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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 Hiram Sibley Homestead

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 29 Sibley Road _____ not for publication

city, town Sibleyville _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district

state New York code 036 county Monroe code 055

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Madeira Meader (Mrs. Equen B.)

street & number 29 Sibley Road

city, town Honeoye Falls _____ vicinity of _____ state New York 14472

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Monroe County Office Building

street & number 39 West Main Street

city, town Rochester _____ state New York 14614

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title New York State Inventory _____ has this property been determined eligible? _____ yes no

date 1976 _____ federal state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records NYState Parks Recreation & Historic Preservation

city, town Albany _____ state New York

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> moved date 1928
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Sibley Homestead is located in the hamlet of Sibleyville in the town of Mendon in the southeast corner of Monroe County. The house is situated on the north side of Sibley Road and is approximately one-half mile northeast of the junction of New York State Route 15A and Sibley Road. The building faces south and is located in a rural agricultural area. The property encloses approximately twenty-five acres of undeveloped fields and woodlands. The property adjacent to the nominated property to the north is currently under development for housing; it is behind the bluff to the north of the Sibley homestead and not in view from the home or site. The north boundary, west boundary and northeast boundary are at the tops of natural bluffs. The east boundary is essentially Honeoye Creek and the south boundary is Sibley Road. The bluffs, wooded area near Sibley Road, and wooded area near the creek create a very private, pastoral and bucolic setting for the homestead, visually protecting the setting from modern and non-rural intrusions. The twenty-five acre nominated property is all that survives under single ownership of the original Sibley homestead. The adjacent lands have been subdivided in recent years. The nominated property contains the main building, a contemporary oblong-shaped, in-ground native stone swimming pool, a small native stone poolhouse situated approximately sixty feet northeast of the house, and the foundation ruins of an early nineteenth century grist mill located on the east and west sides of the gravel driveway, approximately eight hundred feet south of the main structure, near the entrance to the property (see Map No. 1). There are two contributing features: one building and one site.

Exterior

The wood-frame house is designed in the Federal style and consists of five sections (see Map No. 2 and Photo No. 1). The original house, constructed in 1827 by Hiram Sibley, includes the two-and-one-half story rectangular main section and the attached two-story north and west wings. In this configuration, the house was originally located approximately one thousand feet south of its present site, immediately adjacent to Sibley Road (Illustration No. 1). The property, sold out of the Sibley family in the late 1840s, was again acquired by them in 1927 when Hiram Sibley's grandson, Harper Sibley, purchased the house and acreage. In 1928 the house was moved north to its present location due to the widening of Sibley Road and placed on a new foundation of uncoursed fieldstone. The two-story northwest wing and attached two-car garage were added in 1942. These additions were designed by Rochester architect William G. Kaelber.

The exterior walls of the entire building are covered with narrow clapboards with slender corner board moldings. The gable roofs are covered with asphalt shingles, although earlier wood shingles remain underneath. The original nineteenth-century built-in gutters are intact on the main two-and-one-half story section, but have been covered over. There are four chimneys with eight interior fireplaces. All principal windows are equipped with louvered wood shutters. Those shutters which are located on the original house appear to date from the nineteenth century and retain their original hardware (Photo No. 2). Both the original house and the 1942 additions feature slight returns of the eaves and delicate moldings along the cornice and around the windows.

The facade of the main section of the house features a full pediment with raking cornice and a lunette in the tympanum (Photo No. 3).

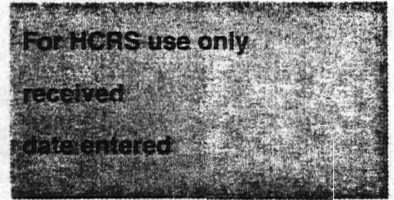
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The east elevation contains a single small four-over-two double-hung window on the second floor (Photo No. 10). A small rectangular window is in evidence in the frieze band of the north elevation and a single four-over-four double-hung window on the first floor (Photo No. 11). The west elevation exhibits two six-over-six double-hung windows on the second floor and a single twelve-over-twelve double-hung window on the first floor. There is also an entrance on the west side of the northwest wing which is identical in design to that of the doorway found on the south side of the west wing dining room (Photo No. 8).

The single-story, two-bay garage extends north from the northwest wing. There is a single twelve-over-twelve double-hung window in the north elevation. The west elevation contains the two overhead, sliding garage doors and two six-over-six double-hung windows (Photo No. 11). The east elevation features a recessed porch with brick floor and two six-over-six double-hung windows (Photo No. 9).

Interior

The interior of the Sibley house retains most of its original details. Notable features in the main house are decorative moldings, cornerposts with beaded panels, six-paneled doors, fireplace mantels in the parlor, library, first floor and center bedroom, decorative scrollwork along the staircase and simple handrail and newel post.

Uneven width (four" to ten") pine boards painted dark brown constitute the flooring throughout the house. Some original boards remain; however, large sections of flooring on the first floor were replaced during the 1940s renovation due to the severe deterioration suffered during the early 1900s when the house was vacant and used for the storage of livestock feed (Photo No. 17). The attic over the main two-and-one-half story section exhibits post and beam construction.

The first floor of the two-and-one-half story main section consists of an entry hall running north and south with a stairway to the east and a parlor and bedroom beyond (Photo No. 12). The original stairway exhibits a turned newel post and simple handrail with carved scrollwork on the open string (Photo No. 13) and leads to the wide second-floor hallway, off of which several rooms are distributed.

The interior side of the main entrance doorway echoes the exterior, with narrow pilasters supporting a simple cornice broken in plan and the whole forming a rectangular framework around the entrance. The hardware on the front door is original, as it is throughout the nineteenth-century sections of the house (Photo No. 14).

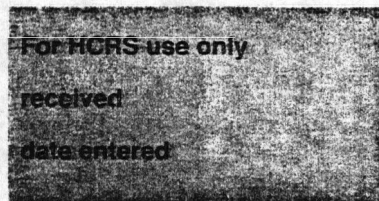
To the east of the entry hall is the front parlor, which is notable for the fluted moldings with flat, plain corner blocks which surround the windows and doors. A one-panel wood wainscot extends under the parlor windows (Photo No. 15). The fireplace, with carved

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anthemions, is one of eight fireplaces in the house, each of which exhibits a mantel of different design (Photo No. 6).

The first floor bedroom contains a fireplace with shouldered architrave molding, which backs up to the fireplace in the front parlor. Adjacent to the bedroom fireplace is a small section of horizontal board wainscotting. Two large closets and a bath adjoin the bedroom (Photo No. 17).

On the second floor of the main section are found two bedrooms and a bath. Both bedrooms have fireplaces which are situated directly above those on the first floor and which share a common chimney. Each fireplace has its original mantel (Photo Nos. 18 and 19).

The west wing of the house contains the library and dining room. The library fireplace is bordered by narrow, flat pilasters which support a thin mantel shelf similar to the design of the main entrance surround. A niche above the fireplace has an elliptical arch and presently accommodates an ogee mantel clock (Photo No. 20). The library doors and windows are surrounded by fluted moldings with bulls-eye pattern cornerblocks (Photo No. 21). A single-panel wainscot is located under each window. Floor-length, recessed bookshelves line the north and east walls of the library and are also located on the west wall adjacent to the fireplace.

The dining room features a fireplace, which backs up to the one in the library. Its mantel dates from the nineteenth century and was installed by the present owner during the 1960s to replace the original mantel which had been previously removed (Photo No. 22). Also to be found in the dining room are corner posts with beaded boards, a chair rail and a wide baseboard. The exterior Dutch-type door on the south wall of the dining room was made in the 1960s, when the original one-piece door was cut into two sections (Photo No. 23).

The entire second floor of the west wing is given over to the "dormitory" - a low-ceilinged room tucked under the gable roof - which presently serves as the owner's retreat and study.

The family living room is located on the first floor of the north wing of the house. Dominating this room is the fireplace located on the north wall. The mantel shelf and surrounding woodwork have molded edges, and the broad overmantel has vertical panels of uneven width set in a recess (Photo No. 24). Also in evidence in this room are corner posts and plain, horizontal board wainscotting. On the second floor of this wing are located two bedrooms, closets and a storage area. A small corner fireplace with simple mantelpiece is located in the bedroom at the northeast corner of this wing and shares the chimney of the living room below (Photo No. 25).

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The northwest wing of the house is an addition built in 1942. The kitchen, which was remodeled and enlarged in 1972, occupies the first floor of this wing. A sewing room, bath and storage area can be found on the second floor, which is reached by a narrow flight of stairs.

A laundry room and two-car garage, also constructed in 1942, are attached to this wing and extend to the north.

SITE DESCRIPTION

Situated downhill to the northeast of the house is an oblong-shaped, in-ground native stone swimming pool and poolhouse, that were constructed by the present owner in 1975.

A low, dry-laid, rubble stone wall surrounds the house on the south, east and north sides. The south and east sections were built in the early 1940s, while the north section was added by the present owner in the 1970s (Photo Nos. 1, 5, 6, and 9).

The ruins of an early nineteenth century grist mill lie on the east and west sides of the gravel driveway approximately eight hundred feet south of the main structure. They consist of coursed fieldstone foundations, a millstone (Photo No. 27) and the arched-over mill race that is still clearly visible (Photo No. 28).

For the purpose of this nomination, the main house and grist mill ruins are considered compatible historic **features** which contribute to the Sibley Homestead complex. The poolhouse and swimming pool are non-historic **features**.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates c. 1827-1832 **Builder/Architect** unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Sibley Homestead is architecturally significant as an outstanding example of the early nineteenth century Federal style residential architecture of the Genesee region. Furthermore, the house is historically significant for its association with Hiram Sibley, a nationally prominent financier, philanthropist and founding partner of the Western Union Telegraph Company. It is the site of Sibley's initial business ventures in milling and manufacturing, the success of which provided the capital with which he began the Western Union Company. Built c. 1827-1832, the residence is distinguished by its balanced proportions and finely crafted delicate detail that reflect the taste and prosperity of its builder and first owner. The property also includes the partial foundation ruins of the early nineteenth century gristmill and raceway which were part of Sibley's original manufacturing complex on Honeoye Creek.

Hiram Sibley was born at North Adams, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, on February 6, 1807, and died at Rochester, New York, July 12, 1888. He was the second son of Benjamin and Zilpha (Davis) Sibley. Benjamin was the son of Timothy Sibley of Sutton, Massachusetts.

At the age of sixteen, Hiram Sibley migrated to Livingston County in the Genesee Valley and was employed in a machine shop and, subsequently, in wool-carding. Before his twenty-first birthday, he had mastered five different trades.

In 1830, Sibley formed a business partnership with Don Alonzo Watson, and in the following year he bought a small machine shop and the fifty acres surrounding it in the town of Mendon, a manufacturing village fourteen miles south of Rochester (Rochesterville in 1830). Tinkers Shop, as it was called, was owned by Giles Tinker, another native of North Adams, Massachusetts, who had come west with his family soon after Sibley. Tinker, however, was elderly and unable to keep his shop running profitably, so he accepted Sibley's and Watson's purchase offer of one thousand dollars for the shop.

The partners took possession immediately and spent the first three months renovating the shop. Much of the machinery had to be repaired or scrapped, and a good deal of new equipment had to be purchased. At the same time that they were renovating the shop, Sibley and Watson were negotiating for contracts. Finally, on February 19, 1831, they signed a contract with two woolen mills in Massachusetts to manufacture heavy woolen machinery.

During the transactions that took place over the purchase of Tinker's machine shop and land, Sibley made the acquaintance of Giles Tinker's younger daughter, Elizabeth. After repeated proposals, she consented to marry him; the wedding, however, did not take place until Sibley completed the house that he was building near the machine shop. It was on February 19, 1833, that Hiram Sibley married Elizabeth Tinker in a ceremony held in the newly completed Federal style homestead.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property ± 26 acres

Quadrangle name Honeoye Falls

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

A	18	286940	4760780
	Zone	Easting	Northing

B	18	286810	4760460
	Zone	Easting	Northing

C	18	286800	4760240
	Zone	Easting	Northing

D	18	286520	4760260
	Zone	Easting	Northing

E	18	286580	4760570
	Zone	Easting	Northing

F			
	Zone	Easting	Northing

G			
	Zone	Easting	Northing

H			
	Zone	Easting	Northing

Verbal boundary description and justification

See attached property map

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

state	code	county	code
NA			

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

Contact:

name/title Larry E. Gobrecht, National Register & Survey Coordinator
New York State Office of Parks,

organization Recreation & Historic Preservation date July 1985
Empire State Plaza

street & number Agency Building #1 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title Deputy Commissioner for Historic Preservation

date 7/29/85

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

Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the National Register

date 9/12/85

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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During Sibley's courtship, the shop expanded rapidly. By the year 1833, the plant was employing eighty men and the hamlet was named "Sibleyville" because of its chief industry. The Sibleyville mills were clustered along Honeoye Creek near Sibley Road. In the early nineteenth century, Honeoye Creek had a more rapid flow and considerably more water volume than the present placid creek. Dams and water diversion upstream in the early twentieth century cut back the water power source of the creek. The village of Honeoye Falls, just two miles south of Sibleyville, was a contemporary milling development with Sibleyville. Several early nineteenth century stone mills and associated millraces remain adjacent to the creek in Honeoye Falls. Early twentieth century water diversion also cut back Honeoye Falls's use of the creek as a power source.

After Hiram Sibley's departure to Rochester, his mill complex appears to have deteriorated and to have fallen into disuse and disrepair. The milling and manufacturing centered locally in Honeoye Falls and regionally in Rochester to the north.

Little is known of the total extent of Sibley's mills or their physical appearance or configuration. The existing rubble stone foundations and stone millrace arch are the sole remnants of the once bustling mill site on this property. The present foundation ruins appear to be partially silted and filled in. No archaeological investigation has been completed on the site. It is also unclear if the mills were demolished, burned or just deteriorated from decay. The present owner has attempted to learn about them and has been unable to uncover any information.

Sibley was elected sheriff by the Democrats of Monroe County in 1843. That same year, he moved from the Sibleyville homestead and took up residence in Rochester. His political career was brief, as his energies became increasingly devoted to furthering Samuel F. B. Morse's experiments in electric telegraphy. In fact, Sibley was instrumental in securing an appropriation from Congress to aid in the establishment of telegraph service.

In due course, he formed a partnership with other investors, including Ezra Cornell, and consolidated the small existing telegraph companies into the Western Union, which was chartered by the legislatures of New York and Wisconsin in 1856. He was elected president of the company and held the office for seventeen years. He was, however, unable to receive the full approval and cooperation of his business associates when he conceived and presented a plan for the construction of a transcontinental telegraph line. He therefore proceeded to construct it without their assistance in 1861 and transferred it to the company after its completion. A link with the eastern systems was thus effected, making a continuous line from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Furthermore, he projected a telegraph line to unite the United States with Europe by way of the Bering Strait and Siberia, but the project was abandoned with the success of the submarine cable across the Atlantic. However, Sibley's discussions with the Russians regarding this project led directly to the purchase of Alaska by treaty negotiated by William H. Seward, Secretary of State, in 1867.

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After retiring from the telegraph business in 1869, Sibley engaged in railroading, mining operations and various other industries. Purchasing large tracts of land in Michigan, he developed the lumber and salt manufacturing business at Saginaw. He became also the proprietor of large areas of improved lands in different localities and for years was engaged in farming operations on a grand scale. Especially noteworthy in this connection was his interest in the seed and nursery business at Chicago, Illinois, and Rochester, New York. In the realm of philanthropy, Sibley is perhaps best remembered as the founder of the Sibley College of Mechanical Engineering at Cornell University.

The Sibley Homestead is architecturally significant as a finely crafted Federal style residence, indicative of Sibley's wealth and social standing within the community. The farmhouse is typical in plan to many surviving early nineteenth century frame dwellings. Originally a moderately scaled home, over the years it has expanded and includes both nineteenth and twentieth century additions, all of which have been undertaken with great sympathy to the style, detail and massing of the original building. The 1940s additions on the rear of the house extend a low profile and similar detail to evoke the genre of the original house, with careful attention to design of the windows, doors, porch, room scale, plan and interior detail (Photo Nos. 10, 11, and 24).

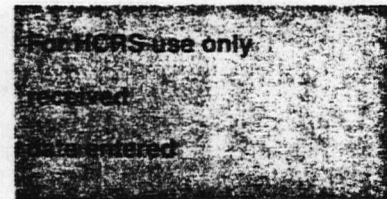
The slender colonnettes, scalloped over-door shelf and similar interior fireplace details are of superior quality for a rural farm homestead. They show strong Dutch Colonial Federal influence as documented by Carl F. Schmidt in Architectural Moldings.¹ Similar Dutch Colonial Federal inspired details can be seen in residences found in nearby Canandaigua, Pittsford, Bethany, and Clarkson. The detail and craftsmanship of the house are superior to other farmsteads of similar size in the Rochester area. The interior rooms are small-scale and have original Federal moldings, doors and fireplaces with three later Greek Revival style fireplaces located in the front bedroom, downstairs bedroom and front parlor. These fireplace mantels are strongly Greek Revival with heavy massing, anthemion details and splayed moldings. The stairway balusters are slender and of simple design, reflecting a rural Federal influence. The parlor woodwork with corner blocks and deep reeding, although somewhat heavy, is also of Dutch Colonial Federal derivation. Greek style features such as mantels most likely represent modifications early on in the history of the building.

The Sibley family repurchased the property in 1927. At that time, Harper Sibley purchased considerably more property than his grandfather's fifty acres. The twenty-five acres sold to the present owner were enough to protect the homestead and yet allow Harper Sibley to subdivide and develop surrounding lands. The 1940s addition to the house executed by architect Carl Kaelber contributes to the overall design and massing of the house. In the mode of the 1940s, it was a careful duplication of existing original detail and scale and is nearly imperceptible as an alteration.

¹Schmidt, Carl F;
 Architectural Moldings
 Scottsville, New York 1967.

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Landmark historical files:

Landmark Society of Western New York
130 Spring Street
Rochester, New York 14608

Local History Division
Rochester Public Library
115 South Avenue
Rochester, New York 14604

Personal files:

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29 Sibley Road
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Site Map & Legal Boundaries;

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 29 Sibley Road
 Sibleyville
 Monroe County
 New York.

Map is to scale of
 1"=200 feet

Boundary indicated
 by heavy line

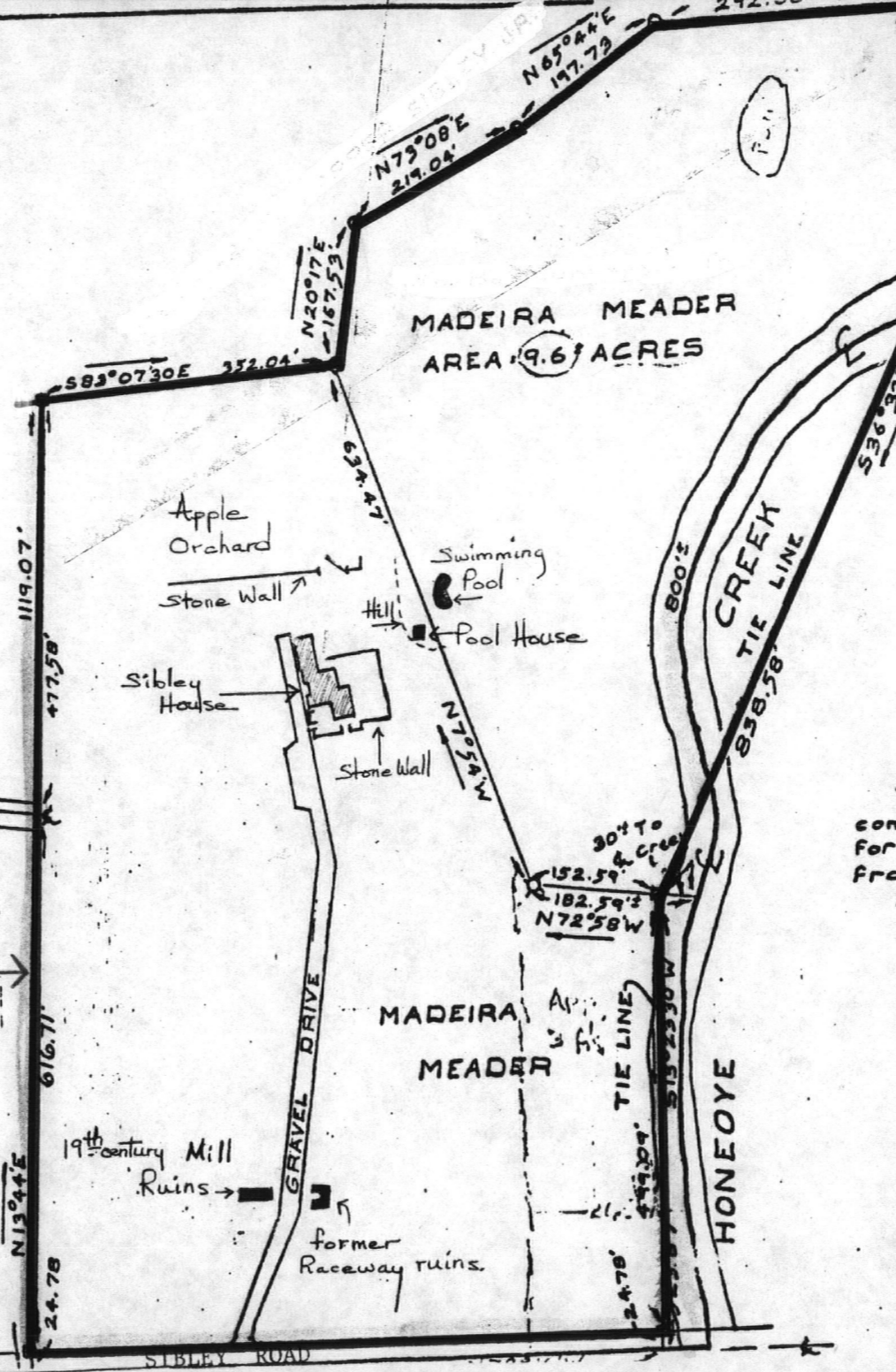
RUSH - LIMA ROAD

LOTS OWNED BY OTHERS

MAG NORTH
 JUNE 1959

To Be Conveyed
 (To MEADER)
 30' R.O.W.
 N71°52'W

boundary



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 ▽ Denotes Granite Mon. Set
 - Legal Boundary.

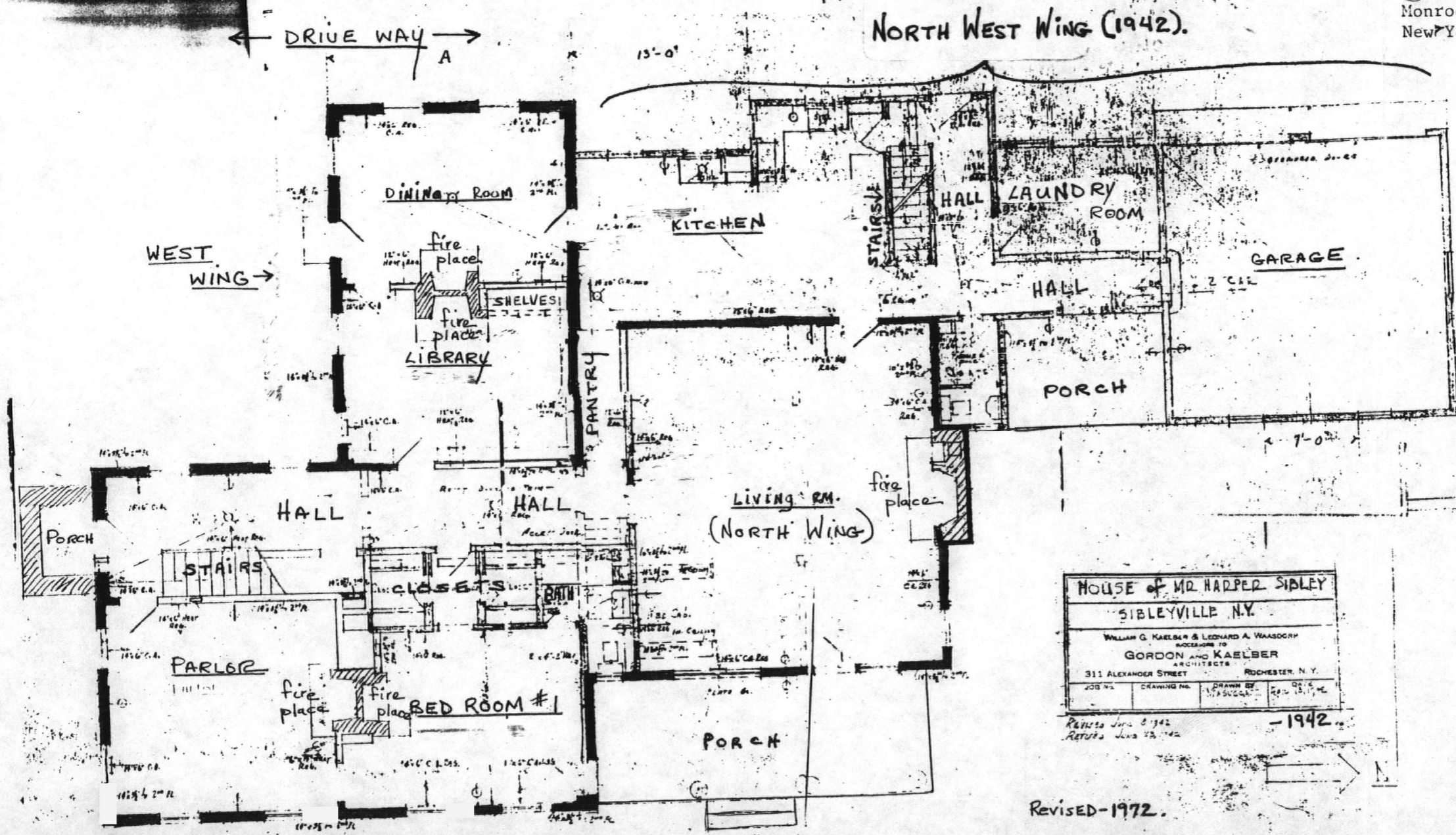
~CERTIFICATE~
 This is to certify that this plan was
 completed by Harnish & Lookup, Assoc.
 for Madeira Meader on May 12, 1967
 from a survey completed on May 4, 1967
 Signed: *[Signature]*
 License No. 16980

PLAN OF LAND
 OWNED BY MADEIRA MEADER
 IN
 TOWN OF MENDON
 MONROE COUNTY NEW YORK
 SCALE ~1"=200"
 SURVEYED BY HARNISH / LOOKUP, ASSOC.
 Lic. No. 16980 Newark, New York

SIBLEY HOMESTEAD
 29 Sibley Road
 Sibleyville
 Monroe County
 New York

NORTH WEST WING (1942).

FLOOR PLANS -
 First Floor.



HOUSE of MR HARPER SIBLEY
 SIBLEYVILLE N.Y.
 WILLIAM G. KAEUBER & LEONARD A. WAASDORF
 ARCHITECTS TO
 GORDON AND KAEUBER
 ARCHITECTS
 311 ALEXANDER STREET ROCHESTER, N. Y.
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 Revised June 8, 1942
 Retitled June 23, 1942

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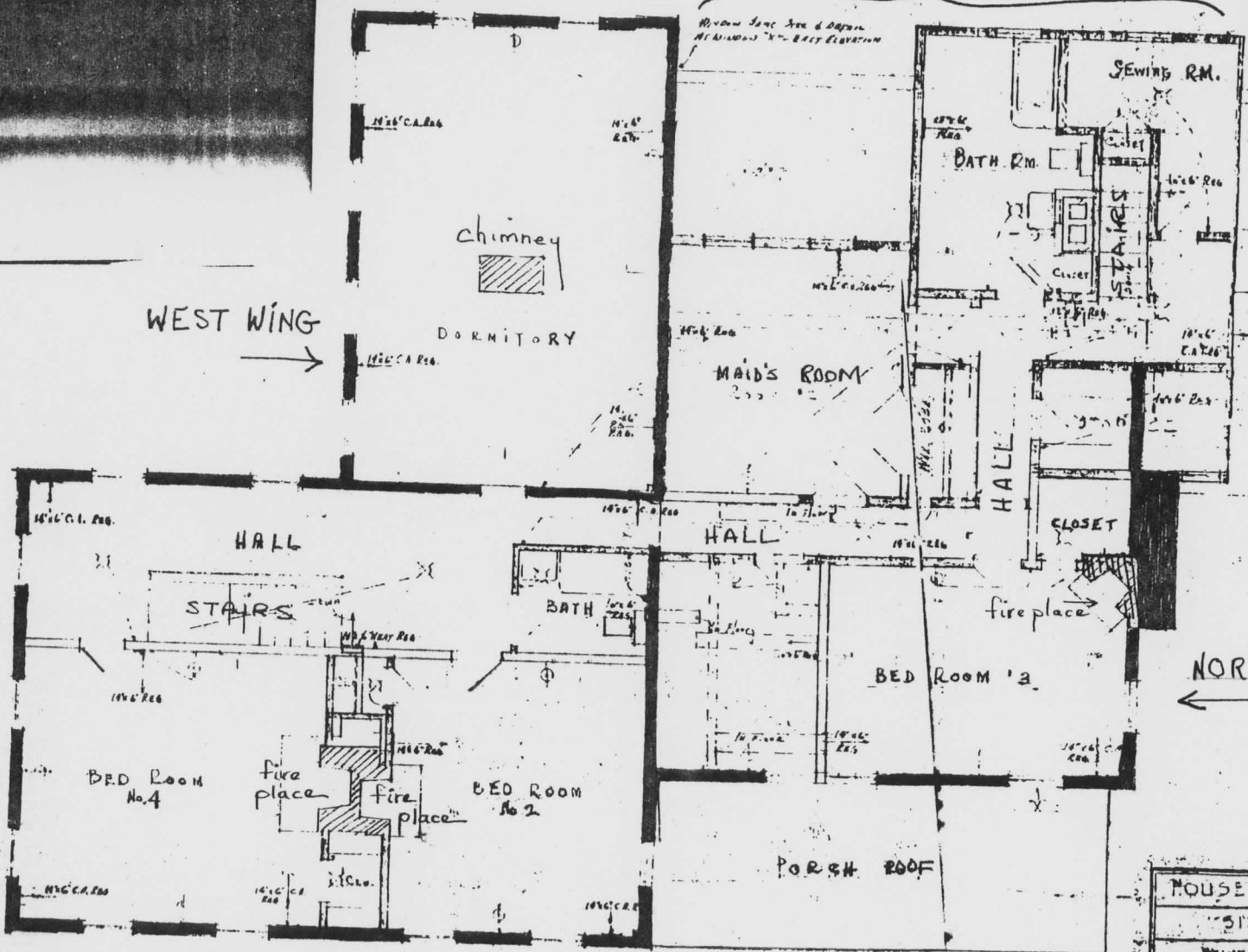
— original

1827-32 House

NORTH WEST WING (1942).

SIBLEY HOMESTEAD
 29 Sibley Road
 Sibleyville
 Monroe County
 New York.

FLOOR PLANS -
 Second Floor.



HOUSE OF
 SIBLEY
 WILLIAM G. KA
 GORD
 311 ALEXANDER S.
 JOB NO. DRAWN

REVISED JUNE 8 1942
 RETURNED JUNE 22 1942

SECOND FLOOR

KEY

original c.1827-32 house.



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29 Sibley Road
Sibleyville, Monroe County, NY

Illustration 2



SIBLEY HOMESTEAD
29 Sibley Road
Town of Mendon
Monroe County
New York

Date: early 1970s

-Aerial

Site Photo (looking north) shows gravel driveway(far left) , Sibley Homestead with main, 2-1/2 story section with entrance, West Wing, Northwest Wing, North Wing (with wide chimney); stone walls; ~~Monocopy of~~ ^{open fields} fields(north & west of house).

Photo: Henry DeWolf, Aerial Surveys
106 Silverdale Dr.
Rochester, New York 14609

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29 Sibley Road

Sibeyville
Monroe County, New York.

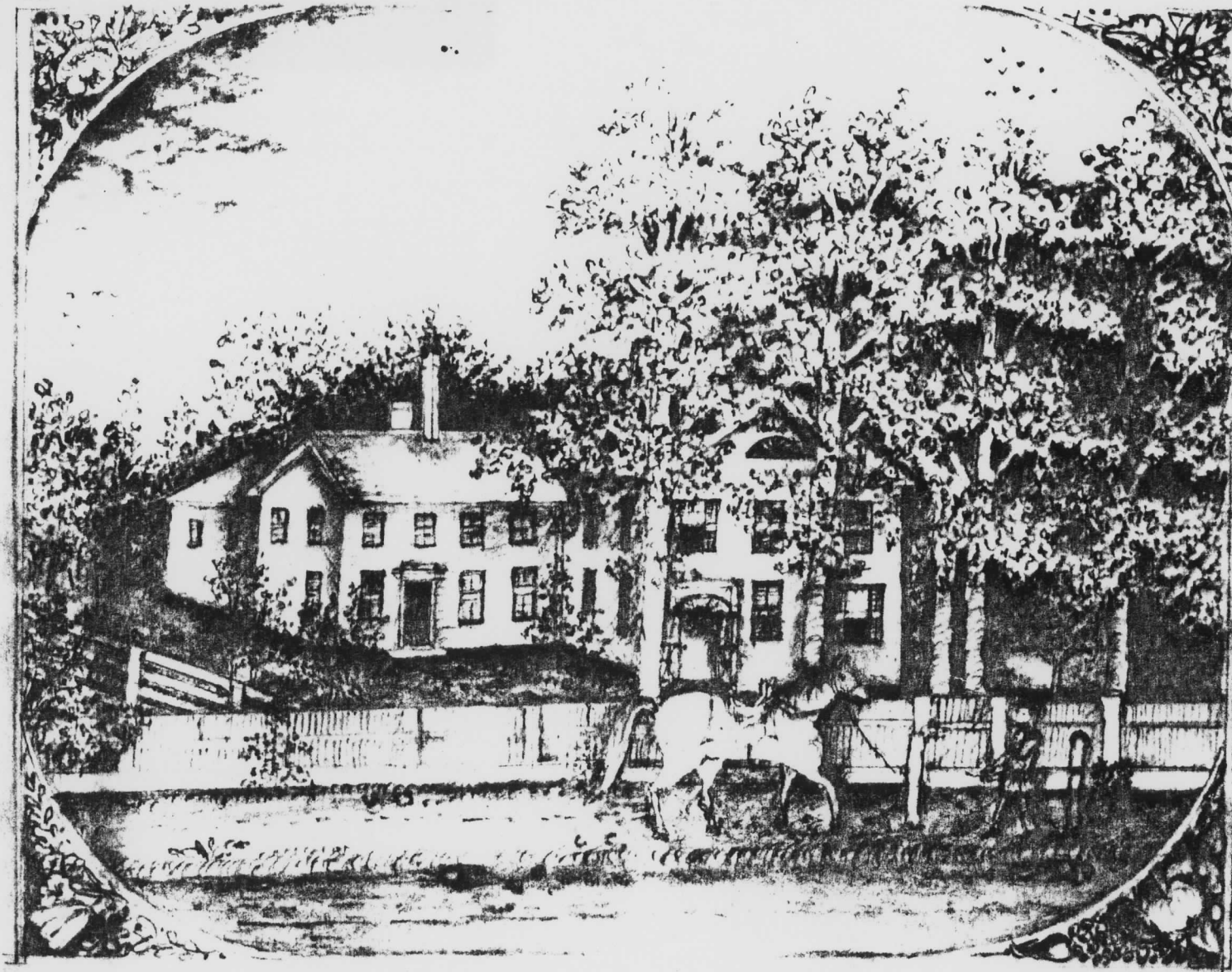


ILLUSTRATION #1

(original drawing in possession of Sibley family).

-pen and ink sketch of Sibley Homestead dated
c.1840 showing house in original location on
north side of and immediately adjacent to Sibley Road.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Sibley, Hiram, Homestead
Monroe County
NEW YORK

MS 14 1985

Working No. _____
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-4-86
Date Due: 9/12/85 - 9/28/85
Action: ACCEPT 9-12-85
 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 8 _____
_____ 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

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"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	
	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	
	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	

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

Director of Historic Preservation
National Park Service
Washington, D.C.

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: _____



Hiram Sibley Homestead
29 Sibley Road, 'Sibleyville', New York
Monroe County

Photo : Landmark Society 1984

View looking north, house in background
mill ruins to right

Neg A4317

PHOTOGRAPH #1



Hiram Sibley Homestead
29 Sibley Road, *Sibleyville* New York
Monroe County

Photograph # 2

Landmark Society 1984

View: south elevation, main entrance &
12/12 windows with louvre blinds

Neg: A 4325-*25A*



Hiram Sibley Homestead
29 Sibley Road, *Sibleyville*, New York
Monroe County

Photograph: #3

Landmark Society 1984

View: Facade & north wing elevation

Neg: A 4324-*22A*



Hiram Sibley Homestead
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Monroe County

Photograph # 4
Landmark Society of WNY 1984

View: Facade main entrance closeup

Neg: A 4336 -18A



Hiram Sibley Homestead
29 Sibley Road, *Sibleyville,* New York
Monroe County

Photograph # 5
Landmark Society of WNY 1984

View: stone wall, sundial, east elevation
& porch, looking SW

Neg: A 4321-15



Hiram Sibley Homestead
29 Sibley Road, *Sibleyville*, New York
Monroe County

Photograph #6

Landmark Society of WNY 1984

View: West wing, south elevation with
doorway

Neg: A 4336-21A



Hiram Sibley Homestead
29 Sibley Road, Sibleyville, New York
Monroe County

Photograph # 7

View: West elevation, dining room &
kitchen wings

Neg: A 4335-15A



Hiram Sibley Homestead
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Photograph #8
Landmark Society of WNY 1984

View: Looking southwest

Neg: A 4334-10A



Hiram Sibley Homestead

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Monroe County

Photograph #9

Landmark Society of WNY 1984

View: (left to right) - Main 2½-story
section (east & north elevations), North
wing (center), east elevation & chimney,
Northwest wing (right), east elevation &
recessed porch (storage)

Neg: A 4333-3



Hiram Sibley Homestead
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Photograph #10

Landmark Society of WNY 1984

View: Garage and northwest wing (west
and north elevations), west wing
(west elevation), looking
southeast.

Neg: A 4319-8



Hiram Sibley Homestead
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Photograph # //
Landmark Society of WNY 1984

View: Front hall (looking north) and
main staircase

Neg: A 4340-21



Hiram Sibley Homestead
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Photograph # *12*
Landmark Society of WNY 1984

View: Front staircase and railing

Neg: A 4339-17



Hiram Sibley Homestead
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Monroe County

Photograph #13
Landmark Society of WNY 1984

View: Main entrance, south facade

Neg: A 4337-1



Hiram Sibley Homestead
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Photograph #14
Landmark Society of WNY 1984

View: Southwest corner of front parlor,
looking into front hall of main
entrance.

Neg: A 4337-4



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Photograph # 15
Landmark Society of WNY 1984

View: Fireplace & mantel, north wall
of front parlor

Neg: A 4327-3



Hiram Sibley Homestead
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Photograph # 16
Landmark Society of WNY 1984

View: Fireplace(S. Wall) in downstairs
bedroom

Neg: A 4338-7



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Photograph # *17*
Landmark Society of WNY 1984

View: front bedroom, second floor,
fireplace(n. wall)

Neg: *A4331-17*



Hiram Sibley Homestead
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Monroe County

Photograph # 18

Landmark Society of WNY 1984

View: South wall (with fireplace) in
son's bedroom (center bedroom #2)
upstairs.

Neg: A 4340-18



Hiram Sibley Homestead
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Photograph # 19
Landmark Society of WNY 1984

View: Library and door (with moldings)
looking east across downstairs
hall to first floor bedroom.

Neg: A 4329-9



Hiram Sibley Homestead
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Photograph #20
Landmark Society of WNY 1984

View: East wall of dining room with
fireplace

Neg: A 4339-14



Hiram Sibley Homestead
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Photograph #21
Landmark Society of WNY 1984

View: Six-paneled "Dutch-type" door
leading to outside; west wall of
dining room.

Neg: A 4329-11



Hiram Sibley Homestead
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Photograph #22
Landmark Society of WNY 1984

View: West (with doorway) and North
(with fireplace) walls of North
Wing Living Room.

Neg: A 4339-16



Hiram Sibley Homestead
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Photograph #23
Landmark Society of WNY 1984

View: Northwest corner fireplace in
Bedroom #3

Neg: A 4340-19



Hiram Sibley Homestead
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Photograph #24
Landmark Society of WNY 1984

View: Pool, poolhouse, east and north
elevations (main block and north
wing), looking southwest.

Neg: A 4321-13



Hiram Sibley Homestead
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Monroe County

Photograph # *25*

Landmark Society of WNY 1984

View: Ruins of mill and millstone,
west side of driveway.

Neg: A 4317-2



Hiram Sibley Homestead
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Monroe County

Photograph #*26*

Landmark Society of WNY 1984

View: Ruins of millrace (stone arch),
east side of driveway.

Neg: A 4317-B

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NEW YORK STATE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



HONEOYE FALLS QUADRANGLE
NEW YORK
7.5 MINUTE SERIES

FARPORT



Hiram Sibley Homestead
Sibleyville, Monroe County, N.Y.
Honeoye Falls Quad
Zone 18
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May 28, 1985

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Gov. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza
Agency Bldg. 1
Albany, NY 12238



Re: Hiran Sibley Homestead,
Monroe County

Gentlemen:

Your letter of early May indicated that your committee will soon consider the Hiram Sibley homestead for nomination to the National and State Register of Historic Places.

As you no doubt realize, Mr. Sibley was one of our areas early settlers. The home he built here in 1828 is a lovely example of early American architecture. It has been very well cared for over the years by the Sibley and now the Meader family. It should be preserved, not only for its architectural qualities, but also as a monument to Mr. Sibley, who founded the Western Union Telegraph Co.

I recommend that your committee include this homestead on the Historic Registry.

Yours truly,

Arnold J. Leckie
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Supervisor

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