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Name

Location

✓Heermance Farmhouse

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Dutchess County

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National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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1. Name

historic Heermance Farmhouse

and/or common Bulkeley Farm

2. Location

street & number West Kerley Corner Road (County Rte. 78) not for publication

city, town Red Hook vicinity of congressional district 25th

state New York code 036 county Dutchess code 027

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition		<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Peter and Alice Bulkeley

street & number West Kerley Corner Road

city, town Red Hook vicinity of state New York

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dutchess County Courthouse

street & number 22 Market Street

city, town Poughkeepsie state New York

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title none has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Condition	Check one		Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" 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

The Heermance farmhouse is located on the north side of the West Kerley Corner Road, west of the road's intersection with Route 9, in the town of Red Hook, New York. The farmhouse and its support structures are located in the northern part of the 150-acre farm. Only the house is being nominated as the original barns have been replaced and the original acreage is not intact.

The one-and-a-half story, gable-roofed, fieldstone house has glazed headers and two casement windows in each gable (Photos #2 and 4). The six-bay, south-facing facade has an off-center Dutch door entrance (Photo #1). There is one gabled dormer on the facade and one on the rear. Some of the original 12/12 windows remain; the others are 2/2. The wooden, rear ell section encompasses a garage, kitchen and laundry; it was built in 1953, replacing an older kitchen and woodshed of approximately the same size (Photo #3). A seamed metal roof covers the entire house.

Sometime between 1725 and 1750, the residence was constructed as a simple, two-room building with a fireplace on each end. The granary door that remains in an interior second floor wall was probably part of that first construction effort (Photo #5). About 1772, the eastern room was added, the central hall divided, and most of the interior decorative detailing was added. This included the exceptional, fielded panelling on the east wall of the eastern room. In this wall, a fireplace is flanked by closets with double, arched, panelled doors and by fluted pilasters with sunburst and floral panels. The fireplace was rebuilt in 1978, but all the surrounding panelling remains intact (Photos #6 and 7). The steep, boxed staircase leading to the second floor has a "tiger maple" stair rail (Photo #8). The upstairs rooms were divided in the eighteenth century and retain their plank doors and, in several cases, their original hardware (Photo #9). The eastern and western rooms on the second floor both have panelling to cover the top of the stone walls where the brick gable ends begin; it is similar to the vertical wainscoting in the central first floor rooms.

The first floor has early twentieth century wood flooring over the original wide boards. The ceiling of the first floor forms the floor of the second; it is the original flooring. The walls on the first floor rooms are plastered as they would have been originally; the ceiling and walls on the second floor have been sheetrocked.

Modern alterations include the replastering of walls, the installation of sheetrock, and the reconstruction of the fireplaces, rear section and front stoop. All of these late twentieth century changes were made to maintain the good condition of the building. The only other major alteration has been the removal of the original fireplace in the western room in 1897. That fireplace, which was reportedly covered with pictorial Dutch tiles illustrating biblical scenes, was one of the two rebuilt in 1978.

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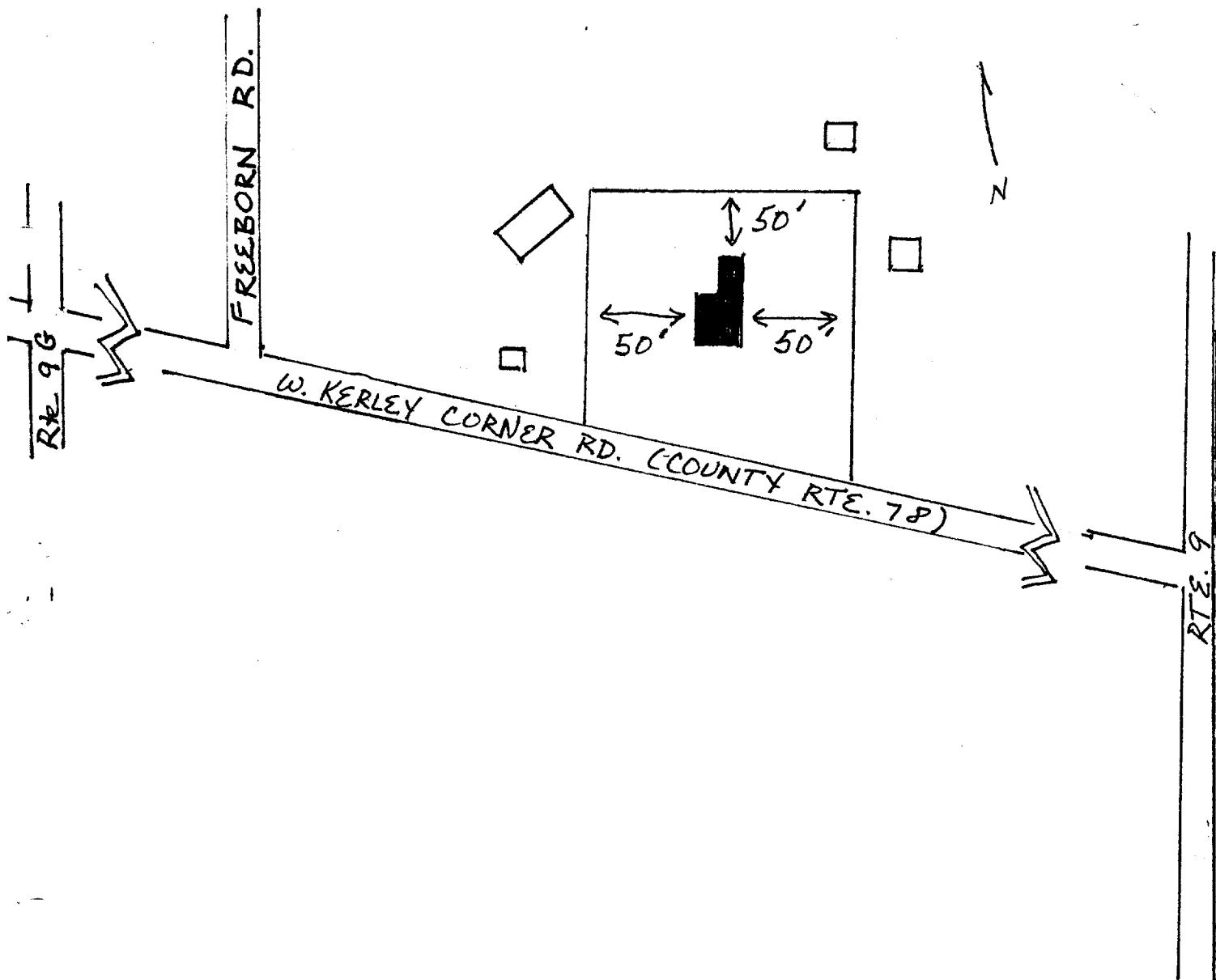
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8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below							
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention						

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
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Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Heermance farmhouse is significant as an example of a largely intact eighteenth-century, Dutch, Hudson Valley, stone farmhouse.

The land on which the farm stands was originally part of the Schuyler Patent; however, unlike most of the other farmland in the area, which was owned by landlords like the Schuylers and Livingstons who managed it under the tenant/landlord system, the Heermance farm became a freehold farm early in the eighteenth century. The property was purchased from the Schuylers by Barent Staats and his family early in the 1700's. It was then sold to the VanBenthuyzen family and to Andries Heermance, who bought the land in partnership. Sometime before 1747 they partitioned the acreage and Heermance acquired the 1000 acres, which his sons Jacob, Peter and Garrett were to hold in common. The land was divided again in 1772 among the three brothers, and Peter received the 269 acres that contained this farm. In 1789, the farm passed to his sons Andrew and Simon.

The exact date of the initial construction of the house and which of the three Heermance brothers actually built it has not been determined.¹ It is clear, however, that the three men were established on the site in the 1750's, because during that decade, they served as pathmasters for their section of the road to the landing at Madalin (now Tivoli). Shortly before the American Revolution, about the time Jacob, Peter and Garrett divided their 1000 acres, Peter Heermance enlarged this residence and extensively remodelled its interior. Peter's father had been wealthy enough to be involved in sizeable property transactions, and the work that was done on the house shows that the family continued to prosper. Later, Peter Heermance's commission in the Dutchess County Militia as Lieutenant Colonel, and his twenty-eight year old son Andrew's as Second Lieutenant, reveal that they were respected members of the community.

During the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, the property has been owned by several families, but it has always been a working farm. In 1806, Andrew Heermance moved to Troy, New York, and sold the farm to Ezra Hoyt (1766-1808). Two years later, Hoyt died, but his wife and children remained on the property until 1828, when they sold it to Nathan Beckwith (?-1865). Beckwith owned at least three farms in the Rhinebeck-Red Hook area and maintained his own residence on one of them in Rhinebeck; the Heermance farmhouse was occupied by his children. In 1900, William Beckwith wrote an article for the Tivoli Times in which he spoke of living in the house in the 1840's; maps show him to be in residence there in 1858 and Lewis Beckwith to be there in 1865. Upon Nathan Beckwith's death, the farm was sold to John Johnson who died in 1870. The farm was sold again, and Jacob and Elsea Gale of Germantown took up occupancy in 1871. They remained on the property until 1896, when Henry Redder (1849-?) purchased it; Redder was the grandfather of Mrs. Alice Bulkeley, who now owns the farm with her husband Peter.

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Since the first settlement, this vicinity has been dependent upon commercial agriculture, and the use of this site reflects the history of the area. It can be assumed that the eighteenth and early nineteenth century owners of the property concentrated on grain production and later on the care of sheep for their wool. In 1875, about the time the area was beginning to develop its apple industry, the Agricultural Census showed the Heermance farm to have a young orchard of about 1000 trees. Currently, dairy herds and orchards occupy most of the area's farmland and the present owners of the Heermance farm raise dairy cattle.

The intact residence, with its fieldstone construction and brick gable ends, was constructed in two stages in the eighteenth century and has received few major alterations. Like other houses of its kind in the area, the building was first constructed as a very simple, functional residence with little decorative detailing. The second stage of construction enlarged the structure and added the unusual features that give this vernacular building its special distinction. There were few major changes made to the house after 1800. The original wooden rear section was added before 1900; it was demolished and reconstructed in 1953. A deteriorated fireplace was removed from the western room about 1900, and hardwood floors were added on the first floor about 1920. The restoration work that was completed in the 1970's (described in Section Number Seven) has been carefully and sensitively conducted to maintain the eighteenth-century character of the house. The residence retains its original decorative features, including its unusual "tiger maple" stair rail, granary door, most of its flooring and doors, and, particularly, its exceptional, fielded panelling on the parlor wall.

The Heermance farmhouse is one of only about six stone houses remaining in the town of Red Hook and is one of the most intact ones in the mid-Hudson Valley. Comparable in scale and design to the slightly larger Senate House in Kingston, the residence is remarkable for both its retention of eighteenth-century decorative features and its lack of nineteenth and twentieth century additions or alterations. The residence is an excellent example of the eighteenth-century vernacular architecture of the area. Archeological resources related to the eighteenth and nineteenth century uses of the property have not been investigated.

1. In the History of Dutchess County (1882), James H. Smith said the house was built in 1733. An article in the Red Hook Journal in 1899 claimed it was built in 1745. Peter Heermance (c.1725-180?), who received the farmhouse when he and his brothers divided their property, could have constructed the building in 1745. In 1733, he would have been too young to be building a home for himself.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Beckwith, William. "Early History of Tivoli." Tivoli Times, January 26, 1900.

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Division for Historic Preservation, Albany, New York.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property Less than one acre

Quadrangle name Clermont

Quadrangle scale 1:24

UMT References

A

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Zone	Easting	Northing							

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Zone	Easting	Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

The nomination includes the Heermance farmhouse and the land immediately surrounding it, beginning at a point on the north edge of West Kerley Corner Road (County Route 78) fifty feet west of the house, following a line northward to a point fifty feet north

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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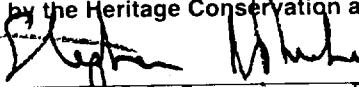
city or town Albany state New York

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature 
Director, Historic Preservation Field Services Bureau
date 2/21/80

title

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register
date

Keeper of the National Register
date

Attest:
date

Chief of Registration
date

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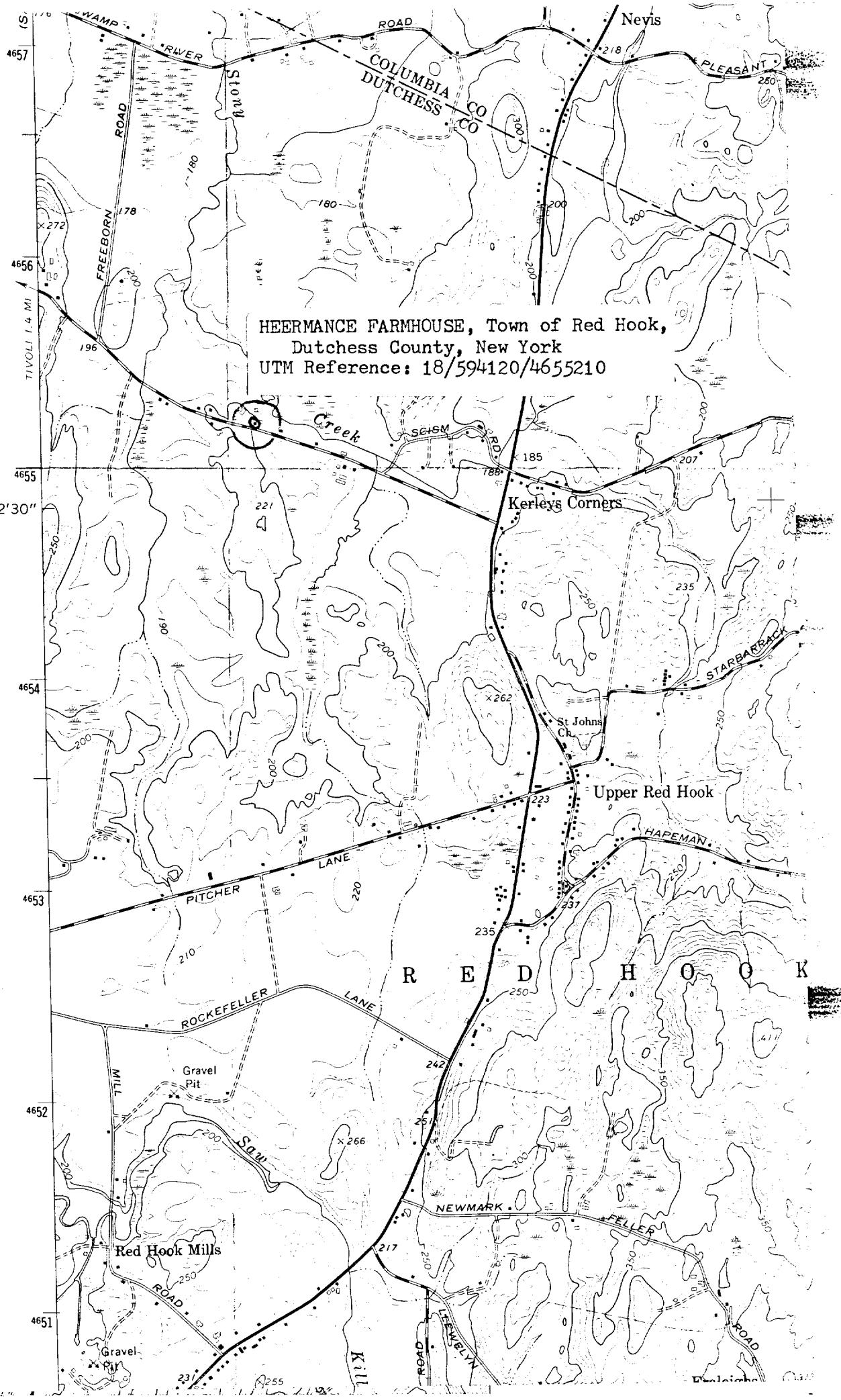
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of the house, then eastward to a point fifty feet east of the house, then southward to the northern edge of West Kerley Corner Road, then westward along that side of the road to the point of beginning.

Dermont
quad



PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WHEN THE PROPERTY IS RESUBMITTED. DATE: 8/19/82

NAME OF PROPERTY Wingfield Mill

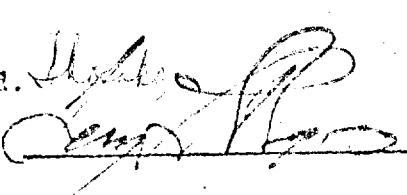
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1. Name. _____
2. Location. _____
3. Classification. _____
4. Owner of Property. _____
5. Location of Legal Description. _____
6. Representation in Existing Surveys. _____
7. Description. _____
8. Statement of Significance. _____
9. Bibliography. _____
10. Geographical Data.
 - a. Longitude and Latitude Coordinates. Longitude (or Latitude) appears to be off by about 4 miles. Please check.
 - b. Acreage. _____
11. Form Prepared By. _____
12. Certification. _____
- Photographic Coverage. _____
- Map Coverage. _____
- Other. _____

Clarification or correction of the above items must be made prior to the initiation of our professional review. Correction of these technical errors does not necessarily insure that the nomination will then satisfy the National Register criteria in full.

Thank you for your attention to the above items checked.

SIGNED: 

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Reynolds, Helen Wilkinson. Dutchess County Doorways, 1730-1830.
New York: William Farquhar Payson, 1931.

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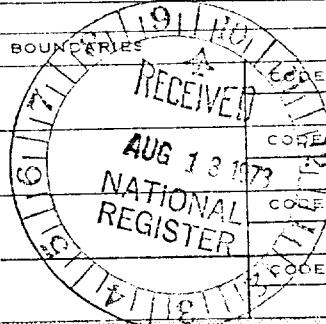
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 5 acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Lynn Beebe Weaver, Research Assistant

DATE

ORGANIZATION

New York State Division for Historic Preservation July 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:

South Swan Street Building

CITY OR TOWN:

Albany

STATE

CODE

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12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Lynn Beebe Weaver

State Historic
Preservation Officer

Title State Historic Preservation Officer

Date 8/17/73

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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