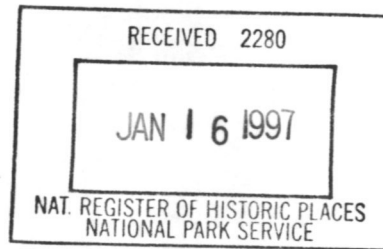


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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and 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 the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, 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 Fairchild Residence

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 111 Clairmonte Ave. not for publication

city or town Syracuse vicinity

state New York code NY county Onondaga code 067 zip code 13207

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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. Adair 30 Dec '96
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State of 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 certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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. Beall 2.14.97
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

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

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

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

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
2	0	buildings
0	0	sites
1	0	structures
0	0	objects
3	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Architecture of Ward Wellington Ward
in Syracuse, New York, 1908-1932

Number of contributing resources previously listed
in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Arts and Crafts/Prairie

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete

walls Brick

Stucco

roof Asphalt

other Ceramic tile

Narrative Description

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

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7. Description

The Fairchild Residence, at 111 Clairmonte Avenue, is a two-story masonry residence with brick and stucco siding. Although reminiscent of the Prairie style in its rectilinear form, wide overhanging eaves, and contrasting light and dark areas on the exterior, additional features distinguish this house as uniquely Ward's design. The house is situated at the corner of Bellevue and Clairmonte Avenues in the Bellevue Heights neighborhood on the city's west side. This residential neighborhood, developed between approximately 1895 and 1920, consists primarily of houses built in the Colonial Revival and Tudor Revival styles. A sturdy limestone retaining wall surrounds the property on the west and north sides. A row of mature evergreen trees lines the property along the west side. A garage, designed by Ward in the same style as the house, is located near the south edge of the lot. The house is in good condition on both the exterior and interior.

Although basically rectangular in form, the Fairchild Residence features many of the projections, recesses, wings and bays that characterize many of Ward's houses. On the exterior, the first story is clad in brown brick up to the tops of the first story windows. The flat expanse of stucco on the second story is enlivened by a brown brick stringcourse below the second story windows, and by decorative "quoins" of brown brick beneath the stringcourse, particularly at the angles formed by the five-sided bay window north of the main entrance. Most windows on the house contain a row of pointed arch lights in the upper sash and a single light in the lower sash. The building's gable-on-hipped roof is intersected by a projecting bay that forms the front entrance on the west side. The structural system of the house is brick. The house rests on a concrete foundation.

Extending from the north end of the house is a one-story open porch. Two massive brick piers support its flat roof on the outer corners, while decorative Tuscan columns provide additional visual support on the north side. The enclosed sun porch extending from the south end of the house was designed as an open pergola. The exposed rafter ends of its roof are carved in a decorative pattern.

Two columns of inset Mercer tiles, in the form of vines, flank the front door of the house. An ornate pediment projecting over the door serves as a portico. A plaster "F" in the coat of

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arms over the door recognizes the original ownership of the house by the Fairchild family. The front door contains a small stained glass window from the Keck studio, as do the two small windows flanking the front door.

On the interior, the main public rooms are a central hall, living room and dining room. The central hall is broader than it is deep. Opposite the front door is a staircase flanked by massive fluted columns. The classical motif is continued elsewhere in the downstairs rooms by dark wood pilasters and wainscoting along some of the walls. The overall effect is not classical, however, because of the Gothic-inspired pointed arch lights that decorate the exterior windows and the glazed doors that separate the central hall from the dining room.

No doors separate the living room from the hall. The living room features a Mercer tile fireplace under a decorative wood mantle. The most elaborate decorative elements are reserved for the dining room, which contains a slightly arched ceiling spanned at intervals by bands of plaster fruit; leaded glass windows on the exterior and on interior cabinets; and a Mercer tile plant bay. The nautical theme of the leaded glass cabinet doors, together with the arched ceiling and the small, high windows over the cabinets, suggest that the room was intended to recall a ship's quarters.

Many other rooms retain their original finishes and fixtures. Most notable is the study on the first story, which contains leaded glass bookcases and a Mercer tile fireplace with a zodiac theme. The two serving doors leading from the kitchen feature mechanical foot-operated door assists. The maid's quarters were probably in a single attic room. Many light fixtures throughout the house appear to be original.

Few changes have been made to this house since its period of significance. The kitchen, pantry and bathrooms have been remodelled, the pergola enclosed, and the front hall ceiling replaced by a fiberboard ceiling, apparently as a result of water damage. Otherwise, the period integrity is excellent on both the interior and exterior.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "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 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 prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

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

Property is:

- 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):

- 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 Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1914

Significant Dates

1914

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Ward, Ward Wellington

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

Division for Historic Preservation,
Waterford, New York

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The Fairchild Residence is significant under Criterion C for its architectural significance as an intact and representative example of Ward Wellington Ward's residential architecture in Syracuse. The house is associated with the historic context "Architecture of Ward Wellington Ward in Syracuse, New York, 1908-1932," identified in the Multiple Property Documentation Form, and satisfies the registration requirements outlined for residential properties in Section F. Specifically, the house is directly associated with a significant context, retains its distinctive period characteristics, and retains integrity of construction, form, materials and detailing on both the exterior and interior.

Among the distinctive features displayed on the Fairchild Residence are the contrasting light and dark elements on the exterior, Mercer tile fireplaces, leaded glass cabinets, stained glass and Mercer tiles around the front door, arched dining room ceiling with bands of plaster fruit, and window and door sash featuring rows of pointed arch lights. The circle within a pediment over the front door is another signature Ward detail. Also contributing to the property's significance are the garage, designed by Ward in the same style as the house, and a massive limestone retaining wall on the west and north sides of the property. This wall, which extends well beyond the nominated property along Bellevue Avenue, may have been constructed as early as 1896, when the area was subdivided. It was unquestionably in place by 1915, when it appears in a newspaper photograph.

This house is unique among Ward's designs because its primary inspiration is drawn from the Prairie style, developed around the turn of the century by Chicago-area architects such as Frank Lloyd Wright. Other Ward houses that incorporate some Prairie-style elements, such as 206 Summit Avenue and 827 Lancaster Avenue, owe as much to other stylistic influences as to the Prairie style. Prairie-style elements on this house include its rectilinear form, smooth and unbroken wall surfaces, low hipped roof with overhanging eaves, and relatively simple ornamentation. Additional features that are more typical of Ward's work include the gable-on-hipped roof, pointed arch window

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sash, Mercer tile installations and classical details on the interior.

The Fairchild Residence was constructed in 1914 for George Fairchild in the Onondaga Highlands subdivision. Fairchild was an undertaker, later becoming president of the undertaking firm of Fairchild and Meech. Fairchild lived in the residence until his death around 1951. Occupied by the president of the Christian Apostolic Church of Syracuse between 1951 and 1958, the residence was reportedly used by this group as a church building. Since 1958, the building has had three owners.

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Fairchild Residence, Syracuse
Name of Property

Onondaga Co., New York
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe 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 Richard Carlson

organization Private consultant

date June 26, 1996

street & number 200 E. Upland Rd.

telephone (607) 257-7631

city or town Ithaca

state NY

zip code 14850

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 Neil Price and Anne McDonald

street & number 111 Clairmonte Ave.

telephone (315) 424-6722

city or town Syracuse

state NY

zip code 13207

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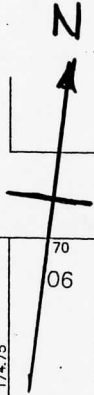
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Boundary Justification

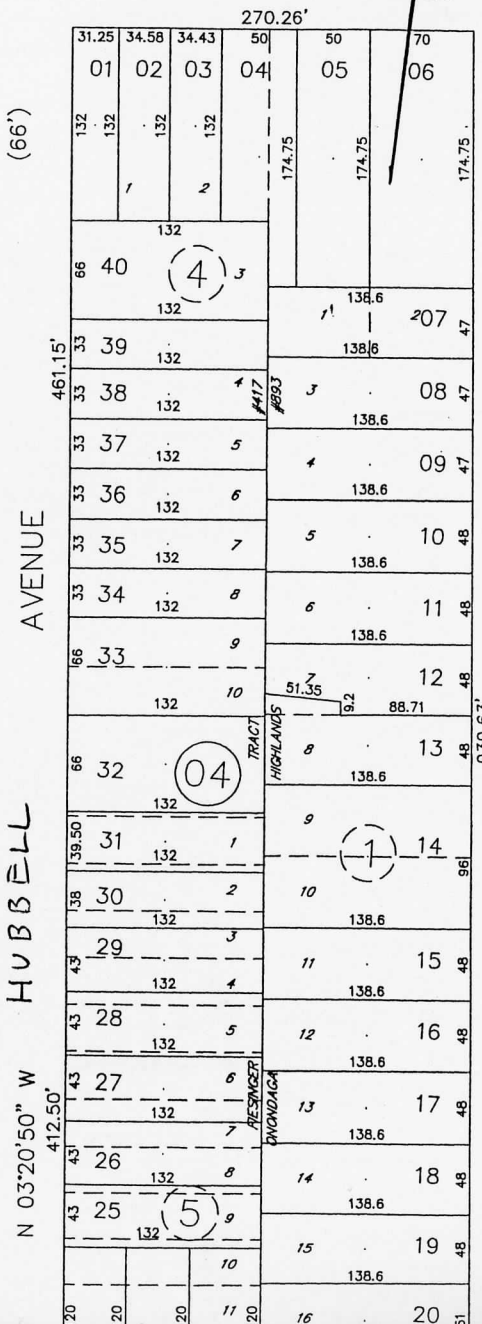
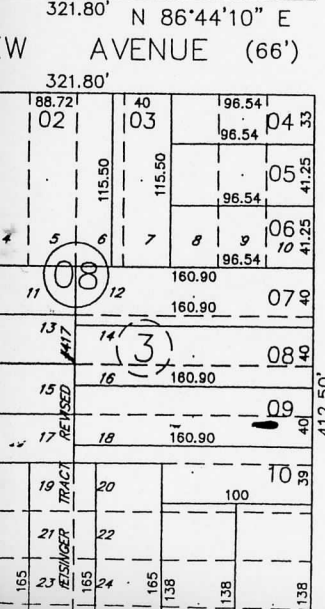
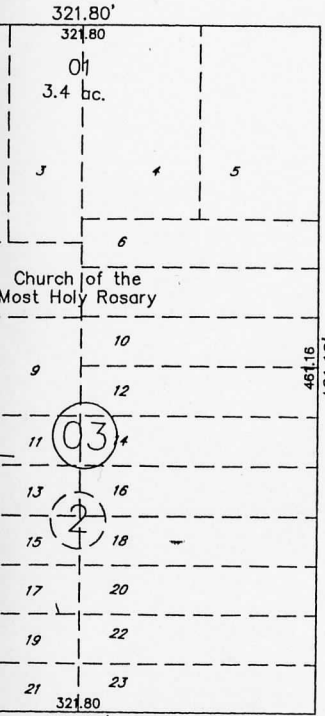
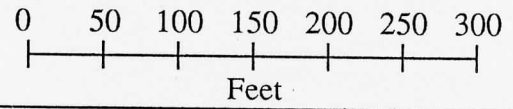
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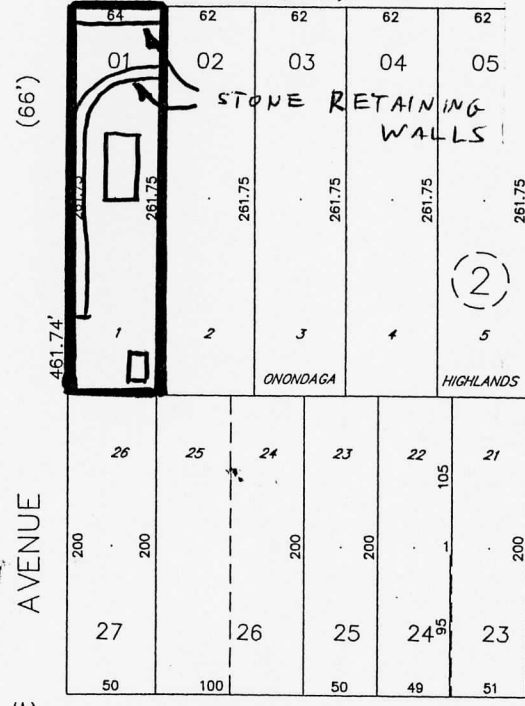


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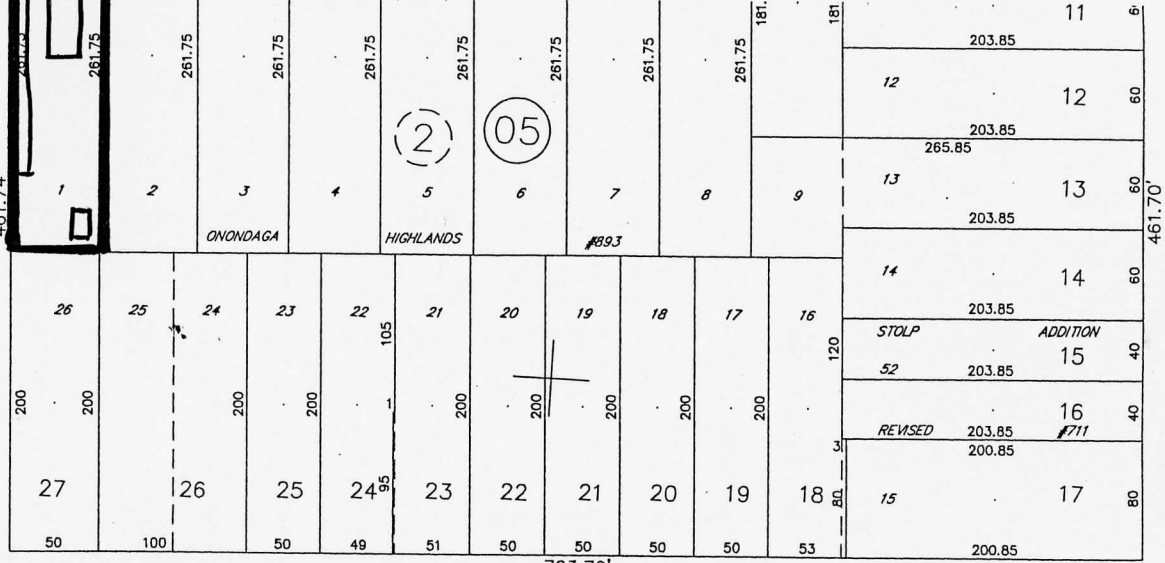
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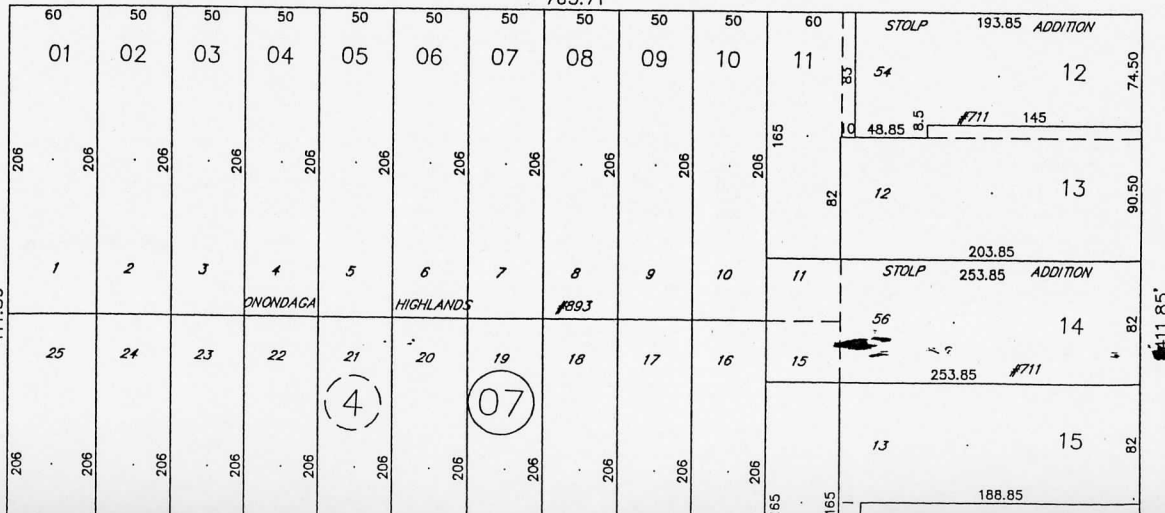
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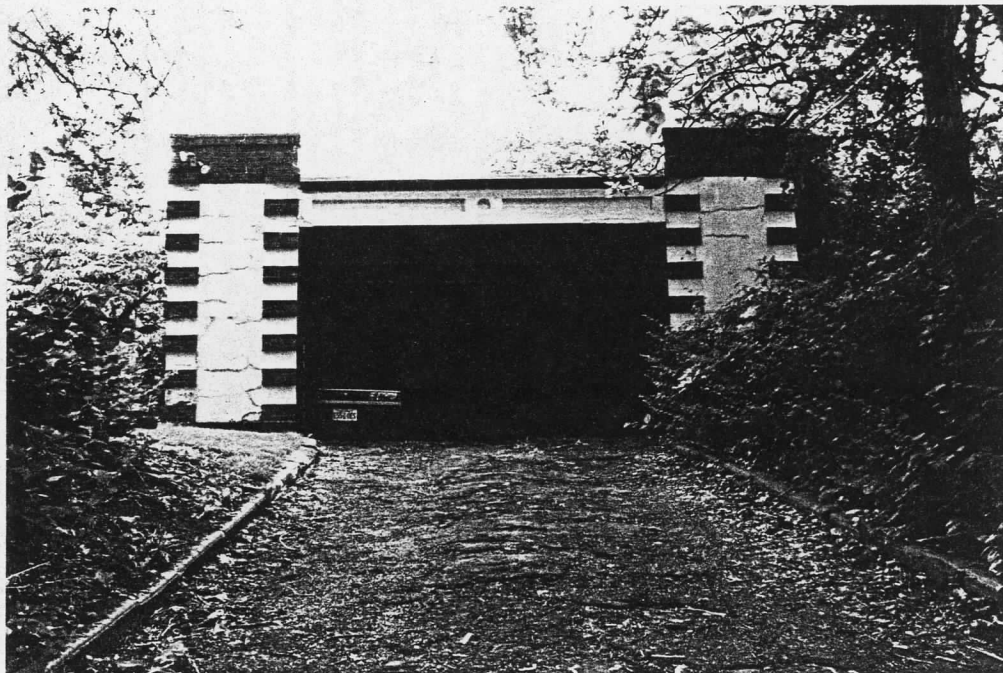
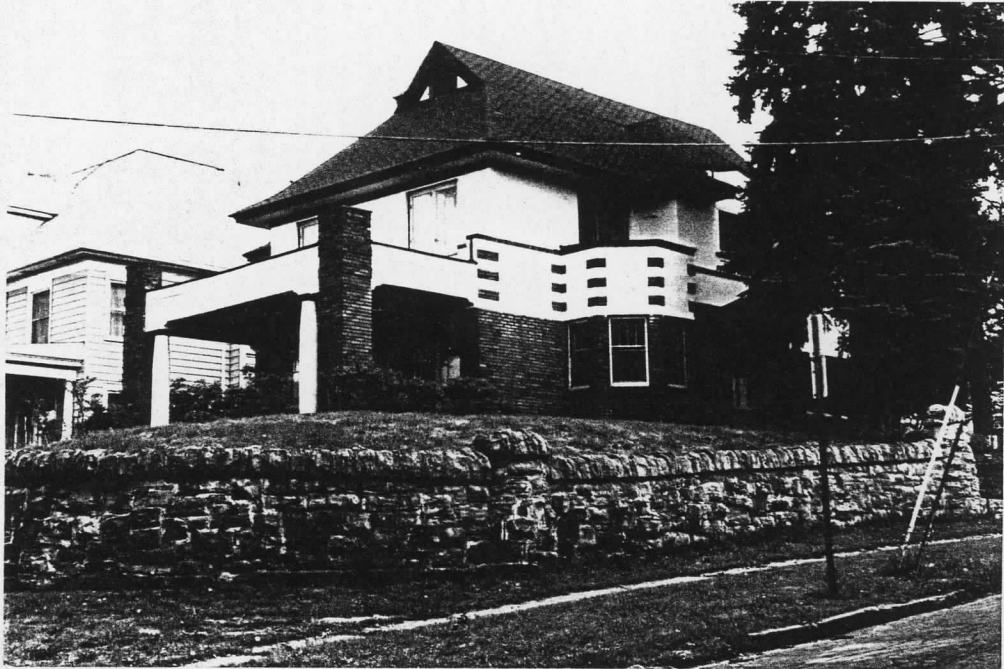


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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Fairchild House
NAME:

MULTIPLE Architecture of Ward Wellington Ward in Syracuse MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: NEW YORK, Onondaga

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: 97000070

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

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ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 2.14.97 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in the
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REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

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



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View from the northwest



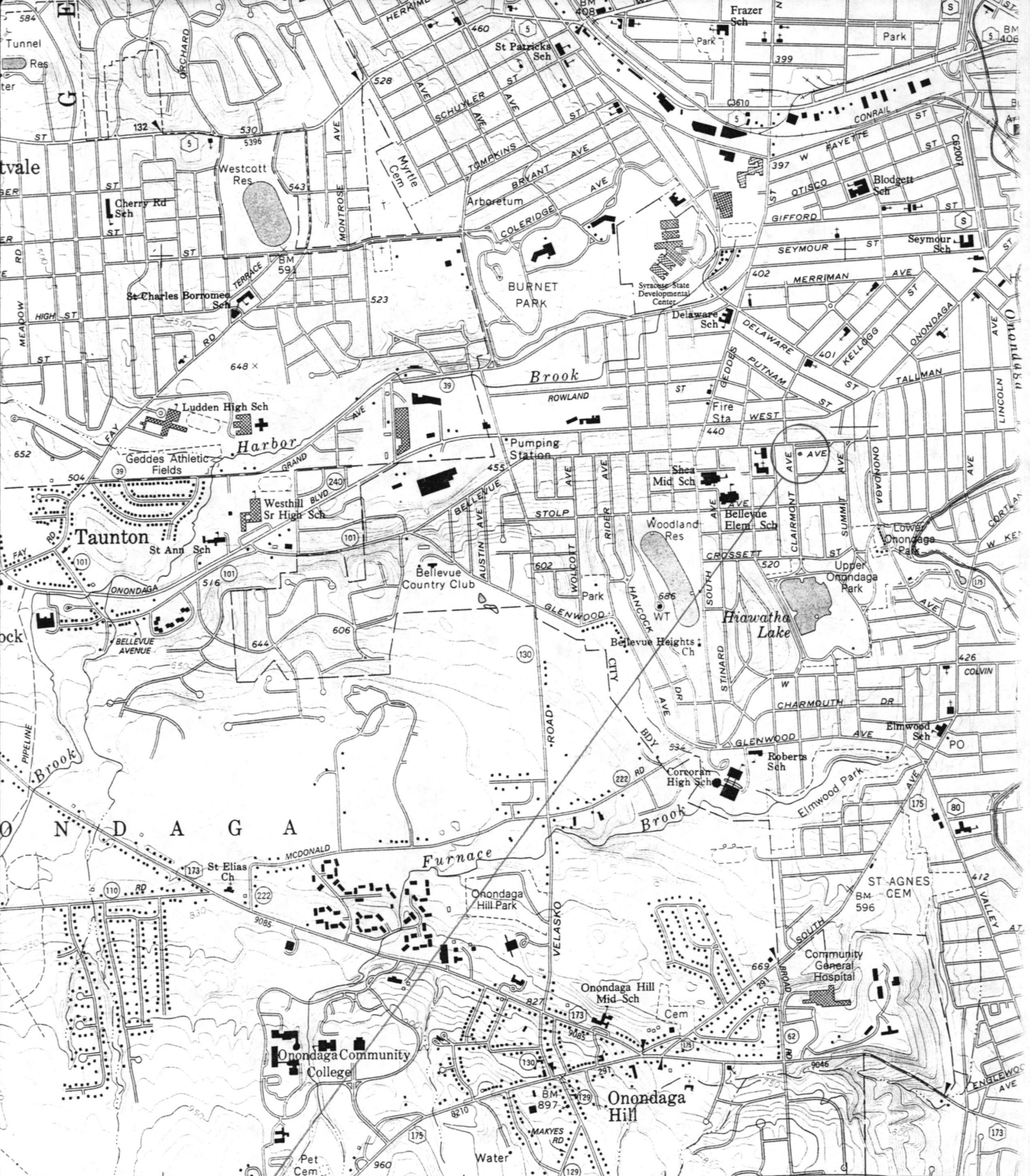
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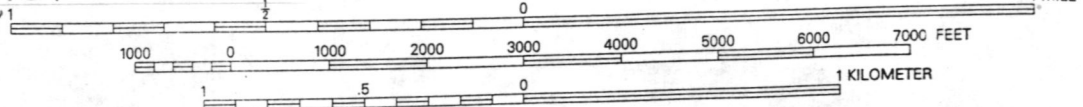
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Architecture of W. J. Wellington Ward in Syracuse, SOUTH ONONDAGA
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