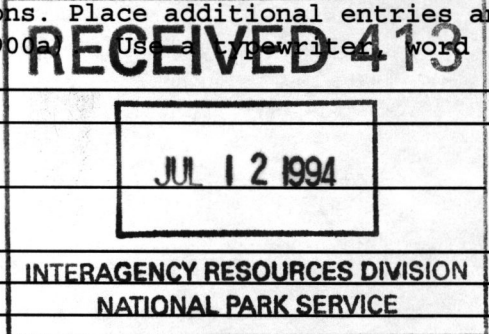


UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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 typewritten word processor, or computer, to complete all items.



1. Name of Property

historic name William Swortz House

other names/site number n/a

2. Location

street & number Dundee-Himrod Road [n/a] not for publication

city, town Starkey [n/a] vicinity

state New York code NY county Yates code 123 zip code 14837

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

for
Signature of keeper Edson H. Beall Date of Action 8.26.94

Entered in the
National Register

William Swortz 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)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listings (enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

The Historic and Architectural Resources of Yates County, New York

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Function

(enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

Current Functions

(enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

LATE VICTORIAN/Stick/Eastlake

Materials

(enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone

walls Wood

roof Asphalt shingle

other _____

Narrative Description

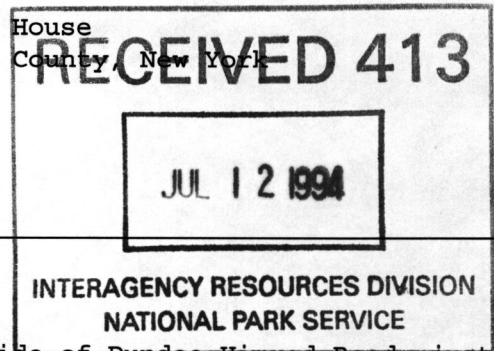
(describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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The William Swortz house is located on the west side of Dundee-Himrod Road, just north of the intersection of Shannon Corners Road, in the town of Starkey, Yates County, New York. The residence is situated on a 36 acre parcel historically associated with the home. The boundary has been drawn to include the current legal lot description associated with the property and to provide a setting for the dwelling. The property is bounded on the east by Dundee-Himrod Road and on the north, south and west by scattered residences and farmland.

Contributing Buildings 1
Non-contributing Features 0

The Swortz house, built in 1874, is a two story, asymmetrically massed, eclectic style, frame dwelling. The residence is constructed on a fieldstone foundation and is covered by a combination of gable, hipped and jerkin-head roofs. A cupola, which once surmounted the central roof was removed in 1934. A one and one-half story wing extends from the rear (west) elevation of the house. The wing is believed to have been a portion of an earlier house on the site that was integrated into the construction of this dwelling.

The principal (east) elevation, is distinguished by a single story porch composed of carved posts supporting a slate shingle clad mansard roof. The front entrance is composed of a single door with large, round arched openings containing etched glass panels. Windows throughout the dwelling are symmetrically spaced, with double-hung, two light sash. windows on the east, north and south elevations of the dwelling are decorated with molded cornices. The roof line of the house delineated by pierce work verge boards, corner pendants and elaborate gable panels. A broad frieze encircles the house below the broad overhanging eaves of the roof.

The south elevation is dominated by the single story porch identical to the one on the east elevation. This elevation is also highlighted by a bay window.

The west (rear) elevation of the house is dominated by a one and one-half story, frame wing, covered by a gable roof and sheathed with clapboards. Fenestration on the wing is irregular and asymmetrical. A small, single story shed extends from the west elevation of the wing.

The north elevation of the house features the side elevations of main block, the rear wing and shed.

On the interior, William Swortz house retains its original plan composed of a number of small, formal and informal rooms. Chambers are located on the second story. Along with the room configuration a variety of historic fabric survives throughout the residence. These features include plaster on lath walls, wood moldings, mantels and paneled doors and stair. An original built in copper tub survives in the kitchen wing.

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.)

- 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.
- 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.

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
- 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
- Other

Area of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1874

Significant Dates

1874

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above.)

n/a

Cultural Affiliation

n/a

Architect/Builder

n/a

Name of repository: _____

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The William Swortz House is architecturally significant as an outstanding regional example of a eclectic late nineteenth century residential architecture in Yates County, New York. Built in 1874, the two story, frame farmhouse displays a number of characteristics associated with several popular nineteenth century architectural styles, including Gothic Revival and Italianate.

The asymmetrical massing, steeply pitched gables, vergeboards, porches and bay window are characteristic elements associated with the Gothic Revival style. While the revival of Gothic forms dates back to the mid-18th century in England, its earliest application to domestic buildings of modest scale in this country is seen in the designs of Alexander Jackson Davis in the 1830's. The ideals of the Picturesque aesthetic were popularized in the pattern books of Andrew Jackson Downing and others in the period between 1842 and the Civil War. They are characterized by an eclectic impulse that embraces the use of architectural elements from various periods, such as the Gothic, Romanesque and Renaissance, and from a variety of countries, including England, France, Italy, and Switzerland. In this idiom, the dwelling was to provide not only physical beauty but comfort and spiritual serenity as well. Influenced by those English architects trained in late eighteenth century English Gothic architecture who popularized the Gothic Revival movement in Europe during the early and mid-nineteenth century, the American Romantic architects adopted the asymmetrical massing, pointed arches, projecting bays and pavilions, steeply pitched roofs, porticos and dormers of the Gothic Revival style, an idiom which they felt best expressed their ideals.

Throughout this period the theories associated with the Picturesque movement gave rise to several distinctive architectural variations, including the Carpenter Gothic style. The Carpenter Gothic style, like other Cottage architecture of the period, was a product of the proliferation of architectural pattern books, the evolution of the balloon-framing system and the abundance of lumber as a building material. The Carpenter Gothic style was characterized by its box-like floor-plan, steeply pitched roofs, balloon-framing, board-and-batten or flat-board siding and Gothic details. The most distinctive feature associated with this style is the prolific use of scroll-sawn wooden ornamentation.

In addition to its Gothic Revival inspired elements, the porch detailing, window hoods, broad overhanging roof eaves, and interior wood moldings and marble mantels of the Swortz house are characteristic of the Italianate style. This popular style blended classical motifs with picturesque massing and ornament, the Italianate style was a more romantic style than the Greek Revival style. Italianate style residences, churches, schools, commercial and public buildings were constructed between 1845 and 1880. The style is highly decorative. This is manifest in the use of brackets at the roofline, projecting lintels of wood or cast iron above the windows, applied wood decoration on the cornice, double-leaf wooden doors and ornate wood work on porches. The massing of the home tends to be cubic and asymmetrical. The Italianate style building emphasizes the verticality of the form with elongated windows, often round arched, and doors. Roofs are generally flat or slightly hipped and are often surmounted by belvederes or cupolas. The largest concentration of these resources are concentrated in the villages

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and hamlets. However, numerous residential examples exist in the outlying agricultural areas of the county like the William Swortz house.

Constructed in 1874, the Swortz house embodies many of the characteristics associated with these popular architectural styles. These features include the dwellings irregular massing, asymmetrical, two and one-half story form, symmetrical fenestration, multiple light sash, steeply pitched gable roof(s), broad eaves, ornate decoration and trim. [1]

The William Swortz house remains an important example of mid to late nineteenth century tastes and building practices in the area and recalls the late nineteenth century development of this region.

1. See the Multiple Property Registration Document titled, **The Historical and Architectural Resources of Yates County, New York**, Section F, Property Type 1, Residential and Civic Architecture.

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9. Bibliographical References

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reprint ed., Churchville, NY: Martin Wehle, 1973.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 36 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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(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 John A. Bonafide, Historic Preservation Program Analyst
organization NYS Office of Parks, Rec. & Historic Preservation date October 1993
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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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10. Geographical Data

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary for the nominated property is shown as the heavy black outline on the accompanying map entitled "William Swortz House, Starkey, Yates County, New York."

Boundary Justification

The boundary for the nomination has been drawn to coincide with the current legal lot for the property.

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Swortz, William, House
NAME:

MULTIPLE Yates County MPS
NAME:

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: 94000957

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
 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 _____



Wm. Swartz House

YATES COUNTY M.P.D.F.

Steerkey, Yates Co., NY

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Neg. at: NYSOPRHP

Photo no.: 1 View: SOUTH ~~WEST~~ elevations
east.



Wm. Swartz House

YATES COUNTY M.P.D.F.

Stanley, Yates Co., NY

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Photo no.: 2 View: north & west elevations



Wm. Swartz House

YATES COUNTY M.P.D.F.

Starkey, Yates Co., NY

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Photo no.: 3 View: INTERIOR



Wm. Swartz House

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Starkey, Yates Co., NY

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Photo no.: 4 View: INTERIOR

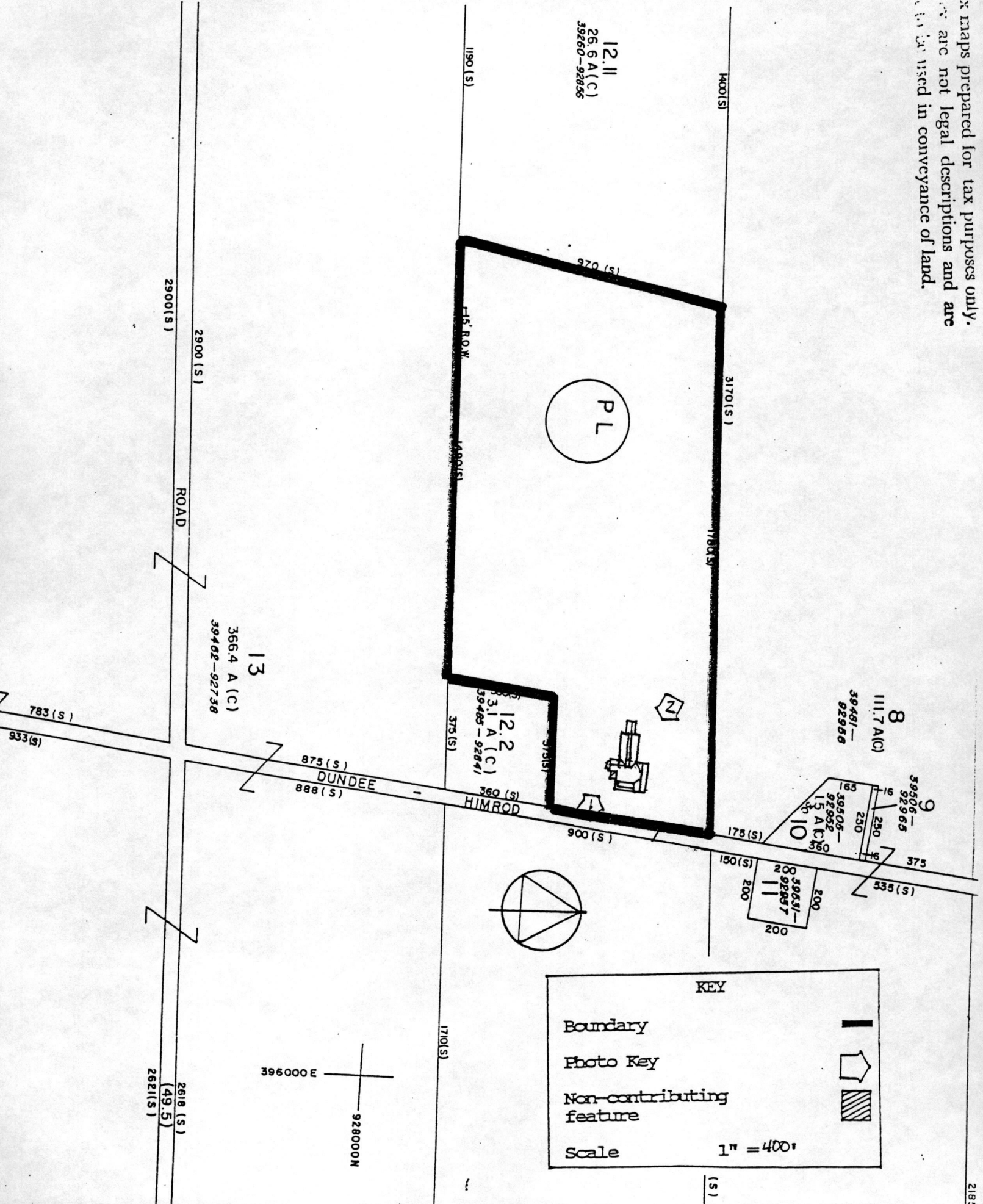
William Swortz House, Starkey, Yates County, New York

Historic map detail taken from:
Combination Atlas Map of Yates County, New York
Everts, Ensign & Everts, Philadelphia, 1876



William Swortz House, Starkey, Yates County, New York

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KEY

- Boundary
- Photo Key
- Non-contributing feature
- Scale 1" = 400'

