

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 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 CLAYTON HISTORIC DISTRICT (BOUNDARY INCREASE)

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street & number 335,403,409,413,419,435 RIVERSIDE DRIVE [N/A] not for publication

city, town VILLAGE OF CLAYTON [N/A] vicinity

state NEW YORK code NY county JEFFERSON code 045 zip code 13624

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. Alderman  
Deputy Commissioner for Historic Preservation  
Signature of certifying official

21 March '97  
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): \_\_\_\_\_

fx  
Signature of keeper Barbara Savage Date of Action 5/9/97

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	
6	1	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
6	1	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

31

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Function**

(enter categories from instructions)

**Current Functions**

(enter categories from instructions)

- DOMESTIC/hotel
- DOMESTIC/single dwelling
- GOVERNMENT/town hall
- COMMERCE/specialty store

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- COMMERCE/specialty store
- GOVERNMENT/town hall
- SOCIAL/civic

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**

(enter categories from instructions)

**Materials**

(enter categories from instructions)

- LATE VICTORIAN
- LATE 19TH & 20TH CENTURY REVIVALS

- foundation STONE, CONCRETE
- walls BRICK, STUCCO, WOOD
- roof ASPHALT
- other \_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Description**

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

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**Description**

The boundary increase for the Clayton Historic District (listed on the National Register in 1985) is comprised of six buildings on the south side of Riverside Drive directly east of John Street. The boundary increase is contiguous to the southeastern boundary of the existing district which ends at John Street. It is bounded on the north by the Village of Clayton Park & Docks on the St. Lawrence River, on the south by late-19th/early 20th century residential development, on the east by new commercial development and on the west by the remainder of the historic commercial core. The six buildings within the expansion area range in dates from the mid-19th century through the early-20th century and are part of the historic commercial core of the village. Two of the buildings, the Thousand Islands Inn and the Clayton Town Hall/Opera House, are very prominent buildings in the commercial streetscape and contribute greatly to its historic ambience.

**BUILDING LIST**

<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>PHOTO</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
335 Riverside Drive THOUSAND ISLANDS INN	1897	#1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. 3-story, 7x4 bay, asbestos shingle-sided hotel (original clapboard siding intact beneath shingles).</li> <li>. hipped-roof with "T.I.INN" written across the front in contrasting asphalt shingles (c.1973 modification),</li> <li>. large cornice, friezeband windows</li> <li>. 1st floor altered c.1973.</li> <li>. 2x4 bays on east elevation added 1905.</li> </ul>
403 Riverside Drive CLAYTON TOWN HALL (OPERA HOUSE)	1903	#2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. 3-story, 8x10 bay, brick public building.</li> <li>. hipped-roof with two cupolas.</li> <li>. wide, overhanging eaves and large cornice.</li> <li>. round-arched center entry.</li> <li>. small, rounded balcony over entry.</li> </ul>
409 Riverside Drive	1885	#3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. 1-1/2 story, small, frame, Queen Anne commercial building.</li> </ul>

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|--|-------------------|----|---|
| 413 Riverside Drive  | c.1890            | #4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. front-gabled, 1st floor storefront.</li> <li>. clapboard-sided with fish scale shingles and decorative trim.</li> <li>. tripartite hooded window in gable; Queen Anne window in center.</li> <li>. bracketed pent roof enclosing gable.</li> <li>. building moved to site in 1912.</li> </ul>                    |
| 419-421 Riverside Dr.  | c.1910            | #5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. 1-1/2 story, small, frame building.</li> <li>. front-gabled, clapboard-sided.</li> <li>. overhanging eaves, frieze band and corner boards.</li> <li>. paired windows in gable.</li> <li>. building moved to site in 1960s (originally located directly across street).</li> </ul>                                |
| 435 Riverside Drive<br>REINMAN'S DEPT. STORE<br>(non-contributing) | c.1900-<br>c.1980 | #6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. 2-story, brick and stucco commercial building.</li> <li>. 1st floor storefronts, paired windows on 2nd floor.</li> <li>. parapet wall with bracketed cornice.</li> <li>. 1st floor storefronts altered and brick facing added c.1980.</li> <li>. greatly-altered/modern, 2-story commercial building.</li> </ul> |

Name of Property

County and State

**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.)

COMMERCE

RECREATION/ENTERTAINMENT

POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

ARCHITECTURE

**Period of Significance**

1897 - c.1912

**Significant Dates**

**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 significance of the buildings within the Clayton Historic District Boundary Increase area is consistent with that of the buildings already listed within the Clayton Historic District (i.e., an intact, cohesive collection of late-19th and early-20th century commercial/public buildings) listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1985. However, when the existing district was listed, the boundaries were drawn to exclude the buildings east of John Street, not because they were any less historic or significant, but because of a rather large, non-contributing building (435 Riverside Dr.) at the corner of the John Street intersection (Photo #1). At the request of one of property owners within the expansion area, we have reevaluated this decision and determined that, despite the non-contributing building at the corner of James Street, the original district boundaries should be expanded to include this group of buildings. This group of six buildings on the south side of Riverside Drive form the actual eastern boundary of the historic commercial core in Clayton. Included within this group are two highly visible and historically significant buildings, the **Thousand Islands Inn (335 Riverside Drive)** and the **Clayton Town Hall/Opera House (403 Riverside Drive)**. Both have been, and continue to be, important staples in the community because of their long-standing historic associations with the social history of the community as well as the recreation/tourism industry in the region. Another building within this group, **409 Riverside Drive**, was the recipient of the Preservation League of New York State Private Sector Award in 1990.

Prior to 1895, the portion of Riverside Drive that these buildings occupy did not exist. Originally, Riverside Drive was known as Water Street and extended only to John Street. The property between John and Merrick Streets was occupied by the Johnston Shipyard which built large, steam-powered passenger ships during the latter half of the 1800s. In 1895 the shipyard closed creating new locations for commercial buildings. To fill this void, Water Street was extended from John to Merrick Streets and its name changed to Riverside Drive. The buildings within this boundary increase represent the post-1895 expansion of Clayton's downtown commercial core. A brief historic background on each building is listed below:

**335 Riverside Drive (Thousand Islands Inn)** - Built in 1897, the Thousand Islands Inn has been a river landmark for 100 years. Since it was built, the hotel has had only three owners. It was built by Napoleon Bertrand, whose family operated it as the Herald Hotel for 50 years. In 1947, it was sold to Jack J. Varno, who operated it until 1972 when it was sold to its present owners, Allen and Susan Benas. The Benas' renamed the hotel "Thousand Islands Inn". Of the eight hotels once located in downtown Clayton during the late-19th and early-20th century, the Thousand Islands Inn is the only one to have survived in its original capacity as a hotel; that is, with rooms and full-service dining. Located across the street from the Clayton Railway Station

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(no longer extant), which serviced 30 trains a day during the summer, it became one of the busiest of the downtown hotels. Only five years after it was built, additional room was needed to accommodate more guests and a 3-story, 2x4 bay addition was added to the east elevation of the building. Of special note is the hotel's claim to fame - the place where the well-known Thousand Island Dressing was first introduced to the dining public in the early-20th century (see attached article). Despite the c.1973 modifications to the first-floor of the building and the original clapboard being covered by asbestos shingles, the Thousand Islands Inn retains a substantial degree of integrity with the second and third floors of the building (interior and exterior) remaining virtually as built. Contributing buildings: 1

**403 Riverside Drive (Clayton Town Hall/Opera House)** - Built in 1903, the Clayton Town Hall/Opera House is another very prominent building in the downtown streetscape. Originally built as an opera house and performing arts center by George Kenyon, this large, three-story, brick building has been the center of social, cultural and civic activity in Clayton for over 90 years. Throughout its history, it has housed a variety of organizations, both public and private. From 1903 until 1995, the third floor served as the local Masonic Lodge. The first and second floors housed an opera house, which also served as a local social gathering place for dances, amateur talent shows, the annual poultry show, dancing classes, commencement exercises and basketball games. The basement housed the dressing rooms. Several other important local organizations also had their start in the town hall, including the Antique Boat Museum and the 1000 Islands Museum of Clayton. Today, the building houses the town offices in the basement level and the 1000 Islands Museum of Clayton in a portion of the first floor. The remainder of the building, along with the second-floor balcony, remains a performing arts theater. With the exception of the basement space which has been converted for use for the town offices, the Clayton Town Hall/Opera House retains a high degree of its original architectural integrity. Contributing buildings: 1

**409 Riverside Drive** - Built c.1885, this small, frame commercial building was originally Thorpe's Jewelry Store located at 228 James Street, within what is now the Clayton Historic District listed in 1985. The building was moved to another location on Riverside Drive (then Water Street) and replaced by a c.1888, three-story stone commercial building. However, the exact location of where it was moved to on Riverside Drive is uncertain. But we do know that by 1912 the building had been moved again, this time to its present location. Initially, it was placed just inside the sidewalk, and later moved back several feet over a cellar built as a foundation for it. From 1912 until 1943 the building was owned by the Alpheus Keech family, who operated a paddle painting business (i.e, the types of paddles that are mounted on the sides of large river steamers and their protective housings which were often decorated with paintings as well). It also served as a studio for Al Keech, who was a noted artist and painter of souvenir portraits. From 1943 to 1973, the building changed hands twice, serving as a rental retail space. In 1973, it was sold to Daniel Blacksmith, who used it as both a seasonal residence and gift shop, selling wicker baskets until 1986 when William Danforth purchased

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the building and restored it to its original condition. In 1992, Mr. Danforth sold the building to the environmentally concerned organization, Save the River. This building retains a remarkably high degree of integrity and is an excellent example of a small, Queen Anne commercial building. Original tin ceilings, stained glass window, fish scale shingles and decorative trims are all intact. In 1990, this building was awarded a Preservation League of New York State Private Sector Award. Contributing buildings: 1

413 Riverside Drive - Built c.1895, after the Johnson Shipyard closed and Riverside Drive created, this small frame commercial building was originally located across the street. From 1910 until 1920 the building housed the Frink & Fults tire vulcanizing shop. Carl Frink later became the inventor of the first steel snow plow and later, founded Frink Sno-Plows. Today, the Frink plant stands one block east of the proposed district expansion terminus. After Frink & Fults moved to larger quarters on the East Line Rd., the building served as a retail store for several small businesses, mostly seasonal. Its last tenant was the Clayton Ladies Civic Club, who used it as a social gathering place for members until the early 1960s. Facing demolition, it was moved to its present location in the 1960s. Its former site is now occupied by public rest rooms and a sewer pumping station, mandated by the then new environmental quality laws. Since being moved, the building has served as a seasonal gift shop, gourmet restaurant and now, a summer ice cream shop and offices for the Thousand Islands Land Trust. The interior of the building remains untouched, with original plank floors and natural wood moldings around the windows and doors. Although more modest in detail than its neighbor next door at 409 Riverside Drive, this building retains a substantial degree of integrity and provides a good example of a small, modest late-19th century commercial building. Contributing buildings: 1

419-421 Riverside Drive - Built in the early 1900s by John Gonseth, this building, with its large garage in the rear, was intended to house businesses catering to boating traffic and islanders. Originally, there were gasoline pumps in front of the store for boats docking at the Village Docks across the street. Gonseth and his partner, Mr. McHugh, would carry gas in five gallon cans across the street to boats in need of fuel. The storefront housed a harness shop, with walls and ceilings adorned with hanging harnesses and horse collars. Following Gonseth's death, the building was owned for many years by his daughter. Over the years she rented the building to several retail outlets, including a barber shop, dry cleaner and fishing tackle store. She eventually sold it to the present owner who operates a laundromat in one portion and rents the other to a retail gift shop. The second level contains apartments. Both levels enjoy a spectacular river view. Today, the large garage in the rear remains, serving the same purpose it was intended to when it was built, that of providing island residents with auto storage during the summer months when they spend their time on the river. Despite the reduction in size of the two easternmost storefronts and the modern brick facing surrounding the westernmost storefronts, the building retains a high level of integrity and continues to reflect its historic character and role within this commercial core. Contributing buildings: 2

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**433 Riverside Drive (Reinman's Dept. Store) - Non-Contributing**

Constructed in stages over a period of approximately 80 years (c.1900 - c.1980), this two-story, modern-looking building with first-floor storefronts, encases the original c.1900 building, home of Stabler & Baker, a graph paper manufacturing company. On the eastern end of the building, the original roofline and false-front parapet is still visible. This original building, however, has been incorporated into Reinman's store and has lost its character as a free-standing building.

Name of Property

County and State

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

Cerow, Gordon D., Jr., (Former Supervisor & Mayor), Interview., February 1997.

Corbin, Lester. Unpublished Documents., 1895-1917.

Haddock, John. Growth of a Century as Illustrated in the History of Jefferson County, New York from 1793 to 1894. Philadelphia, PA: Sherman Co., 1894.

Hodder, Louise Gonseth. Interview., February 1997.

Hutchinson, Fanny. Town & Country News., 11/18/1970.

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Clayton on the Saint Lawrence 1872-1972., Clayton, NY., Clayton Centennial Committee, 1972.

Thousand Islands Sun., Alexandria Bay, NY., May 16, 1990.

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

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State historic preservation office |
| <input type="checkbox"/> previously listed in the National Register                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Other State agency                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> previously determined eligible by the National Register                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Federal agency                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> designated a National Historic Landmark  | <input type="checkbox"/> Local government                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> recorded by Historic American Building Survey # _____                          | <input type="checkbox"/> University                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Other   |
|   | Name of repository: _____  |

Name of Property

County and State

10. Geographical Data

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UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

Table with 6 columns: Reference Number, Zone, Easting, Northing. Contains 6 rows of UTM coordinate data.

Verbal Boundary Description

NOMINATED BOUNDARIES ARE OUTLINED IN BOLD ON THE ATTACHED MAP.

Boundary Justification

BOUNDARIES HAVE BEEN DRAWN TO ENCOMPASS THE CURRENT LEGAL LOTS ASSOCIATED WITH THESE SIX BUILDINGS WHICH FORM THE EASTERN BOUNDARY OF THE HISTORIC COMMERCIAL CORE.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Linda M. Garofalini, Program Analyst (see also below)
organization NYS Office of Parks, Rec. & Historic Preservation date 1/30/97
street & number Peebles Island, PO Box 189 telephone 518-237-8643
city or town Waterford state NY zip code 12188-0189

Research and documentation provided by:
Allen Benas
535 Merrick Street
Clayton, NY 13624

Additional items

(check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

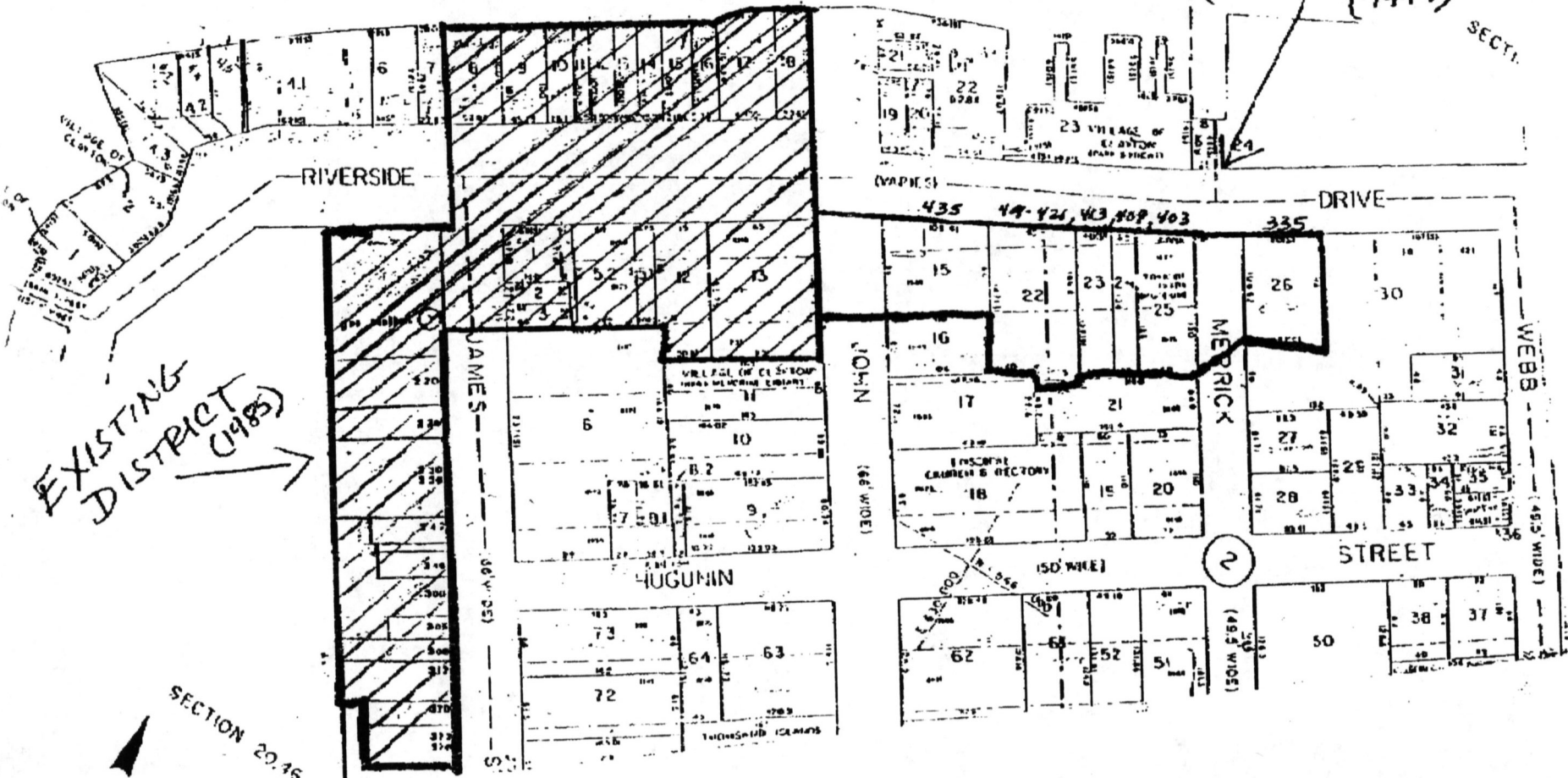
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name
street & number
city or town state zip code

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Boundary Increase (1997)



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RIVERSIDE DRIVE, CLAYTON, JEFFERSON COUNTY, NY

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Clayton Historic District (Boundary Increase)  
NAME:

MULTIPLE

STATE & COUNTY: NEW YORK, Jefferson

DATE RECEIVED: 04/08/97 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 04/22/97  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 05/08/97 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 05/23/97  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 97000424

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:

*These buildings of the expanded boundary of the Clayton Historic District contribute to the established period and areas of significance and convey historical associations with the community's commercial and institutional architectural heritage.*

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept A+C  
REVIEWER B. Savage  
TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

DISCIPLINE Architectural History  
DATE 5/9/97

DOCUMENTATION see attachments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N



REINMAN'S  
DEPARTMENT STORE

REINMAN'S

LAUNDRY

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Photo 1

CLAYTON HISTORIC DISTRICT (Boundary Increase)  
SOUTH SIDE OF RIVERSIDE DR.  
LOOKING EAST

Photo By: Allen Benas, 1997



REINMAN'S  
DEPARTMENT STORE

LAUNDRONAT

ISLANDS  
TRIP

N  
R

Photo 2

Clayton Historic District (Boundary Increase)  
southside of Riverside Dr.  
looking east

Photo by: Allen Benas, 1997

Jefferson County, NY



RIVERSIDE LAUNDROMAT

Photo 3

Clayton Historic District (Boundary Increase)  
SOUTH SIDE of Riverside Dr.  
LOOKING EAST

Photo by: ALLEN BENAS, 1997

Jefferson County, NY



THOUSAND  
ISLANDS  
INN

FROM LEBING LOCKERS

Photo 4

335 Riverside Dr.  
(Thousand Islands Inn)  
Clayton, Jefferson County, NY

Clayton Historic District (Boundary Increase)

Photo by: Allen Benas, 1997



MUSEUM

WHEELY GLENN  
OF PICES

Photo 5

403 RIVERSIDE DR. (TOWN HALL / OPERA HOUSE)  
CLAYTON, JEFFERSON COUNTY, NY

CLAYTON HISTORIC DISTRICT (Boundary Increase)

Photo by: ALLEN BENAS, 1997



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ISLANDS  
LAND TRUST  
606-5345

Photo 6

409 Riverside Dr.  
Clayton, Jefferson County, NY

Clayton Historic District (Boundary Increase)

Photo by: ALLEN BENAS, 1997



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Photo 7

413 Riverside Dr.  
Clayton, Jefferson County, NY

Clayton Historic District (Boundary Increase)

Photo by: Allen Benas, 1997



RIVERSIDE LAUNDROMAT

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Photo 8

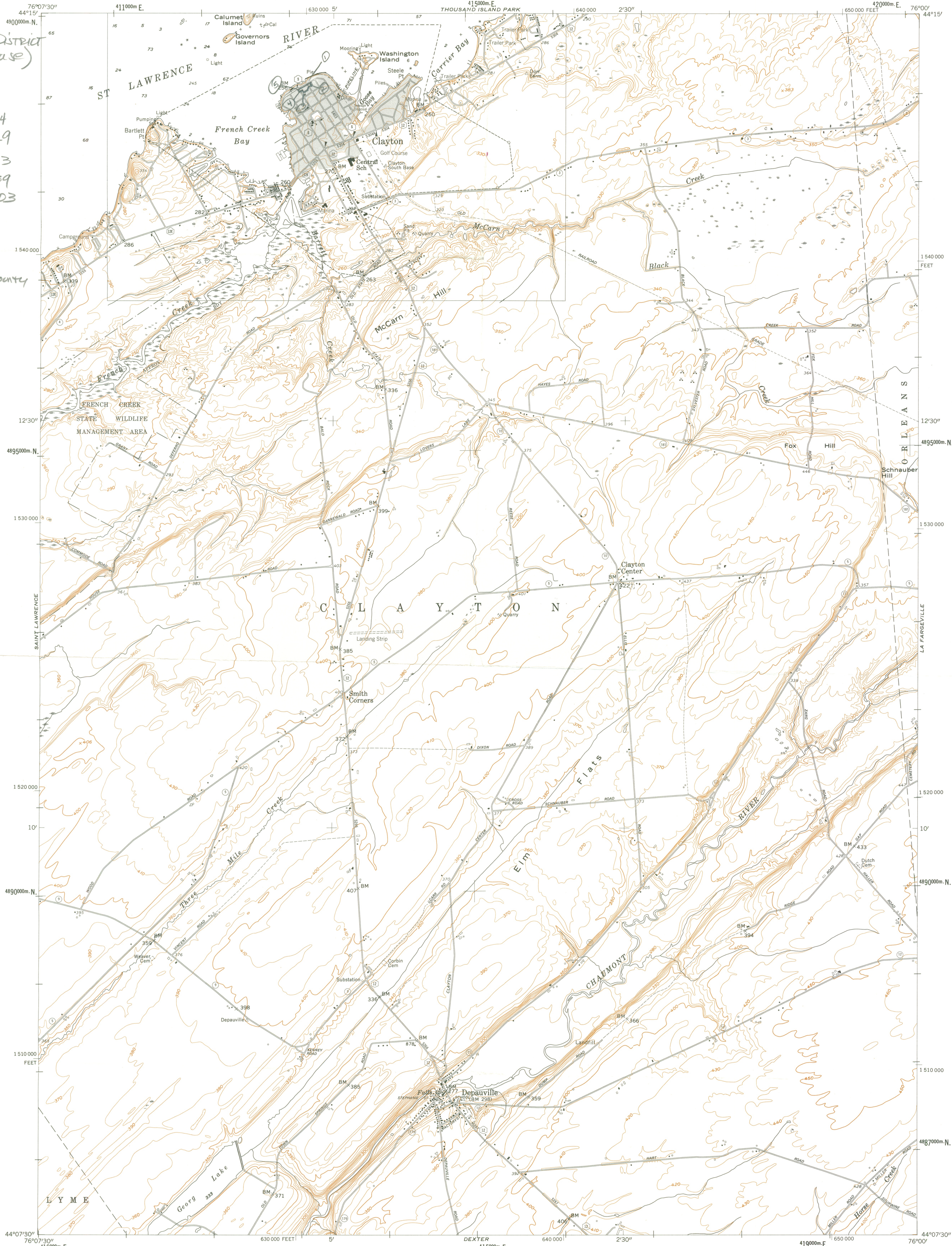
419-421 Riverside Dr.  
Clayton, Jefferson County, NY

Clayton Historic District (Boundary Increase)

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NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

CLAYTON QUADRANGLE NEW YORK - JEFFERSON CO. 7.5 MINUTE SERIES



CLAYTON HISTORIC DISTRICT (Boundary Increase) Zone 18 E N 1 413237 4899184 2 413148 4899129 3 413107 4899113 4 413097 4899139 5 413227 4899203

Riverside Drive Orleans, Jefferson County NY

Prepared and published in 1980 by the New York State Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration. Map base from 1958 U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle. Map revisions made using 1978 aerial photography, construction plans, official records and other sources. Features revised include: highways and other transportation facilities; civil boundaries; recreation sites; hydrography; and buildings. Grey tint indicates intensely developed areas in which only landmark buildings are shown. Revisions may not comply with National Map Accuracy Standards. Correspondence concerning this and other maps of the Department of Transportation should be directed to: Map Information Unit, New York State Department of Transportation, State Campus, Albany, New York 12232. 1980 revisions by J. E. Farah

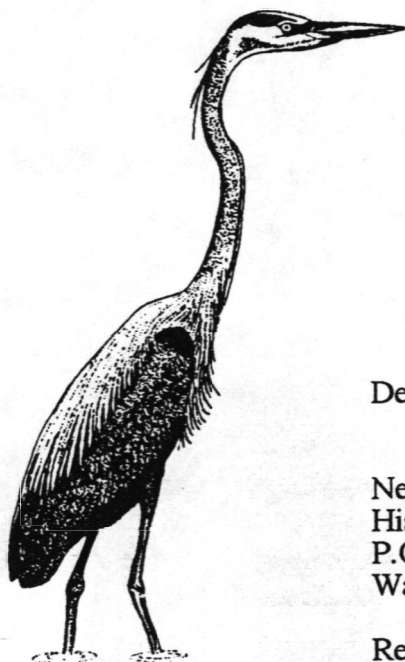
SCALE 1:24,000 1 0 1000 2000 3000 4000 5000 6000 7000 FEET 1 KILOMETER Polyconic projection, 1927 North American datum. 1000-meter ticks based on the New York Transverse Mercator grid. Between 72° and 78° West Longitude, this grid is identical to Zone 18 of the Universal Transverse Mercator grid. Areas east of 72° and west of 78° are direct mathematical extensions of Zone 18. 10,000-foot ticks based on the New York Plane Coordinate grid, Central Zone. Magnetic declination for 1980 is approximately 12 1/2° West SPECIAL TOPOGRAPHIC EDITION Contours, at 10-foot intervals, shown unrevised from 1958 U.S. Geological Survey map. Datum is mean sea level.



INDEX TO 1:50,000 (1" = 800') MAP COVERAGE Clayton BOUNDARIES: State..... County..... Town or City..... Incorporated Village..... ROADS: Touring Route markers: Interstate..... U. S..... State..... State Highway number and limit..... County road..... Interchange number..... Divided highways and streets: Wide mall..... Narrow mall or barrier..... Undivided highways and streets: 4 or more lanes..... Less than 4 lanes..... Vehicle track; trail.....

# **SAVE THE RIVER!**

THOUSAND ISLANDS/BOX322/CLAYTON, NEW YORK 13624/(315) 686-2010



December 10, 1996

New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation  
Historic Preservation Field Service Bureau  
P.O. Box 189, Peebles Island  
Waterford, NY 12188-0189

Re: Expansion of the Historic District in Clayton, NY

To Whom it May Concern:

Please be advised that as the owner of the building at 409 Riverside Drive, Clayton, our organization has no objection to the expansion of the downtown Historic District to include our property.

Our building is of early 1900s vintage and retains its original outside appearance. I feel we should qualify as a "conforming" building and look forward to joining my neighbors as a "working" part of the Historic District. Regardless, even if we do not qualify, that would have no bearing on our firm support of this effort.

Our block has two other buildings that were built around the turn of the century and retain their original appearance. These buildings, along with the Thousand Islands Inn, would certainly be an appropriate addition to our downtown Historic District.

Sincerely,

Laurie Marr  
Executive Director  
Sve the River Inc.

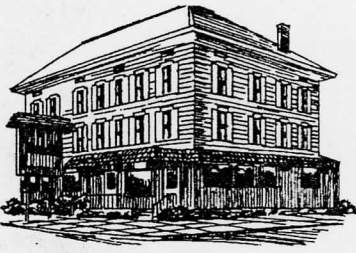
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*Serving the traveling & vacationing public, in the finest tradition of the 1000 Islands, since 1897*

December 10, 1996

N.Y.S. Office of Parks, Recreation & Historical Preservation  
Historic Preservation Field Service Bureau  
P.O. Box 189, Peebles Island  
Waterford, NY 12188-0189

Re: Expansion of the Historic District in Clayton, N.Y.

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that as the owner of the building at 335 Riverside Drive, I totally endorse the expansion of the downtown Historic District to include my property.

Celebrating our 100th Anniversary this season, our building was built in 1897. With the exception of first floor picture windows and new porch, the building retains most its original outside appearance. I feel we should qualify as a "conforming" building within the district and would look forward to joining my neighbors as a "working" part of the Historic District.

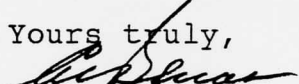
Our Inn has a colorful past and has played an active part in the history of our village. Such notables as Richard Bird have stayed here and our dining room is where Thousand Island Salad Dressing was introduced to the dining public.

We are the last of more than two dozen large hotels that were build around the turn of the century and we still perform all the services for which the building was intended. We have 14 rooms, just renovated in a late 1800s decor, and a full service dining room serving breakfast, lunch and dinner during our season.

We bill ourselves as the "last of a fine breed," and feel that we are. I would hope that we would qualify as a strong candidate to justify the enlargement of our present Historic District.

We would be the end of the district, but immediately across the street, heading up towards the existing district are three buildings who's age and character should qualify them as "conforming." I feel that all four and possibly a fifth could be included in this district expansion. In fact, why this section was ignored in the original effort is beyond me.

Yours truly,

  
Allen S. Benas

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1000 ISLANDS, CLAYTON, NEW YORK 13624      PHONE: 1-315-686-5222

December 10, 1996

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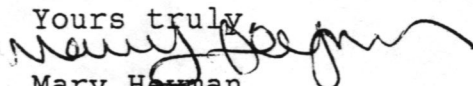
To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that as the co-owner, along with my husband, of Reinman's Department Store at 435 Riverside Drive, I have no objection to the expansion of the downtown Historic District.

I realize that although included within the district we would be a "non-confirming" building, given our many modernizing renovations over the years.

Regardless, our block does include three buildings that were built around the turn of the century and retain their original appearance. These buildings, along with the Thousand Islands Inn, would be an appropriate addition to the district that ends just across the street from us.

Yours truly,

  
Mary Heyman  
Owner



Town of Clayton  
1000 Islands  
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Robert W. Cantwell, Jr., Supervisor  
Bonnie L. Rose, Town Clerk

December 10, 1996

N. Y. S. Office of Parks, Recreation & Historical Preservation  
Historic Preservation Field Service Bureau  
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Waterford, NY 12188-0189

Re: Expansion of the Historic District in Clayton, N. Y.

To Whom It May Concern:

As Supervisor of the Town of Clayton, owner of the building at 403 Riverside Drive, I totally endorse the expansion of the downtown Historic District to include this property.

Built in 1903, the building retains its original outside appearance. I feel it should qualify as a "conforming" building within the district and would look forward to joining our neighbors on both sides as a "working" part of the Historic District.

Besides housing our Town Offices at the basement level, the first and second floors serve as a museum and theater, both of which are very active all year, although more so during the summer. The third floor is currently in transition and we are anticipating community involvement in developing its future use.

As our neighbor, Thousand Islands Inn, our building is performing the same services today that it was built for 90 years ago. I feel that we would qualify as a strong candidate to justify the enlargement of our present Historic District.

Yours truly,

Robert W. Cantwell Jr.  
Supervisor, Town of Clayton

Town Council: Vivian F. Black Justin A. Taylor George E. Kittle Douglas E. Rogers

## Henry Paprocki

419 Riverside Dr.  
Clayton, NY 13624

December 10, 1996

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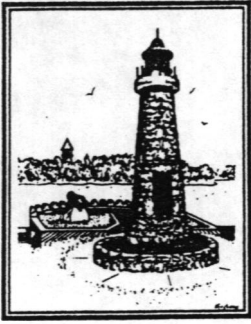
To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that as the owner of the building and adjoining property at 419 and 421 Riverside Drive, I have no objection to the expansion of the downtown Historic District to include my property.

My building is over 50 years and retains much of its original facade, with only minor facelifts over the years. It would be nice if we were deemed "conforming," but even if not, that has no bearing on my firm support of this effort.

Regardless, our block does include three buildings that were built around the turn of the century and retain their original appearance. These buildings, along with the Thousand Islands Inn, would certainly be an appropriate addition to our downtown Historic District.

Yours truly,  
  
Henry Paprocki  
Owner



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# VILLAGE OF CLAYTON

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December 12, 1996

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Historic Preservation Field Service Bureau  
P. O. Box 189, Peebles Island  
Waterford, NY 12188-0189

Re: Expansion of the Historic District in Clayton, New York

To Whom It May Concern:

As Mayor of the Village of Clayton, I totally endorse the expansion of our downtown Historic District.

Clayton has a proud heritage, much of which is demonstrated by the buildings in the present Historic District. The addition of Mr. Deedy's and Save the River's buildings, the Town Hall and the Thousand Islands Inn would only enhance the significance of Clayton's proud history.

It is unusual to find buildings of this vintage that are still performing the services they were built for 100 years ago. Yet the Town Hall and Thousand Islands Inn are doing just that. Over its 100 year history, the Inn has had only two previous owners, which is another achievement for any business that is not carried on by family.

I hope this effort is successful and that we might look forward to having a significant enlargement in our district including at least four and perhaps five "conforming" buildings.

Yours truly,

  
Dale Kenyon  
Mayor, Village of Clayton



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December 13, 1996

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RE: Expansion of Historic District, Clayton, New York

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that as the owner of the building at 413 Riverside Drive, I have no objection to the expansion of the downtown Historic District which would include my property. My building is of the early 1900's vintage and retains its original outside appearance. I feel that it should qualify as a "conforming" building and hence be part of the "working" section of the Historic District. However, if we do not qualify, I still firmly support this effort.

Our block has two other buildings that were built around the turn of the century and retain their original appearance. These buildings, along with the Thousand Islands Inn, would certainly be an appropriate addition to the downtown Historic District.

Very truly yours,

*Ken Deedy*  
Kenneth Deedy, Owner



Where the Tradition Continues

# 1000 Islands Clayton

Chamber of Commerce

510 Riverside Drive  
Clayton, New York 13624  
Phone (315) 686-3771

December 20, 1996

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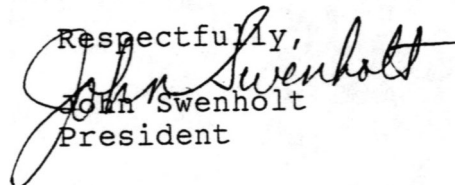
To Whom It May Concern:

This is to advise you that the Clayton Chamber of Commerce firmly supports the effort underway to enlarge the Clayton Historic District. The buildings that are involved in this expansion, in our opinion, should have been included in the original project twelve years ago.

If this expansion is approved, nearly all of our downtown area will be included in the district. This will add greatly to our ability to draw visitors to Clayton. Our village has a proud history and much of its heritage is preserved in the buildings now in the district, as well as those proposed in this expansion.

If we can be of any further service in helping this project along, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Respectfully,

  
John Swenholt  
President