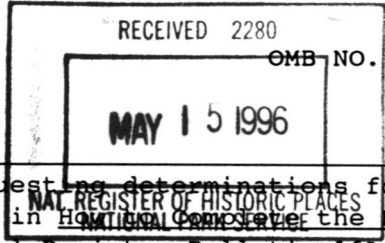


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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM



OMB NO. 1024-0018, NPS FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties or districts. See instructions in 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 ELIJAH HORR HOUSE

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number EAST SIDE OF ROUTE 180 [N/A] not for publication

city, town TOWN OF ORLEANS (HAMLET OF STONE MILLS) [N/A] vicinity

state NEW YORK code NY county JEFFERSON code 045 zip code 13656

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.)

J.W. Alden
Deputy Commissioner for Historic Preservation
Signature of certifying official

31 Jan. '96
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.)

N/A
Signature of commenting or other official _____ Date _____

N/A
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 _____ Date of Action 6/28/96
Robert Savage

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Description

The **Elijah Horr House** is located on the east side of N.Y. Route 180 in the hamlet of Stone Mills, Town of Orleans, Jefferson County. The stone residence is set well back from the road on a 4.3 acre lot. The property is surrounded by scattered residences to the north and west, and pasture and farmland to the south and east. Directly west, across the street from the property, is the **Irwin Brothers Store** (listed on the National Register in 1983).

The two-story house was built circa 1835 and is constructed of local limestone with Federal style detailing. The five-bay residence is similar in form, massing and plan to the **LaFarge Land Office** (individual component in multiple property listing). The center entrance is supported by an elliptical segmented arch with a large keystone. The single entrance survives without transom or sidelights although the span of the arch might indicate that one or both of those features were part of the original design.

The stone craftsmanship is of a higher quality than that of the **LaFarge Land Office** with regularly sized blocks laid in even courses and large prominent quoins. The house exhibits the same double stone walls found in the **Irwin Brothers Store** across the street and might therefore have been built by the same mason. The same double stone walls also appear in the **LaFarge Mansion** (LaFarge Historic District/component in multiple property listing) built by the stone mason Hial Cook. Windows in the **Elijah Horr House** have stone lintels and sills with the first story openings larger than the second story ones. During a late-nineteenth century renovation, original sash was replaced with 2/2 sash (the south elevation windows recently received modern replacements), a deteriorated roof was replaced (which is still evident from the exposed, desecrated rafter ends), and the decorative scalloped brackets were fitted in under the front and back eaves of the house. A chimney with a flared, corbeled top is located at the ridge line on each gable end. The rear elevation, which is of uncoursed, rubble construction, has a one-story frame ell wing sided with clapboard on the north and shingles on the south. This kitchen wing appears to be original; however, it has undergone modernization over the years (e.g., modern windows, door, and overhead garage doors).

The interior largely retains its original plan, and the original pine woodwork and unbeveled paneled window casings in the 1-1/2 foot thick walls survive. Between the two front rooms is an enclosed, straight-run stair to the second floor, a heat-saving feature found in many regional farmhouses. Paneled doors survive although ground-floor ceilings have been dropped and fitted with acoustic paneling. Distinctive Federal style details include a large pine arch opening between the front and back parlors on the north side and a fireplace with decorative surrounds and mantelpiece in the back parlor. Present owners maintain that another fireplace was located in the cellar which they believe was used for processing milk. Throughout the ground floor, the flooring is 8-inch plank, much of which is now covered with wall-to-wall carpeting to make up for unevenness. The three second-floor bedrooms and two

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fireplaces survive in an original plan and most of the original woodwork and hardware survive. Tongue-and-groove floors cover the second story except in the generous hallway which is plank. A small crawl space serves as an attic.

Only one outbuilding survives from the era when the property was a 325-acre working farm. The **hen house**, located to the east of the residence, is a c.1870 wood frame building covered with natural wood shakes. It has a shed roof and the south window wall has been covered with asphalt shingles. A severe sag in the center of the building indicates a grave structural problem. A barn located across the driveway on the south side of the property fell down under heavy snows in 1994. A modern, in-ground swimming pool located just to the south of the rear wing of the house was built in the 1970s.

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.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

c.1835 - c.1870

Significant Dates

c.1835; 1855; late-19th century

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

UNKNOWN

Narrative Statement of Significance

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

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Statement of Significance

The **Elijah Harr House** was identified as a result of a comprehensive historic resource survey of the Town of Orleans conducted in 1980 and reevaluated in 1994. Subsequently, with the assistance of the State Historic Preservation Office (NYSOPRHP/FSB), specific properties and districts were identified as meeting the criteria for listing on the State/National Registers of Historic Places. The **Elijah Harr House** is a component in the multiple property listing, The Historic and Architectural Resources of the Town of Orleans, Jefferson County, NY. Additional contextual information for this property can be found in Section E of the Multiple Property Documentation Form, under the contexts of "Rise in Agriculture, 1835 - c.1925" and "John LaFarge and Town Development, 1817 - 1837". Additional associated property type information can be found in Section F in the categories of "Buildings for John LaFarge, 1825-1837" and "Farmsteads, 1835 - c.1925".

The **Elijah Harr House** is a distinguished example of early-nineteenth century architecture as well as a distinguished example of nineteenth century stone craftsmanship and regional building tradition. In form, massing, and architectural detailing, it represents the typical rural, vernacular building traditions of the region from the 1820s to the 1850s but on a larger scale. Also, the full two-story main block with a rear ell is indicative of the more prosperous, enterprising farmer. Characteristic attributes of the period and style embodied in the **Elijah Harr House** include the formal presentation of the Federal style with a five-bay, center entrance, regularity and symmetry in configuration and fenestration, and fine stone detailing seen in the dressed blocks of the lintels, sills, surrounds, and quoins. The typical, classic entrance with side lights and transom similar to the **LaFarge Land Office** (individual component in multiple property listing) and commonly associated with buildings of this type and date is conspicuously absent. A simple, narrow surround marks this entrance, but an elliptical stone arch remains above, perhaps revealing the builder's original intent. In addition to the LaFarge buildings, the only other extant structure of this type and period included in the multiple property listing is the **Isaac Mitchell Farm**, a later example executed in wood. Despite the loss of its original farm-related outbuildings, the spectacular original setting of the main house remains intact; set two hundred yards from the road nestled in a stand of maples, the **Elijah Harr House** is still a commanding presence.

The property is also significant in its settlement period associations. The hamlet of Stone Mills, originally called Collins Mills, was one of the first areas of the town to be developed due to the availability of water power from the Chaumont River. Early settlers, Peter Pratt, from Saybrook, Connecticut, and J.B. Collins, built a stone grist mill in 1820, and soon afterwards a

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stone, up-and-down sawmill, neither of which survive. These mills provided lumber and grain processing services to farmers in the southern portion of the town at a time before John LaFarge purchased most of the land in the region. While LaFarge's development efforts during the 1820s and 1830s benefited the entire township, his focus was primarily in LaFargeville. Stone Mills continued to grow on its own with a schoolhouse, union church, and store constructed over the next few years. It was during this period that Elijah Horr built his large stone farm house on the southern edge of the hamlet on land purchased from John and Louisa LaFarge (1835)¹. Little is known about Elijah Horr except that he was a prosperous farmer who bore much of the expense of building the **Union Church** in Stone Mills (listed on the National Register in 1976) and donated the land for the establishment of the **Stone Mills Cemetery** (Stone Mills Historic District/component in multiple property listing) located across the road to the north in which he was buried in 1856. His son, Benjamin Stiles Horr, bought the farm in 1855.² Benjamin's daughter, Ella, who also grew up in the house, married Madison Bonney in 1875 and went to live on the Bonney farm in the neighboring Town of Brownville. George, a son of that marriage, died at the age of six and is also buried at the **Stone Mills Cemetery**. Many Horr and Bonney descendants continue to live in Jefferson County to this day.

The **Elijah Horr House** is a distinctive, rare-surviving example of the early-19th century vernacular stone building tradition in the multiple resource area. Although there are other examples of this house type with similar materials and form in the region, few survive with as much integrity. It also gains significance through its historic associations with the early settlement of the area.

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

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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

NOMINATED BOUNDARIES ARE OUTLINED IN BOLD ON THE ATTACHED MAP.

Boundary Justification

NOMINATED BOUNDARIES FOLLOW CURRENT LEGAL LOT LINES.

11. Form Prepared By

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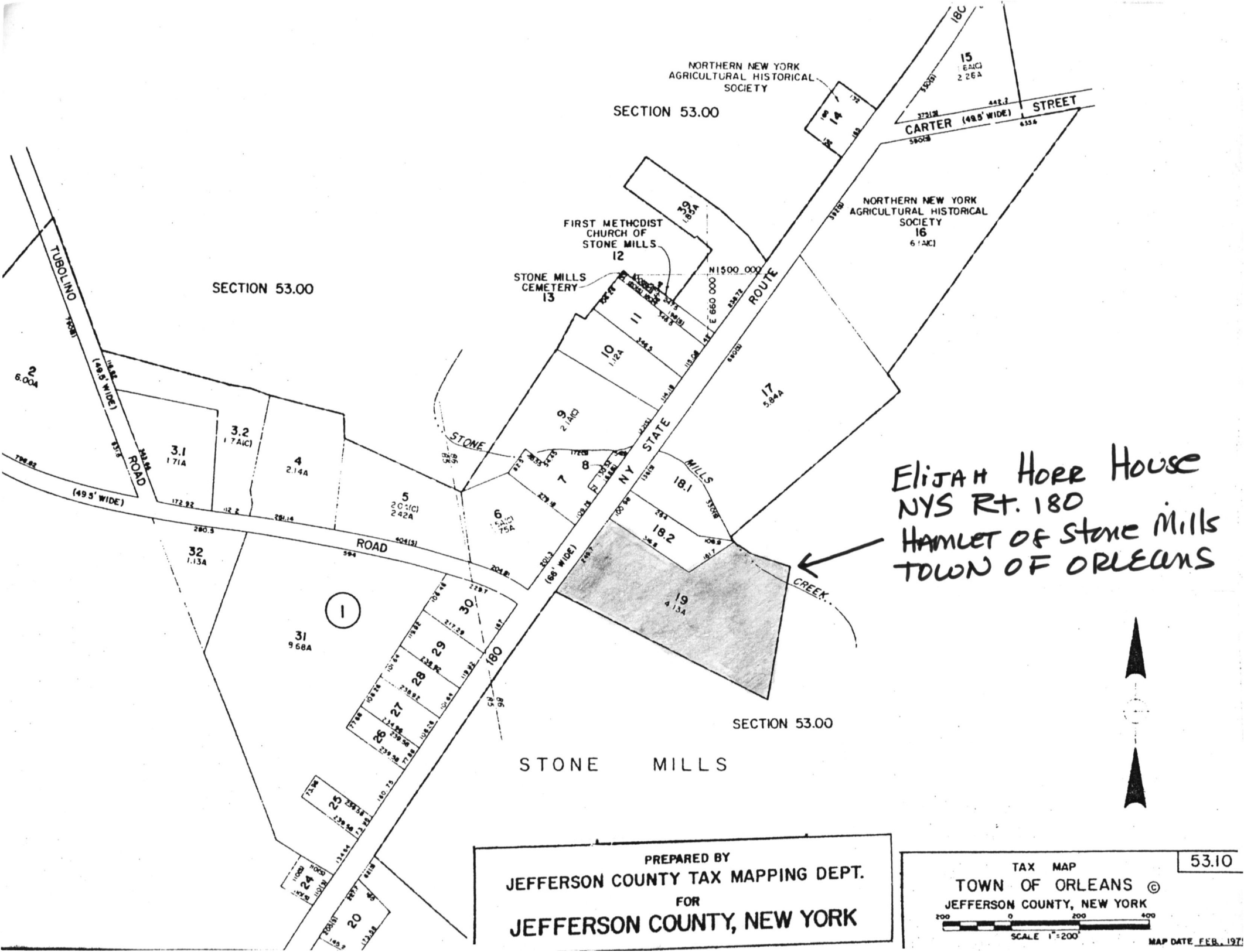
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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Horr, Elijah, House

MULTIPLE NAME: Orleans MPS

STATE & COUNTY: NEW YORK, Jefferson

DATE RECEIVED: 5/15/96 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 5/29/96
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 6/14/96 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 6/29/96
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 96000666

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 _____ DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept ARC

REVIEWER *Garze* DISCIPLINE Architectural History

TELEPHONE _____ DATE 6/29/96

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



Elijah Herr Farmhouse. Town of Orleans, Stone Mills.
Looking northeast.

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Jefferson County, NY



Elijah How Farmhouse. Stone Mills, Town of Orleans.
Main bedroom.

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Elijah Horr Farmhouse, Stone Mills, Town of Orleans.
View from parlor to dining room.
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Jefferson County, NY



Elijah Hopp House

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Stone Mills, Town of Orleans
Jefferson County, NY

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Elijah Todd House

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Stone Mills, Town of Orleans
Jefferson County, NY

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