



**BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM**

NYS OFFICE OF PARKS, RECREATION & HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
DIVISION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
(518) 474-0479

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UNIQUE SITE NO.	<u>032</u>
QUAD	_____
SERIES	_____
NEG. NO.	_____

NYS PARKS & RECREATION  
AGENCY BLDG. #1

YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMPIRE STATE PLAZA

YOUR ADDRESS: ALBANY, NY 12238 TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

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**IDENTIFICATION**

- BUILDING NAME(S): Balcastle
- COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: NA VILLAGE: Southampton
- STREET LOCATION: Northwest corner of Herrick and Little Plains Roads
- OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private
- PRESENT OWNER: Klaus and Lynn Lucka ADDRESS: c/o Trans America, Lake Success, New York
- USE: Original: residential Present: same
- ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes  No   
Interior accessible: Explain by appointment only

**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): \_\_\_\_\_

12. PHOTO:  
See attached

13. MAP:  
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: garden pavilion; contributing
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 attached

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

See attached

**SIGNIFICANCE**

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1909-1910

ARCHITECT: unknown

BUILDER: Edward Elliston

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

See attached

21. SOURCES:

See item 9 on nomination form

22. THEME: NA

Balcastle  
Southampton Village Multiple  
Resource Area  
Southampton, Suffolk Co., NY

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Balcastle is a large, early twentieth century brick residence located on the northwest corner of Little Plains and Herrick Roads. It is situated close to the road on a flat, less than one-acre, landscaped lot. The nominated property is surrounded by a relatively modern, dense residential neighborhood primarily consisting of single family wood frame houses and scattered, altered period dwellings. There is a small wood frame hexagonal garden pavilion on the nominated property. The brick residence is conspicuous in the neighborhood because it is larger than the surrounding wood frame dwellings. The house's landscaped lot with open lawn and mature plantings provides the residence with an historic village setting. (Two contributing buildings).

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Balcastle is a large, one-story, five-bay, brick sheathed residence with a small-scale, one and one-half story octagonal tower on its west side and a large, two-story square tower on its east side. This large square tower dominates the overall composition. The building sits on a high brick foundation. Its central main entrance has a high stoop with two (divided) stairways, a basement entry below, and a glass enclosed porch (with bracketed cornice). The building's rectangular windows are multi-paned, decorated with intricate tracery, and have flat brick arches with stone keystones. The square tower's second floor is punctuated with large, triple, multi-paned, double-hung windows with broad pointed brick arches and stone keystones. The windows within the arches have been painted white. The one-story section of the building has a flat roof with a simple moulded cornice line. The small octagonal tower has a flat roof with a castellated, gauged brick parapet. The large square tower has brick corbelling along its flat roof line and a shingled and castellated parapet (which has a flared base and shallow overhang). Large areas of the building's exterior are covered with ivy. An open lawn and mature plantings provide the residence with a particularly picturesque historic village setting. The nominated property also retains a small hexagonal garden pavilion built in the early twentieth century which complements the main residence as a result of its large pointed arched windows with tracery.

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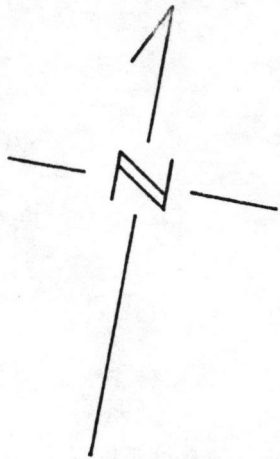
Balcastle is architecturally significant as Southampton's only example of castellated Gothic architecture. Built in 1910 by local builder Edward Elliston for a prosperous Russian immigrant, Balcastle has long been recognized as a local landmark because of its distinctively medieval profile in an architectural context comprised mostly of frame buildings. Although unusual in its massing, the handsome residence displays many of the design features which are hallmarks of the castellated Gothic style including an overall asymmetrical, picturesque

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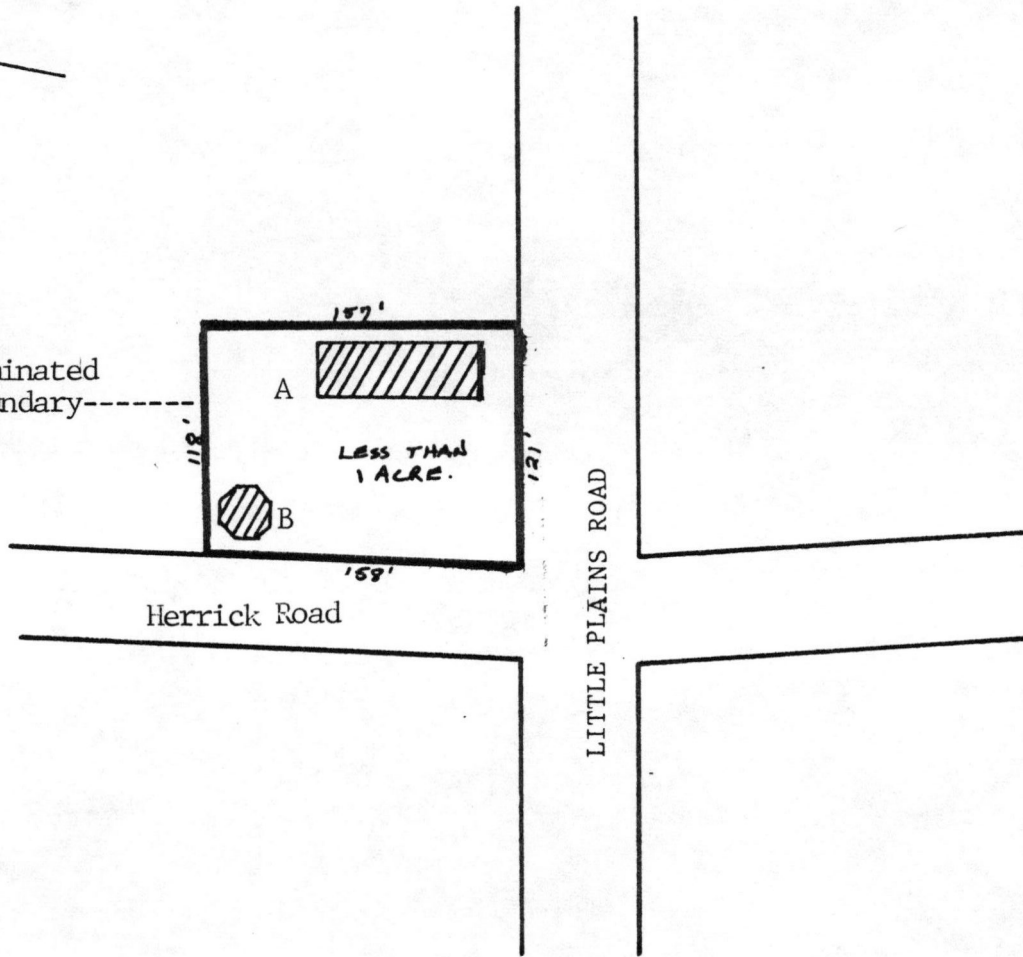
appearance, pointed arches, masonry construction, window tracery, various towers, and castellated rooflines.

When Balcastle was built in 1910, the village of Southampton was reaching the zenith of historic turn-of-the-century summer resort development. Toward the end of the nineteenth century, the village's summer population was steadily increasing and construction of summer homes and related facilities was on the rise. During the early twentieth century, Southampton became firmly established as one of the most fashionable summer resort communities on the northeastern seacoast. Throughout Southampton's extensive resort development, the middle and upper income summer visitors were building a wide range of dwellings whose designs were based on a variety of popular turn-of-the-century (1900) American architectural styles. In keeping with that romantic and eclectic architectural taste, Balcastle survives as a reminder of the very cosmopolitan character of Southampton as it developed into an early twentieth century summer retreat for the wealthy. Oral tradition has linked Balcastle with a "prosperous Russian immigrant," about whom nothing is known. Its builder, Edward Elliston, is more well known by local historians, who rank him as a successful and prominent local builder who was active during the village's period resort development. Examples of his work can also be found in the nominated Southampton Village Historic District.

Balcastle is different from Elliston's other work in its exterior brick sheathing and castellated Gothic design, which reflects the original owner's personal architectural tastes and his social aspirations in the community.



Nominated  
Boundary-----



Building Key:

A Main House

B Garden Pavilion



MULTIPLE RESOURCES OF THE VILLAGE OF  
SOUTHAMPTON, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NY.

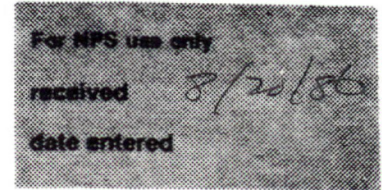
BALCASTLE

(Northwest corner of Little Plains & Herrick  
Traced from Southampton Village Roads)

Tax Map, Southampton Village Hall,  
23 Main Street, Southampton, NY.

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form



Continuation sheet

Item number

Page

Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Southampton Village Multiple Resource Area  
State Suffolk County, NEW YORK

Nomination/Type of Review

*Substantive Review*  
Cover Patrick Andrews 10/2/86

1. Balcastle

*Entered in the  
National Register*

Date/Signature

*for* Keeper Melvyn Byers 10/2/86

Attest

2. Beech Road Historic District

*Entered in the  
National Register*

*for* Keeper Melvyn Byers 10/2/86

Attest

3. Bowers, Dr. Wesley, House

*Substantive Review*

*for* Keeper Patrick Andrews 10/2/86

Attest

Beth Sarge 10/2/86

4. Cooper, Capt. Mecator, House

*Entered in the  
National Register*

*for* Keeper Melvyn Byers 10/2/86

Attest

5. Goodale, Capt. C., House

*Entered in the  
National Register*

*for* Keeper Melvyn Byers 10/2/86

Attest

6. North Main Street Historic District

*Entered in the  
National Register*

*for* Keeper Melvyn Byers 10/2/86

Attest

7. Southampton Village Historic  
District

*Substantive Review*

Keeper Patrick Andrews 4/25/88

Attest

Beth Sarge 4-25-88

8. Wickapogue Road Historic  
District

*Entered in the  
National Register*

*for* Keeper Melvyn Byers 10/2/86

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9.

Keeper

Attest

10.

Keeper

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Balcastle (Southampton Village MRA)  
Suffolk County  
NEW YORK

Working No. AUG 20 1986

Fed. Reg. Date: 2/2/88

Date Due: 9/20/86 - 10/4/86

Action:  ACCEPT 10-2-86

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

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_



Multiple Resources of the Village of  
Southampton, Suffolk County, NY.

Photo by Anne H. Van Ingen, Jan. '83.

Negatives filed at Division for  
Historic Preservation, Agency Building  
One, Albany, NY 12238.

INDIVIDUAL

Balcastle NW corner  
Hemick Rd + Little Plains Rd.  
S. Facade

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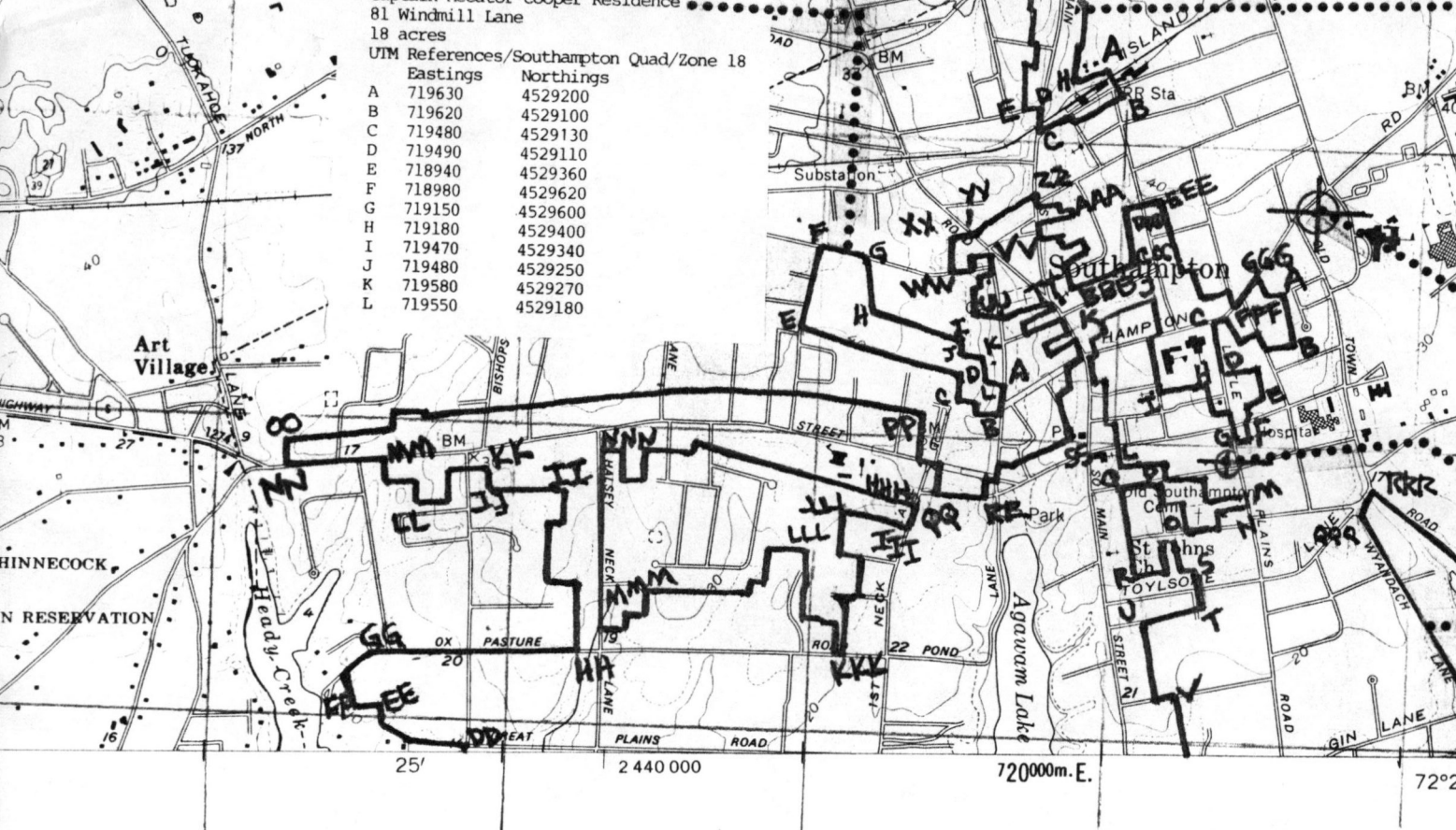
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INDIVIDUAL

Balcastle Garden  
Pavilion  
looking W.

(2)



81 Windmill Lane  
18 acres  
UTM References/Southampton Quad/Zone 18

	Eastings	Northings
A	719630	4529200
B	719620	4529100
C	719480	4529130
D	719490	4529110
E	718940	4529360
F	718980	4529620
G	719150	4529600
H	719180	4529400
I	719470	4529340
J	719480	4529250
K	719580	4529270
L	719550	4529180

North Main Street Historic District  
20 acres  
UTM References/Southampton Quad/Zone 18

	Eastings	Northings
A	719930	4530250
B	719980	4530160
C	719710	4530040
D	719710	4530110
E	719650	4530100
F	719760	4530550
G	719830	4530620
H	719810	4530210

Captain C. Goodale Residence  
300 Hampton Road  
1.9 acres  
UTM References/Southampton Quad/Zone 18

	Easting	Northing
	720650	4529800

Balcastle  
Northwest corner of Little Plains and Herrick Roads  
Less than 1 acre  
UTM References/Southampton Quad/Zone 18

	Easting	Northing
	720380	4528950

Southampton Village Historic District  
approximately 900 acres  
UTM References/Southampton, Sag Harbor,  
and Shinnecock Inlet Quads/All zone 18

Eastings	Northings	Eastings	Northings		
A	719540	4529510	QQ	719400	4528800
B	719590	4529350	RR	719580	4528810
C	719310	4529410	SS	719850	4528990
D	719240	4529330	TT	719770	4529450
E	719160	4529490	UU	719530	4529410
F	719010	4529450	VV	719570	4529610
G	719010	4529390	WW	719430	4529560
H	719300	4529200	XX	719440	4529670
I	719260	4529130	YY	719490	4529680
J	719110	4529480	ZZ	719700	4529830
K	719940	4529410	AAA	719830	4529780
L	719020	4528940	BBB	719840	4529520
M	719450	4528840	CCC	719030	4529600
N	719460	4528800	DDD	719010	4529790
O	719250	4528720	EEE	719120	4529810
P	719150	4528870	FFF	719450	4529370
Q	719030	4528840	GGG	719450	4529590
R	719080	4528550	HHH	719320	4528780
S	719300	4528580	III	719320	4528680
T	719330	4528450	JJJ	719090	4528740
U	719120	4528400	KKK	719090	4528260
V	719250	4528150	LLL	718970	4528610
X	721380	4528430	MMM	718300	4528320
Y	721510	4528490	NNN	718290	4528920
Z	721200	4528200	OOO	720200	4527770
AA	718630	4526650	PPP	720610	4527880
BB	718790	4527820	QQQ	720840	4528790
CC	718460	4527830	RRR	720870	4528860
DD	717870	4527910			
EE	717580	4528040			
FF	717500	4528030			
GG	717540	4528210			
HH	718210	4527250			
II	718180	4527780			
JJ	717910	4527780			
KK	717900	4527850			
LL	717660	4527730			
MM	717550	4527810			
NN	717230	4527840			
OO	717210	4527930			
PP	719380	4529080			

**BOUNDARIES:**  
 State.....  
 County.....  
 Town or City.....  
 Incorporated Village.....

**ROADS:**  
 Touring Route markers:  
 Interstate.....  
 U. S. ....  
 State.....  
 County.....  
 State Highway number and limit.....  
 County road.....  
 Interchange number...  
 Divided highways and streets:  
 Wide mall.....  
 Narrow mall or barrier...  
 Undivided highways and streets:  
 4 or more lanes.....  
 Less than 4 lanes.....  
 Vehicle track; trail.....

INDEX TO  
1:9600 (1" = 800')  
MAP COVERAGE

