BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO.
QUAD
SERIES
NEG. NO.

YOUR NAME: Cynthia Howk DATE: Dec., 1994

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ORGANIZATION (if any): The Landmark Society of Western New York, Inc.

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IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME(S): Atwell - Sutherland House
2. COUNTY: Monroe TOWN/CITY: Greece VILLAGE: ---
3. STREET LOCATION: 2106 Manitou Road
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public ☐ b. private ☒
5. PRESENT OWNER: Muriel H. Albright ADDRESS: (same) Spencerport, NY 14559
6. USE: Original: residence/farm Present: residence/farm
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes ☒ No ☐
   Interior accessible: Explain private residence

DESCRIPTION

8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard ☐ b. stone ☐ c. brick ☐ d. board and batten ☐
   e. cobblestone ☐ f. shingles ☐ g. stucco ☐ other: vinyl siding
   Roof = asphalt shingles. Foundation = pargeted fieldstone.
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):

(see continuation sheet)

12. PHOTO:

13. MAP:

"This complex is in the 'green plus' category." P.Malo.

COLOR CODE

Green plus +

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14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known ☒ b. zoning ☐ c. roads ☐
d. developers ☐ e. deterioration ☐
f. other: _____

15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:
a. barn ☒-3 b. carriage house ☐ c. garage ☐
d. privy ☒ e. shed ☐ f. greenhouse ☐
g. shop ☐ h. gardens ☐
i. landscape features: deciduous trees, coniferous shrubs
j. other: woodland to rear (east) of buildings.

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: proposed Greece Canal Park property to the east.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:
(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)

(see continuation sheet)

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

(see continuation sheet)

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: c. 1852

ARCHITECT: not determined

BUILDER: not determined

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

(see continuation sheet)

21. SOURCES: (see continuation sheet)

22. THEME: agricultural: former farm residence and outbuildings.

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Contemporary vinyl siding has been installed over the original wood clapboards, c. 1980s-90s.

The one-story front and north porches have been enclosed, c. 1950s-60s.

The brick chimney on the south elevation is a 20th-century addition.

The front porch has contemporary, metal, window awnings, c. 1960s-70s.

The one-car, gable-roofed garage attached to the northeast corner of the house appears to be a mid/late 20th-century addition.

17. The Atwell-Sutherland House is located on a 1.3-acre lot on the east side of Manitou Road in the southwest corner of the town. Several agricultural buildings of various dates are located to the south and east of the house. A driveway is located to the north of the house. To the south of the house is a small, early 20th-century residence at #2112 Manitou Rd., constructed by Irving Sutherland for his mother. The site is enhanced by the presence of a number of mature deciduous and coniferous trees and shrubs. The eastern property line borders acreage (formerly part of this property) sold to the county in the 1960s for Greece Canal Park. There is scattered 19th and 20th century residential architecture in the surrounding neighborhood.

18. Two-story, gable-front-and-wing, frame farmhouse (c. 1852) with one-and-one-half-story, gable-roofed rear (east) wing. The front-gabled block is two-bays-wide by three-bays-deep. The side-gabled wing is two-bays-wide by one-bay deep. The house stands on a pargeted fieldstone foundation. Exterior walls which are now clad in vinyl siding were originally clad with wood clapboard (intact underneath). Fenestration is regular and symmetrical with 6/6, double-hung windows.

There are three porches on the main block of the house. A one-story, shed-roofed enclosed porch is located on the facade (west elevation). The one-story, shed-roofed porch on

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the north elevation has been mostly enclosed, leaving only a small open landing with turned post and spindled railing at the west end. On the south elevation, a similar, small, open porch with single turned post and spindled railing is located at the southwest junction of the main block with the 1-1/2-story rear (east) wing.

The 1-1/2-story rear (east) wing features a gabled roof and a brick chimney on the ridgeline. It is one-bay-wide by three-bays-deep. There are 6/6, double-hung windows on the first story and small, frieze windows with sliding sash under the eaves. This rear wing may be of earlier construction than the main, two-story part of the house.

The current owner states that interior features include: a historic front door with old, hand-cranked bell; pine floors on the second floor; and a dining room with narrow-width hardwood flooring. In the rear wing, there is a separate staircase to the rooms in the upper story (said to have been the "tenant's quarters."). The walls of the foundation are double: there are two north walls, and two south walls. The old cistern is in the basement and, beyond it, the well. Located under the laundry room floor, the well has its fieldstone-lined shaft still intact. Insulation was added to the house by the current owner when she purchased the property about five years ago (previously, there was no insulation).

A contemporary, one-story, gable-roofed, frame garage is attached to the northeast corner of the house. It appears to be a post-World War II addition.

In addition to the historic farmhouse, the property is distinguished for its several contributing agricultural outbuildings, including:

Contributing gable-roofed frame barn (early 1900s) located east of the house. This long barn consists of a one-story north half and a one-and-one-half-story south half. The barn has metal roofing and is clad with narrow wood siding. The north part of the barn is used as a garage; the south part of the barn (described by the owner as a "pole barn") retains stalls for livestock.

Contributing gable-roofed sheds (early 1900s) to the

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northeast of the house. These two, 1-story buildings have wood siding and gable roofs. At present they are used for storage.

Contributing gable-roofed shed (early 1900s) located in a thicket of shrubbery to the southeast of the house. This small, frame building has the size, appearance, and materials (wood) of a typical outhouse. The current owner states that former owner, Mrs. Irving Sutherland, described this building as the "Smokehouse." Because of its wood frame construction, however, that does not seem to be possible (smokehouses are usually masonry).

20. The Atwell-Sutherland House is architecturally significant in the town of Greece as a distinctive example of a vernacular, mid-19th-century farmhouse. This historic farm property, with its house and outbuildings, is historically significant as well as an important visual reminder of the town's agricultural heritage.

The ell-plan , gable-roofed house is representative of the typical vernacular farmhouse built in Greece during the mid to late nineteenth century. Though the house is vernacular in form, its turned porch posts were inspired by the Queen Anne style, at its height of popularity during the 1880s-1900.

The architectural significance of this house would be enhanced if the vinyl siding was removed and the wood clapboard siding was repaired/re-painted.

The 1852 county map shows this site with a building; the owner is listed as "L.Atwell." It is possible that the smaller, 1-1/2-story, gabled rear (east) section of the house is the building that is shown on this early map. The small frieze windows located on the south elevation of this wing are more typical of the Greek Revival style, popular from the 1830s-50s, therefore indicating an earlier construction date for this wing.

The 1872 county map shows this site as lot 152 and owned by "L. Atwell." A building is shown along the roadway - the current house located here today. To the east, a creek bisects the property (rectangular parcel). The Erie Canal is shown just to the south.

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The 1902 county map shows this as a 49.2-acre parcel owned by Lucy Atwell. One building is shown (the same as on the previous map). The canal is to the south.

The 1924 county map shows this site as a 47.75-acre parcel owned by Charles Sutherland. A frame outbuilding (current barn) is also shown to the east (rear) of the house. The property to the south is a large, 91.5-acre parcel owned by Vick & Dildine Co. Inc. (south boundary is the canal). The 1930 suburban directory lists Charles W. and Delia Sutherland at #2106 with their son, Irving, a student. Charles is listed as a farmer.

The 1959 county map shows this as a 49.2-acre parcel with I.H. Sutherland as owner. The house is shown with two small frame outbuildings to the northeast and four additional frame outbuildings (one is the large barn) to the east. The small house at #2112 (with a separate garage) is shown to the south as a separately owned property. The large 99-acre property to the south (bordering the canal) is owned by Joseph Harris Co., Inc.

Irving H. Sutherland was born in this house and died here, as well. He stayed here with his parents, ran the farm, and drove a school bus for Spencerport School system. Later, he became the head mechanic for that district. He built the house next door at #2212 Manitou Rd. for his mother. Irving's wife was a music teacher. Mrs. Sutherland had a rose garden and rhubarb patch (still extant). Her husband grew "seed" flowers north of the house. Mrs. Sutherland sold the property about 1989 to the present owner and moved into the Park Ridge Adult Home (where she resides today).

The present owner recommended talking to Irving Sutherland's nephew, Charles Lenhart, who has much family information. Muriel Albright has a historic photo of this house showing the front porch before it was enclosed.

21. See final report for bibliography; phone interview with owner, Muriel H. Albright, 1/ 1995.