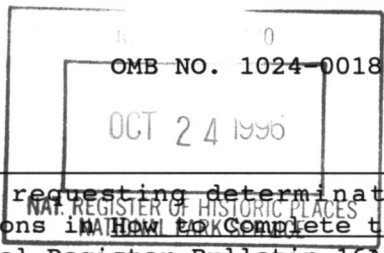


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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM



OMB NO. 1024-0018, NPS FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties or districts. See instructions in NAT. REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES 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 Gates/Livermore Cobblestone Farmhouse

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 4389 Clover Street [] not for publication

town Mendon [] vicinity

state New York code NY county Monroe code 055 zip code 14467

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.)

[Signature] 16 Oct. 96
Deputy Commissioner for Historic Preservation 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:
 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: _____

[Signature] 11-29-90
Signature of keeper Date of Action
Edson H. Beall

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)

[x]private [x]building(s) Contributing Noncontributing
[]public-local []district 4 buildings
[]public-State []site sites
[]public-Federal []structure structures
[]object objects
4 Total
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: NA

NAME OF RELATED MULTIPLE PROPERTY DOCUMENTATION FORM:

COBBLESTONE ARCHITECTURE OF NEW YORK STATE (National Register: 1992)

6. Function or Use

Historic Function

Current Function

DOMESTIC; single dwelling
[]
[]
[]
[]
[]

DOMESTIC; single dwelling
[]
[]
[]
[]
[]

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Materials
(enter categories from instructions)

EARLY REPUBLIC; Federal
[]
[]
[]

foundation cobblestone
walls cobblestone
roof modern shingles
other []

Narrative Description

See attached continuation sheets.

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Description

The Gates/Livermore Cobblestone Farmhouse is located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Clover Street with Rush-Mendon Road in a predominantly rural section of the town of Mendon in southeast Monroe County. (Mendon, once a sparsely populated rural agrarian area, has recently gained popularity as an upscale, bedroom community for the nearby city of Rochester.) The farmhouse and related agricultural complex (including two barns and a tenant house) occupy an expansive, 95.42-acre farmstead that was owned and operated by only a few key families and their descendents during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The property remains actively cultivated, with corn and wheat as the primary crops. There are two large barns (dating from the late nineteenth century) and an early nineteenth century tenant house (ca. 1830s/40s) located on the nominated property.

The farmhouse (ca. 1833), a Federal style residence constructed of variously colored and shaped field cobbles, is a large and fashionable, two-story, three-bay-wide, four-bay deep building resting on a cobblestone foundation and surmounted by an asphalt shingle-clad roof. The east elevation, oriented toward Clover Street, was once the front facade and features a Federal era, three-bay, side-hall plan with an elaborately decorated, Adamesque inspired doorway. This elevation became the secondary facade when, during the 1870s, a large, Italianate style frame addition was built along the north elevation of the cobblestone main block and a wrap-around verandah was added to the south facade of the cobblestone building overlooking Rush-Mendon Road. Fenestration on this "new" front (south) facade is asymmetrical and features irregularly spaced, 2/2 double-hung sash windows and an off-center main entrance. Window openings feature stone sills and flat-arched stone headers. The slightly recessed front entrance is distinguished by bold, yet plain, stone pilasters supporting a stone lintel. The verandah appears to have been rebuilt during the early twentieth century and is distinguished by Doric order columns supported by cast-stone piers on a raised, cast-stone foundation. The verandah extends around the east elevation of the cobblestone building, i.e., what used to be the "front" facade of the main block.

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All walls of the ca. 1833 section of the building are constructed of irregularly shaped and sized field cobbles. The house is typical in its use of carefully cut quoins measuring 8" x 12" x 6," i.e., the standard size for quoins during the period for cobblestone construction. The standard quoin measurement was firmly established by the end of the Early phase (ca. 1825 - ca. 1835) of cobblestone construction in the region. The rear wing features a balloon frame sheathed with clapboard siding and decorated with Italianate style details such as miter-arched lintels and a projecting bay window.

On the interior, some historic fabric survives intact in the main rooms of the cobblestone portion of the farmhouse; notable features include original wood floors, panelled door and window reveals and several modest, late Federal/early Greek Revival style mantelpieces.

Several historic support structures, including two large barns and a tenant house, survive on the nominated property. The two frame barns, built during the second half of the nineteenth century, are located on the east side of Clover Street; both are rectangular, gable-roofed, frame buildings. The smaller of the two features horizontal plank siding, while the larger one is sheathed with vertical board siding. A small, frame, vernacular, Greek Revival style tenant house is located north of (behind) the main house on the west side of Clover Street. Although vacant and partially deteriorated, the former tenant house survives with a surprising amount of original fabric.

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: 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.

Area of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Agriculture

Architecture

Period of Significance

ca. 1833 - ca. 1920s

Significant Dates

ca. 1833; 1870s; 1920s

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above.)

na

Cultural Affiliation

na

Architect/Builder

unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

See attached continuation sheets.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Mendon, New York. Mendon Historical Society. Research files.

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
[] State historic preservation office
[] Other State agency
[] Federal agency
[] Local government
[] University
[x] Other: Mendon Historical Society

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Statement of Significance

The Gates/Livermore Cobblestone Farmhouse is an architecturally significant example of the cobblestone method of construction in Western New York and is a representative example of Federal style domestic architecture in the town of Mendon. Built ca. 1832, the building retains a high degree of integrity of setting, design, materials and craftsmanship and remains one of the finest examples of cobblestone architecture in Mendon. The farmhouse is complemented by an intact collection of agricultural support structures and an expansive, cultivated farm; thus, the property is additionally significant for its association with the history of farming in the town.

The farmhouse embodies the distinctive characteristics of the cobblestone method of construction as discussed at length in the National Register Multiple Property Documentation Form Cobblestone Architecture of New York State (NR: 1992) in the use of medium sized field cobbles (2" to 2 1/2") 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 stone trim to ornament and reinforce the door and window openings. The building is fairly typical of the early period of cobblestone construction (i.e., ca. 1825 - ca. 1835) in its use of relatively large and irregular cobblestones. Like many cobblestone buildings in the region, the Gates/Livermore house features rectangular, standard-sized (i.e., 8" x 12" x 6") stone quoins to stabilize the corners of the building and plain stone lintels and sills around door and window openings.

The farmhouse is one of only ten surviving cobblestone buildings in Mendon, most of which, according to a comprehensive level survey prepared by the Mendon Historical Society in 1995, appear to survive with a relatively high degree of physical integrity. Most of the other cobblestone buildings in Mendon are, like the nominated property, rural domestic buildings, although there are several intact cobblestone buildings in the village of Mendon. Including the nominated property, Mendon's seven most notable cobblestone buildings are as follows: the Adsit house at 3871 Clover Street (One Dixon Woods), the Cole house at 933 Mile Square Road, the Gates/Livermore house at 4389 Clover Street, the former Mendon Academy at 16 Mendon-Ionia Road, the Sheldon house at 21

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Mendon-Ionia Road, the Stewart house on Douglas Road in Mendon Ponds Park and the Whitcomb house at 437 Pond Road. (Three additional extant buildings, none of which appear to be eligible for the National Register, include the Foote house at 1312 Pittsford-Mendon Road, the Hubbell house at 683 Quaker Meetinghouse Road and the former District #12 Schoolhouse in Sibleyville at 7027 Rush-Lima Road.) In addition to the ten that survive, at least two have been lost - a church and a farmhouse.

Although cobblestone buildings are fairly common in Monroe County (there are approximately 130 known to survive), the Gates/Livermore house is nonetheless an impressive example in the larger region due to its comparatively large size and high level of physical integrity - particularly in terms of its cobblestone method of construction. In addition to its significance as a cobblestone building, the former farmhouse is also architecturally significant as a representative example of Federal period domestic architecture in Mendon; characteristic features include its rectangular, gable-roofed form, its two-story, three-bay, side-hall plan (on the former front [east] facade) and its elegant, Adamesque inspired entrance details.

According to extensive historical information gathered by Diane Ham of the Mendon Historical Society, the house is believed to have been built ca. 1833 by Luther Gates. In 1842 the property was acquired the Cornell family, several members of which (including William and his son, John) were prominent Quakers in the region. Shortly after his father's death in 1877, John Cornell built the large, rear, frame wing, where he hosted visiting Quakers as well as the large Quaker Quarterly Meetings. (The original Quaker meeting house, no longer extant, was located on Quaker Meeting House Road to the southeast of the Cornells's farm. The small Quaker cemetery still survives, but has not yet been evaluated for National Register eligibility.)

John Cornell sold the property to Fred Lord in 1896; Lord, locally renowned as a progressive farmer, subsequently expanded and improved the already quite profitable dairy business established by the Cornells. The busy intersection became known as Lord's Corners; the farm was known as Elm Grove Dairy. The farm was purchased by Kenneth C. Livermore in 1920; his son now owns the farm, and, along with his own son, continues to cultivate the

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land. Kenneth C. Livermore, a graduate of and teacher at the famous Agricultural School at Cornell University, continued the progressive farming techniques begun by Lord; Livermore soon established a regionally renowned seed business and marketed some of the best and most progressive agricultural seeds and products (including early pesticides) of the day. With its intact collection of agricultural support structures and expansive, still-cultivated farmland, the property remains an important reminder of the history of farming in both the town and the region.

The entire property remains an outstanding reminder of the rural agrarian roots of the community, while the farmhouse itself remains one of Mendon's finest local landmarks and one of the town's best examples of the cobblestone method of construction.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 95.42 acres

UTM References: All zone 18

- A. 289282/4763355
B. 289269/4762866
C. 289361/4762868
D. 289328/4762511
E. 289815/4762781
F. 290012/4762781
G. 290012/4763037
H. 289827/4763037
I. 289832/4763357

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary coincides with legal lot lines of the nominated parcel as identified by county tax map 215.03-1-2.1.

Boundary Justification

The boundary is drawn to encompass the 95.42 acres presently associated with the nominated farmhouse and represents nearly the entire extent of the historic farmstead, which once encompassed 123 acres.

11. Form Prepared By: Diane C. Ham, Mendon Town Historian

contact: Nancy L. Todd, Program Analyst
organization NYSHPO, Division for Historic Preservation date July 1996
street & number Peebles 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)

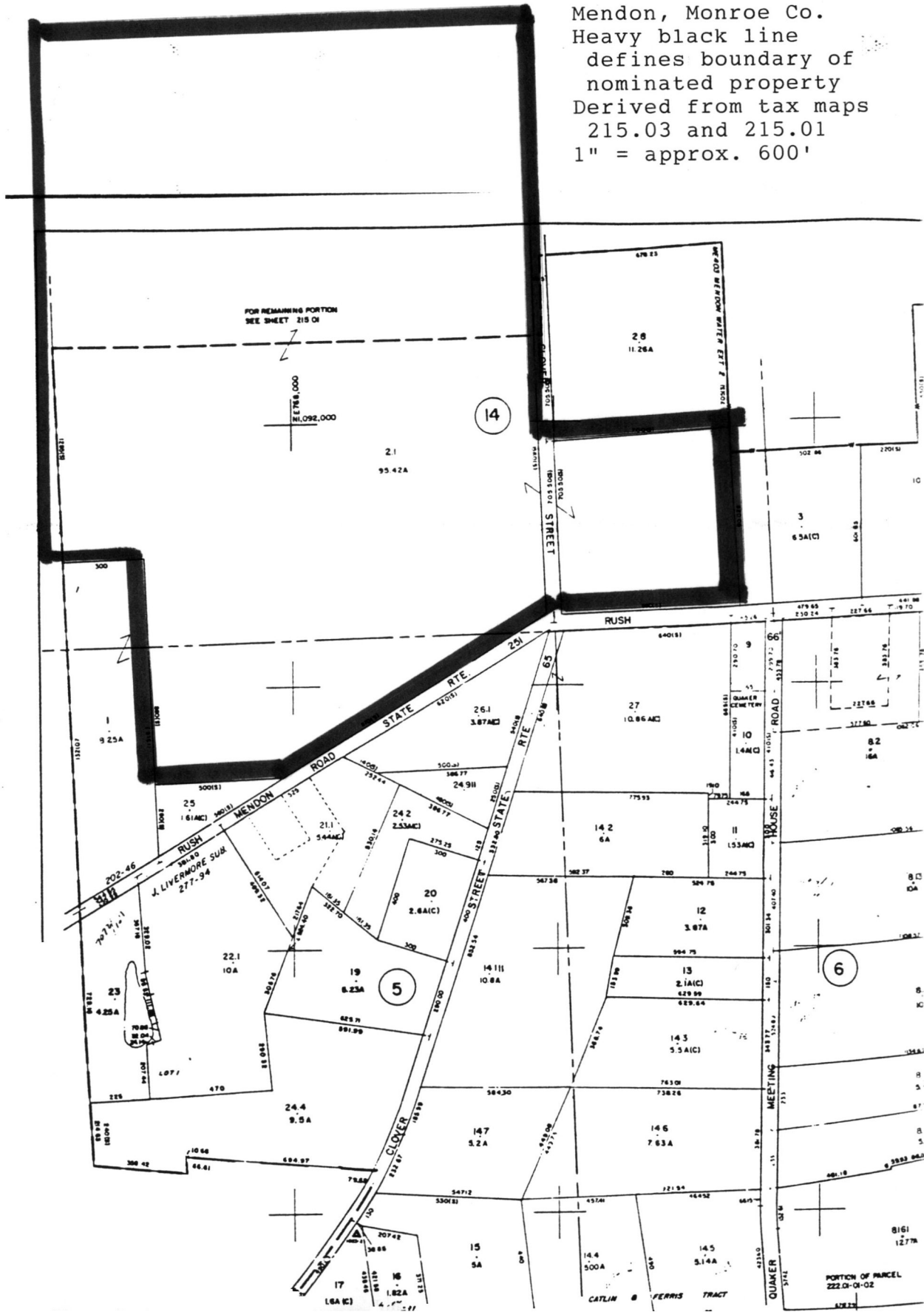
Property Owner

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

name
street & number
city or town state zip code

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Gates-Livermore
 Cobblestone Farmhouse
 Mendon, Monroe Co.
 Heavy black line
 defines boundary of
 nominated property
 Derived from tax maps
 215.03 and 215.01
 1" = approx. 600'



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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Gates--Livermore Cobblestone
NAME:

MULTIPLE Cobblestone Architecture of New York State MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: NEW YORK, Monroe

DATE RECEIVED: 10/24/96 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 11/05/96
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 11/21/96 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 12/08/96
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 96001390

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 11.29.96 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

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



#7 Gates/Livermore House
Clower St Mendon

Gates/Livermore Cobblestone Farmhouse
Mendon, Monroe Co.

Photo: E. Malin, 1996

Neg: OPRHP

side (east) elevation



#2 Gates/Livermore House
Clower St Mendon

Gates/Livermore Cobblestone Farmhouse

Mendon, Monroe Co.

Photo: E. Malin, 1996

neg: OPRHP

Front (south) and side
(east) elevations

3901 N-1 N22



#5 Gates/Livermore House
Clower St Mendon

Gates/Livermore Cobblestone Farmhouse
Mendon, Monroe Co.

Photo: E. Malin, 1996

Neg: OPRHP

Side door detail

2N1N1N2



#11 Gates Tenant House
Clower St. Mendon

Gates/Livermore Cobblestone Farmhouse

Mendon, Monroe Co.

Photo: E. Malin, 1996

Neg: OPRHP

Tenant house, viewed from
southeast

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1996-11-01



#15 Gates Outbuilding
Cloues St Mendon

Gates/Livermore Cobblestone Farmhouse
Mendon, Monroe Co.

Photo: E. Malin, 1996

Neg: OPRHP

Barn, viewed from southwest

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#19 Gates Outbuilding
Clower St Mendon

Gates/Livermore Cobblestone Farmhouse

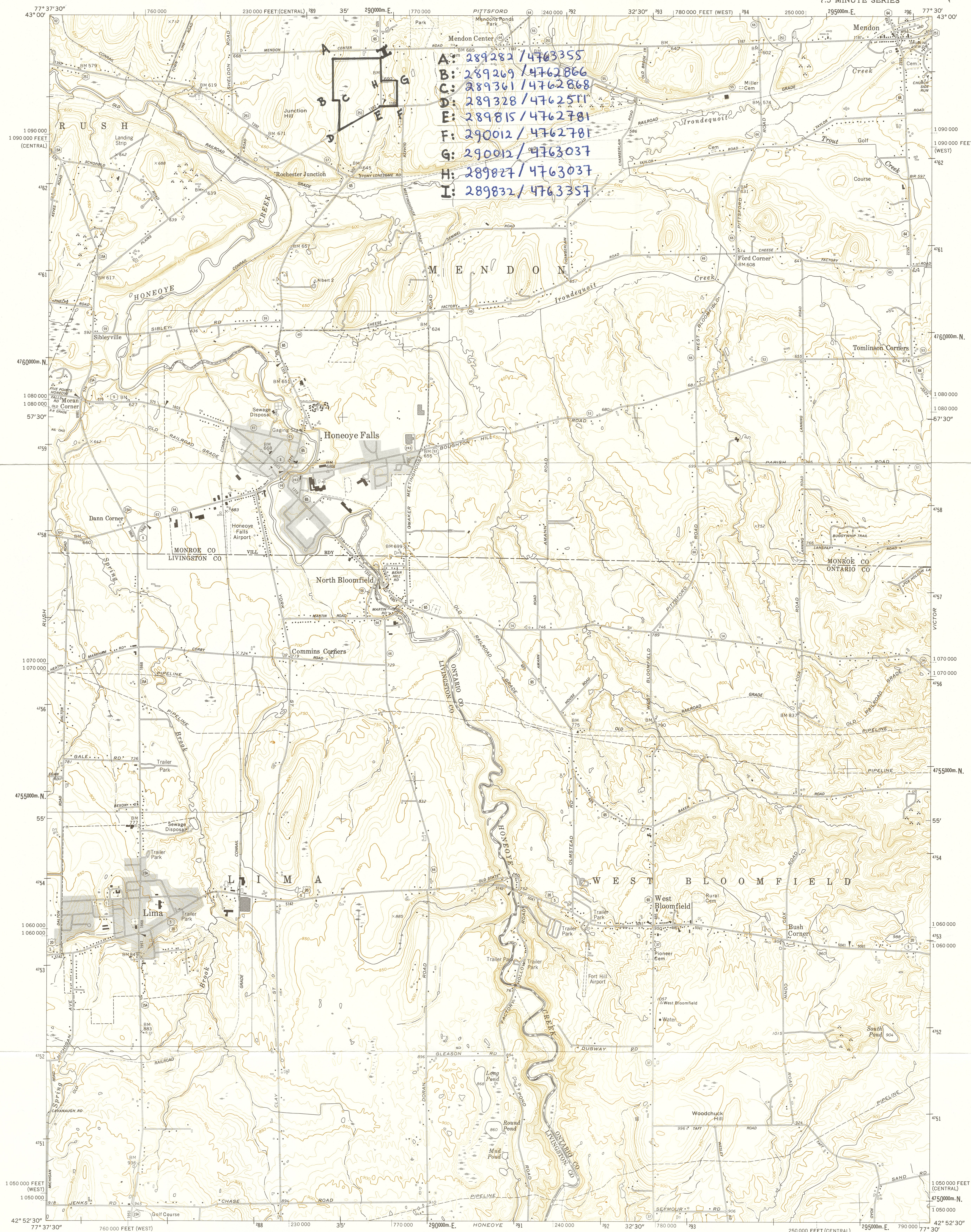
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Barn complex, viewed from
southwest

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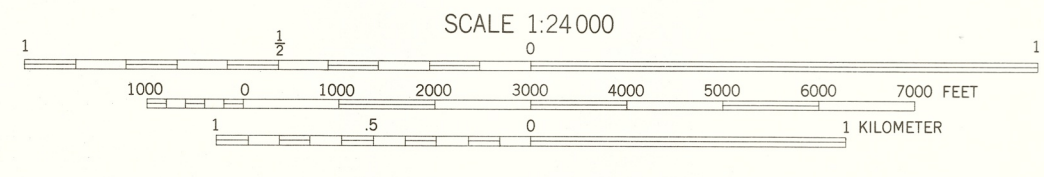
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1980 revisions by G. D. Schmidt



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

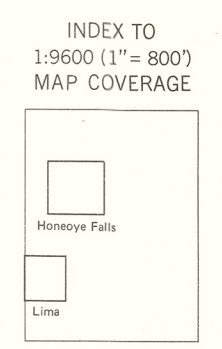
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