

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, N.Y. TELEPHONE: 518-356-1980

ORGANIZATION (if any): _____

IDENTIFICATION

- ***** (Guilderland MRA) *****
- ✓ 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

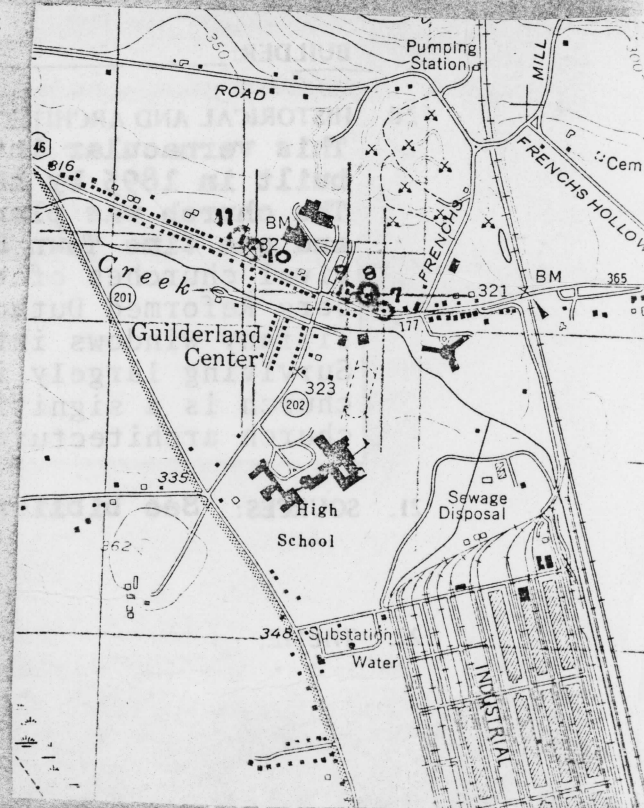
DESCRIPTION

8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard ☒ b. stone ☐ c. brick ☐ d. board and batten ☐
e. cobblestone ☐ f. shingles ☐ g. stucco ☐ other: _____
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: a. wood frame with interlocking joints ☐
(if known) 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? _____



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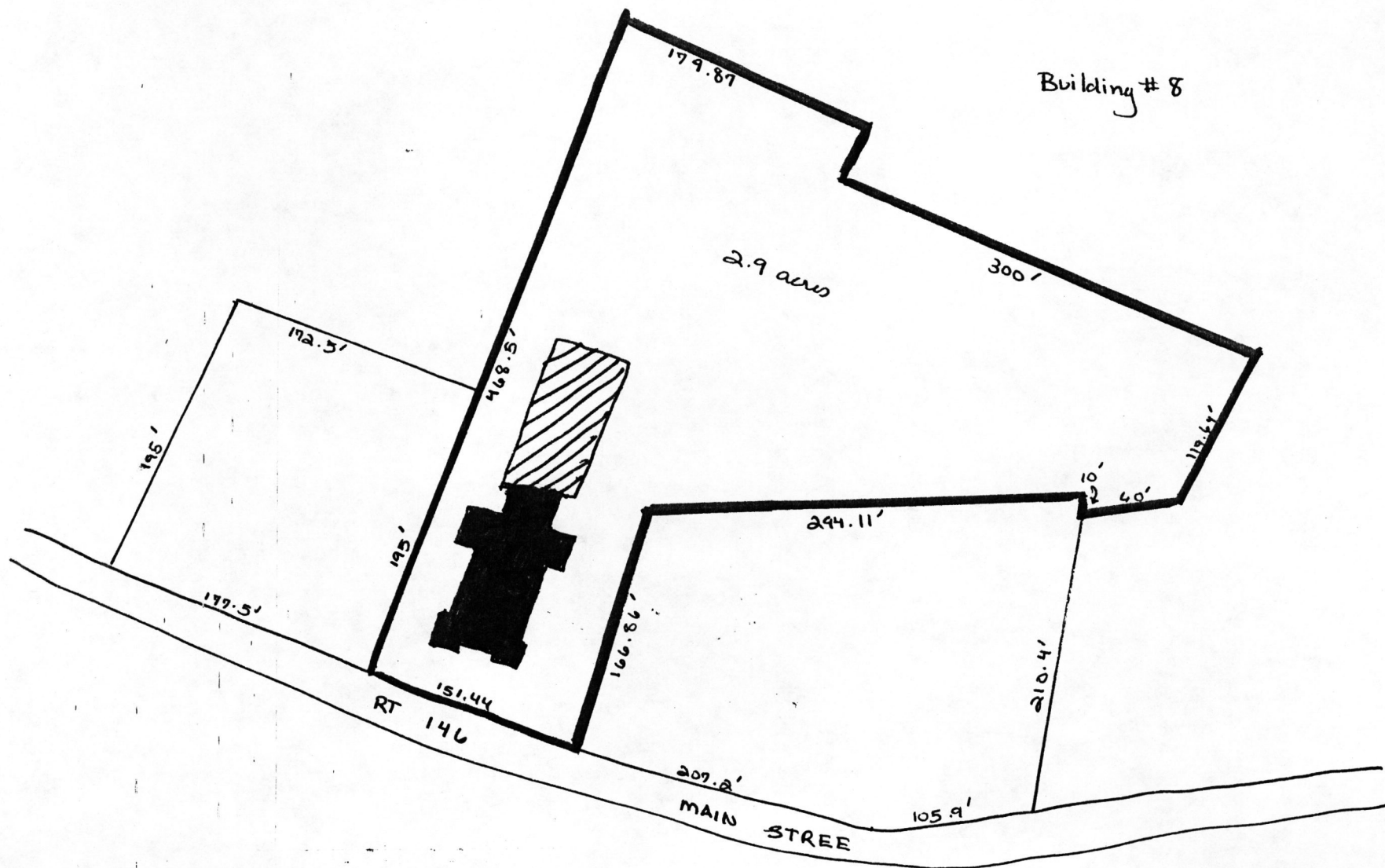
MAP:



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: _____
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 McNeeley bell
SIGNIFICANCE **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



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

Page 2 of 4

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

Delores Byers 11/10/82

Attest

12. Coppola House

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13. Schoolcraft, John, House

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14. Helderberg Reformed Dutch
Church

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15. Mynderse-Frederick House

Substantive Review

Keeper

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16. Chapel House

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17. Rose Hill

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National Register

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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

Keeper

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Helderberg Reformed Dutch Church (Guilderland
MRA)
Albany County
NEW YORK

Working No. 9/29/82-2682Fed. Reg. Date: 2.1.83Date Due: 10/24/82 - 11/13/82Action: ACCEPT 11/10/82RETURNREJECT

Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

- ☐ 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. Name2. Location3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property5. Location of Legal Description6. Representation in Existing Surveyshas this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no7. 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

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UNIT 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
HELDERBERG REFORMED
DUTCH CHURCH
Detail of steeple



Detail of Tiffany window
on south elevation



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Sunday school addition
on northern end
looking south

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