

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

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 John Briggs House

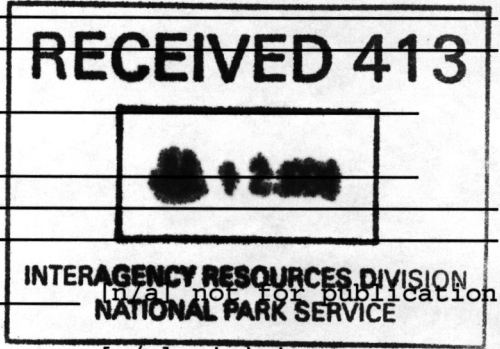
other names/site number n/a

2. Location

street & number 2646 Himrod Road

city, town Milo Center

state New York code NY county Yates code 123 zip code 14527



3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this 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 meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

David S. Gilley
Director, Field Services Bureau
Signature of certifying official

July 1, 1994
Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

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:
 entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
 determined eligible for the National Register. see continuation sheet.
 determined not eligible for the National Register.

for
Signature of keeper Edson H. Beall Date of Action 8-24-94

Entered in the National Register

removed from the National Register.
 other, (explain:)

John Briqqs House

Yates County, New York

Name of Property

County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)	Category of Property (check only one box)	Number of Resources within Property (do not include previously listed resources in the count)	
[X]private	[X]building(s)	Contributing	NonContributing
[]public-local	[]district	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
[]public-State	[]site		sites
[]public-Federal	[]structure		structures
	[]object		objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> Total
Name of related multiple property listings (enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)		Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register	
<u>Historic and Architectural Resources of Yates County, New York</u>		<u>n/a</u>	

6. Function or Use

Historic Function (enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
<u>DOMESTIC: single dwelling</u>	<u>DOMESTIC: single dwelling</u>
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7. Description

Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)	Materials (enter categories from instructions)
<u>EARLY REPUBLIC: Federal</u>	foundation <u>Stone</u>
<u> </u>	walls <u>Wood</u>
<u> </u>	roof <u>Asphalt shingles</u>
<u> </u>	other <u> </u>
<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Narrative Description

(describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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The John Briggs House (1795) is located on the west side of Himrod Road in the hamlet of Milo Center in the rural, agrarian township of Milo in east-central Yates County. Milo occupies a land area of 48 square miles or approximately 31,166 acres. The population of Milo is 6,750 people, including most of the Village of Penn Yan. The house is sited on approximately 3.12 acres of relatively flat land. It is oriented southward toward Himrod Road and has a deep setback. Near the east end of the gravel driveway is a small wooden bridge which crosses a creek. A modern, non-contributing garage is located southwest of the house. Beneath the concrete slab in front of the garage are the remains of a stone well and a cistern, now covered. Expanses of lawn with trees and shrubbery surround the house. The boundary of the nominated property is the approximate 3.12 acres currently associated with the former farmhouse. Farm fields are located outside the boundaries of the property to the north, south, and west. The hamlet of Milo Center, situated adjacent to the intersection of Himrod, Leach and Milo Center Roads, is one of western New York's earliest settlements. Most of the houses in this hamlet date from the early to late nineteenth century and are of frame construction. Across the street to the east is a late-eighteenth-century, frame saltbox house which was built for Martha Reynolds of Rhode Island, a follower of the Universal Friend.

Contributing Features: 1

Non-Contributing Features: 1

The John Briggs House (1795) is a modified saltbox-shaped, frame dwelling designed in the rural vernacular building tradition. The five-bay-wide by three-bay-deep house is constructed of heavy wood framing members. All elevations of the building are sheathed in twentieth-century novelty siding. The modest-scale house is surmounted by a gable roof over the one and one-half story section in the front and a shed roof over the one-story section in the rear (west). Both roofs are sheathed with asphalt shingles. The house stands on an uncoursed fieldstone foundation most of which has been covered with concrete. Fenestration is symmetrical on the south, north and east elevations. Rectangular window openings throughout the building have simple wood trim and contain two-over-two, double-hung windows on the north and south elevations and twelve-over-eight and six-over-six, double-hung windows on the first floor of the east elevation with modern casement windows above. The two-over-two, double-hung windows are replacement windows.

The main elevation (east) has a center entrance with two windows on either side. The entrance has a Federal style surround with pilasters and an entablature with a wide frieze and projecting cornice. The paneled front door and lock are original. The concrete stoop and railing at the front entrance were added in 1975.

The south elevation has a side entrance in the rear portion. A concrete block chimney has been added to this elevation. The gable end of this elevation has a molded wood cornice, the end portions having been removed. The remaining large block of flat trim suggests that the house may once have had Greek Revival cornice returns. The cornice molding on the north elevation is the same.

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The interior plan of the gable-roofed block consists of a center entrance with a parlor on the north side and a kitchen on the south side. There is a staircase in the center of the house off the kitchen which leads to two bedrooms on the second floor. Another stair leads to a partial basement in the southeast portion of the house. The rear portion of the house consists of three rooms: a bedroom, a bathroom, and a mudroom.

The interior of the gable-roofed portion of the house survives with a good degree of integrity of design, materials and craftsmanship. Room configurations survive substantially intact, as do most of the historic features including wide pine flooring, paneled doors, molded door and window trim, baseboards, and some plaster.

The parlor is square in plan and features a wood fireplace surround on the north wall with slightly tapered pilasters, paneled block capitals, and a mantel. The original chimney has been removed from this end of the house and the fireplace sealed with wooden boards. The original twelve-over-eight, double-hung windows on the east wall have thin muntins. The doors leading into this room are the original paneled doors with molded wood trim. The parlor retains the original plaster walls and ceiling, and plank flooring.

The kitchen features an original chair rail and wide, horizontal plank wainscoting. Above the wainscoting are the original plaster walls which are intact though covered with wallpaper. The original pine flooring is intact beneath the linoleum. The windows in the east wall of the kitchen are six-over-six, double-hung with thin muntins. A new sliding window has been installed on the south wall. The original doors in the kitchen are paneled with molded wood trim.

The secondary spaces at the rear of the house have been altered over the years. The doors and windows in the rear rooms have a simple flat trim rather than the molded trim found in the front of the house.

Winding stairs lead from the kitchen to the upstairs where there is a bedroom on either side of the central stairs. These simple rooms retain their original wide floorboards and molded baseboards. The walls and ceilings have been sheathed over with modern dry-wall. Each bedroom has two-over-two, double-hung windows with simple flat trim on the end walls and new casement windows with modern trim on the front (east) wall. The doors leading into the bedrooms from the stairwell are modern hollow core wood doors.

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.)

- [X] 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

(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- [] 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.

Area of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

- Architecture
Exploration/Settlement

Period of Significance

1795

Significant Dates

1795

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above.)

n/a

Cultural Affiliation

n/a

Architect/Builder

n/a

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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

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

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The John Briggs House (1795) is architecturally significant at the local level as a representative example of late-eighteenth-century settlement period architecture in Yates County. It meets National Register Criterion C in the area of architecture as an intact example of early vernacular, Federal-influenced, rural domestic architecture. The house is historically significant as well under Criterion A for its association with the settlement of Yates County by the followers of Jemima Wilkinson, "The Universal Friend," who was the first American born woman to found a religious group.

The history of Jemima Wilkinson and the Friend's movement had important ramifications for the development of Yates County. Jemima Wilkinson was born in Rhode Island on November 19, 1758, one of a family of twelve children, she was originally a Quaker. She was the daughter of Jeremiah Wilkinson, who was a representative in the state government. In 1776 she left the Quakers to join a religious group known as "the New Lights." During that same year she became ill from typhus and imagined she had died and was brought back to life as another soul, that of the "Public Universal Friend," whose mission was to spread God's word.

As her movement grew she decided to establish a settlement for her followers in the Finger Lakes region and sent representatives to secure a location. In 1788, under the leadership of James Parker, a group of 25 followers established the first permanent settlement in Yates County at "City Hill," a mile west of Seneca Lake in the present town of Torrey. John Briggs and his relative (cousin?) Peleg Briggs of North Kingston, Rhode Island emigrated to the wilderness of the Finger Lakes region as part of the advance group.

The Briggs were among the first settlers of the hamlet of Nichols' Corners (present Milo Center) in the town of Milo. They jointly acquired a lot of land in this hamlet; Peleg taking the northern section and John the southern. John and his wife Elizabeth Bailey of Rhode Island had five children. The Nichols and Briggs families, Martha Reynolds, and other followers of the Friend built their houses in this early settlement which is reminiscent of a New England farm village with its surrounding farmland. The John Briggs House and the Martha Reynolds House are both saltbox houses erected in the 1790s on the site of earlier log houses.

The John Briggs House is historically significant for its association with the early settlement of Yates County and the establishment of a religious settlement based on the teachings of Jemima Wilkinson, the Public Universal Friend. It is one of four documented residences associated with the Friend in Yates County which are included in the present county-wide multiple property nomination. These include: *The Jemima Wilkinson House* (also known as the Friend House, 1809-1815), 3912 Friend Hill Road, Jerusalem; *The James Brown House* (ca. 1825-1830), Friend Road, Jerusalem; and *The Arnold Potter House* (ca. 1790), 1445 Voak Road, Potter.

The John Briggs house is architecturally significant as an intact example of late-eighteenth-century vernacular Federal domestic architecture. The house was built in the early agrarian years of western New York settlement. The house illustrates the direct influences of New England domestic architecture on the building practices and designs of

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the Finger Lakes region. Though originally built in the frontier of western New York the house embodies the distinctive features of New England house design of the late eighteenth century as shown in its rectangular, modified saltbox form with side-gabled front block and shed-roofed, rear block; five-bay center entrance facade; paneled front door with Federal style surround; and symmetrical fenestration pattern.

The John Briggs house remains a rare survivor of settlement period architecture in Yates County. It retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. The house is historically important for its association with the settlement of the county and is a rare surviving artifact associated with the Friend's religious movement. John Briggs, the original owner and builder, was a locally prominent settler and one of the original followers of the Universal Friend. The Universal Friend served as a catalyst for the early settlement of Yates County by encouraging her followers to settle here. John Briggs and other followers (and former followers) of the Friend spread throughout the county and made major contributions to the growth and development of the early settlements.

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John Briggs House

Yates County, New York

Name of Property

County and State

10. Geographical Data

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UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Verbal Boundary Description

(Explain the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kathleen Howe, Architectural Historian
 organization Bero Associates date 10/1/93
 street & number 32 Winthrop Street telephone 716-262-2035
 city or town Rochester state NY zip code 14607

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

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name n/a
 street & number _____
 city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

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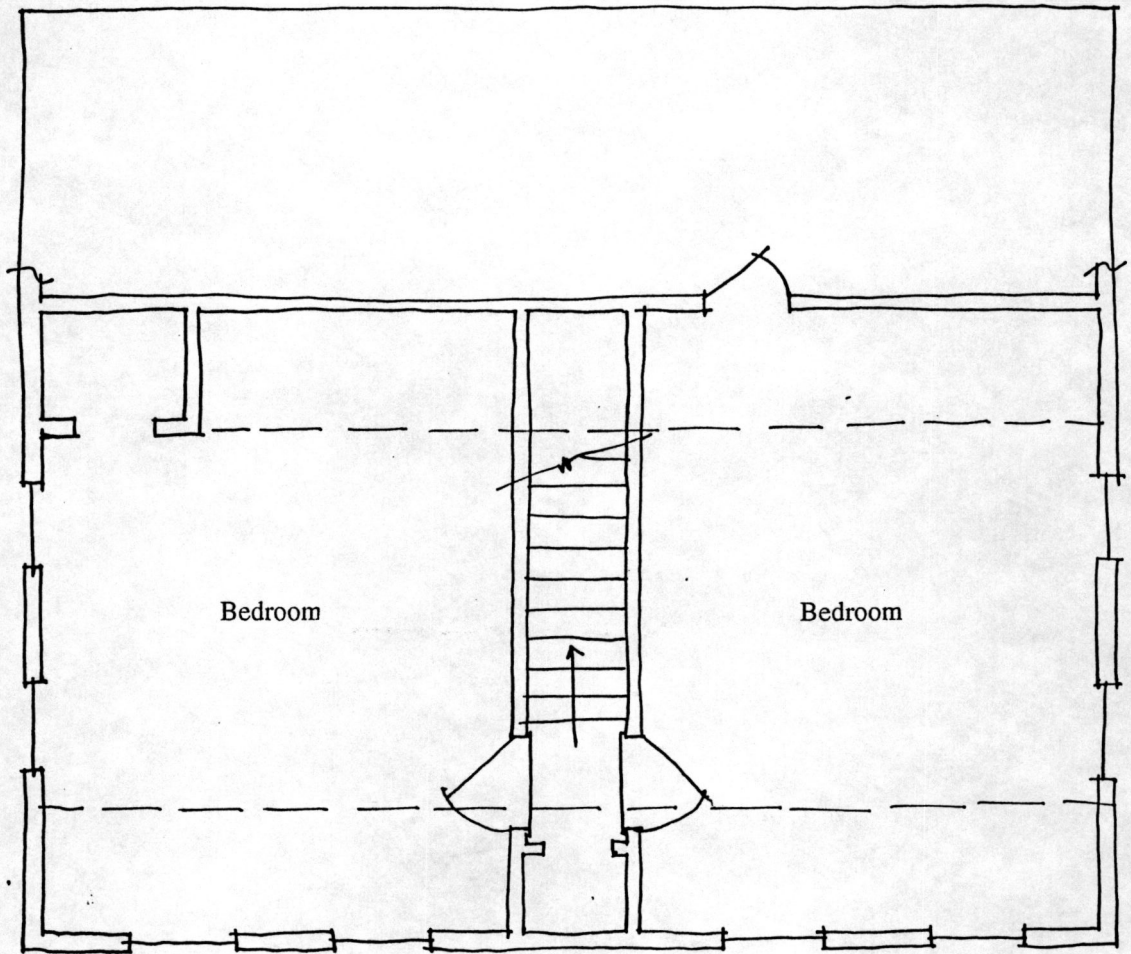
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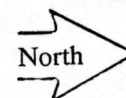
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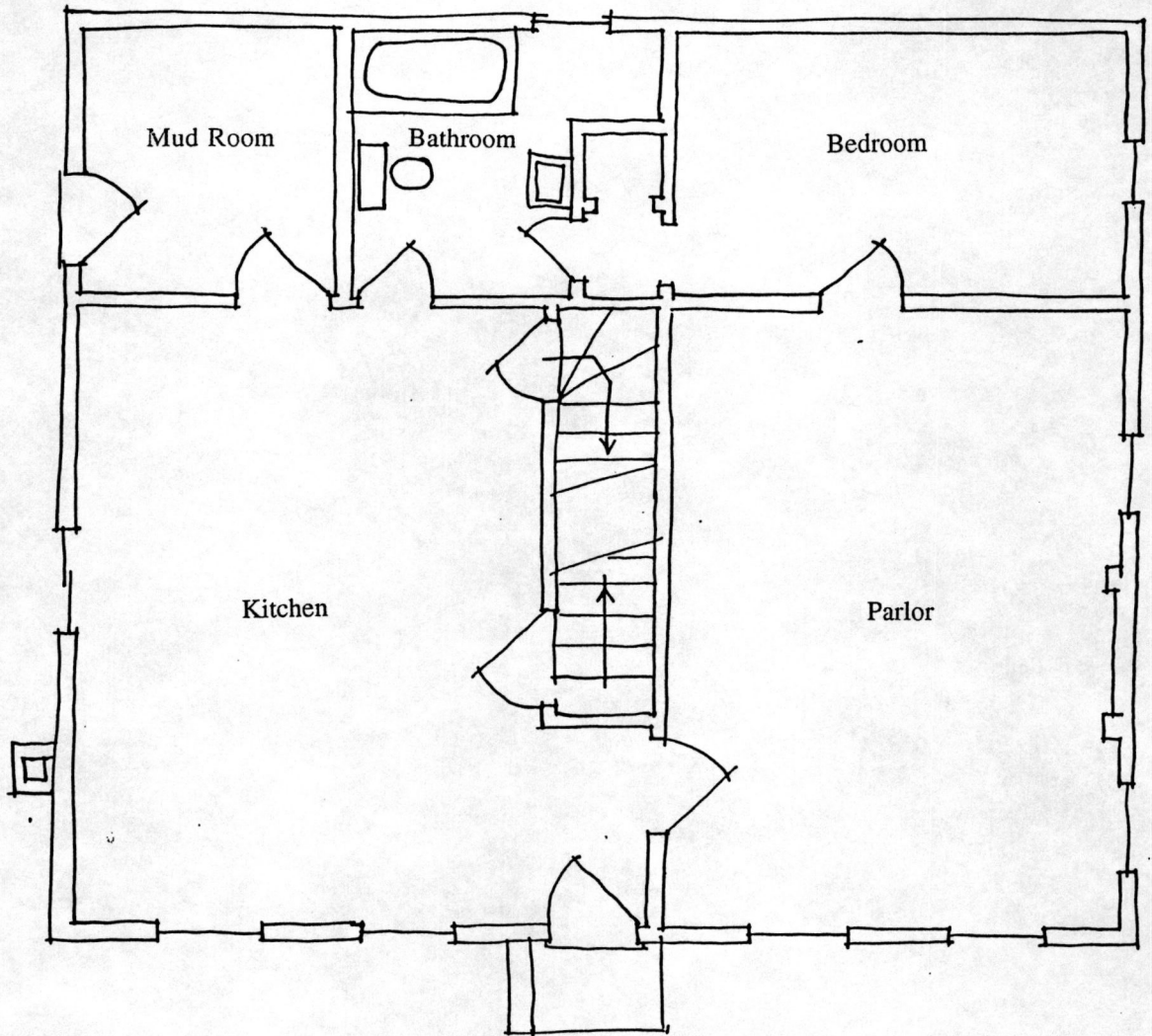
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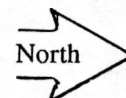


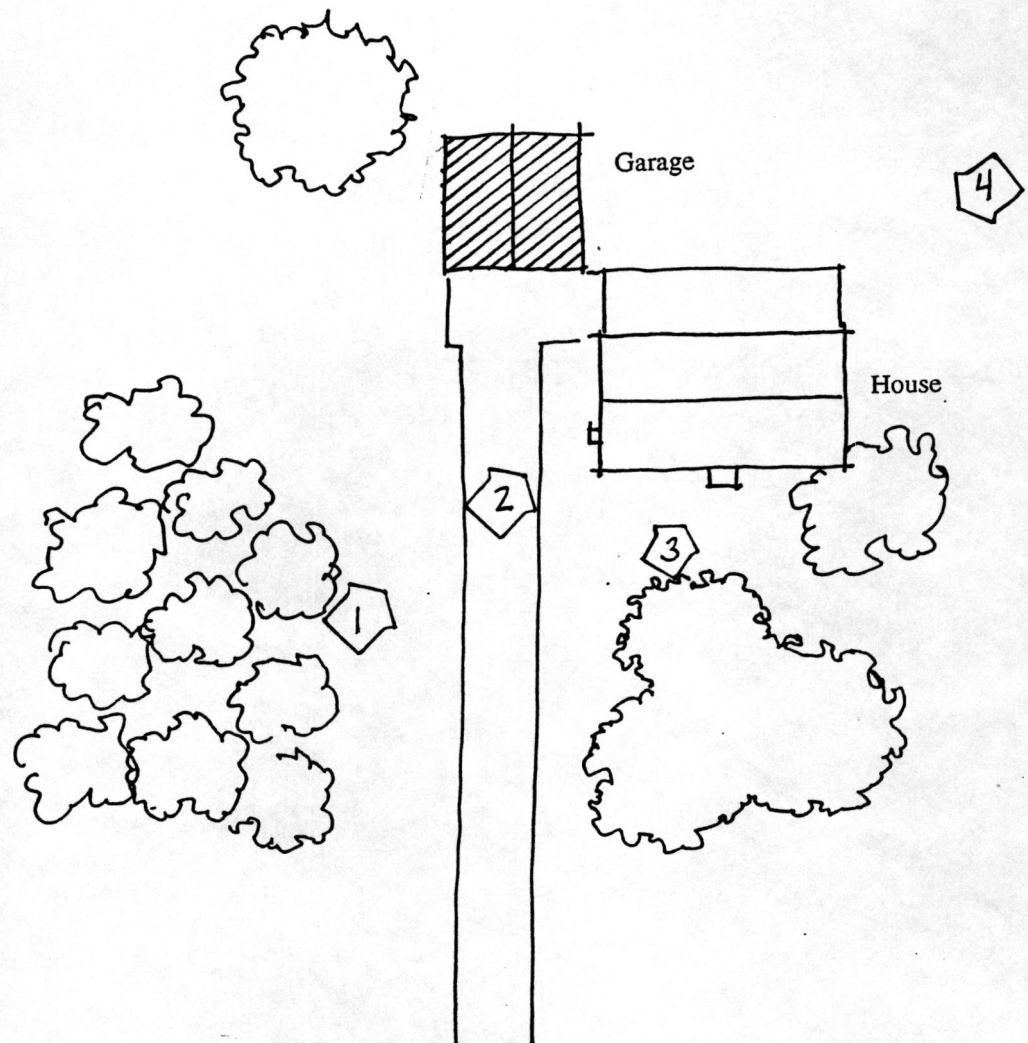
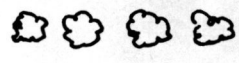
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2646 Himrod Road
Milo Center, Yates County, NY





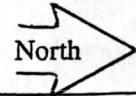
FIRST FLOOR (Not to scale)
The John Briggs House
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Milo Center, Yates County, NY





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Boundary	
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SITE PLAN (Not to scale)
The John Briggs House
2646 Himrod Road
Milo Center, Yates County, NY



Himrod Road

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Briggs, John, House

MULTIPLE NAME: Yates County MPS

STATE & COUNTY: NEW YORK, Yates

DATE RECEIVED: 7/12/94 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 7/28/94
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 8/13/94 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 8/26/94
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 94000930

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 8.24.94 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
 UTMs boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps USGS maps photographs presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



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John Briggs House

YATES COUNTY M.P.D.F.

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John Briggs.

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2646 Hamrod Rd.
Milo Center, NY

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hooking W
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Peleg Briggs House
2646 Hunnood Rd.
Milo Center, NY
Front door, 1st floor
Looking N
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Peleg Briggs House
2646 Hinwood Rd.
Mulo Center, NY.

NE Room, 1st floor
Looking NE

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Peter Briggs House
2646 Hemrod Rd.
Milo Center, NY.

SE Room, 1st floor

Looking NE

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Peleg Briggs House
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Milo Center, NY.

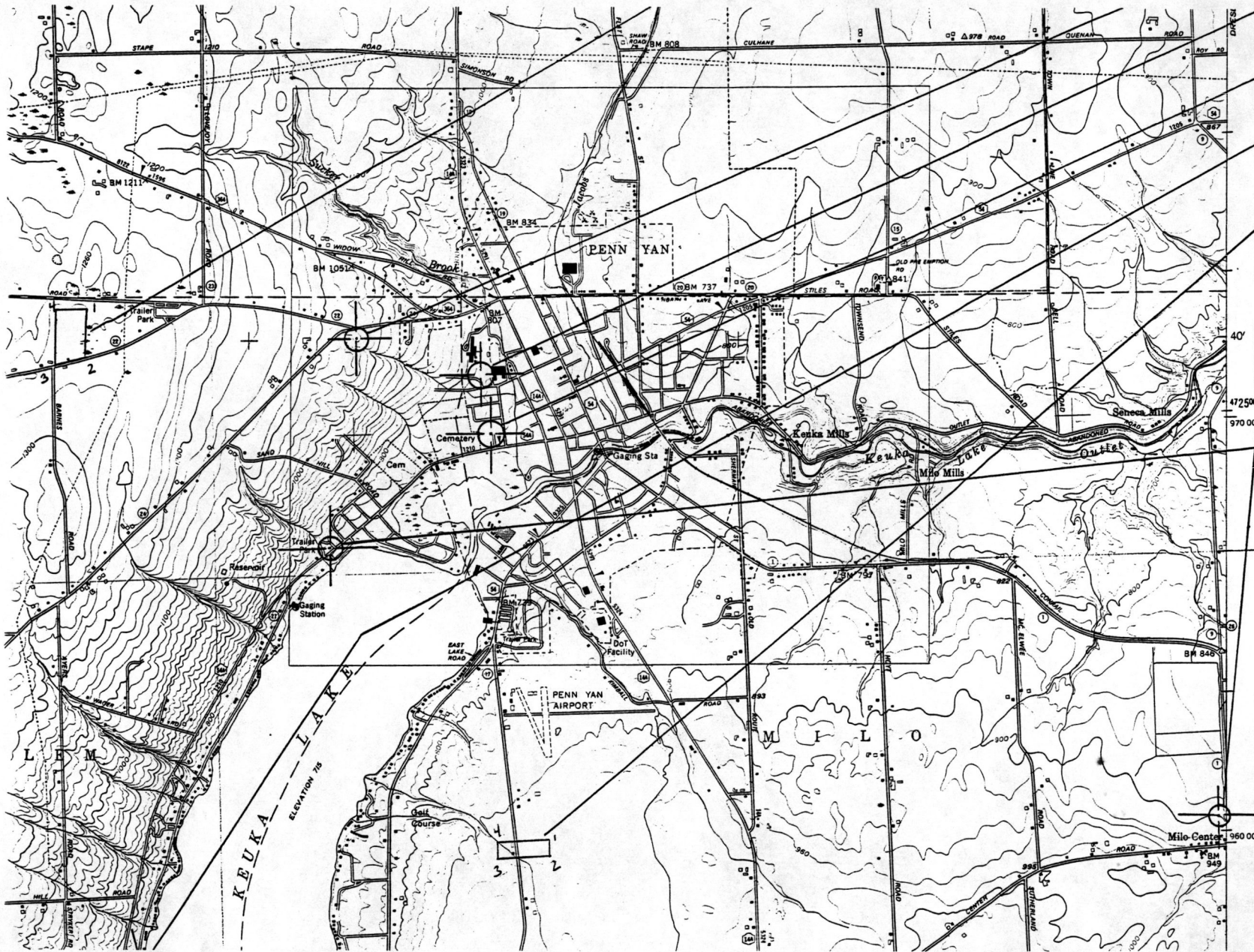
NE Room, 1st floor

Looking SE

7/93

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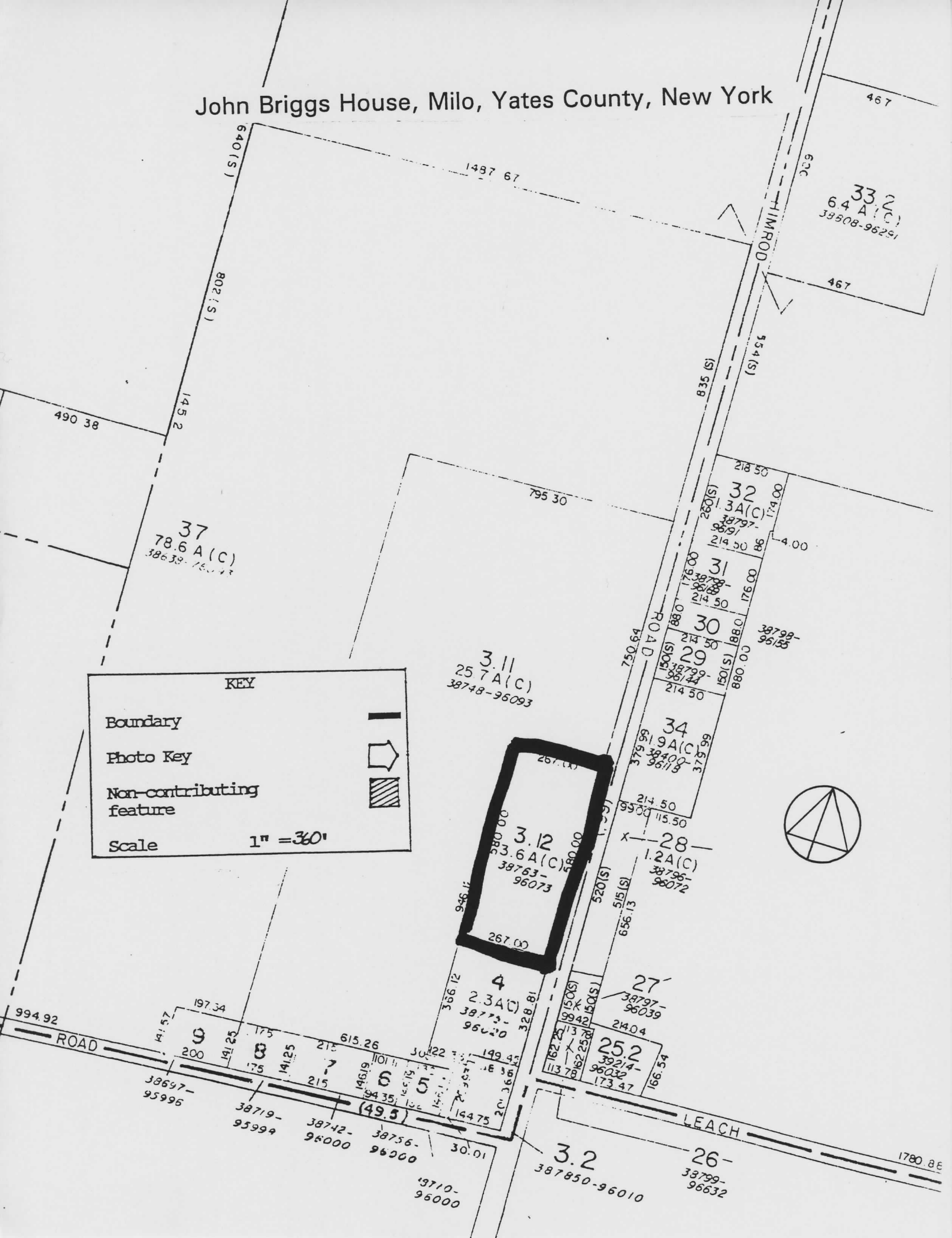
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Jerusalem, Yates Co.
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John Briggs House
Milo, Yates Co.
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

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