

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties or districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classifications, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name WALLINGTON COBBLESTONE SCHOOLHOUSE DISTRICT #8

other names/site number _____

RECEIVED

2. Location

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street & number 6135 North Geneva Road

[] not for publication
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town Sodus (hamlet of Wallington)

[] vicinity

state New York code NY county Wayne code 117 zip code 14551

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this [X] nomination [] request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property [X] meets [] does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant [] nationally [] statewide [X] locally. ([] See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Julia S. Stojke
Deputy Commissioner for Historic Preservation

1/31/94
Date

NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

In my opinion, the property [] meets [] does not meet the National Register criteria. ([] See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

[X] entered in the National Register.

[] See continuation sheet.

[] determined eligible for the National Register. [] see continuation sheet.

[] determined not eligible for the National Register.

[] removed from the National Register.

[] other: _____

Entered in the
National Register
for Signature of Keeper Date of Action
Raymond Sapsky 3/17/94

5. Classification

Ownership of Property/Category of Property/Number of Resources within Property
(Check as many boxes as apply) (check box) (do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Table with 3 columns: Ownership/Category, Number of Resources, and Resource Type. Includes rows for private/public ownership, building/site/structure/object categories, and counts for contributing/non-contributing resources. Total count is 2.

NAME OF RELATED MULTIPLE PROPERTY DOCUMENTATION FORM:

COBBLESTONE ARCHITECTURE OF NEW YORK STATE

6. Function or Use

Historic Function

EDUCATION: schoolhouse

Current Function

RECREATION & CULTURE: Museum

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

EARLY REPUBLIC: Federal

Materials

(enter categories from instructions)

foundation stone
walls COBBLESTONE
roof modern shingles
other

Narrative Description

See attached continuation sheets.

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CONTINUATION SHEET

Wallington Cobblestone Schoolhouse District No. 8
Sodus, Wayne County

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Description

The Wallington Cobblestone Schoolhouse District #8 (ca. 1834) is located on the west side of North Geneva Road at the northern edge of the hamlet of Wallington in the town of Sodus in north-central Wayne County. The hamlet of Wallington, originally known as Arms Crossroads, developed in the first half of the nineteenth century at the intersection of the two principal roads in the area: the east-west Ridge Road and the north-south Geneva Road (then the pre-emption line). The schoolhouse is located approximately 400 feet north of the hamlet's four corners and is surrounded by scattered residential properties and wooded areas. There is no historic district potential in the vicinity of the nominated property. (The Walling Cobblestone Tavern, nomination pending, is located to the south of the schoolhouse on the northeast corner of the hamlet's principal intersection.)

The boundary of the nominated property is drawn to coincide with the legal lot lines historically and currently associated with the building. The schoolhouse is located close the road, roughly centered within a flat, grassy yard. Also included within the boundaries of the nominated parcel are two non-contributing outbuildings (a concrete block storage building and a wood privy) and a contributing object (a pump). Mature trees, including a large apple tree and a large maple tree, dot the property.

The schoolhouse is a simple, one-story building with a three-bay, center-hall gable end oriented eastward toward the road. The building has a gable roof with projecting eaves and is encircled by a plain wood cornice; the front end of the roof ridge is crowned with a louvered, gable-roofed bell tower. The walls of the former schoolhouse are built of irregularly shaped, multi-colored field cobbles, measuring 2" to 3 1/2" high and 2 1/2" to 5" long, with four rows per quoin on the front facade and three rows per quoin on the side elevations. The limestone quoins at all four corners measure 10" to 13" high, 6" to 8" thick and 24" long. (By the mid-to late 1830s, the standard quoin size became 12" x 6" x 18".) The joints on the east, north and south facades are tooled in the typical "V" shape, although they are somewhat wide and irregular, and show some evidence of recent repointing and masonry repair.

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The front facade is distinguished by a simple, plank door surmounted by a three-light transom light and a wood lintel. The apex of the gable end features a semi-circular, louvered vent. The identical north and south elevations each feature three two-over-two, double-hung sash windows with wood lintels and sills. The west (rear) facade is blind, and consists of randomly laid cobblestones. (This wall was rebuilt in the 1980s; the stones are now laid up over concrete blocks.)

The interior has remained essentially intact since 1950 when classroom use of the building ceased. There is a single large room occupying most of the space with smaller rooms flanking the entrance. The large room has plaster walls and ceiling, with a beaded board wainscot up to the window sill level. The windows have splayed wood jambs and deep sills. A pot bellied wood stove is centered on the west wall. The room is furnished with children's chairs, desks and benches, and a teacher's desk at the east end. The east wall features a blackboard.

There is one contributing object and two non-contributing buildings located within the boundaries of the nominated property. In the grassy yard at the south side of the building is an iron hand pump which served the water needs of the schoolhouse throughout its entire history. Located to the north of the building is a small, gable-roofed shed of rusticated concrete block (of twentieth century origin) which replaced an older, nineteenth-century frame shed. Behind the schoolhouse is a frame privy, also believed to be a twentieth century replacement of a nineteenth century original.

An historic photo from ca. 1877 reveals few changes to the schoolhouse other than the replacement of the original standing seam metal roof and the loss of a wood fence and a flagpole. (This photo shows the shed-roofed frame shed later replaced by the gable-roofed concrete block shed.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark an "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- [XC] A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
[] B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
[X] C Property that embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
[] D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in pre-history or history.

Criteria Considerations: NA

- [] A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
[] B removed from its original location.
[] C a birthplace or grave.
[] D a cemetery.
[] E a reconstructed building, object or structure.
[] F a commemorative property.
[] G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

See attached continuation sheets.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See attached continuation sheets

Previous documentation on file (NPS): Primary location of additional data:

- [] preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
[] previously listed in the National Register
[] previously determined eligible by the National Register
[] designated a National Historic Landmark
[] recorded by Historic American Building Survey #
[] recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #
[] State historic preservation office
[] Other State agency
[] Federal agency
[] Local government
[] University
[X] Other
Name of repository: Wayne County Historical Society

Area of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Education

Architecture

Period of Significance

ca. 1834

Significant Dates

ca. 1834

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above.)

na

Cultural Affiliation

na

Architect/Builder

unknown

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Statement of Significance

The Wallington Cobblestone Schoolhouse (ca. 1834) is architecturally significant as a representative example of the cobblestone method of construction in Western New York and historically significant for its association with the history of education in rural Wayne County. The schoolhouse embodies the distinctive characteristics of the cobblestone method of construction (as discussed at length in the National Register Multiple Property Documentation Form Cobblestone Architecture in New York State [1992]) in the use of field cobbles laid in horizontal rows and bonded with limestone mortar, the use of limestone quoins to decorate and stabilize the corners of the building, and the use of wood sills and lintels to ornament and support the door and window openings. Typical of vernacular cobblestone buildings executed during the Early Period (ca. 1825 - ca. 1835) of this particular type of construction, the schoolhouse features relatively large (2" to 5"), irregularly shaped, variously colored field cobbles laid three to four courses per quoin on the front and side elevations and relatively crudely worked, irregularly sized limestone quoins.

The Wallington Cobblestone Schoolhouse is one of approximately 170 cobblestone buildings in Wayne County, the county with the greatest concentration of cobblestone buildings in the state. In the immediate vicinity, there are 35 other cobblestone buildings in the town of Sodus, the largest concentration of any single town in the state. Most of the other cobblestone buildings in Sodus are farmhouses scattered around the countryside, although the group includes one church, several barns and farm buildings, and the Walling Tavern. (The former tavern, also ca. 1834, is pending nomination.) In a statewide context, the Wallington Schoolhouse is one of 45 educational buildings documented in Robert Roudabush's Survey (see MPDF cover form). The Cobblestone Society in Childs has records of an additional 11 extant school properties as well as another 13 known to have been demolished. (Extensive research and field verification are needed to resolve these discrepancies.) In addition to the Wallington Schoolhouse, approximately 11 other cobblestone schools are located in Wayne County. (Monroe County and Orleans County each contain a similar concentration of cobblestone educational buildings.)

In terms of overall integrity, the schoolhouse is a rare surviving example of a relatively unaltered one-room schoolhouse.

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Characteristic features of the type include its rectangular, gable-roofed form surmounted by a prominent bell tower, its gable end and main entrance close to the street, a large, single classroom designed to meet the educational needs of students of all ages and levels, a wood-burning stove, and typical schoolroom furniture. Virtually frozen in time since it ceased to function as a school in 1950, the building is now a museum. Few cobblestone schoolhouses have fared as well; most were substantially altered when they were converted into residential use. However, the integrity of the cobblestone masonry has been partially compromised due to deterioration and, in some cases, unsympathetic repairs.

The schoolhouse is additionally significant for its association with the history of education in the crossroads hamlet of Wallington, originally known as Arms Crossroads. The focal point of the community's early nineteenth century prosperity was the Walling Tavern (nomination pending), a large inn catering to travelers along Ridge Road (one of Western New York's primary east-west thoroughfares during the nineteenth century). The settlement continued to thrive after the arrival of both east-west and north-south rail lines through the hamlet. The present schoolhouse is reputed to have been built in 1834 on the site of an earlier schoolhouse which burned. The land had been donated by original settler Daniel Arms. Designated District #8, this one-room schoolhouse served the education needs of children from both the hamlet and the surrounding rural agrarian community until 1950, when a centralized school district was formed in the nearby village of Sodus.

The building was purchased by the Wallington Community Center Association in 1951 and has had, over the years, various types of community use (e.g., 4-H and Boy Scout meetings). The Association was relatively inactive during the 1960s but has enjoyed revitalization during the 1970s and 1980s. The building is now made available to area teachers for limited use as a demonstration classroom.

The building is an outstanding local landmark in Wallington and Sodus both as an important illustration of the cobblestone method of construction and a remarkably intact example of a rural one-room schoolhouse.

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Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property less than one

UTM References

A 18 336480 4787350 B Zone Easting Northing
C Zone Easting Northing D Zone Easting Northing

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary coincides with the legal lot line of the nominated property as delineated on the attached county tax map.

Boundary Justification

The boundary was drawn to encompass the fullest extent of land historically and presently associated with the nominated property which, in this case, coincides with the full parcel on which the building is sited.

11. Form Prepared By: Saralinda Hooker, Preservation Consultant

contact: name/title Nancy L. Todd, Program Analyst
organization NYSHPO, Division for Historic Preservation date January 1994
street & number Pebbles Island, PO Box 189 telephone 518-237-8643
city or town Waterford state NY zip code 12188-0189

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

- A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items

(check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

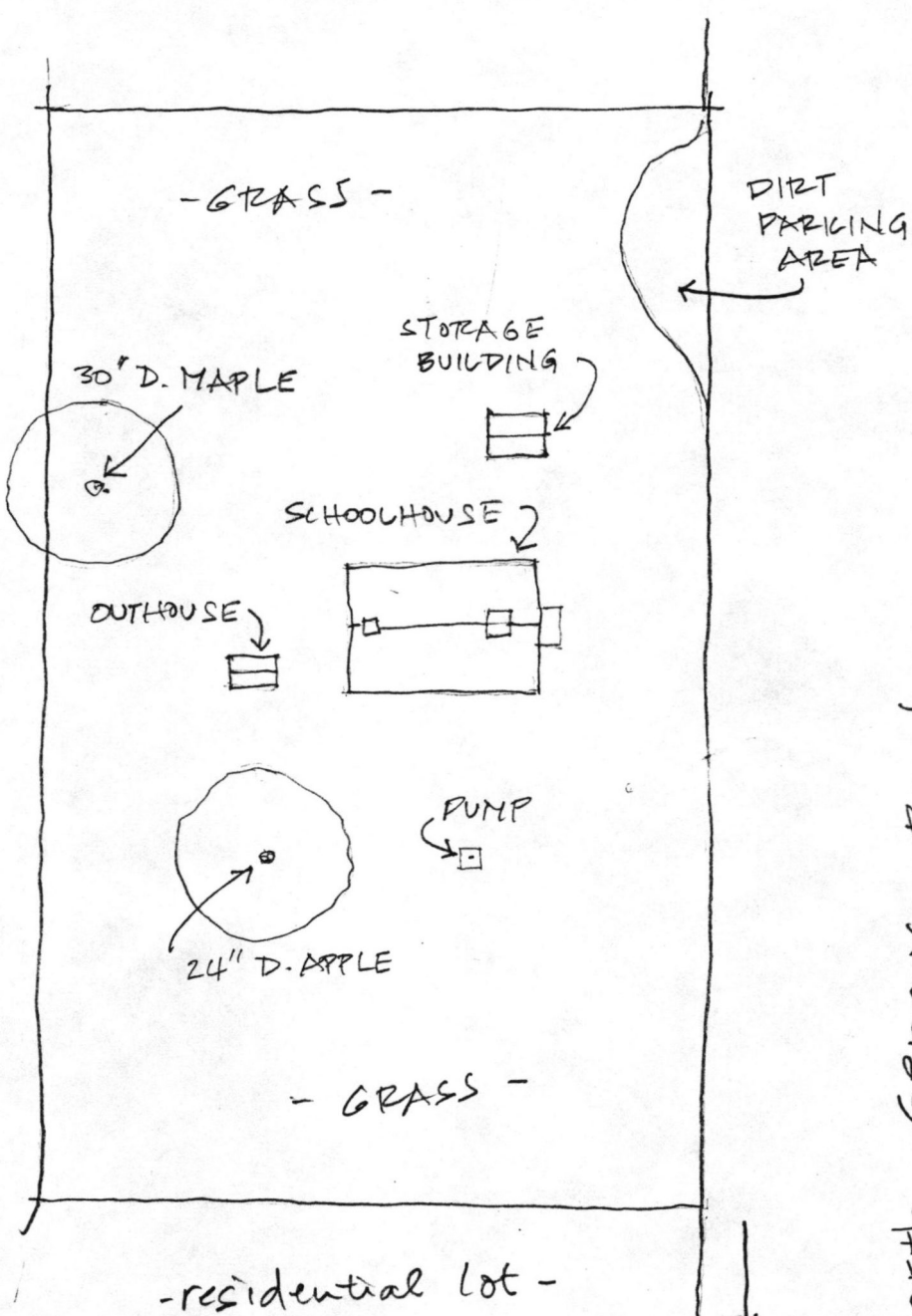
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name
street & number
city or town state zip code

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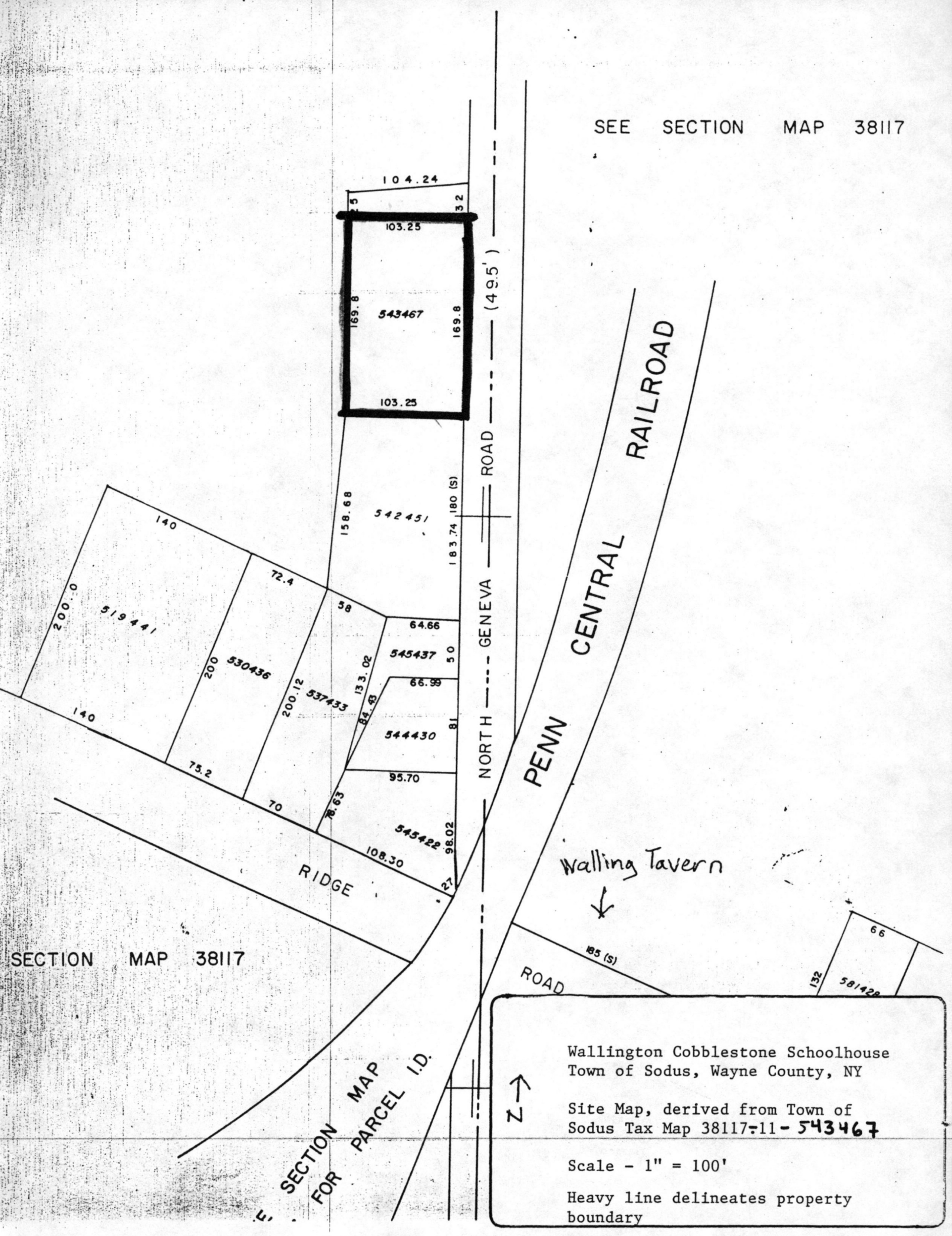
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Wallington Cobblestone Schoolhouse
 Sodus, Wayne County, N.Y.

Sketch Map
 1" = 30' ±





SECTION MAP 38117


E. SECTION MAP FOR PARCEL I.D.

NORTH GENEVA ROAD (495')

PENN CENTRAL RAILROAD

Walling Tavern




 Wallington Cobblestone Schoolhouse
 Town of Sodus, Wayne County, NY

 Site Map, derived from Town of
 Sodus Tax Map 38117-11-543467

 Scale - 1" = 100'

 Heavy line delineates property
 boundary

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Wallington Cobblestone Schoolhouse District No. 8

MULTIPLE NAME: Cobblestone Architecture of New York State MPS

STATE & COUNTY: NEW YORK, Wayne

DATE RECEIVED: 2/07/94 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 3/01/94
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 3/17/94 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 3/24/94
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 94000172

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 3/17/94 DATE Entered in the
National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

count resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

historic current

DESCRIPTION

architectural classification
 materials
 descriptive text

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage verbal boundary description
 UTM's boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps USGS maps photographs presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____

Date _____



WALLINGTON SCHOOLHOUSE
DISTRICT 8
1826 - 1950

6135

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Wallington Cobblestone Schoolhouse

District #8

Photo: N Todd, 1993

Neg: OPRHP, Albany

View: front (east) entrance



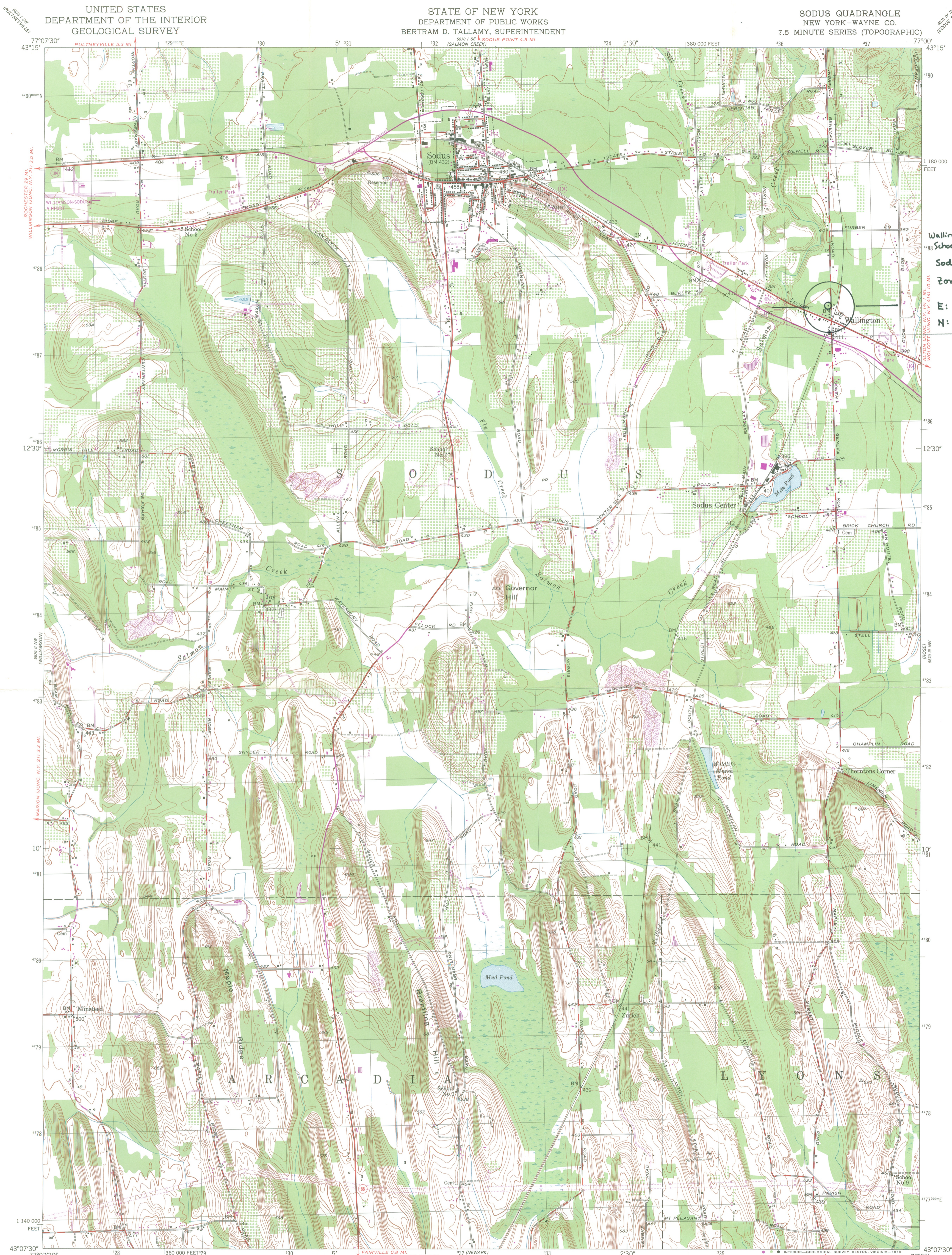
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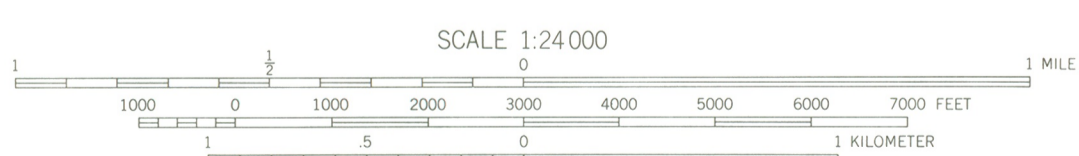
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View: front (east) and south elevations



Wallington Cobblestone
Schoolhouse District 8
Sodus, Wayne County
Zone 18; 1:24,000
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aerial photographs taken 1976 and other source data.
This information not field checked. Map edited 1978.



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty 4 LANE 6 LANE Light-duty
Medium-duty 4 LANE 6 LANE Unimproved dirt
U. S. Route State Route



SODUS, N. Y.
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