

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

OMB NO. 1024-0018, NPS FORM

99-58

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 Pleasant Valley Grange Hall

other names/site number _____



2. Location

Street & number U.S. Route 20; north side

city, town Pleasant Valley

[x] vicinity

state New York code NY county Oneida code 065 zip code 13455

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. Allen
Deputy Commissioner for Historic Preservation
Signature of certifying official

11 Dec. '98
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:)

[Signature] Signature of keeper
Beth A. Sarge Date of Action
2/12/99

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)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	1 structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____	objects
		<u>1</u>	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	
<u>N/A</u>		<u>N/A</u>	

6. Function or Use

Historic Function (enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
<u>DOMESTIC/single dwelling</u>	<u>SOCIAL/meeting hall</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

7. Description

Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)	Materials (enter categories from instructions)
<u>MID-19TH CENTURY/Greek Revival</u>	foundation <u>STONE</u>
_____	walls <u>STONE</u>
_____	roof <u>METAL</u>
_____	other _____

Narrative Description

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

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Description

The Pleasant Valley Grange Hall is a stone building located on the north side of present U.S. Route 20 approximately .4 mile west of the crossroads hamlet of Pleasant Valley, Oneida County. The surrounding area is rural agricultural, consisting of rolling pastures and fields dotted with farm buildings, most of which are clustered near the highway right-of-way. The Grange Hall is set back from the road, sited atop a grassy knoll on a small parcel of .3 acre. No historic outbuildings remain on the property; a modern, open picnic pavilion (non-contributing) is located northeast of the nominated building.

The historic Grange Hall was originally built as a farmhouse. The plan consists of a rectangular, 2 1/2-story, gable roofed, stone main block flanked by a one-story service wing extending at right angles from the east side. A one-story, gable roofed frame wing sheathed with narrow clapboards projects from the north gable end. The entire building is covered by a standing seam metal roof. The walls are built of smooth dressed limestone laid random ashlar, with quoins defining the corners. Fenestration is regular and symmetrical, consisting of tall openings with sills and lintels of bush-hammered limestone; a cut stone water table finished in similar fashion surrounds the building.

The house is oriented with its principal gable end facing south. A broad wood cornice with returns defines the rooflines of both the main block and the flanking kitchen wing. The principal entrance consists of a panelled door set within a slightly recessed, molded wood architrave. A secondary entrance on the south front of the kitchen wing is sheltered beneath a one-story porch roof supported by four fluted wood columns. Of the building's total number of window openings, approximately one-half contain original, movable wood sash with small panes and narrow muntins; a number of windows on the first story contain 1/1 replacement sash added when the residence was converted to a Grange hall.

The interior room configuration of the first floor reflects renovations made to accommodate the meeting and social functions of the Grange. The entrance hall and parlor walls of the main block were removed to create a large single meeting room. The stone wing was converted to an institutional kitchen and serving area; the rear frame wing is used for storage. Original horizontal plank wainscoting remains on the lower walls of the two wings. The original room configuration and finishes remain intact on the second story of the main block, with plaster walls, plank floors and molded trim. Although interior chimneys remain, fireplace openings have been covered and the chimney stacks terminate beneath the present roofs.

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.

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 Record # _____
- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

- SETTLEMENT
- SOCIAL HISTORY
- ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

ca. 1830

Significant Dates

ca. 1830; 1922

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above.)
N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

N/A

Name of repository: _____

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Statement of Significance

The Pleasant Valley Grange Hall is significant under Criteria A and C. Built on a knoll overlooking the Cherry Valley Turnpike (present U.S. Route 20), the 2 1/2-story, gabled roofed residence is an important early regional example of vernacular, Greek Revival masonry design and construction. Originally constructed ca. 1830 as a farmhouse, the building retains a high level of architectural integrity to its period of construction. The farmhouse is particularly significant for the local masonry craftsmanship reflected in its walls of smooth dressed limestone. Used as a meeting hall by the Pleasant Valley Grange No. 1453 since 1922, the stone building has long played an important role as a social center for the rural town of Sangerfield and environs. The Pleasant Valley Grange Hall retains a high level of integrity to the period of significance, and is a notable historic and architectural landmark evocative of New York's turnpike era.

The frontier region of western New York experienced a wave of growth and development following the close of the Revolutionary War. Agriculture and commerce were stimulated by improvements in transportation during the Federal period. Chief among these improvements was the Cherry Valley Turnpike (later, the Great Western Turnpike), a privately subscribed toll route chartered by the New York State legislature in 1800. Opened from Albany County west to Cherry Valley in 1811 (later extended to Cazenovia and Manlius), the Great Western Turnpike became the principal thoroughfare for eastbound traffic in bulk agricultural products and livestock. Farmsteads proliferated along the turnpike during the early decades of the nineteenth century as settlers sought to take advantage of direct access to eastern markets.

Among the first farms established in the town of Sangerfield during this period was that of Jonathan Jewett. Jewett assembled his farm from five separate parcels acquired between 1805 and 1845. Little is known about who first occupied the nominated stone farmhouse, though it is presumed to have been built for a tenant by Jonathan Jewett ca. 1830. (The farm property continued in Jewett family ownership until 1922.) The two-story dwelling now occupied by the Pleasant Valley Grange was constructed of limestone quarried at Oriskany Falls and hauled 2.5 miles to the building site. In its random ashlar walls of smooth dressed limestone, massive quoins and lintels and bush-hammered sills, the building reflects the skilled craftsmanship of local stone masons during the period of significance. The molded wood trim of the cornice returns, recessed entrance architrave and fluted porch columns represent extremely early regional use of Greek Revival design elements. With its high level of integrity, the stone farmhouse is architecturally significant as an important early example of vernacular Greek Revival residential architecture in Pleasant Valley.

The national organization known as the Grange was founded as the Patrons of Husbandry in 1867 by Oliver H. Kelley, a clerk of the U.S. Bureau

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of Agriculture. Kelley envisioned a fraternal order of American farmers united through shared interests and values. The Patrons of Husbandry began as an educational, social, non-political organization, admitting women as full members from the outset. During the 1870s, the Granger movement championed farmers' demands for price relief through regulation of railroad shipping rates; by 1875, Grange membership had swelled to 858,000 in over 20,000 individual chapters. At the local level, the Grange chapter provided a forum for disseminating information about farming methods and practices, as well as a place to discuss issues of the day as they affected farm families. The Grange meeting hall achieved significance as the social focus for rural communities, providing a venue for musical and dramatic entertainment, travelling lecturers, dances and community suppers.

The Pleasant Valley Grange No. 1453 was first organized in 1919, with Edgar B. Richmond elected the first Master. Earlier chapters established in the region included Waterville Grange No. 61 (1874; disbanded 1926) and Madison Grange No. 716 (1890). As Master, Richmond allowed the Pleasant Valley Grange to hold its meetings in the stone Greek Revival style house located on his farm beginning in 1922. The Grange chapter subsequently purchased the building for \$300 from Richmond's widow in 1935. To accommodate their meetings and social functions, the Pleasant Valley Grangers altered the first-story floorplan of the former tenant farmhouse to incorporate a large, single meeting room, a kitchen and storage facilities. In this configuration, the building continues to reflect its significant role in the rural social life of the Sangerfield area during the twentieth century. Despite declining membership, the Pleasant Valley Grange has continued to serve the needs of its surrounding community for over seven decades from the chapter's historic stone farmhouse.

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Major Bibliographical References

Kelly, Virginia B., et. al. The History of Oneida County. Utica, 1977.

_____. Wood and Stone: Landmarks of the Upper Mohawk
Region. Utica, 1972.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property .3 acre

UTM References

Oriskany Falls Quad.

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3				4			
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Verbal Boundary Description The nominated property includes all that parcel within the boundaries delineated on the enclosed tax map.

Boundary Justification The boundaries are the current lot lines, which include the historic farmhouse and its immediate surroundings.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Raymond W. Smith, Program Analyst
 organization NYS Office of Parks, Rec. & Historic Preservation date September, 1998
 street & number Peebles Island, PO Box 189 telephone 518-237-8643
 city or town Waterford state NY zip code 12188-0189

Additional Documentation

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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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 99000058

Date Listed: 02/12/99

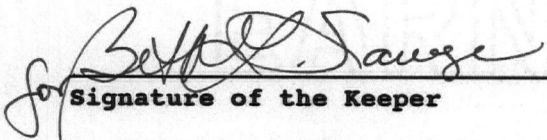
Pleasant Valley Grange Hall
Property Name

Oneida
County

NY
State

N/A
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.


Signature of the Keeper

2/12/99
Date of Action

Amended Items in Nomination:

8. Statement of Significance: Period of Significance

The period 1922-1949 is added as an applicable period under criterion A for the hall's continued use under the area Social History.

This information was confirmed with NYSHPO staff by telephone.

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without attachment)

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Pleasant Valley Grange Hall
NAME:

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: NEW YORK, Oneida

DATE RECEIVED: 12/31/98 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 1/11/99
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 1/27/99 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 2/14/99
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 99000058

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: Y PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT _____ DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept are

REVIEWER Savage

DISCIPLINE Architectural History

TELEPHONE _____

DATE 2/12/99

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



PLEASANT HILL
BUILT BY 1820
RENOVATED BY 1920

PLEASANT VALLEY GRANGE HALL

PLEASANT VALLEY, ONEIDA CO. NY

R. SMITH, 1998

NEG @ NY SHPO, WATERFORD NY

SOUTH & EAST ELEVATIONS, VIEW NE

PHOTO 1



PLEASANT VALLEY GRANGE HALL

PLEASANT VALLEY, ONEIDA CO. NY

R. SMITH, 1998

NEG @ NYEN70 WATERFORD NY

PRINCIPAL ELEVATION, VIEW NW

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PLEASANT VALLEY GRANGE HALL

PLEASANT VALLEY, ONEIDA CO. NY

R. SMITH, 1998

NEG @ NY SHPO, WATERFORD NY

EAST & NORTH ELEVATIONS, VIEW SW

PHOTO 3



PLEASANT VALLEY GRANGE HALL

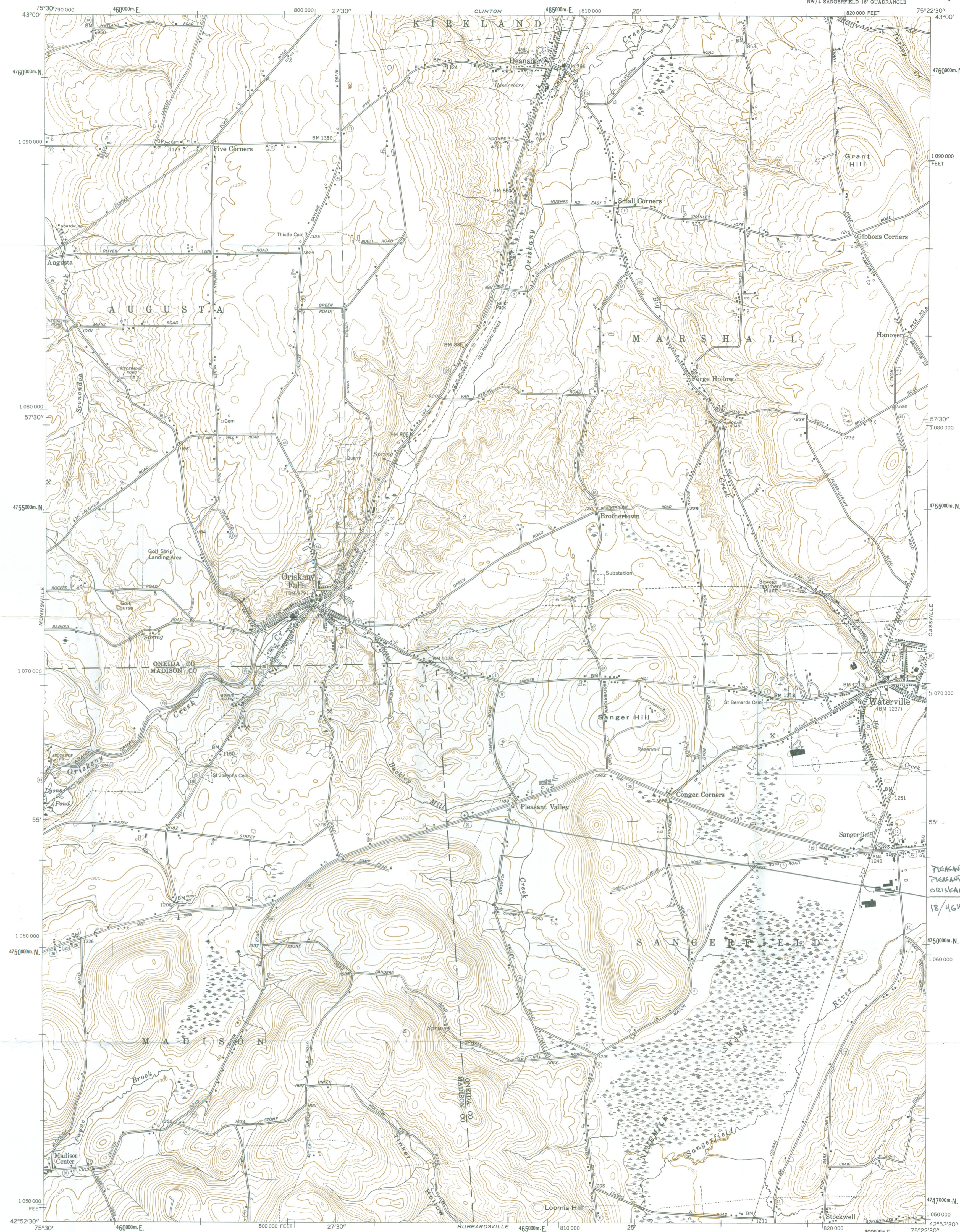
PLEASANT VALLEY, ONEIDA CO. NY

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NEE @ NY SHPO, WATERFORD NY

SOUTH EASTVIEW, VIEW NORTH

Photo 4



PLEASANT VALLEY GRANGE HALL
PLEASANT VALLEY, ONEIDA CO. NY
ORISKANY FALLS QUAD.
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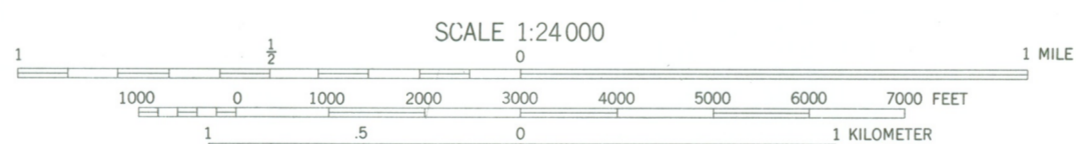
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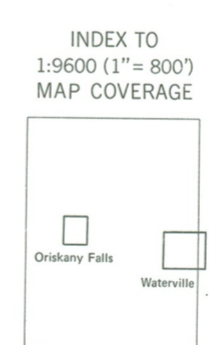
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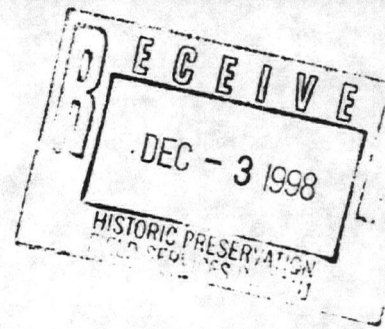
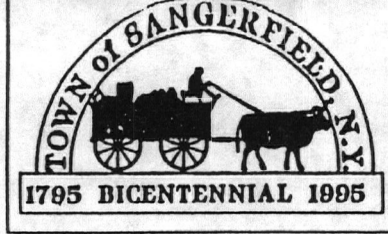


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Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum.
1000-meter ticks based on the New York Transverse Mercator grid. Between 72° and 78° West Longitude, this grid is identical to Zone 18 of the Universal Transverse Mercator grid. Areas east of 72° and west of 78° are direct mathematical extensions of Zone 18.
10,000-foot ticks based on the New York Plane Coordinate grid, Central Zone.
SPECIAL TOPOGRAPHIC EDITION
Contours, at 20-foot intervals, shown unrevised from 1943 U.S. Geological Survey map. Datum is mean sea level.



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MAP COVERAGE

BOUNDARIES:	
State.....	-----
County.....	-----
Town or City.....	-----
Incorporated Village.....	-----
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Touring Route markers:	
Interstate..... (I)	
U.S. (U.S.)	
State..... (S)	
State Highway number and limit..... (SH)	
County road..... (CR)	
Interchange number... (I)	
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.....	-----



TOWN OF SANGERFIELD
Roger Tanner, Supervisor
6895 State Route 20
Waterville, NY 13480

November 27, 1998

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

Gentlemen:

I was pleased to be informed that the local Pleasant Valley Grange Hall is being considered for nomination to the National and State Registers of Historic Places.

I am personally very familiar with this stone building built in the early 1800's. I live just down the street in a stone house of similar construction, which I understand was built in 1825. The property which includes the Grange Hall building was part of the farm I live on until early in this century. My late father-in-law, who lived in my house and ran a family dairy farm, sold the building to the Pleasant Valley Grange during depression years.

I understand that the limestone for both buildings was hauled from the quarry in Oriskany Falls by oxen, taking years to complete. Despite the fact that this large quarry has operated for over a hundred years, there are few buildings in our area of this construction.

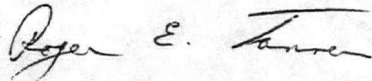
We have seen some limestone buildings in this area fall into disrepair and some have been demolished. It would be a shame to have the same happen to this building located in the heart of New York State on heavily traveled US route 20. The local Grange is an organization with few funds, and it is very hard for the group to properly upkeep and maintain this unique structure.

Perhaps inclusion on the registers could make the Grange eligible for one or more grants which might make the proper restoration possible to ensure preservation of the structure.

As you can see from our letterhead, our Township recently celebrated our bi-centennial. It is nice to see architecture such as this limestone structure that have lasted nearly as long as our Town's 200 plus years.

The Sangerfield Town Board has authorized me to relay the boards support for the nomination of this local landmark. We would appreciate hearing the outcome of the nomination. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roger E. Tanner". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Roger E. Tanner
Town Supervisor

cc: Pleasant Valley Grange