BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO._____
QUAD._____
SERIES_____
NEG.NO._____

YOUR NAME: Kathy Howe DATE: Sept. 1994

YOUR ADDRESS: 133 South Fitzhugh Street TELEPHONE: (716)546-7029
Rochester, NY 14608
ORGANIZATION (if any): The Landmark Society of Western New York, Inc.

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IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME(S): Bridgeman Farm/present Hunter Farms
2. COUNTY: Monroe TOWN: Greece
3. STREET LOCATION: 358 North Greece Road
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [ ] b. private [X]
5. PRESENT OWNER: William C. & Wendy Hunter ADDRESS: 366 North Greece Road Hilton, NY 14468
6. USE: Original: residence/farm Present: 2 apartments/horse farm
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes[X] No[ ]
   Interior accessible: Explain private residence

DESCRIPTION

8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard [ ] b. stone [X](fdn.) c. brick [ ] d. board and batten [ ] e. cobblestone [ ] f. shingles [ ] g. stucco [ ] other: Asphalt siding and asphalt roof shingles.
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: (if known)
   a. wood frame with interlocking joints [X]
   b. wood frame with light members [ ]
   c. masonry load bearing walls [ ]
   d. metal (explain)_____
   e. other_____
10. CONDITION: a. excellent [ ] b. good [X] c. fair [ ] d. deteriorated [ ]
11. INTEGRITY: a. original site [X] b. moved [ ] if so, when? _____
    c. list major alterations and dates (if known):

(see continuation sheet)

12. PHOTO:

13. MAP:

"This, unfortunately, has asbestos siding on it, but the porch is lovely and even the glassed-in storm windows (on the porch) is notable. If you have to enclose an older porch, this is the way to do it! This is a 'green' because the asbestos siding is more obtrusive - the first thing you notice is the siding." P.Malo.

COLOR CODE

Green

14. THREATS TO BUILDING:

a. none known [X] b. zoning [ ] c. roads [ ]
d. developers [ ] e. deterioration [ ]
f. other:

15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:

a. barn [X] b. carriage house [ ] c. garage [X]
d. privy [ ] e. shed [X] (5) f. greenhouse [ ]
g. shop [ ] h. gardens [ ]
i. landscape features:
j. other: Outhouse. Colonial Revival house (366 North Greece Road)

16. SURROUNDINGS OF THE BUILDING (check more than one if necessary):

a. open land [X] b. woodland [ ]
c. scattered buildings [X]
d. densely built-up [ ] e. commercial [ ]
f. industrial [ ] g. residential [X]
h. other:

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. 1872

ARCHITECT: not determined

BUILDER: not determined

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

(see continuation sheet)

21. SOURCES:

(see continuation sheet)

22. THEME: Agricultural: Farmhouse and outbuildings

11c.
Asphalt siding added.

Brick chimney added on north elevation.

Concrete block foundation added beneath front porch.

South end of front porch has been enclosed with asphalt-sided base and fixed windows above.

One-story, shed-roofed porch added at northeast corner of house.

Cinder block chimney added at east elevation.

One-story, shed-roofed, enclosed porch (20th century) with concrete block foundation added at southeast corner.

17. The house is located on a .43 acre lot on the east side of North Greece Road in the northwest quadrant of the town. Historic outbuildings and a farmhouse (366 North Greece Road) are located adjacent to this lot on a 58-acre parcel. Both parcels are owned by the same owner and were historically part of the same property.

The house sits on a knoll with a deep setback from the street. The property slopes downward toward North Greece Road to the west and Northrup Creek to the east. Located south of the house, across the shared driveway, is the contributing cross-gabled, Colonial Revival farmhouse (366 North Greece Road) built in 1915 by the Bridgeman family. Directly behind #358, to the east, is a contributing frame shed. The driveway forms a loop, partially lined with pine trees, in front of the contributing barns, sheds, and garage further to the east. Open fields are located beyond these outbuildings to the east. The setting retains its rural feeling.

18. Two and one-half story, front gable with side wing, frame vernacular farmhouse with Italianate style front porch. Fenestration is regular with one-over-one, double-hung wood windows. The attic windows in the west and south gables feature triangular arched (pointed) windows. The house is constructed atop a coursed ashlar foundation of reddish-brown sandstone, some sections of which are pargeted.

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The front, west, elevation features a two-bay-wide, front-gabled section with a three-bay-wide, side-gabled wing to the south. A one-story, hipped roof porch is located in the front of the wing. This porch has Italianate style, chamfered posts with carved brackets featuring circular motifs. The south end of the porch has been enclosed with large, fixed windows and a frame base. The original clapboard siding can be seen on the west wall in this section of the porch.

A shed-roofed, one-story enclosed porch has been added on the south side of the one and one-half story, gabled rear wing. Above the porch, on the south elevation, is a gabled wall dormer. The north elevation of the rear wing has two frieze windows. An open, shed-roofed porch has been added on the rear, northeast side of the house.

In addition to the historic farmhouse, the property is distinguished for its fine collection of outbuildings which include:

Contributing shed (late nineteenth century?) behind house. One-story, front-gabled, frame shed with composition siding. Paneled wood door on south elevation. Interior has heavy plank floorboards. Wood frame with interlocking joints.

Contributing garage (1918 per assessment records)southeast of house. One-story, front-gabled garage with clapboard siding. Wood frame with light members.

Contributing (west) shed (twentieth century) in paddock. Gable-roofed, frame shed with vertical tongue-and-groove walls. Corrugated metal roof. Wood frame with light members.

Contributing (east) shed (late-nineteenth-century or early-twentieth-century) in paddock. Gable-roofed, frame shed with vertical tongue-and-groove walls. Corrugated metal roof. Wood frame with interlocking joints.

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Contributing barn (gambrel roofed section ca. 1915; gable-roofed section possibly late-nineteenth-century) east of driveway loop. The barn is comprised of an older, gable-roofed south section, a ca. 1915 gambrel-roofed block, and shed-roofed additions (ca. 1976) on the east, west and south sides. According to the present owner, some of the heavy post and beams in the gambrel-roofed barn are believed to have come from a former livery stable. The gable-roofed barn is also of post and beam construction. The barn walls are vertical tongue-and-groove boards. Some of the original horse stalls with vertical tongue-and-groove partitions are still intact.

Contributing outhouse north of equipment shed. Frame structure with horizontal board siding and paneled door.

Non-contributing equipment shed (1982) located northwest of barn. Modern frame shed for equipment storage.

20. This house is architecturally significant as an example of a late-nineteenth-century, vernacular farmhouse with an outstanding collection of historic agricultural outbuildings. It is also historically important for its association with the Bridgeman family and the agricultural heritage of the town.

The exact date of construction of 358 North Greece Road has not been determined. The current owners believe that the house was built in the 1870s. The building may have been built by the Northrup family. A structure appears in this approximate location on the 1872 map under the name of G.W. Northrup who lived nearby at 289 North Greece Road (see inventory form). Part of the north property line was once bounded by the New York Central Railroad tracks. The Abstract of Title for the 60-acre parcel dates back to 1882 when owner George Northrup[1] sold the

[1]George and Celia Northrup sold off other adjacent land to Simeon O'Dell (25 acres) in 1869 and Joseph Bushroe (1.83 acres) in 1875. These parcels appear to be separate from the approximately 60-acre parcel that 358 North Greece Road is located on.

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property to Addie Denise. Denise then transferred the same parcel to George's wife, Celia Northrup, along with "rights and privileges of the mill site" (a S. - saw? - mill is shown near the creek on the 1872 county map).

In 1897, Celia Northrup left the property to her daughter, Nettie (Junietta) W. Bridgeman. The 1902 county map shows the 60.2-acre property under the ownership of Nettie W. Bridgeman. Nettie and her husband John Bridgeman built the Colonial Revival house next door to the old farmhouse in 1915. The 1920 Federal Census lists George Bridgeman, farmer, as the owner of a general farm on North Greece Road. The 1924 county map shows this as a 57-acre parcel owned by J. & N. Bridgeman with two houses and two outbuildings. The 1930 suburban directory lists "Bridgeman & Sons, Coal" at this property with the names of Elwood G., George & Anna, and John & Nettie Bridgeman. John and Nettie Bridgeman had three children: Carrie E., George J., and William. Most of the outbuildings on this farm appear to have been built by the Bridgemans. Nettie died in 1941, leaving the 56.75 acre property to her son, George J. Bridgeman, and daughter, Carrie Rowley. In that same year, Carrie E. Rowley conveyed her interest in the property to her brother, George and his wife, Anna A. Bridgeman.

This ell-plan, gable-roofed house is representative of the typical vernacular farmhouse built in Greece during the late nineteenth century. Although the house is vernacular in form, the design of the front porch with its chamfered posts is Italianate in inspiration.

The property is significant in that it retains its historic acreage and is still in agricultural use today as a horse farm. The collection of agricultural sheds and the barn adds to the historic integrity of the setting.

The most impressive agricultural dependency on the property is the barn which consists of an earlier gable-roofed section and a ca. 1915 gambrel-roofed addition. By the turn of the century gambrel-roofed barns became the dominant barn type on most farms. The gambrel roof provided greater storage space and could accommodate larger hay crops and farm machinery. The barn retains some of the original horse stalls.

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Agricultural structures are quickly vanishing from the town's landscape, victims of development, deterioration, abandonment, or fire. Those agricultural complexes which have survived and are still in use, like the Bridgeman Farm, are rare and thus highly significant historic resources. The farmhouse and the agricultural support structures are important visual reminders of the town's agricultural heritage.

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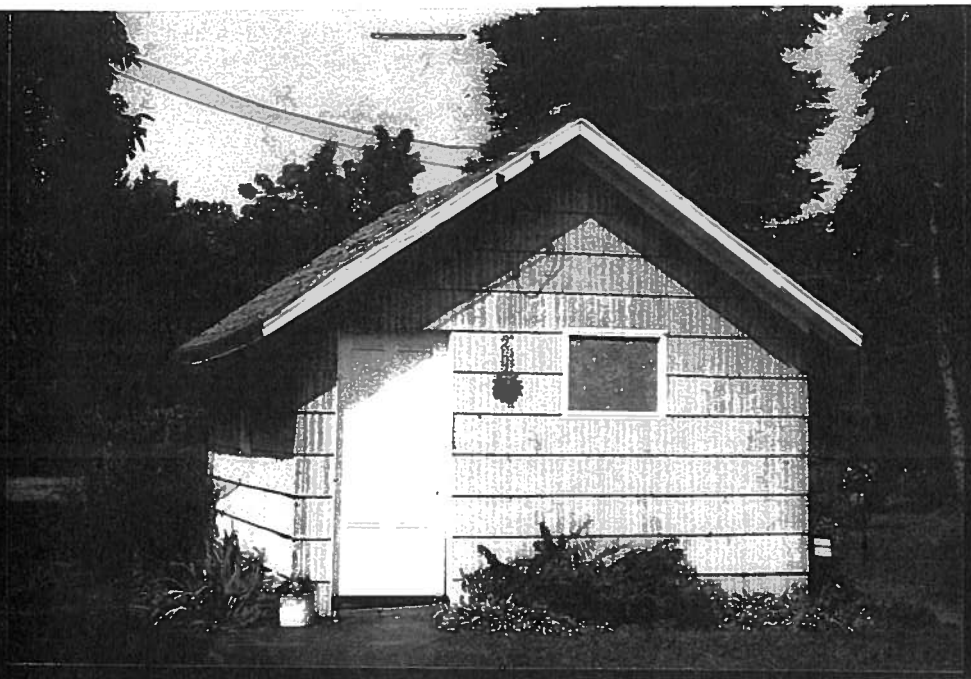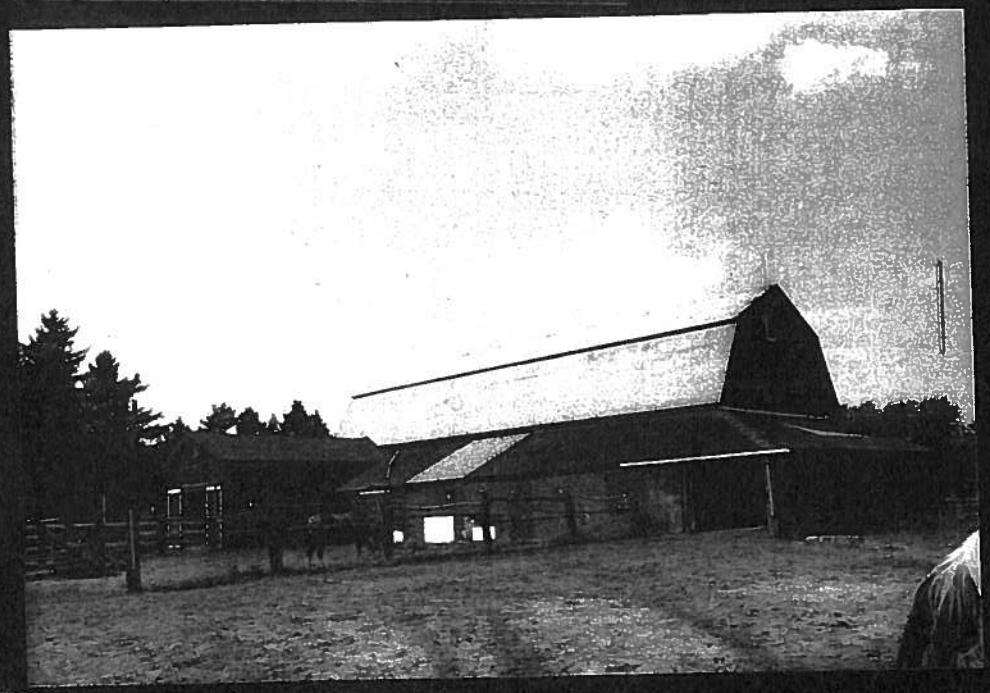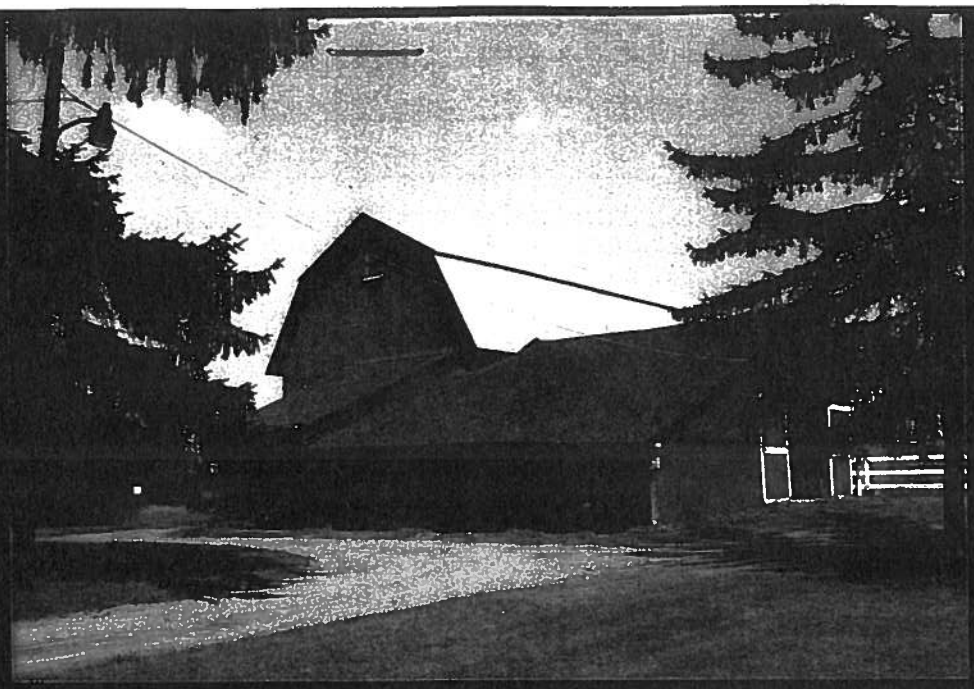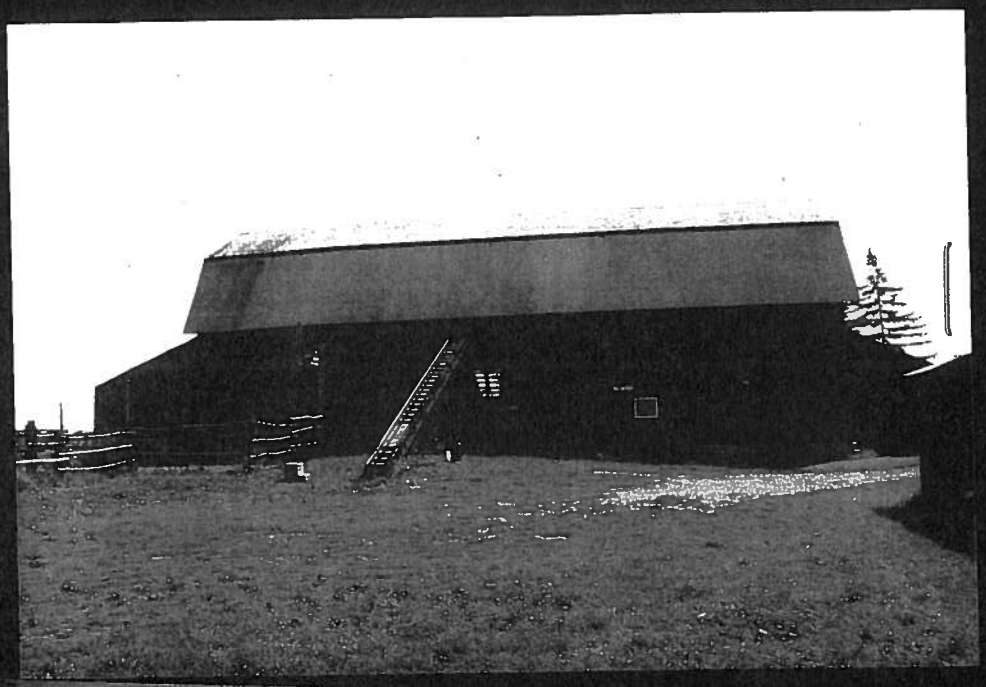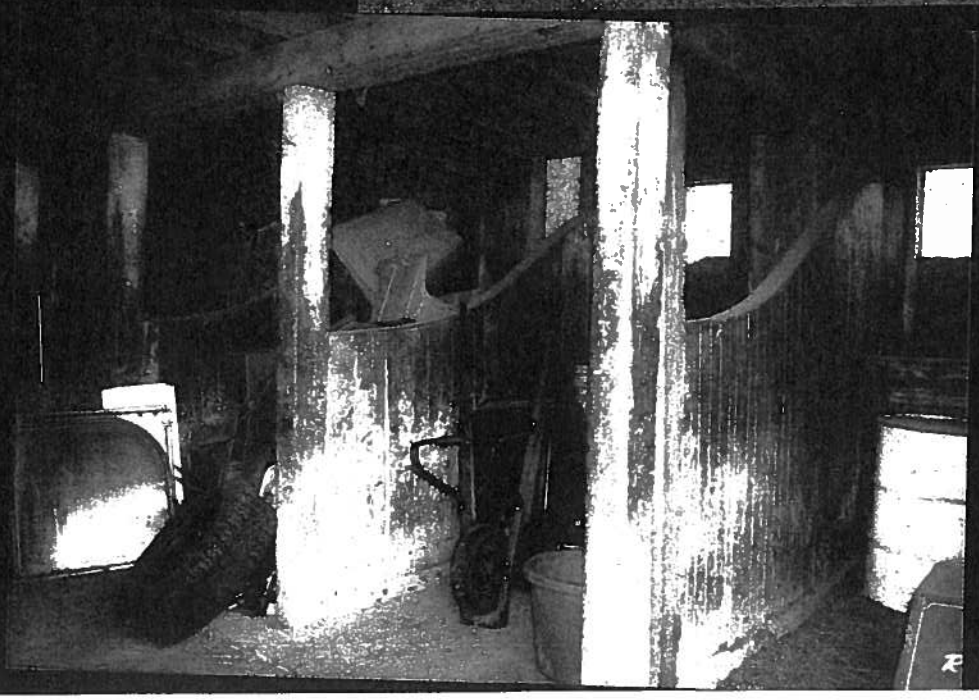
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