

**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. \_\_\_\_\_  
 QUAD \_\_\_\_\_  
 SERIES \_\_\_\_\_  
 NEG. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AUG 16 1985  
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YOUR NAME: JoAnn Beck DATE: July 1985  
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 ORGANIZATION (if any): St. Lawrence-Eastern Ontario Commission Watertown, N.Y.

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**IDENTIFICATION**

1. BUILDING NAME(S): Captain Louis Peugnet House (Building #5)
2. COUNTY: Jefferson TOWN/CITY: Cape Vincent VILLAGE: \_\_\_\_\_
3. STREET LOCATION: Tibbetts Point Rd. (Rte. 6) south side; Pleasant Valley west side
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private  65 Broadway Street
5. PRESENT OWNER: Edith Wise Burpee Etal ADDRESS: Rochester, N.Y. 14014
6. USE: Original: Residential Present: Residential
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes  No   
 Interior accessible: Explain No, private

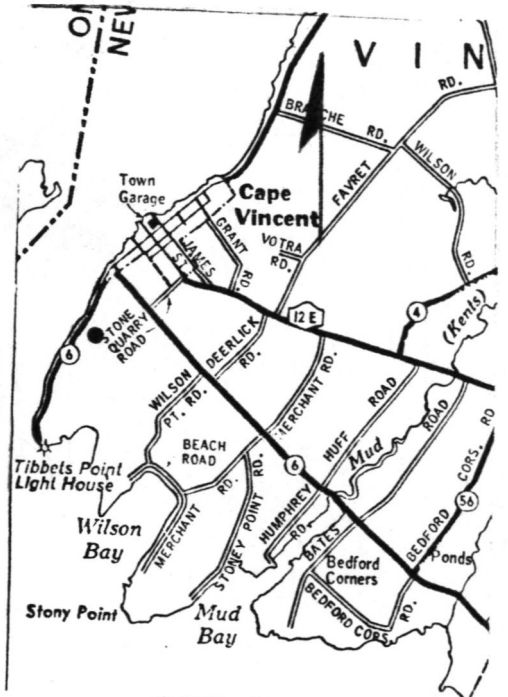
**DESCRIPTION**

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   
 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:



13. MAP:



14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known  b. zoning  c. roads   
 d. developers  e. deterioration   
 f. other: \_\_\_\_\_
15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY: a contributing  
 a. barn  b. carriage house  c. garage   
 d. privy  e. shed  f. greenhouse   
 g. shop  h. gardens   
 i. landscape features: Lilac bushes  
 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: St. Lawrence River

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: 1837-1840

ARCHITECT: Unknown

BUILDER: Unknown

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

See continuation sheet

21. SOURCES: See continuation sheet, Multiple Resource Information, Item #9.

22. THEME: NA

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CAPE VINCENT TOWN AND VILLAGE MULTIPLE RESOURCE AREA  
CAPE VINCENT, JEFFERSON COUNTY, NEW YORK  
CAPT. LOUIS PEUGNET HOUSE (BUILDING #5)

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17. The Capt. Louis Peugnet House is located on Tibbetts Point Road, west of the village of Cape Vincent. The nominated parcel of 2.1 acres extends to the St. Lawrence River across the road, includes all that remains of the large parcel historically associated with the house, and provides a natural rural setting appropriate to its period of significance.

The house is set back from the road on a slight rise, surrounded by large trees and oriented toward the river. A contributing nineteenth-century barn is located northeast of the house. The property is defined on both sides by hedgerows. Neighboring houses are screened from view. A late nineteenth century frame residence is located to the east; however, since most nearby structures are contemporary summer homes, there is no potential for a historic district. The Broadway Historic District is located at the east end of Tibbetts Point Road, at the edge of the village. The Tibbetts Point lighthouse, located at the west end of the road, is listed on the National Register.

(2 contributing buildings)

18. The Capt. Louis Peugnet House is a one and one-half story, five-bay limestone residence with a central entry and a steeply pitched gable roof. An open porch, supported by four square wooden columns, extends the full width of the facade. The porch roof is continuous with the gable roof but shallower in pitch. The house has two interior end chimneys. The walls are regularly coursed limestone.

The main entry features a six-panel door, flanked by thin pilasters and narrow sidelights and topped by a wood entablature. Rectangular six-over-six windows are accentuated by flat-arched limestone lintels and simple wooden surrounds.

A contributing nineteenth-century barn with a saltbox roofline is located on the northeast corner of the property. It has been altered by the installation of metal garage doors in the north elevation.

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20. The Capt. Louis Peugnet House is architecturally significant as a representative and exceptionally intact example of the vernacular masonry residential architecture favored by settlers in the town of Cape Vincent in the first half of the nineteenth century. As one of ten of the best surviving examples in the multiple resource area, the Capt. Louis Peugnet House embodies the distinctive characteristics of vernacular residential architecture in the town, such as the use of indigenous limestone as the primary building material and simple rectangular massing with a five-bay facade, gable roof and center entry. The Capt. Louis Peugnet House is distinguished by its casement windows and flared-roofed open porch, which recall the vernacular farmhouses built by French settlers in Canada and the Mississippi Valley in the eighteenth century. This adaptation of the local vernacular building tradition probably reflects the influence of the original owner, French immigrant Capt. Louis Peugnet, and provides a reminder of Cape Vincent's French heritage. Louis Peugnet was an officer in the Corps d'Elite and a personal bodyguard of Napoleon. He was one of a number of Napoleon's followers who settled in Cape Vincent following the Emperor's downfall. Built c. 1837-1840, the Capt. Louis Peugnet House is further distinguished by its regularly coursed, square cut-stone building material. This level of craftsmanship is characteristic only of the later nominated farmhouses, such as the Johnson House (1840), the Remy Dezengremel House (1850) and the Xavier Chevalier House (1855) (all individual components). It also has a distinctive, heavily molded, Greek Revival style doorway with sidelights and a wood entablature.

The building's setting, on the St. Lawrence River, surrounded by mature plantings with neighboring buildings screened from view, enhances its historic character. The only outbuilding, a nineteenth-century frame storage barn to which a garage door and asphalt siding have been added, does nevertheless contribute to the historic character of the property through its massing, scale and siting.

Prior to Peugnet's purchase, the site was part of the 1000-acre farm of Count Pierre Real which was bounded

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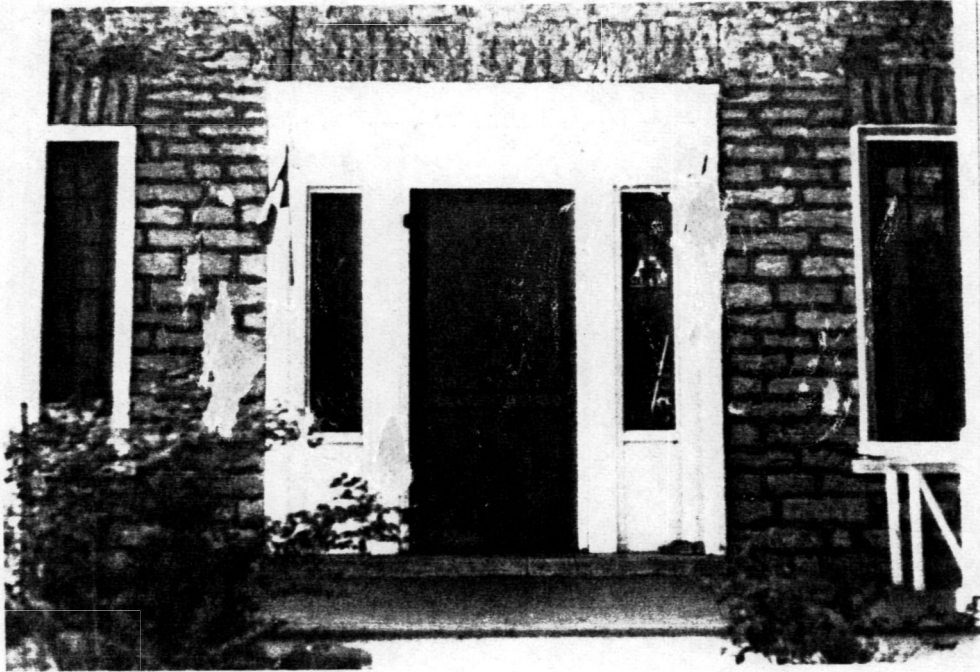
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by Tibbetts Point Road, Pleasant Valley Road, Wilson Bay and Kents Creek. Count Real was Napoleon's Prefect of Police during the 100 Days. He came to Cape Vincent from Chaton, France in 1816 and built the famous "Cup and Saucer House" near the center of the village, now demolished. He later returned to France, where he died in 1831.

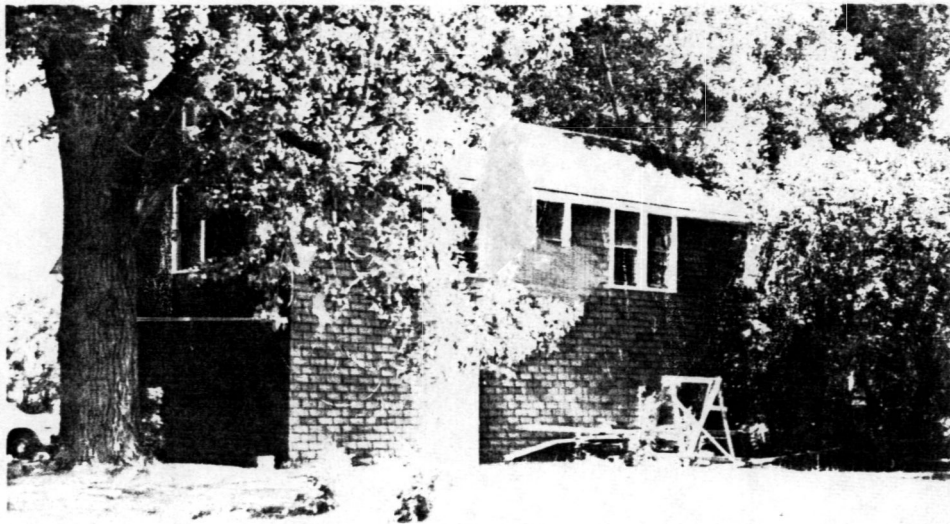
In 1837 Count Real's daughter, Madame Eulalie Francoise Douzen de Lacuie, sold 610 acres of her father's property to Hyacinthe, Theophilus, and Louis Peugnet. They were brothers and officers in Napoleon's army. They established a military school whose most famous graduate was the Confederate General Beauregarde. Theophilus Peugnet built Maple Groove (1838), one of the properties in the Broadway Historic District, to the east, on Tibbetts Point Road.

Capt. Louis Peugnet built his house between 1837 and 1840. On January 1, 1926, after numerous ownership transfers, Douglas Byrd Wise purchased the house. Mr. Wise was the grandson of former Virginia Governor Henry A. Wise and a prominent New York attorney. Since the 1920's the residence has been known as Wise Place. The house is used as a summer residence.

Cape Vincent Town and Village  
Multiple Resource Area  
Cape Vincent, Jefferson County, N.Y.  
Captain Louis Peugnet House (Building #5)



Exterior: Front entrance detail

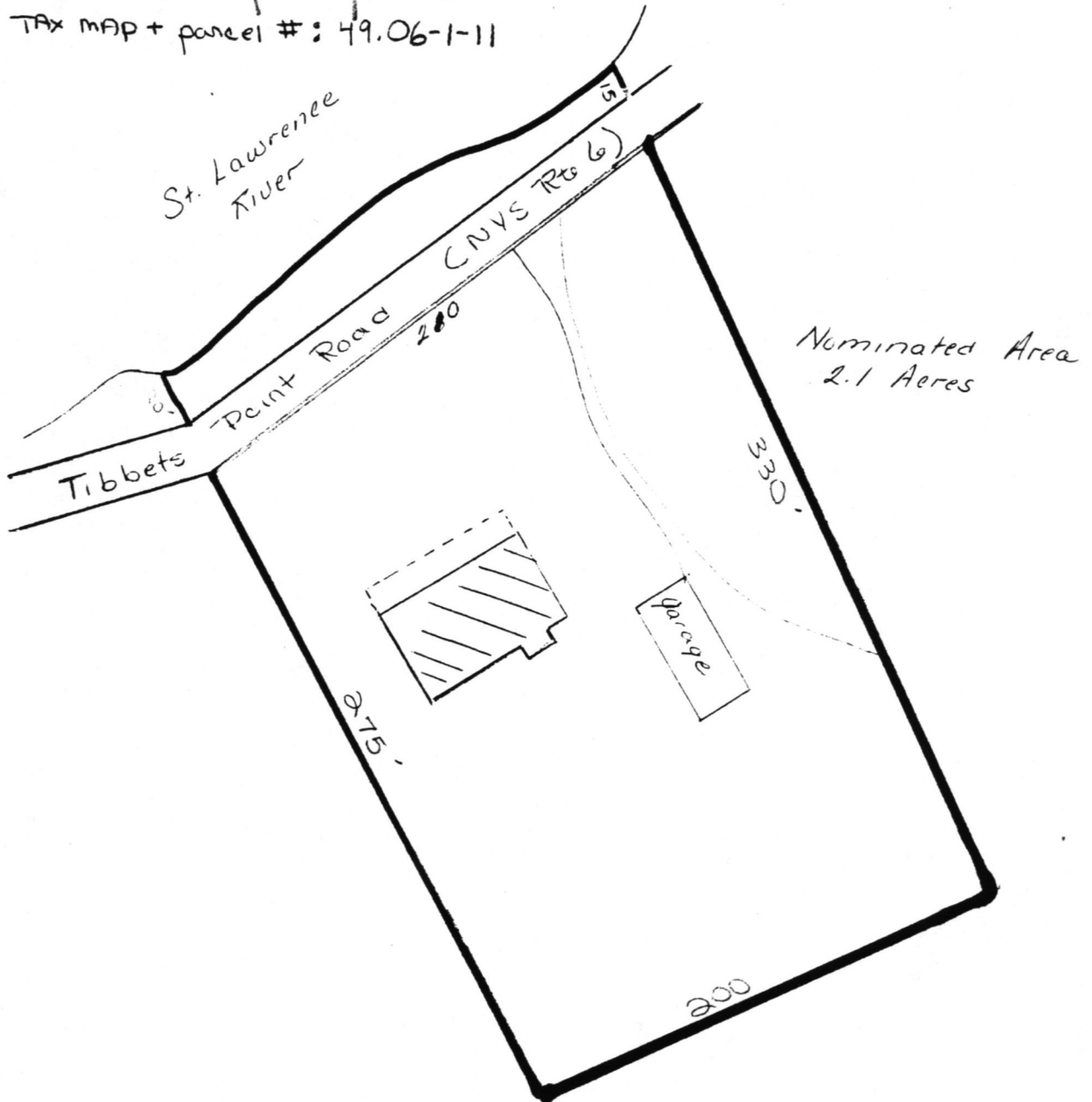


Storage Barn located southeast of the house

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Site map not to scale

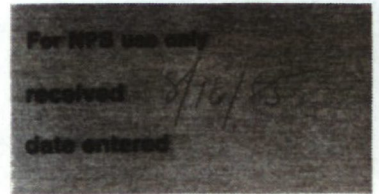


Nomination boundary with dimensions  
indicated by heavy line  
TAX MAP + parcel #: 49.06-1-11



United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form



Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Cape Vincent Town and Village MRA  
State NEW YORK

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

11. Duvillard Mill

Entered in the  
National Register

f Keeper Delores Byer 9/27/85  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_

12. Dyer, Reuter, House

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13. Galband du Fort, Jean Philippe, House

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14. General Sacket House

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15. Glen Building

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16. Johnson House

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17. Lewis House

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18. Peugnet, Captain Louis, House

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19. Reynolds, George, House

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20. Roxy Hotel

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Peugnet, Captain Louis, House (Cape Vincent  
Town and Village MRA)  
Jefferson County  
NEW YORK

Working No.                      AUG 16 1985  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/4/86  
Date Due: 9/2/85 9/30/85  
Action: ACCEPT 9-27-85  
                     RETURN  
                     REJECT  
Federal Agency:                     

Entered in                       
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	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"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date <u>                    </u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	
	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	
	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	

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: \_\_\_\_\_



Pouget, Captain Louis, House

Cape Vincent Town + Village MRA

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