

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. 001-06-0135

QUAD _____

SERIES _____

NEG. NO. _____

YOUR NAME: Town of Guilderland DATE: June 1, 1979

YOUR ADDRESS: Town Hall, Guilderland TELEPHONE: 518-356-1980
N.Y.

ORGANIZATION (if any): _____

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME(S): McNiven Farm Complex A (Building#27)
2. COUNTY: Albany TOWN/CITY: Guilderland VILLAGE: _____
3. STREET LOCATION: 4178 Altamont Rd.
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
5. PRESENT OWNER Roy McNiven ADDRESS: 4178 Altamont Rd., Altamont, N.Y.
6. USE: Original: Farmhouse Present: Farmhouse 12009
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
Interior accessible: Explain by appointment

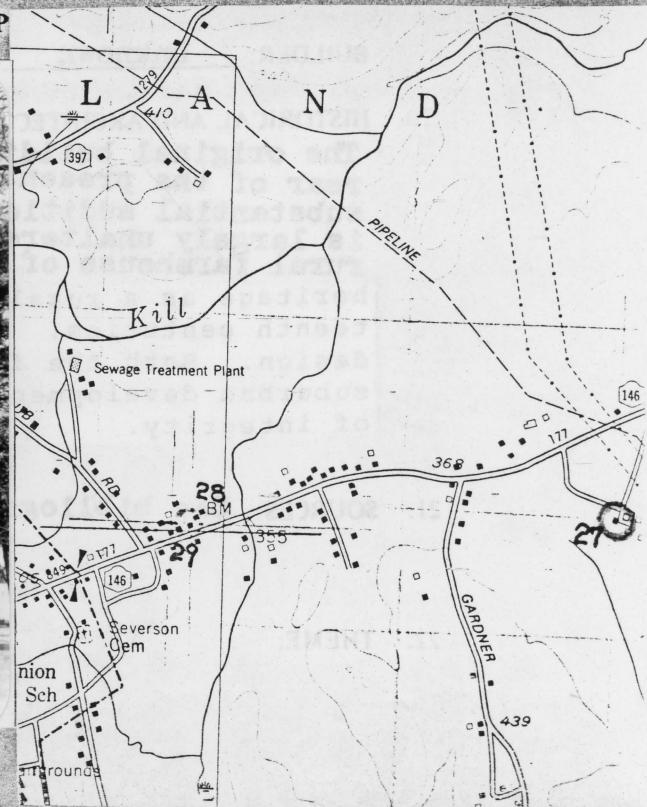
DESCRIPTION

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): _____

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: _____
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: Power lines

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)

Set very far off the road; still retains its original farm setting.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):

Two-story farmhouse, five bays wide with center entrance and gable roof; one-story porch across front extending east to form a porte-cochere; two-story ell on rear; interior remains largely unaltered; evidence of a small 18th-century house on rear.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1860 (rear 1790's)

ARCHITECT: Unknown

BUILDER: Unknown

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

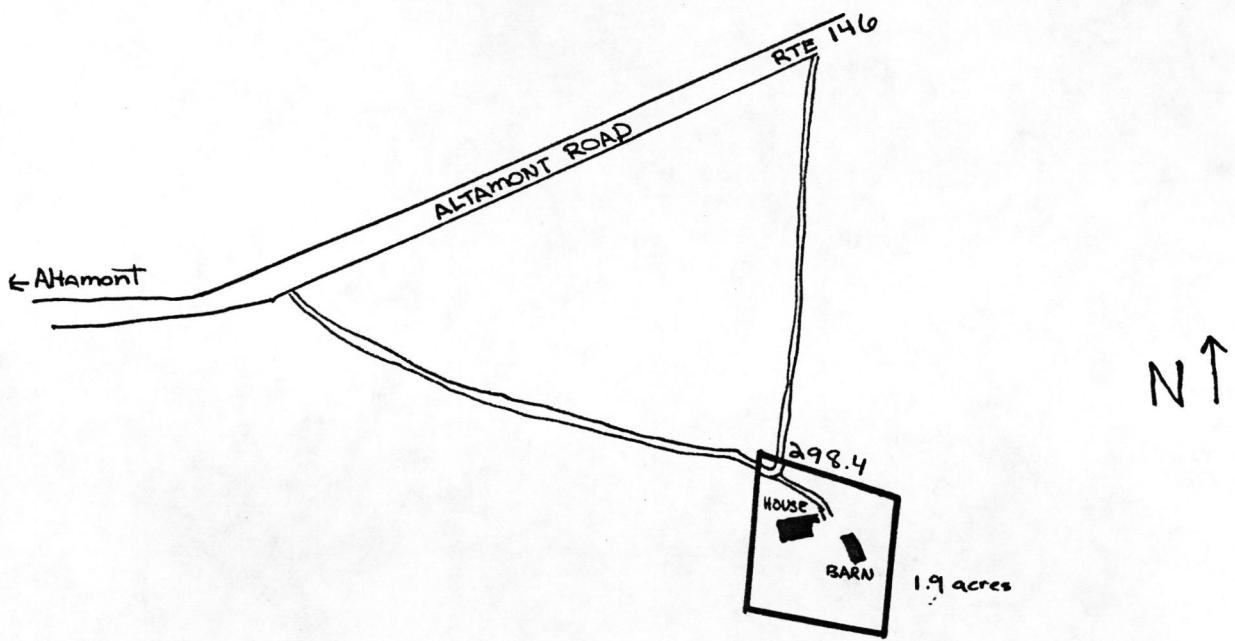
The original building was a small Dutch house located to the rear of the present structure. As the farm grew the substantial addition was constructed in the 1860's. The house is largely unaltered and is an excellent example of restrained rural farmhouse of the 19th century. It reflects Guilderland's heritage as a rural, agrarian community of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. The barn complex is of a notable vernacular design. Both the farmhouse and barns survive amidst contemporary suburban development. The buildings display a significant degree of integrity.

21. SOURCES: See bibliography

22. THEME:

4178 Altamont Road

Building #27



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

1" = 400'

EXP. 10/31/84

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Guilderland Multiple Resource Area
State New York

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Altamont Historic District	<u>Entered in the National Register</u>	for Keeper	<u>Delores Byers 11/10/82</u>
2. Apple Tavern	<u>Entered in the National Register</u>	for Keeper	<u>Delores Byers 11/10/82</u>
3. Guilderland Cemetery Vault	<u>Entered in the National Register</u>	for Keeper	<u>Delores Byers 11/10/82</u>
4. McNiven Farm Complex	<u>Entered in the National Register</u>	for Keeper	<u>Delores Byers 11/10/82</u>
5. Crounse, Jacob, Inn	<u>Substantive Review</u>	for Keeper	<u>Franklin Dwyer 11/10/82</u>
6. Knower House	<u>Entered in the National Register</u>	for Keeper	<u>Delores Byers 11/10/82</u>
7. Gardner House	<u>Entered in the National Register</u>	for Keeper	<u>Delores Byers 11/10/82</u>
8. Crounse, John and Henry, Farm Complex	<u>Entered in the National Register</u>	for Keeper	<u>Delores Byers 11/10/82</u>
9. Crounse, Frederick, House	<u>Entered in the National Register</u>	for Keeper	<u>Delores Byers 11/10/82</u>
10. Vanderpool Farm Complex	<u>Substantive Review</u>	for Keeper	<u>Franklin Dwyer 11/10/82</u>

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

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

McNiven Farm Complex (Guilderland MRA)
Albany County
NEW YORK

Working No. 9/29/82-2682

Fed. Reg. Date: 2/1/83

Date Due: 10/29/82 - 11/3/82

Action: ACCEPT 11/10/82

RETURN

REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

resubmission
 nomination by person or local government
 owner objection
 appeal

Entered in the
National Register

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

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 _____

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)

MCNIVEN FARM HOUSE (#27)

The house looking
south from
Altamont Road



80

MAY

Barns to the east
of the house



MAY
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