

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

DIVISION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION
NEW YORK STATE PARKS AND RECREATION
ALBANY, NEW YORK (518) 474-0479

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UNIQUE SITE NO. 001-06-0124

QUAD _____

SERIES _____

NEG. NO. _____

YOUR NAME: Town of Guilderland DATE: _____YOUR ADDRESS: Town Hall, Guilderland, TELEPHONE: 518-356-1980
N.Y.

ORGANIZATION (if any): _____

IDENTIFICATION

✓ 1. BUILDING NAME(S): Helderberg Reformed Dutch Church (Building #8)
 ✓ 2. COUNTY: Albany TOWN/CITY: Guilderland VILLAGE: Guilderland Center
 ✓ 3. STREET LOCATION: 140 Main St.
 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
 5. PRESENT OWNER: Trustees, H.R.D.C. ADDRESS: 140 Main St. Guilderland Center
 6. USE: Original: Church Present: Church N.Y. 12085
 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
 Interior accessible: Explain Sundays & 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? _____

12.



MAP:



HP

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: _____
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: parking lot on northeast side

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:
(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)
The church is located in the sparsely settled hamlet of Guilderland Center with the Frederick house (1802) on the west and the Freeman house (1734) on the east, retaining much of the original context.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):
This Gothic inspired church is cruciform in plan with unmatched steeples at the southern end (front); side stained-glass windows are pointed arched and were designed by Blockridge Studios of Albany; the front, triple, pointed-arched window was done by Tiffany of New York City. The weathervane was recovered from an earlier church (1789) and the McFeeley bell placed in the steeple was cast in 1835.

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1895

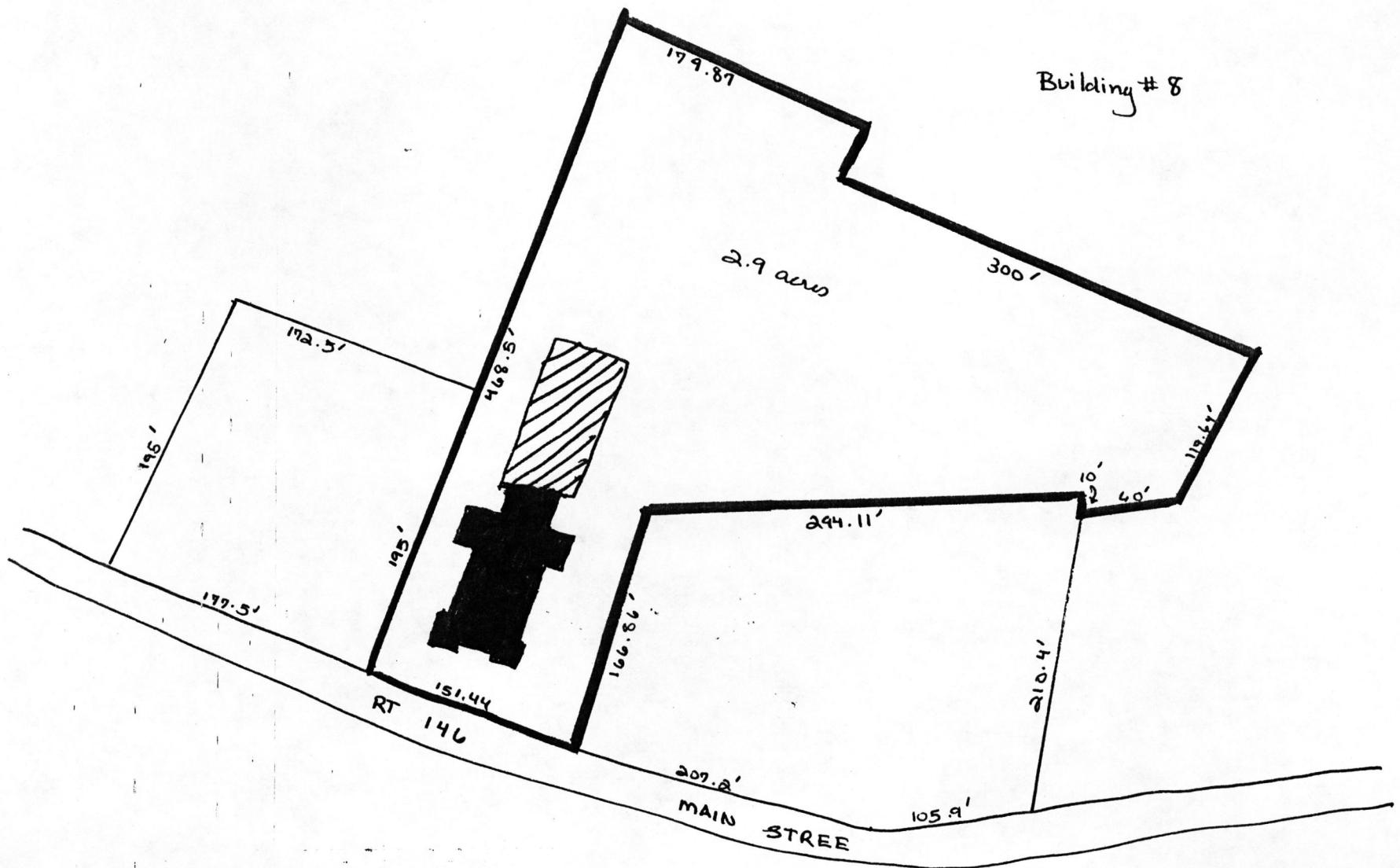
ARCHITECT: Aaron Fuller

BUILDER: _____

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:
This vernacular interpretation of the Gothic Revival style was built in 1895 by the congregation of the Reformed Church. The church was planned by Aaron Fuller, a prominent resident and one time Town Supervisor. Similar in massing to Romanesque Revival churches of the mid-to-late nineteenth century, the Helderberg Reformed Dutch Church incorporates the Gothic arch and Tiffany windows into an otherwise simple ecclesiastical design. Surviving largely intact near a modern suburban environment, the church is a significant example of the nineteenth-century rural church architecture in the area.

21. SOURCES: See bibliography

22. THEME: _____



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

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Helderberg Reformed Dutch Church

$$1'' = 100'$$

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Guilderland Multiple Resource Area
State New York

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

11. Aumic House

*Entered in the
National Register*

for Keeper

Debra Byers 11/10/82

Attest

12. Coppola House

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13. Schoolcraft, John, House *Entered in the
National Register*

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14. Helderberg Reformed Dutch
Church

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15. Mynderse-Frederick House

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16. Chapel House

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17. Rose Hill

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18. Hamilton Union Church
Rectory

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19. Hamilton Union Presbyterian
Church

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20. Schoolhouse #6

Substantive Review

for Keeper

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET**

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Helderberg Reformed Dutch Church (Guilderland
MRA)

Albany County
NEW YORK

Working No. 962982-3682

Fed. Reg. Date: 2/1/83

Date Due: 10/31/82 - 11/3/82

Action: ACCEPT 4/10/82

RETURN

REJECT

Federal Agency:

Entered in the

National Register

Federal Agency:

resubmission
 nomination by person or local government
 owner objection
 appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom. / Criteria _____

Reviewer _____

Discipline _____

Date _____

____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name**2. Location****3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
Public Acquisition		Accessible	

4. Owner of Property**5. Location of Legal Description****6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

summary paragraph
 completeness
 clarity
 alterations/integrity
 dates
 boundary selection

8. Significance

Period Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Address of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UMT References

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Title Date

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____

Date _____

Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

Historic Resources of
Guilderland (Phase I)
Building #8
HEIDERBERG REFORMED
DUTCH CHURCH
Detail of steeple



Detail of Tiffany window
on south elevation





Sunday school addition
on northern end
looking south

HELDERBERG REFORMED
DUTCH CHURCH
Historic Resources of
Guilderland (Phase I)
Guilderland, New York
Albany County
Building #8

