

# 274 Old Kingston Road

## Landmark Designation

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**TOWN OF NEW PALTZ**  
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### **TOWN of NEW PALTZ HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION NOMINATION FORM**

#### **DESIGNATION OF LANDMARK OR HISTORIC DISTRICT**

(Pursuant to Article XIV 140-122 of the New Paltz Code)

#### **Please Note**

*We strongly encourage contacting the Chair and arranging for a pre-submission meeting with the Commission at the earliest stage in the nomination process of your property as a local landmark or as part of a proposed historic district nomination in order to clarify the process and share your interests and concerns.*

#### **Research Material on Properties within the Town is located at:**

1. Haviland-Heidgerd Historical Collection, Elting Library, 93 Main Street, Phone: 845-255-5030 [havilandheidgerd@yahoo.com](mailto:havilandheidgerd@yahoo.com)
2. The report from the "Reconnaissance Level Survey, 2004," can be reviewed at the New Paltz Town Hall, 1 Veteran Drive. Contact Helen Christie, Building Department, Phone: 845-255-0102, ext 1.
3. The report from the "Historic Inventory of Open Spaces, 2007," can be reviewed at the New Paltz Town Hall, 1 Veteran Drive. Contact Helen Christie, Building Department, Phone: 845-255-0102, ext 1.
4. Huguenot Historic Society, 18 Broadhead Avenue, New Paltz, NY 12561; Phone: 845-255-1660, Fax: 845-255-0376, [www.huguenotstreet.org](http://www.huguenotstreet.org).

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Please provide the following information in order to establish property ownership and control, site and building character, and distinguishing features. There should be detailed exploration of the architectural and cultural history of the property. It is likely that this record will be developed further during the course of project review. For each question, insert additional space as needed.

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**I. APPLICANT INFORMATION**

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**Applicant Name:**

**Mailing Address:**

**Telephone:**

**E-mail:**

**If applicant is acting through an authorized agent or legal representative, identify agent's name, address, telephone, and e-mail:**

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**II. BASIC PROPERTY INFORMATION**

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**Property Address:** 272 Old Kingston Road

**Name of Property (if applicable):** Josiah & Hester Elting House

**Tax Map ID No.:** 78.15-1-26.11

**Zoning Classification: Parcel Size:** 20.5 acres

**Present Use of Property:** 1 family residence

**Does applicant own the property? If no, identify owner's name, address, telephone, and e-mail:**

**If applicant is different from owner, please answer the following:**

- a. Does the owner concur in this application? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No
- b. Is there a relationship between applicant and owner? If yes, explain:
- c. Explain applicant's interest in the property:

**Is applicant or owner related to any official or employee of the Town of New Paltz or the Town of New Paltz Historic Preservation Commission? If yes, explain:**

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**III. SITE DESCRIPTION & DISCUSSION OF HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE**

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**Historic Use of Property:** single family dwelling & agriculture

**Designation Sought (check one):** ☒ Landmark ☐ Historic District

**Year of Construction:** ca. 1786

**Original architect (if known):** none

**Original builder (if known):** unknown

**Original and subsequent owners of the property, including dates of ownership (if known).  
(Provide additional attachments if needed.)**

SEE ATTACHED

**Describe the architectural style of the property:**

The core of the building was constructed in the late-18<sup>th</sup> century during the Federal Period

**Describe primary building materials:**

**Foundation:** stone

**Roof:** asphalt shingle

**Walls:** brick & stone

**Other:** n/a

**How does the property in its present condition materially differ from the property as originally constructed? Describe material alterations or additions to the property subsequent to its original construction (include dates if known):**

The original brick and stone along with their fenestration patterns are still intact and represent what is considered the first house to incorporate brick in the town. In the early 20<sup>th</sup> century the windows were reconstructed with brick arches and bluestone sills and a brick wing replaced a wood frame lean-to. The existing front porch also was constructed at this time. Since then no apparent changes have been made.

**Describe the present condition of the property:** SEE ATTACHED

**Describe site and surroundings (e.g., outbuildings, landscaping, neighborhood):**

The house is situated on a 20.5-acre parcel that spans both sides of Old Kingston Road. The house is sited on the east side of the road with its front façade oriented to the south and its west end close to the road. Later residential lots have been carved out of it on the north side and two small fields are included on the east and west sides.

**Are there any presently known threats to the property? If yes, describe:**

The property has been neglected for many years by an aged owner. It now is tied up in an estate and is in foreclosure. Its status is unknown.

**Is the property associated with any personages of historic significance? If yes, identify and explain:** none

**Describe the historic significance of the property (*i.e.*, why it merits designation as a landmark or historic district). Indicate relevant sources of information. (Attach additional pages as needed to accommodate photographs, maps, and reference material along with screen/analysis from SHPO online resources)**

Built ca. 1786, the Josiah and Hester Elting House is architecturally and historically significant as an 18<sup>th</sup>-century stone and brick house constructed by one of New Paltz's patentee families as later generations began to spread out from the village and established independent farmsteads. One of only eighteen early stone houses surviving in the town, the Elting house is an important artifact of New Paltz's formative era and cultural development. Stone houses are iconic in the history of the town and Ulster County, and they are important symbols of the Dutch heritage in the Hudson Valley. Unlike the more numerous and less permanent wood buildings built in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, stone houses have survived into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Although generally revered as relics of a primitive past, they were the elite houses in their period and provide valuable evidence of architectural traditions, construction methods, material life.

The Elting House appears to be the first stone house in New Paltz to incorporate brick in its construction and design. The two walls visible from the road (south and west) are constructed with brick while the other two are stone. In addition, its three-bay front façade with a center entrance is one of the earliest instances of a house built with a two-room with center entry plan.

The New York State Historic Preservation Office has determined that 18<sup>th</sup>-century stone houses are individually eligible for the National Register and that the changes that have occurred in subsequent historical periods contribute to that significance. In the New Paltz context, all of the surviving stone houses in the town are worthy of local designation and protection.

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#### **IV. NOTIFICATION DATES**

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**Landlord Notification Date:**

**Newspaper Notice Date:**

**Abutter Notification Date:**

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#### **V. CERTIFICATION**

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**APPLICANT:** I hereby certify that this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

**Applicant's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**OWNER:** (if different from applicant, and if owner concurs in application):

I have read and familiarized myself with this application and do hereby consent to its submission and processing.

**Owner's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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#### **VI. OUTCOME**

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**Date of Recording with Town Clerk and Ulster County Clerk**