

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 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 Slingerlands, Albert, Farmhouse

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 36 Bridge Street [] not for publication

city, town Slingerlands [] vicinity

state New York code NY county Albany code 001 zip code 12159

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.)

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

30 Dec. '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.)

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:)

Edson H. Ball Signature of keeper Date of Action 2-14-97

Slingerlands, Albert, Farmhouse, Slingerlands

Albany Co., 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

04 01 buildings

_____ sites

_____ structures

_____ objects

04 01 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

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Function

(enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions

(enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC / single dwelling

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7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Materials

(enter categories from instructions)

MID-19TH CENTURY / Greek Revival

foundation STONE

walls WOOD / weatherboard

roof ASPHALT

other _____

Narrative Description

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

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Narrative Description

The Albert Slingerlands Farmhouse occupies a 2.2 acre site at the eastern edge of Slingerlands, a small hamlet in the town of Bethlehem located approximately five miles southwest of Albany, New York. The farmhouse property includes a contributing two-story frame house, built in the Greek Revival style ca. 1840 with modest alterations from the 1860s; a large, contributing two-story frame barn built ca. 1840; a smaller contributing two-story frame barn built ca. 1840, a contributing brick smokehouse built ca. 1840, and a non-contributing mid-twentieth century shed constructed of light framing and wood siding. The property is situated at the eastern end of Bridge Street, a dead-end hamlet road which connected the New Scotland Turnpike with Kenwood Avenue. The property owned by the current occupant of the house represents the core of a former farm and includes all of the significant built features believed to have been associated with the farm historically. In addition to the buildings, the parcel contains lawns, a small garden, several very old maple, willow and white pine trees, and other mature plantings. The nominated property is surrounded by woods and open space to the north and east, modest nineteenth and twentieth century houses to the west, and a depressed railroad line to the south.

The principal feature of the nomination is the farmhouse which represents a typical example of the common, mid-nineteenth century front-gable / side-ell form. The main block of the house is a full two-stories in height with a gabled, three-bay, side-entrance facade. A one-and-one-half story ell with a projecting porch extends southeast from the main block of the house. The rear of the house incorporates a two-story block believed to date from the 1860s, and a single story-ell which may be original to the house. The foundation of the house consists of mortared field stone. The exterior of the house is clapboard and windows include both six-over-six and two-over two light sashes, flanked by louvered shutters. Smaller three-light "eyebrow" windows are present in the upper story of the side ell. The Bridge Street facade includes doorways in both the main block, and the side ell. The principal entrance in the main block is recessed within a trabeated frame and includes a two-leaf Italianate style doorway with undivided lights covered by decorative iron grills. The doors are believed to date from the remodelling of the house in the 1860s. The facade is detailed with modest cornerboards, entablatures, simple rectilinear porch columns and a pedimented gable, all of which are typical of vernacular manifestations of the Greek Revival style. The roof, originally covered by wood shingles overlain late in the nineteenth century with slate, is now covered with asphalt shingles.

The interior of the house contains a standard side hall plan, period mantels beneath stove flues, intact woodwork and doors and a fine staircase. Walls and ceilings are of are of plaster on sawn lath. Hardwood floors have been laid over the original flooring at the first story but there are relatively few alterations from the original layout or materials.

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The largest of five dependencies associated with the farmhouse is a two-story frame barn, built ca. 1840 and located 125 feet southeast of the house. The barn is built with a timber frame on a rubble stone foundation and is sheathed on the exterior with clapboard siding. It retains original six-over-six light windows. It is covered with a standing seam metal roof.

A smaller timber frame barn is located 75 feet east of the house. The barn is two-stories in height and sheathed with a combination of original clapboard siding and later novelty siding. It is covered with a slate roof. At one time, the building is believed to have been used as a chicken house. The size and form of the building suggest that it may have at one time served as a granary.

A brick smokehouse represents a third dependency. Located 20 feet east of the house, the ca. 1840 building measures approximately 10 feet in both width and depth and contains a single doorway at the gable end facing the house. The walls are laid up in English bond. The original door with wrought iron hinges and pintles was replaced early in the twentieth century by the existing door. The smokehouse is covered with a slate roof.

The fourth dependency is a small wooden utility building with a shed roof. The building appears to have been built in two phases, utilizing used framing members and windows. The walls are covered with novelty siding and portions of the roof are covered with corrugated fiberglass panels. In its current configuration, it appears to date largely from ca. 1950, although it is probable that it replaces or incorporates portions of an earlier shed on the same site. The deteriorated building does not contribute to the nomination.

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.

Area of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

ca. 1840

Significant Dates

ca. 1840

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.)

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
 - State historic preservation office
 - Other State agency
 - Federal agency
 - Local government
 - University
 - Other
- Name of repository: NYS Division for Hist. Preservation, Waterford, NY

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Narrative Statement of Significance

The Albert Slingerlands Farmhouse satisfies Criterion C for its architectural significance as intact and representative example of vernacular Greek Revival design in the town of Bethlehem. Built ca. 1840, the farmhouse and its complement of historic dependencies retain substantial integrity of design and setting from the mid-nineteenth century. The farmhouse represents one of less than a dozen intact houses of its type and style in Bethlehem and has long been recognized as an early and prominent landmark in the hamlet of Slingerlands.

The town of Bethlehem was settled in the seventeenth century by farmers of predominantly Dutch descent, typically leasing land from the Van Rensselaer patroons. The northwestern section of the town in the area later known as Slingerlands is drained by the Normanskill, an early transportation route and source of water power. Farming in this area was well established in the eighteenth century and became more profitable in second and third quarters of the nineteenth century with the breakup of the Van Rensselaer leaseholds. The Slingerlands family, first appearing in the Dutch colonial records of Albany in the 1650s, prospered throughout this period and farmed land in Bethlehem and the adjacent town of New Scotland. In the nineteenth century, John I. Slingerlands rose to political prominence and represented the area in Congress. The construction and opening of the Albany and Susquehanna Railroad in the 1860s, and the placement of a station near its intersection with the New Scotland Turnpike, led to the development of "Slingerland's Station" and the growth of the present hamlet known as Slingerlands.

The early history of the farm occupied by Albert Slingerlands and his wife Catherine until 1854 has not been documented. Oral tradition suggests that members of the Slingerlands family farmed this area as early as the 1780s and may have constructed a house and dependencies on or near the existing farmhouse site at that time. The present farmhouse and outbuildings were clearly built about 1840 judging from a careful inspection of style and construction. The farmhouse exemplifies the front-gable / side-ell house type, common in New York State in the period between 1830 and 1870 and represents the widespread influence of the Greek Revival style, popular in the state between 1830 and 1850, in its proportions and architectural detailing. A reconnaissance survey of the town of Bethlehem, undertaken in 1996, identified less than two-dozen surviving farmhouses of this type. The majority of these examples reflect the influence of the Italianate style and were built in the 1850s and 1860s. Nine examples illustrate the earlier Greek Revival style, however, only five of these can be considered to retain sufficient integrity for National Register consideration. The Albert Slingerlands farm stands out as one of the few historic farmhouses of either style which retains its full complement of historic dependencies and a largely unaltered setting.

Albert and Catherine Slingerlands sold the house and 12.7 acres in 1854 to Henry and Mary Kilmer. The property was transferred to John J. Kilmer two years later. The Kilmer family is believed to have been responsible for building the ca. 1860 addition to

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the rear of the house and installing the Italianate style doors at the facade. During the late nineteenth century, property records indicate various changes in the holdings of the Kilmers. By 1909, the lot had been reduced in size to its current 2.2 acre extent. In that year, William Kilmer sold the property to John Korn. Korn's wife, Dora, inherited the property in 1916, and in turn, left the property to Gladys Hutchinson, the deceased mother of the current owner and occupant. With the exception of incremental wiring and weatherization projects, the house and its outbuildings have experienced few alterations since the 1860s.

Slingerlands, Albert, Farmhouse, Slingerlands

Albany Co., New York

Name of Property

County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property 2.2 A

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone Easting Northing

2
Zone Easting Northing

3
Zone Easting Northing

4
Zone Easting Northing

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 Mark Peckham

organization NYS Office of Parks, Rec. & Historic Preservation date October, 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 John E. Hutchinson

street & number 36 Bridge Street

city or town Slingerlands state N.Y. zip code 12159

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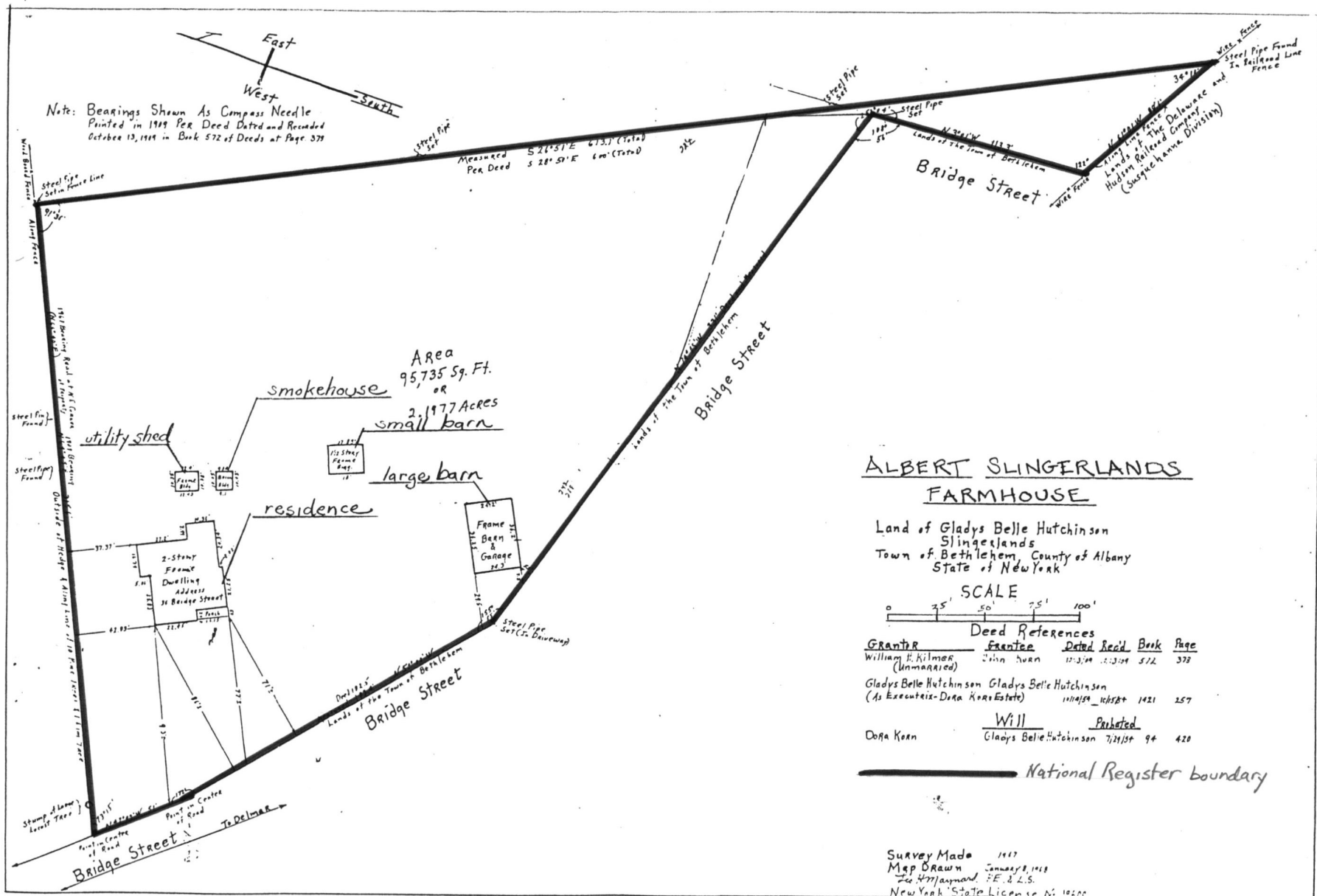
Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property is an irregularly shaped 2.2 acre parcel located directly north of the Bridge Street cul-du-sac. The parcel is approximately 315 feet in depth, 613 feet in length and roughly triangular in shape. The boundary of this site is illustrated on an attached tax map.

Boundary Justification

The nominated property coincides with the parcel owned by the current occupant of the house, and includes the architecturally significant house, all of its surviving historic dependencies, and the immediate setting of these combined features. The property is bounded by later residential development to the west, a railroad to the south, a modern highway arterial and bridge to the east and woods to the north.

Note: Bearings Shown As Compass Needle
Printed in 1909 Per Deed Dated and Recorded
October 13, 1919 in Book 572 of Deeds at Page 378



Area
95,735 Sq. Ft.
OR
2.1977 Acres

ALBERT SLINGERLANDS
FARMHOUSE

Land of Gladys Belle Hutchinson
Slingerlands
Town of Bethlehem, County of Albany
State of New York



| Deed References | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------|-----------|------|------|--|
| GRANTOR | GRANTEE | DATED | BOOK | PAGE | |
| William H. Kilmer (Unmarried) | John Keen | 12-3-19 | 572 | 378 | |
| Gladys Belle Hutchinson (As Executrix - Dea Keen Estate) | Gladys Belle Hutchinson | 11-14-19 | 1421 | 257 | |
| | Will | Perpetual | | | |
| Dora Keen | Gladys Belle Hutchinson | 7-21-19 | 94 | 420 | |

National Register boundary

Survey Made 1917
Map Drawn January 8, 1918
By Wm. Raymond, F.E. & L.S.
New York State License No. 10200

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Slingerlands, Albert, House

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: NEW YORK, Albany

DATE RECEIVED: 1/16/97 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 1/28/97
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 2/13/97 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 3/02/97
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 97000068

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 2.14.97 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in the
National Register

1994

RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

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



Slingerlands, Albert, Farmhouse

Slingerlands, Albany Co., N.Y.

Photo by: M. Peckham, 1996.

Neg. at: Div. for Hist. Preservation
Waterford, N.Y.

Photo No. 1: House looking north from Bridge St.



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Photo No. 2: Southwest facade of house.



Slingerlands, Albert, Farmhouse

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Photo No. 3: Barn, looking north from
Bridge St.



Slingerlands, Albert's Farmhouse
Slingerlands, Albany Co., N.Y.

Photo by: M. Peckham, 1996.

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Photo No. 4: Smaller barn and smokehouse
looking northwest from large
barn.



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Photo by : M. Peckham, 1996

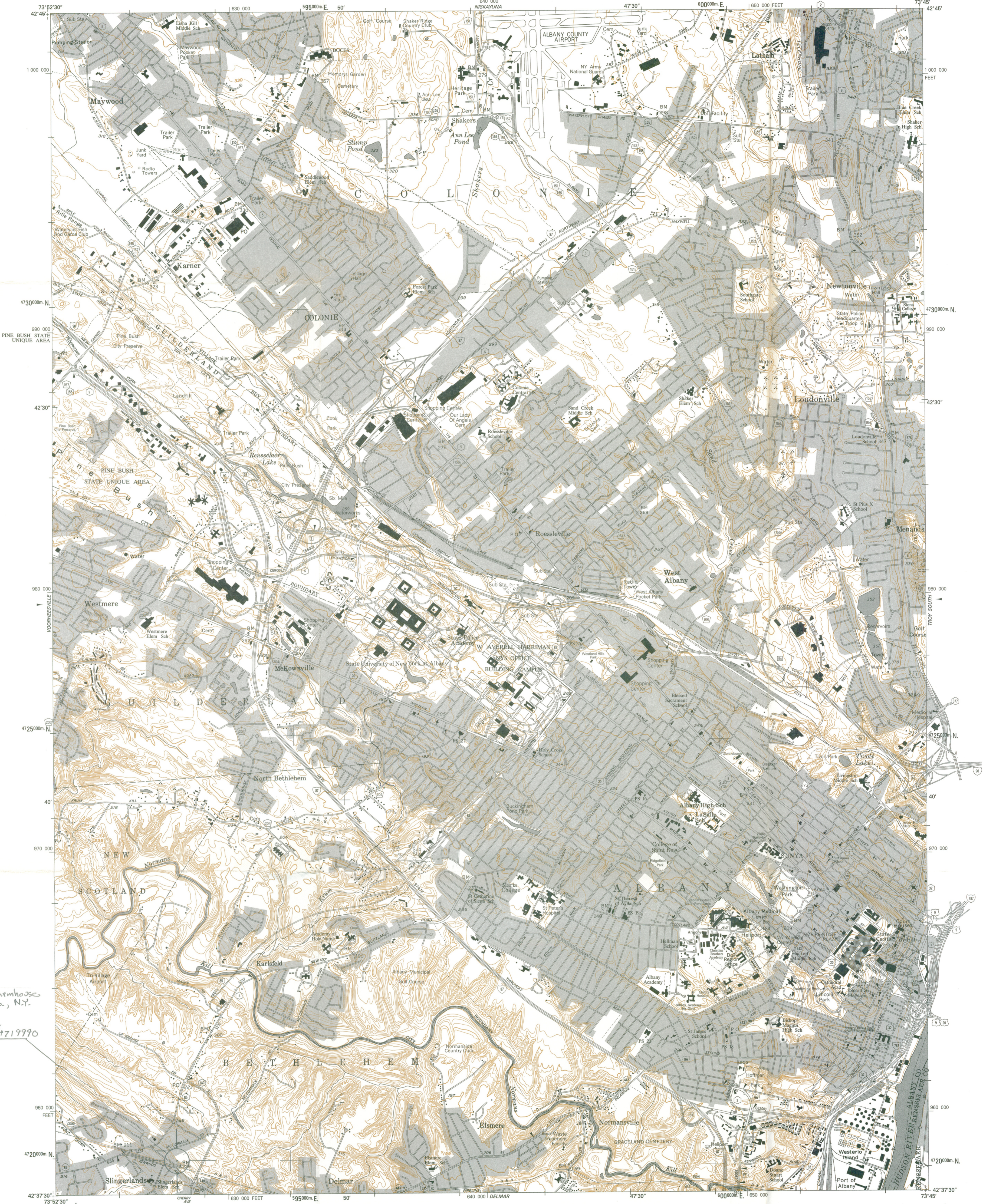
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Photo No. 5 : Smokehouse and shed
looking north.



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Slingerlands, Albany Co., N.Y.
Albany Quadrangle
UTM Reference: 18/593645/4719990

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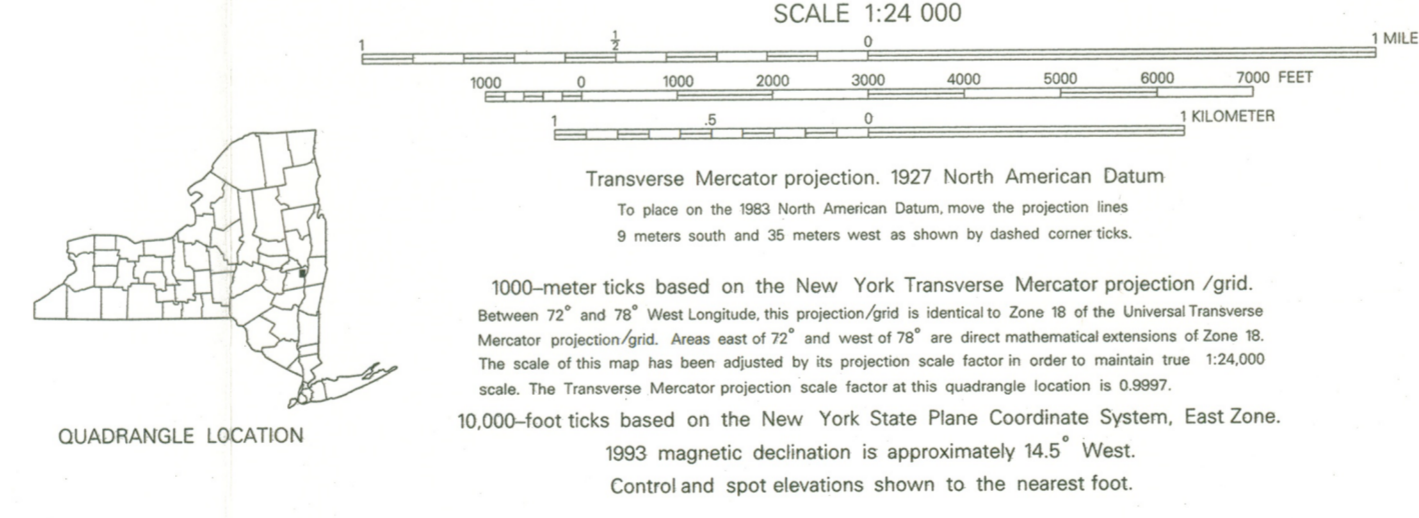
Map base from 1953 U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle.

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Revisions by C.E. Walp



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| ALBANY (north) | ALBANY (south) |
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BOUNDARIES:

- State
- County
- Town or City
- Incorporated Village
- State / Federal Land

ROADS:

- Posted Touring Route: Interstate (I-19), U.S. (28), State (58)
- State Highway (SH) number and limit: 8020
- County road (CR) (2)
- Interchange number (I-19)

Divided:

- Wide mail
- Narrow mail or barrier

Undivided:

- 4 or more lanes
- Less than 4 lanes
- Vehicle track; trail

Contours, at 10-foot intervals, shown unrevised from 1953. U.S. Geological Survey map. Datum is mean sea level.