

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 WALLING COBBLESTONE TAVERN

RECEIVED

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Location

street & number 7851 Ridge Road

[ ] not for publication

town Sodus (hamlet of Wallington)

[ ] vicinity

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

NATIONAL REGISTER

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. Stoye*

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  
Signature of Keeper Date of Action  
National Register  
*Guy M. Lapsley* *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 (Contributing/Non-contributing), and Total. Includes checkboxes for private/public, building/site/structure/object, and counts for buildings/sites/structures/objects. Total: 1 contributing, 2 non-contributing, 3 total. Previously listed: NA.

NAME OF RELATED MULTIPLE PROPERTY DOCUMENTATION FORM:

COBBLESTONE ARCHITECTURE OF NEW YORK STATE

6. Function or Use

Historic Function

DOMESTIC: HOTEL

Current Function

DOMESTIC: SINGLE DWELLING

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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**Description**

The Walling Cobblestone Tavern (ca. 1834) is located on the north side of Ridge Road in the historic core of the hamlet of Wallington in the town of Sodus in north-central Wayne County. The hamlet of Wallington, originally known as Arms Cross Roads, 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 former tavern (now a single family dwelling) is located on the northeast corner of the hamlet's four corners and is surrounded by scattered residential and commercial properties, most of which are either modern or extensively altered older buildings. A modest mid-twentieth century firehouse is located to the east of the former tavern. There is no historic district potential in the vicinity of the nominated property. (The Wallington Cobblestone Schoolhouse District #8, nomination pending, is located to the north of the former tavern on the west side of North Geneva Road.)

The boundary of the nominated property is drawn to coincide with the legal lot lines currently associated with the building, encompassing 1.18 acres. The property was once much larger in extent but was reduced in acreage during the late nineteenth and twentieth centuries by numerous subdivisions. Most subdivisions have since been built upon and no longer retain integrity or association with the former tavern.) The building is located close to Ridge Road, set on a flat grassy yard with mature trees on all sides of the building. Two non-contributing buildings, a large gambrel-roofed barn and a small, shed-roofed storage building (both dating from the early twentieth century), are located in the northeast corner of the property. A north-south railroad, still in use on a limited basis, forms the west boundary of the parcel.

The former tavern is a two-story, gable roofed building with its ridge parallel to Ridge Road. The five-bay, center-entrance building is constructed of irregularly shaped, multi-colored field cobbles, from 2 1/2" to 3" high and 3" to 6" long, with three to three and one-half rows of cobbles per quoin. The limestone quoins at all four corners of the building are somewhat irregular in size, measuring 9" to 14" high, 8" thick and 22" to 26" long. (By the

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mid 1830s, the standard quoin size became 12" x 6" x 18".) The joints are tooled in the typical "V" shape.

Fenestration throughout the building is symmetrical. Window openings contain one-over-one, double-hung sash and have wood sills and splayed wood lintels. The front door is distinguished by half-sidelights with paneled oak woodwork, an oak transom, and a large limestone panel inscribed "William Walling 1834."

Early twentieth century alterations to the building include the addition of a large, glass-enclosed, wrap-around porch on the south (front) and west facades, the loss of a gable-roofed cupola, the addition of an exterior chimney on the east elevation and several frame additions on the north (rear) elevation. None of these alterations contribute to the significance of the building as a representative example of the cobblestone method of construction.

Most interior features appear to date from the early and mid-twentieth century when the tavern was converted into a two-family residence and later, into a single-family dwelling. Consequently, the building's interior does not contribute to the significance of the former tavern as a representative example of the cobblestone method of construction.

There are two outbuildings located on the nominated property, neither of which contribute to the significance of the resource in the context of cobblestone architecture in New York State. They are a large, gambrel-roofed frame barn and a small, shed-roofed storage building, both dating from the early twentieth century. A survey of other similar buildings in Wallington may reveal their significance in another context or period, but for the purpose of the present nomination, they are considered non-contributing.

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.)

- [ C 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.)

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 Walling Cobblestone Tavern (ca. 1834) is architecturally significant as a representative example of the cobblestone method of construction in Western New York. The former tavern, now a single-family residence, 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 former tavern features relatively large (2 1/2" to 6"), irregularly shaped, variously colored field cobbles laid three to three and one-half courses per quoin on the front and side elevations and irregularly sized limestone quoins.

The Walling Cobblestone Tavern 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 Wallington Cobblestone Schoolhouse District #8. (The schoolhouse, also ca. 1834, is pending nomination.)

In a statewide context, the Walling Tavern is one of only six cobblestone taverns documented in Robert Roudabush's Survey (see MPDF cover form). The Cobblestone Society in Childs has records of two other former taverns. The other taverns are located in the Wayne County town of Macedon and in Ontario, Orleans and Niagara counties. Like the Walling Tavern, all are located on roadways that were major thoroughfares during the heyday of cobblestone construction in New York State. The former taverns range in size and style from a small, barn-like building (Roy-1 in Niagara County) to large, imposing commercial blocks such as the National Hotel in Liverpool, Onondaga County (Ono-7) and the Cobblestone Inn

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in Ridgeway, Orleans County (Rid-5). The Walling Tavern is one of three former inns (including Vic-6 in Ontario County and Wil-6 in Niagara County) that are virtually indistinguishable from large, two-story residences. Consequently, these latter examples can be justified under criterion C only as representative examples of the cobblestone method of construction; none can be justified as typical examples of the tavern type.

The tavern was built for William Walling, one of Arms Cross Roads's most important early citizens. Walling acquired 12 acres from Ezra Blanchard on November 14, 1833 and shortly thereafter erected the imposing cobblestone edifice on the northeast corner of the hamlet's four corners. Located half-way between Oswego and Rochester on the heavily travelled Ridge Road, Walling's inn immediately became a popular stop-over for weary stagecoach riders. Walling's inn generated much of the community's prosperity during the second quarter of the nineteenth century and Walling was widely regarded by his neighbors for his astute business practices, his philanthropy and his merry holiday parties. Upon his death on May 25, 1849, Arms Cross Roads was renamed Wallington.

The tavern continued to serve as a roadside inn during the mid to late nineteenth century under at least one successor, a Mr. Ackerman. The property was acquired by the Charles Whiting family in 1908; extensive changes occurred shortly thereafter, including the addition of the large wrap-around sun porch, the erection of a new, gambrel-roofed frame barn to replace the nineteenth century cobblestone barn, and the conversion of the former tavern into a two-family residence. (Most of the smaller subdivisions of the property occurred during the Whiting's occupancy between 1908 and 1945, although the bulk of the land once owned by Walling was acquired by the Wallington Volunteer Fire Department in 1978.)

The building is an outstanding local landmark in Wallington and Sodus as an important illustration of the cobblestone method of construction.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property less than one

UTM References

A 18 336570 4787180 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. (1.1.8 acres; tax map #38117-00-570420)

11. Form Prepared By: Saralinda Hooker, Preservation Consultant

contact:

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organization NYSHPO, Division for Historic Preservation date January 1994
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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

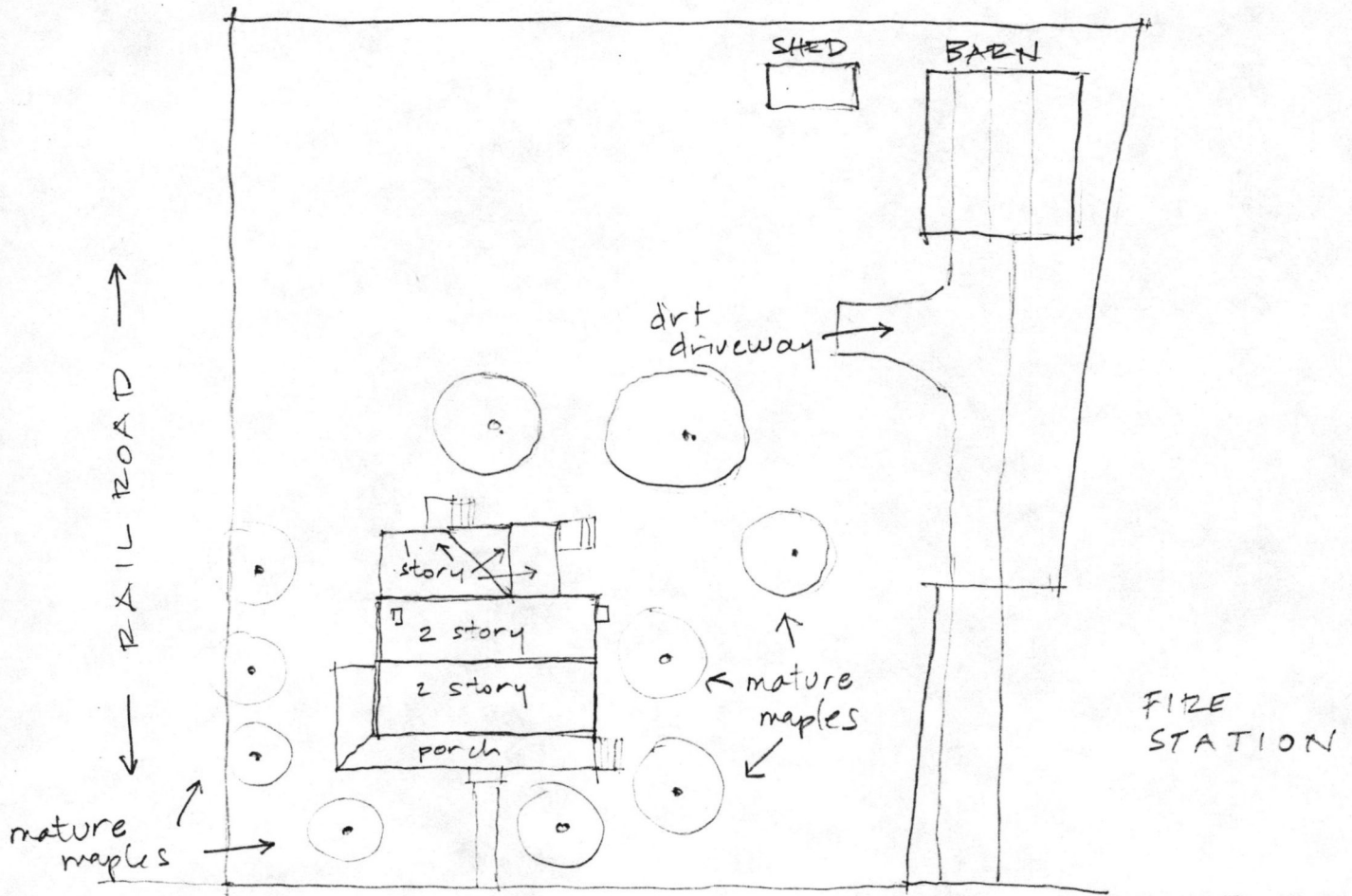
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name
street & number
city or town state zip code

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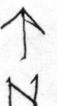


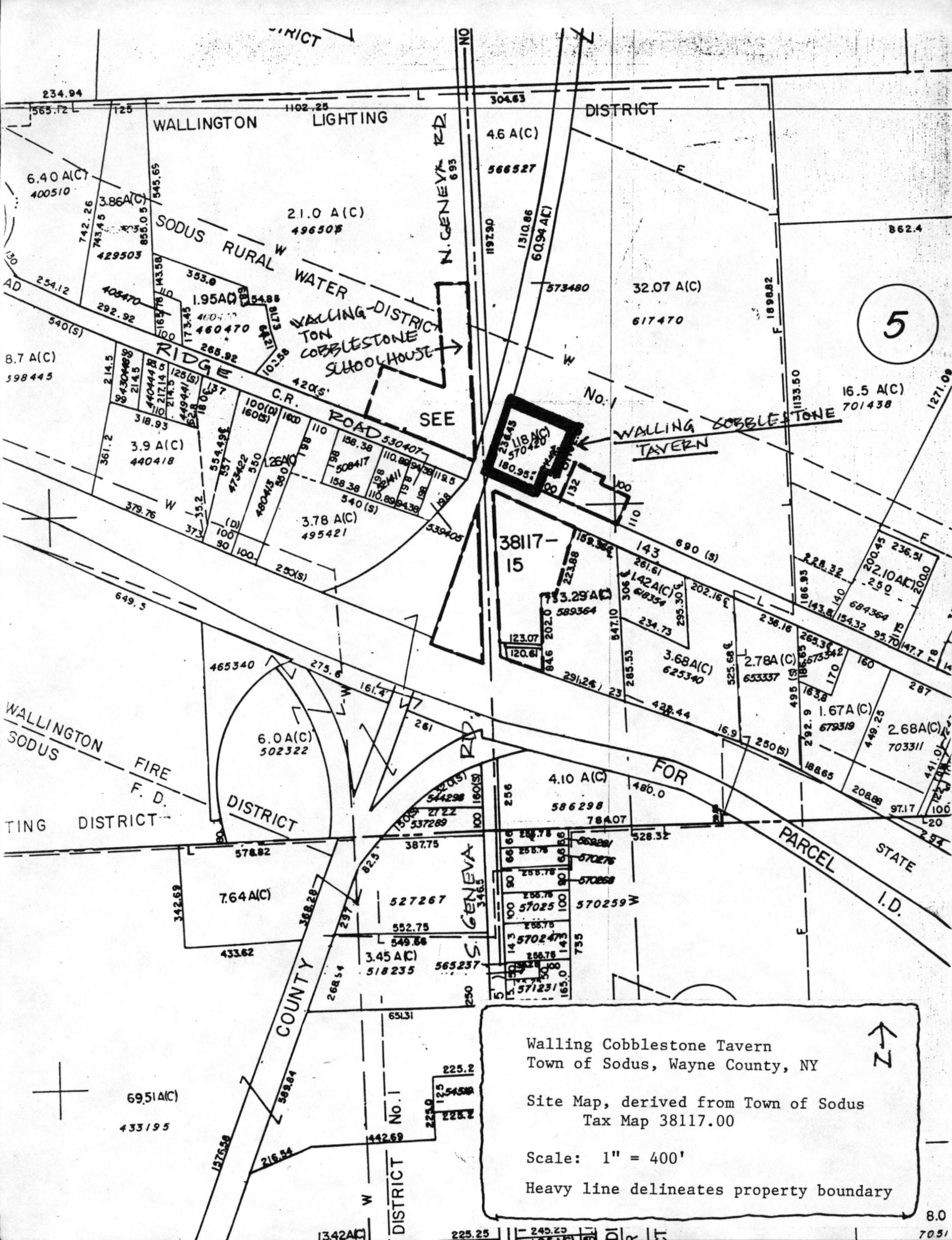
RIDGE ROAD

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Sketch Map

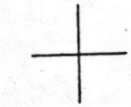
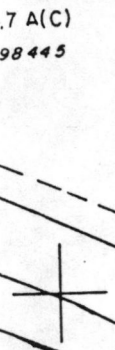
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Walling Cobblestone Tavern  
 Town of Sodus, Wayne County, NY  
 Site Map, derived from Town of Sodus  
 Tax Map 38117.00  
 Scale: 1" = 400'  
 Heavy line delineates property boundary

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WALLINGTON

LIGHTING

DISTRICT

SODUS RURAL W

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1.95 A(C)

WATER

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RIDGE

WALLING-DISTRICT  
COBBLESTONE  
SCHOOLHOUSE

WALLING COBBLESTONE  
TAVERN

SEE

ROAD

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6.0 A(C)  
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WALLINGTON  
SODUS

FIRE  
F. D.

DISTRICT

TING DISTRICT

FOR

4.10 A(C)

586298

PARCEL

STATE  
I.D.

COUNTY

S. GENEVA

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Town of Sodus, Wayne County, NY

Site Map, derived from Town of Sodus  
Tax Map 38117.00

Scale: 1" = 400'

Heavy line delineates property boundary

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Walling Cobblestone Tavern  
NAME:

MULTIPLE Cobblestone Architecture of New York State MPS  
NAME:

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: 94000173

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

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CLASSIFICATION

count       resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

historic       current

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DESCRIPTION

architectural classification  
 materials  
 descriptive text

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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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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage       verbal boundary description  
 UTMs       boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps     USGS maps     photographs     presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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Photo: N Todd, 1993

Neg: OPRHP, Albany

View 1: front (south) facade



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View 2: Front (south) and  
west elevations



Walling Cobblestone Tavern

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View 3: Front door



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View 4: non-contributing barn  
and shed



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Photo: N Todd, 1993

Neg: OPRHP, Albany

View 5: staircase



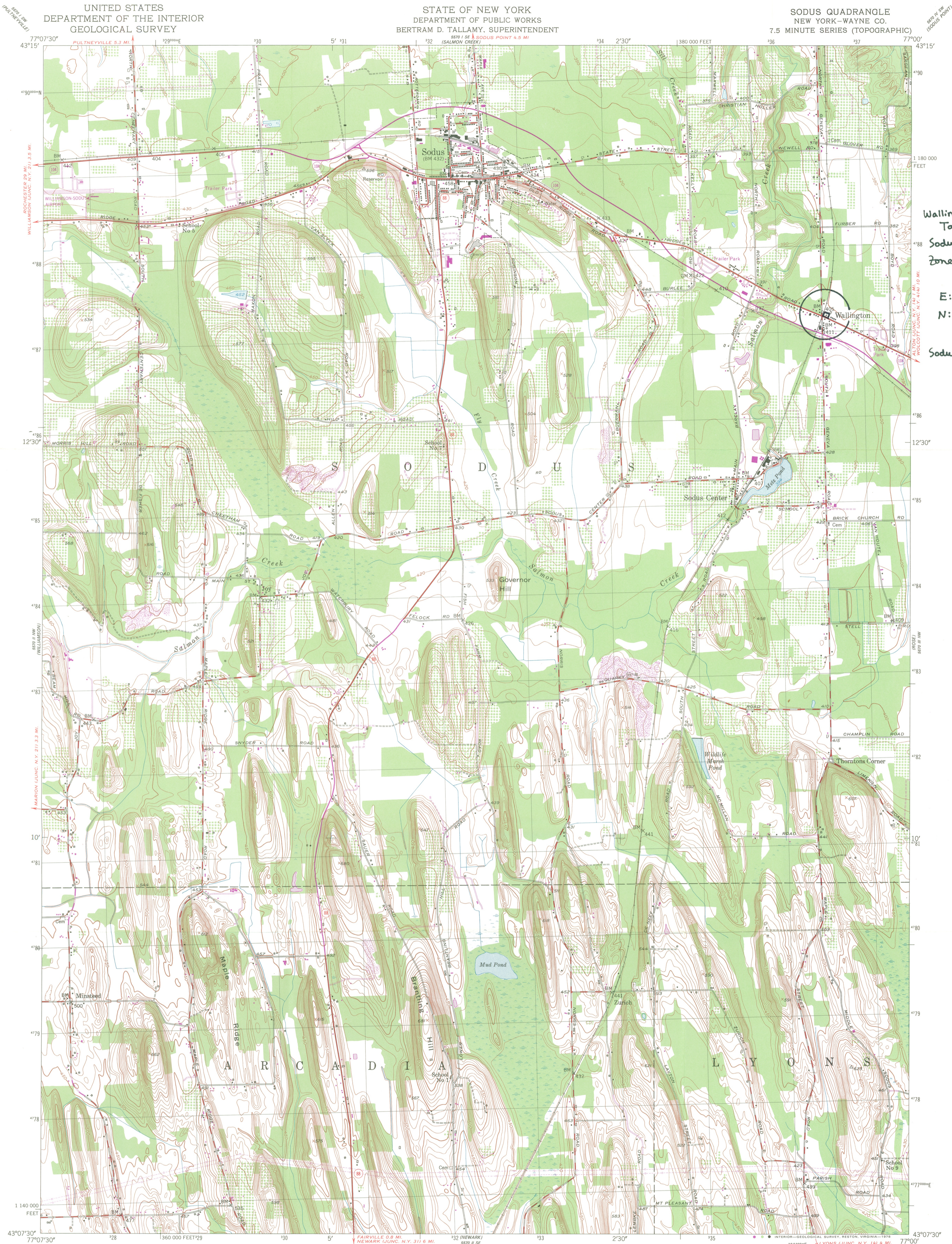
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View 6: door detail



Walling Cobblestone  
Tavern  
Sodus, Wayne Co.  
Zone 18; 1:24,000  
E: 336570  
N: 4787180  
Sodus Quad

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CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET  
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty 4 LANE 18 LANE Light-duty  
Medium-duty 4 LANE 6 LANE Unimproved dirt  
U. S. Route State Route



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