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IDENTIFICATION

1. **NAME OF DISTRICT:** Abraham Elting Bouwerie, 215 Huguenot Street

2. **COUNTY:** Ulster

TOWN/CITY: New Paltz

VILLAGE:

3. DESCRIPTION:

This resource contains the following parcels and components.

In the Town of New Paltz:

Map ID#	Parcel No.	Address	Acreage	Components
1	78.15-1-5.221	215 Huguenot Street	73.47	House (1735), golf ourse
2	78.19-1-5.213	215 Huguenot Street	17.77	woods
3	78.19-1-5.222	213 Huguenot Street	3.00	House (1990), Mill Creek, woods
4	78.19-1-5.212	Huguenot Street	4.19	ROW, woods
5	78.19-1-5.211	Huguenot Street	6.87	woods
6	78.15-1-1.1		8.68	Railroad ROW
7	78.15-1-4	Old Kingston Road	217.08	Woods (partial)

The farm is located at the northern end of Huguenot Street where the road bends east to intersect Old Kingston Road. The Wallkill River borders the property to the west. The Wallkill Valley Railroad cut through the east side of the property. It comprises the southern half of the Bouwerie Tract conveyed to Josiah Elting in the early 18th century. His son Abraham inherited the bouwerie and built a stone house there. By 1798 the tract was divided in half with Abraham's sons Philip and Josiah getting the south and north sections, respectively. The stone house is situated at the end of a long, tree-lined driveway. It was built in three sections. The western most section was built in 1735. It is a one-and-one-half-story stone house facing south. A two-story wood frame section with a cross-gable was built on the east end of the stone house in the mid-nineteenth century. This section faces east and has a full-front porch. A small, one-story addition was built off the south side of the east wing in the twentieth century. The house is surrounded by mature trees and landscaping. A large converted barn is located north of the main house.

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The property is largely intact to its original dimensions, but its use has changed significantly. A golf course and other recreational facilities are located west and northwest of the main house. They were constructed in the 1960s; other parts of the farm have returned to woods. The stone portion of the house was functioned as a club house until a new building was erected for to the north. For many years the house has also contained a restaurant known as the Locust Tree Inn.

4. SIGNIFICANCE:

The history of the property dates back to the 1730s when Abraham Elting settled on the Bouwerie Tract deeded to his father, Josias, and built the stone house that still exists there. His grandson, Mathusalem Elting, built the two-story wood frame eastern section of the house sometime in the mid-nineteenth century. The 1860 census data agricultural statistics list the value of Mathusalem Elting's farm as \$15,000 with livestock valued at \$1,100. In 1928 when Howard Elting owned the property the house was restored and remodeled by the Kingston architectural firm Teller and Halverson. The farm was finally sold out of the family in 1959, when Joseph Ciatto purchased the property.

CHRONOLOGY

- 1735 Abraham Elting built the stone portion of the house at 215 Huguenot Street
- 1759 Abraham Elting married Dinah DuBois on November 26, 1759
- 1760 Map of 48 Lots East of the Paltz River: "Bowery of Josias Eltinge"
- 1765 Philip Elting born (fourth son of Abraham)
- 1790 U.S. Census, Ulster County, Town of New Paltz
Abraham Eltinge
3 free white males 16+
1 free white male under 16
1 free white female
4 slaves
- 1797 Abraham Elting died. Philip Elting took over homestead.
- 1798 Map of Town of New Paltz: "P. Eltinge"
- 1798 Tax Assessment Records for the Town of New Paltz
Philip Eltinge, owner and occupant, one-story stone house 50 x 24 ft., "good" condition, situated on 2 acres "between the bontekoe rode & wallkill," valued at \$500.

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Also, 1 Dutch Barn, 50 x 50 ft., 1 Hay House, 40 x 20 ft., 118 acres "on the Road and Wallkill join. Josias Eltinge & Jacob Hasbrouck," 1 acre 120 perches "in hog pasture join. Mill kill

- 1800 U.S. Census, Ulster County, Town of New Paltz
Philip Eltinge
1 free white male <10
1 free white male 16-26
1 free white male 26-45
3 free white females <10
1 free white female 10-16
1 free white female 26-45
3 slaves
- 1801 Methusalem Elting was born (son of Philip Elting)
- 1810 U.S. Census, Ulster County, Town of New Paltz
Philip Elting
2 free white males 0-10
1 free white male 10-16
1 free white male 26-45
1 free white male 45+
2 free white females 10-16
1 free white female 16-26
1 free white female 26-45
1 other free person
3 slaves
- 1820 U.S. Census, Ulster County, Town of New Paltz
Philip Elting
1 free white male 0-10
1 free white male 16-18
2 free white males 16-26
1 free white male 45+
1 free white female 0-10
1 free white female 16-26
1 free white female 26-45
1 free white female 45+
4 persons engaged in agriculture
1 free black male 0-14
1 free black male 45+
1 free black female 45+

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1830 U.S. Census, Ulster County, Town of New Paltz

Philip Elting

1 free white male 15-20

1 free white male 20-30

1 free white female under 5

1 free white female 20-30

1 free black male 10-24

1 free black female 10-24

1831 Philip Elting died. Methusalem inherited the homestead.

1840 U.S. Census, Ulster County, Town of New Paltz

Mathusalem Elting

2 free white males under 5 years

1 free white male 30-40

1 free white female 10-15

1 free white female 30-40

1 free white female 40-50

1 free white female 70-80

1 free black male under 10

1 free black female 10-24

1850 U.S. Census, Ulster County, Town of New Paltz

NAME	AGE	OCCUPATION	VALUE OF REAL ESTATE	ORIGIN
1098/1103				
Mathusalem Elting	49	Farmer	26,800	NY
Magdalen	46			NY
Cate	21			NY
Philip	13			NY
Jesse	11			NY
Solomon L	9			NY
Cate	81			NY
Rebecca	58		1,300	NY
Mary A Jackson	18 B			NY
John Hasbrouck	14 B			NY
John Savage	39	Laborer		Ireland

1858 Ulster County map: "M. Elting"

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1860 U.S. Census, Ulster County, Town of New Paltz

NAME	AGE	OCCUPATION	VALUE OF REAL ESTATE	VALUE OF PERSONAL ESTATE	ORIGIN
112/112					
Mathusalem Elting	59	Farmer	13,000	4,000	NY
Magdalen	56				NY
Catherine	29				NY
Philip J	23				NY
Jesse	21				NY
Solomon	19				NY
Sarah P Lefever	61			2,000	NY
Ellen Ambros	21	Servant			Ireland
Joseph Craley	21	Laborer			Ireland
David Kingwood	21	Laborer			Ireland

1865 New York State Census, Ulster County, Town of New Paltz
Agricultural Statistics: Mathusalem Elting

Improved acres	190	Acres rye		Cows milked	8
Unimproved acres	85	Bu. rye		cows for butter	7
Farm value	15,000	Acres buckwheat	2	Pounds butter	500
Livestock value	1,100	Bu. buckwheat	30	Horses	
Tools value	500	Acres corn	4	Calves	5
Acres plowed	30	Bu. corn	150	Swine under 6 mo.	13
Acres of pasture	80	Acres potatoes	1	Swine over 6 mo.	2
Acres of meadow	70	Bu. potatoes	80	Sheep	12
Tons of hay	80	Bu. apples	150	Fleeces	
Bu. grass seed	75	Bbl. Cider	4	Pounds wool	45
Acres wheat	10	Cows over 1 yr.		Value of poultry	30
Bu. wheat	100	Oxen	2	Value of eggs sold	15
Acres oats		Total cows	8	Manure bought	
Bu. oats		Cows killed	1	Yards flannel	

1870 U.S. Census, Ulster County, Town of New Paltz

NAME	AGE	OCCUPATION	VALUE OF REAL ESTATE	VALUE OF PERSONAL ESTATE	ORIGIN
211/235					
Eltinge Mathusalem	69	Farmer	32,000	5,000	NY
Magdalen	67	Keeping House			NY
Solomon	28	Farm Laborer			NY
Catherine	40				NY

1875 Ulster County Atlas: "S.L.F. Elting"

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1880 U.S. Census, Ulster County, Town of New Paltz

NAME	AGE	RELATIONSHIP	OCCUPATION	ORIGIN
91/91				
Elting Magdaline	77	Head		NY
Catherine	49	Daughter	At Home	NY
Solomon	39	Son	Farmer	NY
Trumford Catherine	40		Servant	Ireland

1916 29 MARCH 1916, NPI

"Henry L. Hasbrouck's carpenters have commenced work on the improvements on the Philip L. F. Elting house in the northern part of our village. There will be a porch 4 feet in width on the east and south sides of the house and an upper porch on the south side to be used for sleeping apartments. Mr. Elting and family expect to come to New Paltz in May to remain two or three months."

1927 29 DECEMBER 1927, NPI

"Fire caused by a defective chimney badly damaged the house on the old Solomon Elting place, located on the Kingston Road over the village line and recently bought by Howard Elting. The house was unoccupied, being cared for by Bruyn Deyo. Mr. Deyo started a fire in the furnace Sunday, and when he came Monday morning discovered the entire inside of the house afire. He ran to the nearest phone and called the local fire department. The firemen were soon on the job and water was pumped from a nearby stream. After a three hour battle, the last spark was extinguished. It was a hard fire to get at as the fire no doubt had been smoldering all night and eaten into the walls between the plaster and the sides of the house. It was necessary to rip all the walls to get at the fire. The weather was extremely cold and the firemen were greatly exposed. The ladders and apparatus were covered with ice. The house was partly of stone and partly of wood. The newer or frame part of the structure was built by Mathusalem Elting about eighty years ago and when this part was completed the house was considered perhaps the finest residence in town. Solomon Elting, youngest son of Mathusalem, lived here many years. After his death, his nephew, Howard Elting of Chicago, bought the property and has been putting it in first class condition. Many pieces of antique furniture and new furniture still in crates were in the house but were moved out and uninjured."

14 JULY 1927, NPI

"John Denzlinger, Lanson Decker and Abm. Brundage are repairing and making improvements to the old Sol. Elting place, now the property of Howard Elting of Chicago. A large new porch is being built. The painting is being done by Hornbeck Brothers, the house is remodeled by Henry Hasbrouck, the barns by Bruyn Deyo, the mason work is done by John Denzlinger, Abm. Brundage and Amon Roosa. Mr. Elting is entitled to much credit for giving the work to local men. To Mrs. Elting's wonderful taste is due much of the success of the interior decoration, especially the color scheme and the selection of wall paper."

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1928 28 JUNE 1928, NPI

"Mr. and Mrs. Howard Elting of Chicago have been spending a week or two at Mohonk, preparatory to taking possession of the old Solomon Elting homestead on the farm just north of our village. The landscaping is in charge of Mr. S. McKeand Kevan. As you approach the house elms and tall locusts meet the eye, with young pines and hemlocks on duty as a foundation planting and flanking the lawn. The front of the house is frame, the middle portion stone and the newly built kitchen is frame. The path to the front door is bordered with ageratum and marigolds. The marigold is the flower of the Huguenots, though we would suppose they did not have much time for flower growing. Within, the farm house is being restored under the direction of Teller and Halverson of Kingston. A feature is made of great beams, some of which have been painted blue. In the new kitchen, the old Dutch oven is enclosed. There are iron hinges reaching a foot across the doors, small paned windows, even a string and latch. From the library windows you look on a paved court to the south, a flower garden to the north and the front yard to the east. The southern court is paved with flag stones, with such details as a bed of ferns, more young hemlocks, pots of cedars and hydrangeas, and boxes of English ivy and pink geraniums. To the north is the flower garden. Here will be a sun dial. An here are pinks, heliotrope, roses, lilies, phlox, Gaillardias, primroses and foxgloves in long rows arranged against the background of a rustic pergola. The pergola is to be covered with vines; roses, clematis and wisteria. North of it, as a screen for the barns, flourish the trees transplanted from the site of the new Methodist church. And in the garden are birds; phoebes, song sparrows, blue birds, barn swallows and robins. There is also to be a tennis court, a summer house on a knoll and pines, cedars and poplars planted to screen the railroad track. There will be a picket fence along the drive, with laurel and rhododendron to be planted along it next year. The whole is surrounded by farmlands, with the mill brook near by, and the mountains to the west. A place of unlimited possibilities for development, said Kevan."

1957 8 APRIL 1957, NPI

"For Rent- Locust Farm- Country Estate. Thirteen room Early Dutch house including guest wing, completely furnished. Seven master bedrooms, five baths, three maid's rooms. Three car garage, tennis court, flower and vegetable gardens. One mile from New Paltz. Will rent summer or yearly. Enquire particulars New Paltz Savings Bank or write Howard Elting, Santa Barbara, Cal."

1959 20 OCTOBER 1959, NPI

"Joseph Ciatto, retired building contractor of Astoria, L.I., has purchased the ancestral home of Howard Elting. Mr. Ciatto, with his family, plans to make his permanent home in New Paltz and expects to preserve the Dutch Colonial atmosphere of the old house. Stanton M. Babcock was the real estate broker."

1965 15 JUNE 1965, NPI

"Briarwood Riding Academy, North Huguenot Street, New Paltz, N.Y.- Opening June 15th- Trail Rides, Private Lessons, Group Lessons"

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“Saddlewick School of Horsemanship- Learn to Ride! Professional riding and jumping instruction for the young and old, beginner and advanced. Large riding rings, beautiful bridal paths. Visitors Welcome. Contact Bill Kelly, Riding Master”

1968 3 JULY 1968, NPI

Plans Presented for Development of Old Saddlewick Estate: Mr. Eric Winkie presented tentative plans for the development of 105 acres on the Old Saddlewick Estate bordering the Wallkill River & Wallkill Valley Railroad, at the July 1st meeting of the Town Planning Board. He told members of the board that part of this development will be used for recreational facilities, including a 9 hole golf course, a club house and locker rooms and renovation of an old barn into a sort of Grille Room. As these recreational facilities would be in the R1 Zone, they should be part of a Country Club arrangement, leaving about 12 acres as a floating zone for later development. Future plans might also include a condominium, perhaps some one family houses, picnic grounds and even tennis courts. These plans are tentative, but Mr. Parks Glenn, also associated with this project wanted the Planning Board to know what they had in mind. He also discussed floor plans as they exist. They are now reviewing these carefully and will notify the Board as to their findings. Plans for the Golf Course will be first consideration, including the pro shop and other facilities that will make it a Country Club arrangement.”

1970 4 NOVEMBER 1970, NPT

“New Sports Club Coming to New Paltz: An open house-reception was conducted Sunday at the site of Locust Tree Golf and Country Club, Huguenot Street, New Paltz. About 75 men and women, mostly from Ulster County, attended the event. Ten partners are involved in the development of the area to include at first a nine-hole golf course and practice putting green, swimming pool, tennis courts and club house and pro house. The reception took place in a old stone house which is to be converted into the club house. Eventually, the 10 partners hope to add an additional nine holes for golf, a driving range, restaurant and other sports facilities. S. Parks Glenn, New Paltz, one of the 10 partners, was the originator of the idea of developing the area for a golf and country club. According to Douglas Sheppard, assistant professor of physical education at the State College at New Paltz, Mr. Glenn asked him to look over the site to see if it was suitable. He also is a partner now. Other partners are Joseph Torraca, Marlboro; George Mackey, new Paltz; Harold Purdy, Kingston; Neil Ryder, Kingston; Michael J. Perry, Kingston; Eric Winkky, New Paltz; Mrs. William R. Parker, Modena; and Mrs. Charles E. Scott, New Paltz. Mr. Purdy, a professional golf course architect, designed the course.”

1971 28 JULY 1971, NPI

“New Golf Course Nears Opening: The new Locust Tree Golf Course in New Paltz is finally heading toward its opening date which should either be this fall or next spring, depending on the decision of the course owners...”

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1974 27 NOVEMBER 1974, NPI

"Mike Perry Buys New Paltz Golf Club: Mike Perry, the former Director of Athletics and Chairman of the Department of Physical Education, Health and Recreation at Ulster County Community College, today announced that he has acquired full ownership of the Locust Tree Golf and Country Club in New Paltz. He said the facility, located near historic Huguenot Street, has been renamed the Huguenot Manor Restaurant, Golf and Country Club in keeping with the historical heritage of the area... Future plans, Perry made known, call for construction of a banquet hall to accommodate up to 300 people. It will be used for wedding receptions, parties and banquets..."

1978 21 JUNE 1978, NPT

"Under New Ownership, Country Club Begins Anew: Golf anyone? How about swimming or tennis? How about a good home-cooked meal to satisfy your stomach? If any of the preceding activities are your bag, New Paltz has a new establishment designed for old fashioned pleasure, the New Paltz Golf and Country Club. Originally called the Locust Tree and then Huguenot Manor, the New Paltz Golf and Country Club is trying to bring to New Paltz and the surrounding area, a permanent sports complex. However, it is up against a long history of financial failure and a questionable reputation. The golf course itself, scenically located on the Wallkill River, is a very challenging-spectacle. New owners Jim Badami and Gene Ventriglia are working around the clock to make the course the well kept, lush par 36 that it was designed to be. At the beginning of the year, the course lay vacant, victim to a year of neglect. At the same time the Badamis felt the need to get out of farming, which had been their life. Through planned fate, the owners-to-be expressed their wish to lease the course with the option to buy. In Badami's words, "We felt as though this would be a challenge. We took over the golf course to break the years of reputations and neglect. We wanted to make it work..."

16 AUGUST 1978, NPN

"Badamis Find Some Green in Golf Course: New Paltz Golf and Country Club, formerly the Huguenot Manor and Locust Tree Golf and Country Club is proving to be a success under the new management of the Badami family, of New Paltz. Last year, the club had 12 members. This year, membership hit 100 in late July and is now 153, according to James Badami..."

"New Paltz Golf and Country Club Announces the Opening of The Stone Room. Now Serving Lunch and Breakfast. Available for small parties, meetings, and clambake. Weekend special includes: reserved tee time, 18 holes of golf, golf cart plus breakfast for two for \$20. 215 Huguenot Street, 255-5181"

1979 7 MARCH 1979, NPN

"Golf Course, Inn Purchased by Kreths: New Paltz Golf and Country Club on Huguenot Street was purchased this week by Joanne and Gordon Kreth, of New Paltz, from the Inter-County Savings Bank, the Kreth's announced today. The Kreths will rename the 1759 restaurant on the

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property to "The Locust Tree Inn". The golf course will still be known as the New Paltz Golf Course..."

25 APRIL 1979, NPN

"Locust Tree Inn Gets Historic Touch: Gordon Kreth is shown in front of the Locust Tree Inn, formerly Locust Tree Golf and Country Club which he has been renovating and remodeling since purchasing it in March. Kreth said the Inn, constructed in the 1750s and added onto in 1847, is being remodeled so people can more fully feel its historic atmosphere. Kreth said portions of the old manor house are being made more accessible to the public and to the people who will be visiting the golf club and Inn. A large old Dutch fireplace has been exposed. A second door between the 1750 wing and 1847 wing has been cut so visitors can have the opportunity to eat either in the 18th or 19th centuries, Kreth said. Kreth said he purchased the property, "because I love it. I could spend a lifetime working on this house and never get tired of it. The history in this building never ceases to amaze me."

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6. MAP:



Parcel map indicating boundaries of historic farm. The location of the house is indicated by an X



Aerial view showing location of house and barn

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7. PHOTOS:



View of house from southeast



View of house from southwest

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View of barn foundation from southwest



View of golf course looking west