

MAP REF # 29

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.	_____

YOUR NAME: NYS PARKS & RECREATION DATE: _____
AGENCY BLDG. #1
EMPIRE STATE PLAZA
 YOUR ADDRESS: ALBANY, NY 12238 TELEPHONE: _____
 ORGANIZATION (if any): _____

IDENTIFICATION

- BUILDING NAME(S): Prime House
- COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Huntington VILLAGE: Huntington
- STREET LOCATION: 35 Prime Avenue
- OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
- PRESENT OWNER: Elizabeth B. Andrews ADDRESS: same
- USE: Original: worker housing (double house) Present: private house
- ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
Interior accessible: Explain _____

DESCRIPTION

- BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard b. stone c. brick d. board and batten
e. cobblestone f. shingles g. stucco other: _____
- 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 _____
- CONDITION: a. excellent b. good c. fair d. deteriorated
- INTEGRITY: a. original site b. moved if so, when? _____
c. list major alterations and dates (if known): _____

cellar fireplaces reconstructed, circa 1951
converted to single family house, circa 1920

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
i. landscape features: _____
j. other: NONE
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: Heckscher Park and museum across street
17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:
(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)

See attached

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

See attached

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: circa 1855

ARCHITECT: unknown

BUILDER: Ezra C. Prime

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

See attached

Ownership: 1858-E.C. Prime; 1860-building, no name;
1873-E.C. Prime; 1909-Prime Est.; 1917-Prime Est.

21. SOURCES:

See item 9 on nomination form

22. THEME:

Huntington Multiple Resource Area
Suffolk County, New York

Prime House, 35 Prime Avenue

17. The Prime House occupies a small village lot (less than one acre) along Prime Avenue, a busy secondary street in the unincorporated village of Huntington. Prime Avenue is bordered on the west by early twentieth century homes while Heckscher Park lines its east side. The nominated dwelling has no outbuildings. (1 contributing building)
18. The Prime House is a two and one-half story, clapboard, gable-roofed house with a shed roof rear extension. The five-bay center-entrance facade features a molded fascia board, six-over-six, double-hung sash windows, and a doorway with a simple molded surround with sidelights. Interior end chimneys punctuate the roofline. A one-story shed roof front porch on square columns marks the facade. The residence retains its original moldings, door and window surrounds, and period hardware. Two fireplaces and a bake oven survive unaltered in the basement in addition to the fireplaces at each end of the first floor.
20. The Prime House is architecturally significant as a representative example of late settlement period architecture in the town of Huntington and as the only example of a two-family workers' residence in the multiple resource area. Built circa 1855, the dwelling is one of the latest examples of the traditional local building practices that dominated Huntington's architecture from its settlement in 1653 to the mid-nineteenth century. The dwelling retains several characteristic stylistic details including timber-framing, clapboard sheathing, a five-bay center-entrance plan, and interior end chimneys. The working-class nature of the dwelling, which originally consisted of a common hallway with a two-story apartment on each side, is evident in its austere detail. The dwelling is historically associated with Ezra C. Prime, a prosperous local thimble manufacturer. Born in Huntington, Prime worked in the silver business in New York City and started producing thimbles. By 1860, he had opened Prime Avenue from Main Street to Mill Lane and owned land on both sides. He built a dam on his property and used the water power to operate his factory. By 1855, Prime had the dwelling built as workers' housing. In 1859, Prime built the adjacent octagonal house (Prime Octagon House, individual component), although it is not known whether it was for his own use or that of his employees. The Prime House was used by workers for the Prime Thimble Factory until it ceased to operate in the 1880's. Members of the Prime family lived in the dwelling until the 1920s. Today, Heckscher Park occupies the site of Prime's thimble factory and the Prime House remains as one of two unaltered structures (see Prime Octagon House HV174) historically associated with Huntington's late nineteenth century industrial development.

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 Huntington Town MRA
State NEW YORK

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

51. Potter--Williams House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byrum 9/26/85

Attest

52. Prime House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

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Attest

53. Prime--Octagon House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byrum 9/26/85

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54. Remp, Michael, House

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National Register

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55. Rogers House

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National Register

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56. Rogers, John, House

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57. Sammis, Silas, House

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National Register

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58. Seaman Farm

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National Register

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59. Shore Road Historic District

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National Register

for Keeper

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60. Smith, Daniel, House

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REF#
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Prime House (Huntington Town MRA)
Suffolk County
NEW YORK

Working No. AUG 16 1985
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/4/86
Date Due: 9/12/85 — 9/30/85
Action: ACCEPT 4-26-85
 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 _____
_____ 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 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

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

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: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

HUNTINGTON TOWN MULTIPLE
RESOURCE AREA
SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK
PHOTOS: A.O'BRIEN, 1984
NEGATIVES: OPRHP
PRIME _____ HOUSE
35 PRIME AVENUE
HUNTINGTON



View from southeast



View from southeast

MAP NO. 100
 DATE: 1964
 FOR SALE: \$1.00

Huntington Town MRA
 Suffolk County, New York
 Prime House
 35 Prime Avenue
 Huntington
 400-072-3-10

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 POSSESSION OF THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
 COUNTY CLERK. THIS MAP IS FOR INFORMATION
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 COUNTY CLERK, NO OTHER AGENCY

Legend

Public District Line	Hydant District Line	Subdivision Lot No.
Water District Line	Fire District Line	Lot Area
Other District Line	Other District Line	Lot Area
Other District Line	Other District Line	Lot Area
Other District Line	Other District Line	Lot Area

NET MAP

100	100	100
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100	100	100



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 Real Property Tax Service Agency
 County Center
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TOWN OF HUNTINGTON
 VILLAGE OF
 HUNTINGTON

Huntington Town MRA
Suffolk Co., NY
Prime House
35 Prime Avenue
Huntington
Huntington Quad, # 29
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