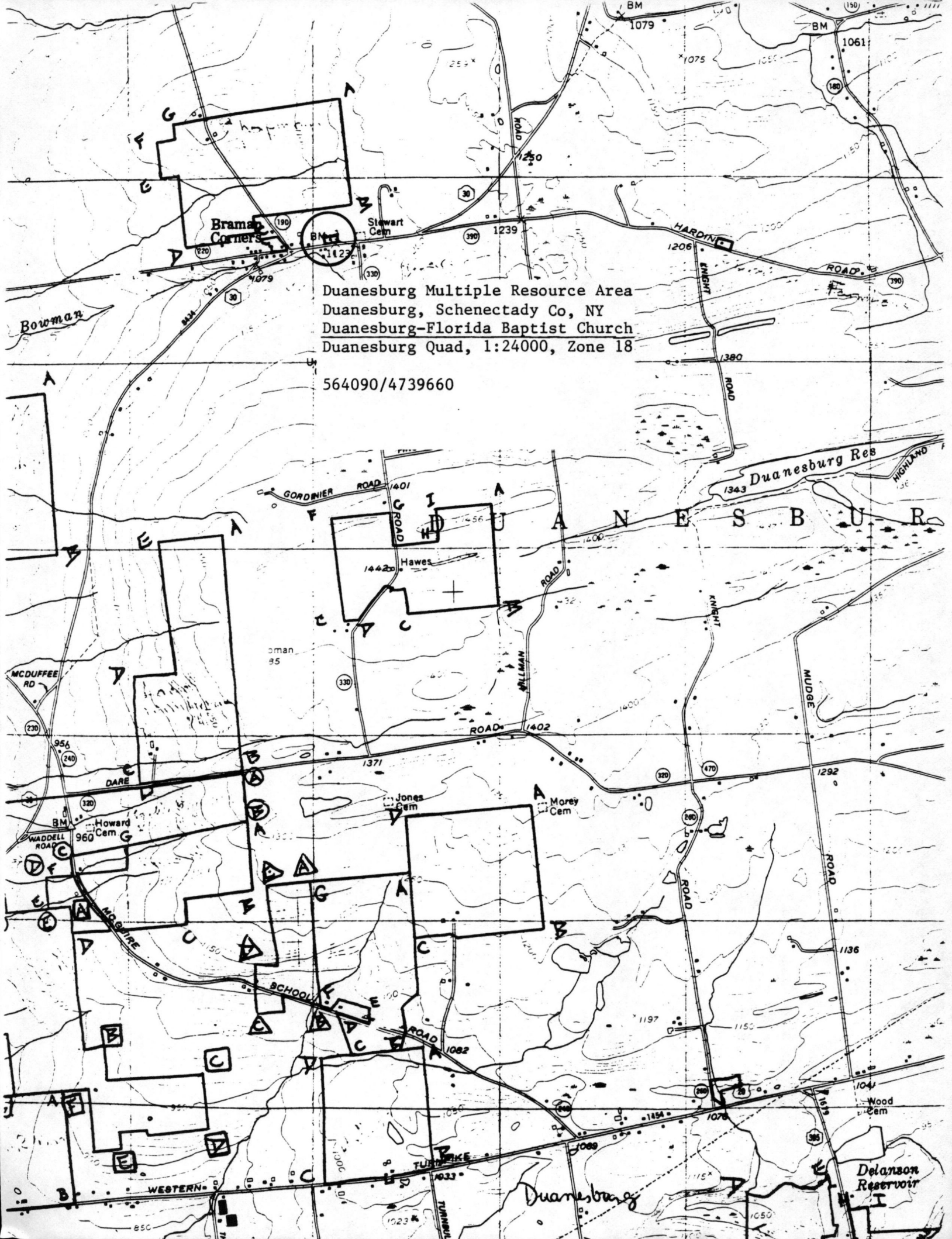
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View from southeast



View from southwest



Duaneburg Multiple Resource Area  
Duaneburg, Schenectady Co, NY  
Duaneburg-Florida Baptist Church  
Duaneburg Quad, 1:24000, Zone 18

564090/4739660

Delanson Reservoir

Duaneburg

Bowman

Hawes

Jones Cem

Morey Cem

Wood Cem

WESTERN ROAD

HARDING ROAD

GORDONIER ROAD

MILLMAN ROAD

MUDGE ROAD

SCHOOL ROAD

MCDUFFEE RD

WADDELL ROAD

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TUNNICK ROAD

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KNIGHT ROAD

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Duaneburg Res

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