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New York Power
Authority

March 24, 1986
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Memorandum

MEMORANDUM TO: D. J. Lickun

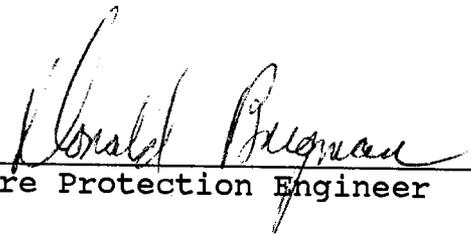
FROM: D. Bregman

SUBJECT: Blenheim-Gilboa Project
The Lansing Manor Historic Designation

Attached for your information is an official copy of the document which designated the subject building as an historic site.

Also attached is a copy of an information bulletin which states that owners of registered properties may sell, alter or dispose of such properties as they wish.

The N.Y.S.U.F.B.C. (Part 1233 - Historic Buildings) does not require such buildings to conform to the requirements of the code provided that the existing use is continued, and that the property is properly and safely maintained.



Fire Protection Engineer

DB/cr

Attachments

cc: J. F. Foley - w/att.
J. Hamor - w/att.
V. Pickett - w/att.

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE NEW YORK

Date Entered MAY 25 1973

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Location</u> |
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| ✓ Washington Park | Troy Rensselaer County |
| ✓ Glenwood | Troy Rensselaer County |
| ✓ Lansing Manor House | Town of Blenheim Schoharie County |
| ✓ Seneca Presbyterian ("Number Nine") Church | Stanley Ontario County |

COPY OF CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION

Also Notified

Hon. Jacob K. Javits
Hon. James L. Buckley
Hon. Carleton J. King
Hon. Donald J. Mitchell
Hon. William Walsh



NEW YORK STATE PARKS & RECREATION

• South Swan Street Building, South Mall, Albany, N.Y. 12223

Alexander Aldrich
Commissioner

April 27, 1973

Dr. William Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
National Park Service
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

As the State Liaison Officer, I am forwarding the enclosed nomination to the National Register of Historic Places:

Lansing Manor House, Town of Blenheim, Schoharie Co.

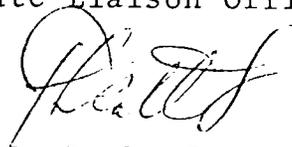
The above nomination has been reviewed and approved by the Committee on the Registers in accordance with the criteria outlined in Section 2.2 of the Grants Guide.

The staff of the New York State Division for Historic Preservation, the officially designated Preservation Agency, would welcome the opportunity to discuss this submission with your office.

Sincerely,

ALEXANDER ALDRICH
State Liaison Officer

by:


F. L. Rath, Jr.
Deputy Commissioner

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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| STATE: New York |
| COUNTY: Schoharie |
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| ENTRY DATE |

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| 1. NAME | |
| COMMON: Lansing Manor House | OFFICE COPY |
| AND/OR HISTORIC: | |

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|--|--------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| 2. LOCATION | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: 2 mi. south of N. Blenheim, east side of N.Y. Route 30 | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Town of Blenheim | | CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 31st | |
| STATE: New York | CODE: 036 | COUNTY: Schoharie | CODE: 095 |

| 3. CLASSIFICATION | | | | |
|---|--|---|--|--|
| CATEGORY (Check One) | OWNERSHIP | | STATUS | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both | Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress | Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____ |

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| 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY | | | |
| OWNER'S NAME: New York State Power Authority | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: 10 Columbus Circle | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: New York | STATE: New York | CODE: 036 | |

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| 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION | | | |
| COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Schoharie County Court House | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Schoharie | STATE: New York | CODE: 036 | |

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| 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS | | | |
| TITLE OF SURVEY: New York State Division for Historic Preservation Statewide survey | | | |
| DATE OF SURVEY: 1967-68 | <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local | | |
| DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: New York State Division of Historic Preservation | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: Parks and Recreation, South Swan Street Building | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Albany | STATE: New York | CODE: 036 | |

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Rep: Donald J. Mitchell

7. DESCRIPTION

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| CONDITION | (Check One) | | | | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed |
| | (Check One) | | | (Check One) | | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered | <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered | <input type="checkbox"/> Moved | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Lansing Manor House, surrounded by a number of farm outbuildings on about three hundred acres of land, stands on a plateau about two miles south of the village of North Blenheim on New York Route 30. From this point the Manor House overlooks Schoharie Creek and the new Blenheim - Gilboa pumped storage generating plant of the New York State Power Authority.

The two-story, forty-six foot square house with hipped roof built about 1818, is of brick-lined frame construction on the first story and is entirely wood frame on the second. Lapped siding covers the frame. Two inside chimneys on each end of the building (north and south) vent the smoke of the nine original fireplaces still in working order.

A five-bay one story porch covers the entire front facade of the house. The porch also extends to the south of the building where it covers the western half of that side.

Notable features on the exterior of the house include the front entrance with fanlight and the small oval window on the south side.

The house has undergone few alterations. The front entrance of the house leads into a large central reception hall with large den and dining room to the sides. The first floor is also presently used for kitchen, parlor and bedroom.

The second floor repeats the central hall plan, and has four bedrooms, two to either side of the central passage. There are also a full attic and cellar. The cellar contains the original kitchen, storage areas and servants quarters.

Also located on the farm property along with Lansing Manor House are: a shed and former summer kitchen to the rear of the house, a well and its cover, outhouse, ice house, milk house, barn and silos, a possible guest/tenant house, and several other outbuildings.

The land around the house and outbuildings is a combination of wooded and open, arable acreage. It has been noted for its many varieties of trees.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian; 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

c. 1800

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | <u>local history</u> |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Lansing Manor house, built about 1818, is a visible reminder of the period of rapid settlement of New York State following the signing of the Ft. Stanwix Treaty in 1769, of the life style which was related to the Patent land grants, and of the turbulent upheavals of the anti-rent wars of the 1840's. The Lansing estate is notable for having operated in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries as a successful farm. The house is significant architecturally as an example of an early manor house which retains the major portion of its original integrity.

Part of the Blenheim Patent granted by King George III in 1769, the Lansing farmstead was later, in the nineteenth century, the scene of antirent activity, and was located in an area of great development following the Revolutionary War when immigrants from Massachusetts and Rhode Island poured into the Blenheim Patent.

The Lansing Manor House and property were given by John Lansing, Jr. to his son-in-law, Jacob Sutherland Esq. Sutherland was sent to Blenheim to manage the estate of Lansing, and the home was built to accommodate him and his family. Both men were noted for their participation in both political and legal affairs. They maintained prominent positions in their community.

John Lansing, although best known as having been Chancellor of New York State, also served as military secretary to Gen. Philip Schuyler, New York Assembly speaker, member of Congress under the Articles of Confederation and Chief Justice of the New York Supreme Court.

His son-in-law, Jacob Sutherland, was educated for the bar and attained prominence in the legal field. Among other positions, he served as one of the delegates to the Constitutional convention as a District Attorney for the U.S. District Court.

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Following Sutherland, the farm has been owned by a judge and a doctor and then by a number of other owners, all of them interested in the agricultural potential of the land. Lansing estate supported livestock and grain through the first half of the twentieth century. Having been subjected to no major alterations architecturally, the house continues to reflect the well-being of its earliest owners. Lansing Manor is presently owned by the New York State Power Authority and will be part of a new state park facility.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See Attached sheets

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY | | | O R | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES | | |
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| CORNER | LATITUDE | LONGITUDE | | LATITUDE | LONGITUDE | |
| NW | Degrees Minutes Seconds 42° 27' 32" | Degrees Minutes Seconds 74° 28' 09" | | Degrees Minutes Seconds ° ' " | Degrees Minutes Seconds ° ' " | |
| NE | 42° 27' 32" | 74° 27' 31" | | | | |
| SE | 42° 26' 40" | 74° 27' 31" | | | | |
| SW | 42° 26' 40" | 74° 28' 09" | | | | |

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 300 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:
Lenore M. Rennenkampf, Research Assistant/History
 ORGANIZATION: NYS Division for Historic Preservation DATE: March 1973
 STREET AND NUMBER:
Parks and Recreation, South Swan Street Building
 CITY OR TOWN: Albany, STATE: New York CODE: 036

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 [Signature]

Title State Liaison Officer

Date 4/20/73

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

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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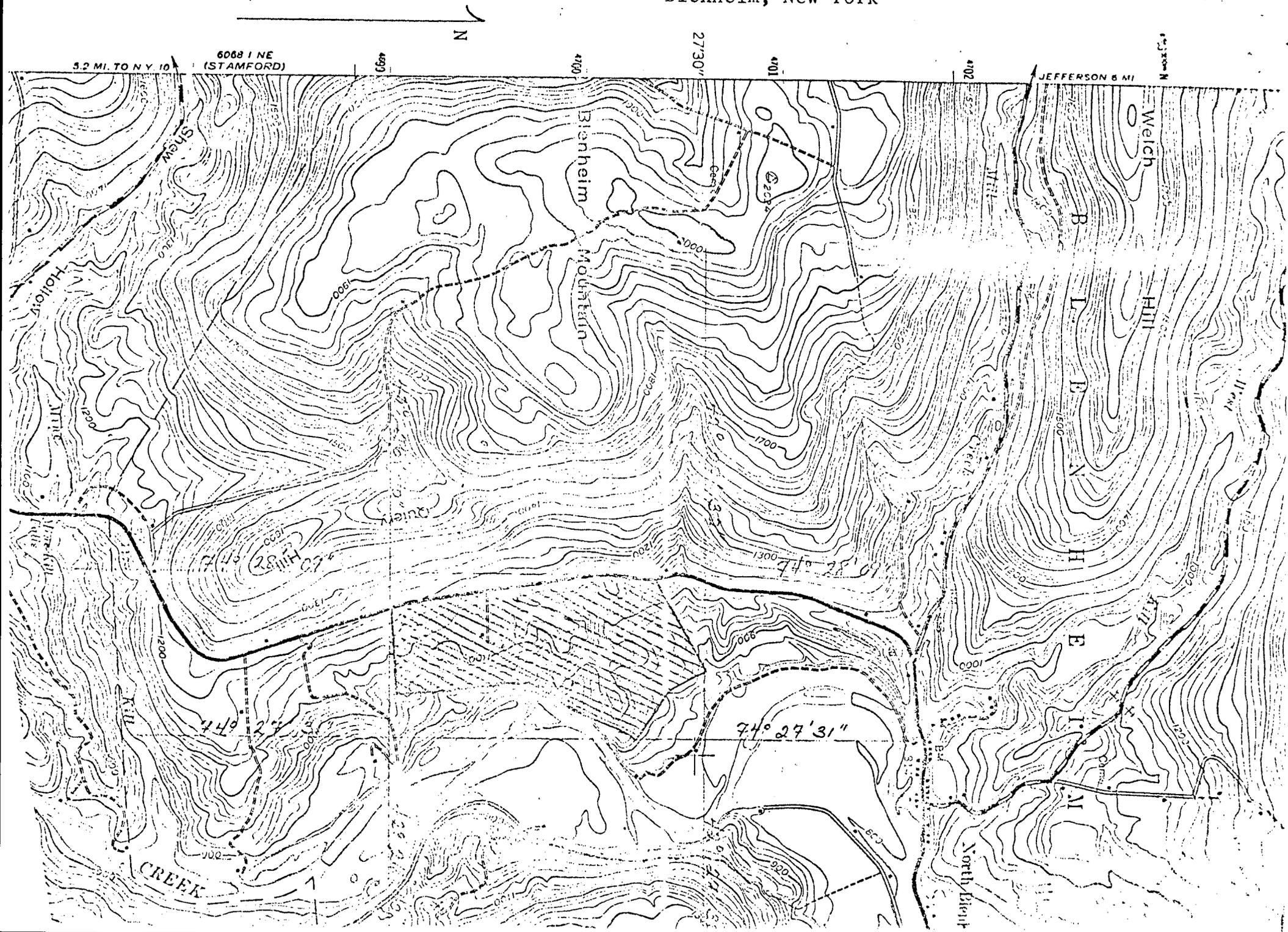
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(July 1968)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM
(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

| 1. NAME | | |
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| COMMON | AND/OR HISTORIC | NUMERIC CODE (Assigned by NPS) |
| Lansing Manor House | | |
| 2. LOCATION | | |
| STATE | COUNTY | TOWN |
| New York | Schoharie | Town of Blenheim |
| STREET AND NUMBER | | |
| 2 mi. south of N. Blenheim, east side of NY Route 30 | | |
| 3. MAP REFERENCE | | |
| SOURCE | DATE | SCALE |
| U.S.G.S. topographic 7.5 min. Gilboa Quad. | 1945 | 1:24,000 |

REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW.

Lansing Manor
Blenheim, New York







STATE AND NATIONAL REGISTERS OF HISTORIC PLACES

The State and National Registers of Historic Places are the official lists of buildings, structures, districts, objects and sites significant in the history, architecture, archeology and culture of New York and the nation. The same eligibility criteria are used for the State and National Registers.

The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, (amended in 1980 by public law 89-665) and the New York State Historic Preservation Act of 1980 (chapter 354, laws of 1980) are the legal bases for the National and State Registers programs. In New York, these programs are administered by the Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, who is also the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO).

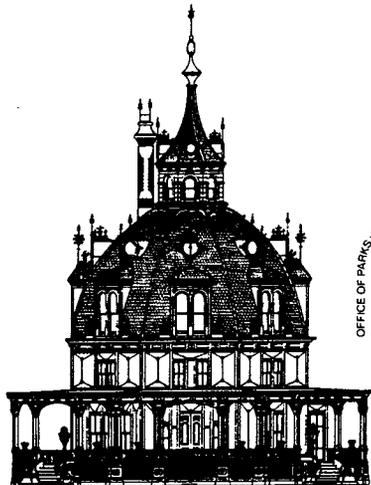
Benefits of Listing:

1. Registered properties and properties determined eligible for the Registers receive a measure of protection from the effects of federal and/or state agency sponsored or assisted projects through a notice, review and consultation process.
2. Owners of depreciable, certified properties may take a 25 percent federal income tax credit for the costs of certified, substantial rehabilitation as provided for under the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981 (P.L. 97-34).
3. Registered properties receive priority consideration from federal and state agencies in space rental or leasing. (Public Buildings Cooperative Use Act of 1976 and New York State Historic Preservation Act of 1980, Section 4b.)
4. Owners of registered properties may apply for 50 percent matching grants-in-aid for preservation work (subject to available funding).

There are no restrictions placed on private owners of registered properties. Private property owners may sell, alter or dispose of their property as they wish, although an owner who demolishes a certified registered property may not deduct the costs of demolition from his/her federal income tax (Economic Recovery Tax Act, 1981).

Procedure for Obtaining State/National Register Listing:

Sponsors must submit a draft nomination form to the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation containing detailed historical/architectural information which can be used to determine whether a property meets the eligibility criteria. After seeking the comments of the owner(s) and local officials, the property is reviewed by the State Board for Historic Preservation and a recommendation is made to the Commissioner. Private property owners, through notice to the Commissioner, may dissent from listing on the National Register. A property reviewed and recommended by the State Board for Historic Preservation is nominated to the Registers by means of an official nomination form. Properties are listed on the National Register upon approval by the Keeper of the National Register, and on the State Register upon designation by the Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. Separate information sheets outline both nomination processes in detail.



State of New York
Mario M. Cuomo, Governor

Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
Orin Lehman, Commissioner

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