

# BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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NEW YORK STATE PARKS AND RECREATION  
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UNIQUE SITE NO. 001-06-0123  
QUAD \_\_\_\_\_  
SERIES \_\_\_\_\_  
NEG. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME Town of Guilderland DATE: June 1, 1979

YOUR ADDRESS: Town Hall, Guilderland TELEPHONE: 356-1980  
N.Y.

ORGANIZATION (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

## IDENTIFICATION

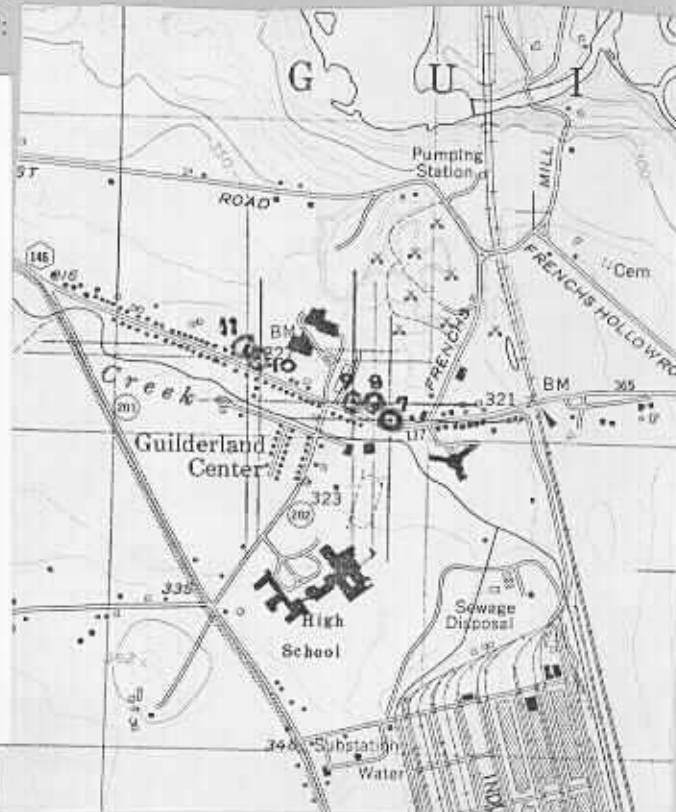
1. BUILDING NAME(S): Freeman House (Building #7)
2. COUNTY Albany TOWN/CITY Guilderland VILLAGE Guilderland Center
3. STREET LOCATION: 136 Main St
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public ☐ b. private ☒
5. PRESENT OWNER Robert & Marge Davis ADDRESS 136 Main St, Guilderland Center,  
N.Y. 12085
6. USE: Original Residence Present: Residence
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes ☒ No ☐  
Interior accessible: Explain by appointment

## DESCRIPTION

8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard ☒ b. stone ☐ c. brick ☐ d. board and batten ☐  
e. cobblestone ☐ f. shingles ☐ g. stucco ☐ other: \_\_\_\_\_
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM (if known): a. wood frame with interlocking joints ☒  
b. wood frame with light members ☐  
c. masonry load bearing walls ☐  
d. metal (explain) \_\_\_\_\_  
e. other \_\_\_\_\_
10. CONDITION: a. excellent ☐ b. good ☒ c. fair ☐ d. deteriorated ☐
11. INTEGRITY: a. original site ☒ b. moved ☐ if so, when? \_\_\_\_\_  
c. list major alterations and dates (if known):  
ca. 1750 - western portion added and full second story added  
ca. 1800 - ell on rear added

12. PHOTO:

13. MAP:

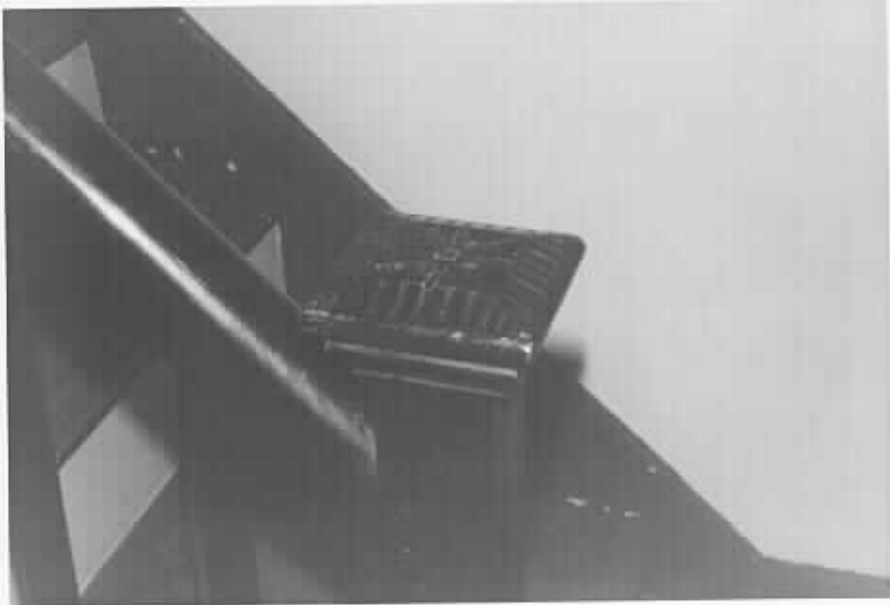


14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known ☒ b. zoning ☐ c. roads ☐  
d. developers ☐ e. deterioration ☐  
f. other: \_\_\_\_\_
15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:  
a. barn ☐ b. carriage house ☐ c. garage ☐  
d. privy ☐ e. shed ☐ f. greenhouse ☐  
g. shop ☐ h. gardens ☐  
i. landscape features: thickly planted bushes & shrubs  
j. other: \_\_\_\_\_
16. SURROUNDINGS OF THE BUILDING (check more than one if necessary):  
a. open land ☐ b. woodland ☒  
c. scattered buildings ☒  
d. densely built-up ☐ e. commercial ☐  
f. industrial ☐ g. residential ☒  
h. other: \_\_\_\_\_
17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:  
(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)  
**The house is located close to the road in the hamlet of Guilderland Center. A church and other homes are located nearby.**
18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):  
**Two-story, Dutch Colonial house with gable roof and concealed chimneys at gable ends; five bays wide, center entrance with original handcrafted paneled Dutch door; 12/12 windows on first floor; interior retains much of the original hardware, woodwork, and doors; large smooth finished beams typical to "Dutch" construction; fireplace on western side retains the**  
**SIGNIFICANCE** **original paneling, fireback,**  
19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1734 (center and eastern portion) 1750 (western portion) and sheet iron  
ARCHITECT: unknown protector.
- BUILDER: unknown
20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:  
**This exceptional Dutch Colonial house was built by or for Robert Freeman in the 1730's. It originally was planned as two rooms with loft above. By the middle of the 18th century Barent Mynderse added the room to the west and raised the roof to a full second story. The original integrity of the house has been maintained throughout, and the development of the home is evident in the detailing used at different periods. This is one of the finest and earliest Colonial buildings in the Town.**
21. SOURCES: **Arthur B. Gregg, Guilderland Historian; interview with owner**
22. THEME:

Historic Resources of  
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Building #7  
FREEMAN HOUSE

Detail of carved newel crown on  
central stairway



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Detail of first story window



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Detail of front Dutch door

Hand-drawn site plan showing the layout of Building #7 and its surrounding property. The plan includes the following details:

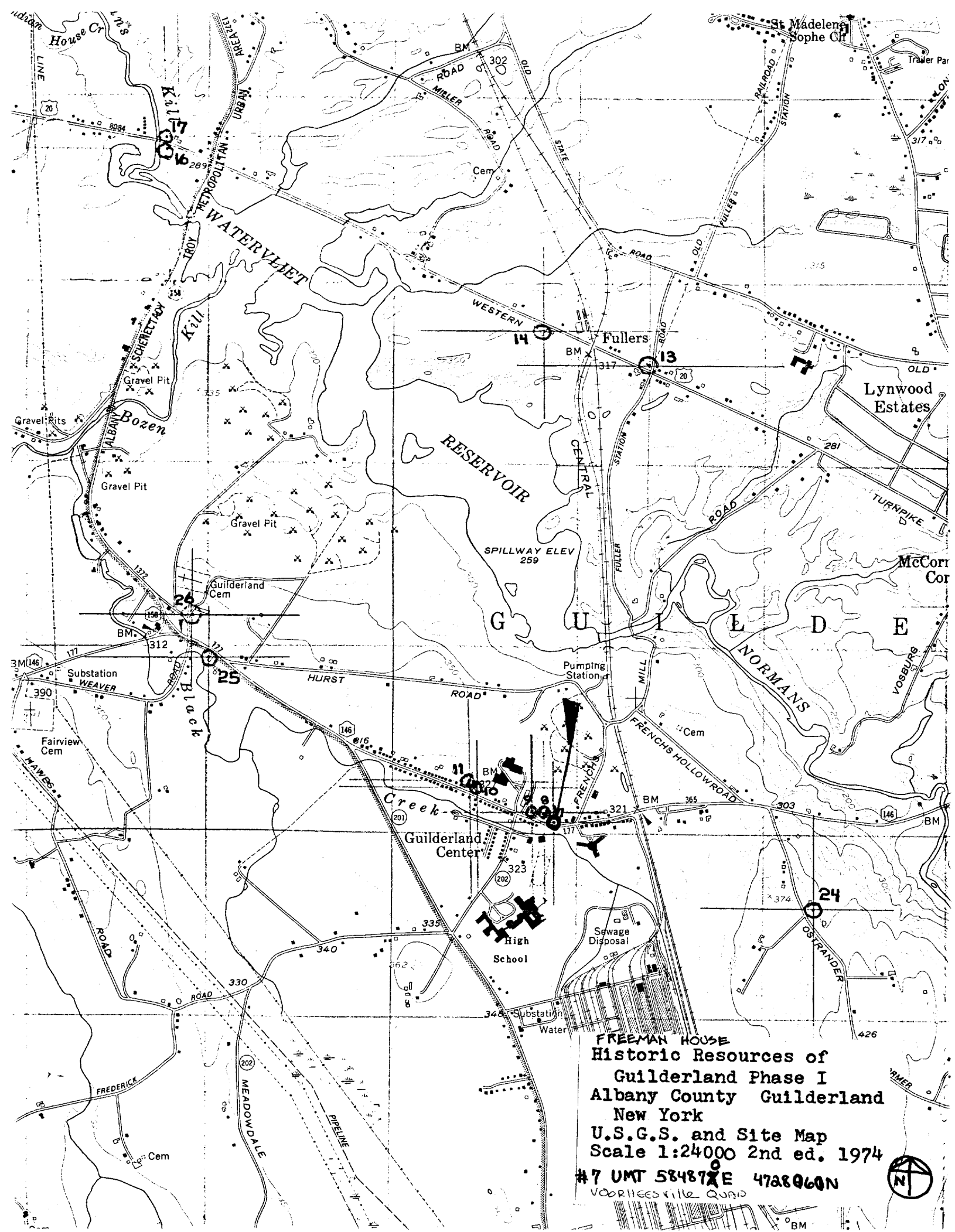
- Building #7:** A large rectangular building with a smaller rectangular extension on its right side. The main building is labeled "2.9 acres" and the extension is labeled "1.7 acres".
- Property Dimensions:**
  - Top boundary: 179.87' (left), 300' (right), 179.81' (right), 10' (right), 40' (right).
  - Right boundary: 105.9' (top), 207.8' (bottom), 151.44' (bottom), 177.54' (bottom), 196' (bottom), 192.54' (left).
  - Bottom boundary: 196' (left), 192.54' (left), 151.44' (right), 177.54' (right), 196' (right), 192.54' (left).
  - Left boundary: 179.87' (top), 179.81' (top), 10' (top), 40' (top), 179.81' (left), 10' (left), 40' (left).
- Streets:**
  - MAIN STREET:** Located on the right side of the plan.
  - RT. 146:** Located at the bottom of the plan.
- Other Features:**
  - A small rectangular area is shaded black, located within the 1.7-acre extension.
  - The text "FREEMAN HOUSE" is written vertically on the right side of the plan.

136 MAIN STREET  
FREEMAN HOUSE

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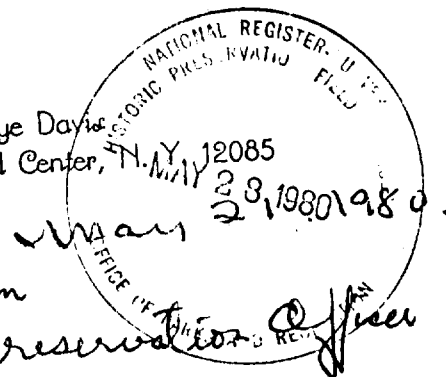
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Historic Resources of  
Guilderland Phase I  
Albany County Guilderland  
New York  
Site Map (from tax map)  
Smith & Mahoney 1979



W.P.  
approves action

Margaret Rigbye Davis  
Freeman House, Guilderland Center, N.Y. 12085



Mr. Orin Lehman  
State Historic Preservation Officer

Dear Mr. Lehman:

In response to your letter of May 14, 1980 we would like our house listed in the National Register.

We believe it qualifies under sections A, B, C and F of your criteria for Evaluation.

I trust to hear from you in the near future. I am  
Yours very truly  
Margaret R Davis

