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IDENTIFICATION

1. **NAME OF DISTRICT:** Elias Ean Farm, 294 Old Kingston Road

2. **COUNTY:** Ulster

TOWN/CITY: New Paltz

VILLAGE: Middletown

3. **DESCRIPTION:**

This resource contains the following parcels and components.

In the Town of New Paltz:

Parcel No.	Address	Acreage	Components
78.15-1-21	294 Old Kingston Road	26.00	House, barn, fields, woods

The Eias Ean Farm is located on the Map of Land Divisions East of the Paltz River in Lot No. 11 of the Southern Division, First Tier. Lot No. 11. The one-and-one-half story stone house faces south and has a wood frame wing on the east end. The house originated with a two-room plan with separate entrances on the front façade built 1789. This was a fairly common design option, although many surviving examples were altered in later modernization efforts. The Petrus Hasbrouck House, located across the street at 315 Old Kingston Road, was built ca. 1765 with two front doors. One of them was converted to a window later when a stone kitchen section was added. Christoffel & Deborah Deyo built a two-room stone house with two front doors at 374 Springtown Road. This house also was altered at a later time replacing both doors with windows. The Freer-Louw House on Historic Huguenot Street retained its separate entrances until the 1870s when a symmetrical front façade was created with a center entrance and flanking windows.

In the early 20th century, a large porch, now enclosed with windows, was built across the entire front façade of the Ean House concealing it twin entrances from view. Large shed dormers also were added to the roof. Two 20th-century farm buildings remain on the property situated south and east of the house. The remainder of the property consists of woods and several small vegetable plots.

Originally, the Ean farm covered the entire extent of Lot 11 from Old Kinston Road to North Put Corners Road. In the early 1900s, once Route 32 North was constructed, farm lands east of the highway were subdivided for one of the first planned residential developments in the town. The 26 acres on the west side of the highway were left intact with the stone house.

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4. SIGNIFICANCE:

Elias Ean (1768-1841) built the stone house located at 294 Old Kingston Road. Elias was the son of Abraham Ean and Catherine Van Wagenen. A corner stone of the house reads: E.E. (Elias Ean), R.H.B. (Roelif Hasbrouck; Elias's brother-in-law) and 1789. From Elias Ean, Sr., the farm descended to his son Elias, then to James Ean. It remained in the family until the end of the 19th century.

In the 1920s, the Wiseman family turned the house at 294 Old Kingston Road into the Ox Bow Tea Room where they offered, "Home Made Ice Cream, Tea, Lunches, Iced Soft Drinks. Eat your Chicken Dinner on a cool shady lawn or Tea Porch."

Today the property at 294 Old Kingston Road contains 26 acres, a portion of which is used for organic farming. The remainder of the property has grown into woods.

CHRONOLOGY

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| 1760 | Map of Land Divisions East of the Paltz River
Lot No. 11, Southern Division, First Tier, conveyed to Elias Ean. |
| 1789 | Elias Ean (1768-1841) built stone house [Lefevre, 204]
son of Abraham Ean and Catherine Van Wagenen
m. 1788 Elizabeth Hasbrouck (1768-1829) |
| 1790 | U.S. Census, Ulster County, Town of New Paltz
Elias Ean
1 free white male 16 years and older
2 free white females
1 slave |
| 1798 | Map of the Town of New Paltz: "E. Ein"

Tax Assessments for Town of New Paltz
Elias Ean, occupant; Abraham Ein, owner, "on the rode from bontekoe to Paltz"
House with 35x24 ft. stone section and 25x18 ft. wood section, "good not finished," \$375
Dutch barn 40x30 ft.
68 acres "on Bonticoe Road Join. Josiah Elting," valued at \$540
[Elias's father, Abraham retained ownership of remaining 100 acres in Lot 11.] |
| 1800 | U.S. Census, Ulster County, Town of New Paltz |

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Elias Ean
3 free white males under 10
2 free white males 26-45
1 free white female 10-16
1 free white female 26-45
0 slaves

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

Elias Ean
1 free white male <5
2 free white males 5-10
1 free white male 30-40
1 free white male 40-50
1 free white male 70-80
1 free white female 5-10
1 free white female 10-15
1 free white female 30-40
1 free white female 40-50

Elias was evidently living in his son's household along with other adults; it appears that his wife had died. Elias Ean, Jr. (1803-1892) married Rebecca DuPuy of Marbletown. [Obit IV:49; U.C. Comm. Bio. Record, 489-490.]

1841 Elias Ean, the builder of the house, died.

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

NAME	AGE	OCCUPATION	VALUE OF REAL ESTATE	ORIGIN
989/1044				
Elias Ean	46	Farmer	5,600	New York
Rebecca Ean	39			New York
Sarah M. Ean	23			New York
Abraham Ean	16	Farmer		New York
James Ean	18			New York
Rachel M Dubois	8			New York

1858 Map: E. Ean

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

NAME	AGE	OCCUPATION	VALUE OF	VALUE OF	ORIGIN
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			REAL ESTATE	PERSONAL ESTATE	
168/176					
Elias Ean	57	Farmer	6,000	1,000	New York
Sarah M. Ean	30				New York
James Ean	23	Laborer			New York
Sarah A. Fowler	15	Service			New York

1865 NYS. Census: Agricultural Statistics, Ulster County, Town of New Paltz
Elias Ean

Improved acres	100	Acres rye	25	Cows milked	5
Unimproved acres	40	Bu. rye	100	cows for butter	5
Farm value	6000	Acres buckwheat	3	Pounds butter	400
Livestock value	500	Bu. buckwheat	15	Horses	
Tools value	500	Acres corn	7	Calves	
Acres plowed	20	Bu. corn	100	Swine under 6 mo.	
Acres of pasture	20	Acres potatoes	2	Swine over 6 mo.	3
Acres of meadow	35	Bu. potatoes	80	Sheep	10
Tons of hay		Bu. apples	50	Fleeces	
Bu. grass seed		Bbl. Cider	3	Pounds wool	30
Acres wheat	4	Cows over 1 yr.	4	Value of poultry	20
Bu. wheat	1-1/2	Oxen	2	Value of eggs sold	
Acres oats	10	Total cows	5	Manure bought	
Bu. oats	150	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
198/222					
Elias Ean	66	Farmer	9,000	3,500	New York
Sarah M. Ean	40	Keeping House			New York
Abram Ean	33	Farm Labor			New York
James Ean	30	Farm Labor			New York
Eliza B. Ean	30				New York
Joanna Donovan	19	Domestic			New York
Frank Jansen	23	Farm Labor			Sweden

1871 29 June 1871 NPT

“Elias Ean of this town has repaired and painted his dwelling house, also erected a neat fence about his door-yard premises. Chris Freer did the carpenter work.”

1875 “E. Ean” on Beers Atlas

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

NAME	AGE	RELATIONSHIP	OCCUPATION	ORIGIN
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86/86				
Ean Elias	76	Head	Farmer	New York
Sarah M	52	Daughter [in law]	At Home	New York
James	43	Son	Farm Labor	New York
Snyder Eliza	70	Sister	Boarder	New York
Ean Lillian	7	G Daughter	At School	New York
Albert J	6	G Son	At School	New York
DeGraff Walter	21		Farm Labor	New York
Freer Catherine	20		Servant	New York
Ean Lewis	18		Farm Labor	New York

1892 Elias Ean, Jr. died.

1900 James Ean died

“James Ean (1836-1900) Indian Farm

“At the age fourteen he entered the academy at New Paltz, where he remained for four years. He then engaged in teaching for one year, but on account of ill-health was forced to abandon that pursuit and return to the home farm, where he lived and worked until his marriage.

“As a companion and helpmeet on life’s journey, Mr. Ean chose Miss Sarah C. Myer, whose girlhood days were spent in Ulster County, the place of her nativity. Her father, John M. Myer, was a respected farmer of the community and belonged to one of the old-established families of this section of the State. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Ean: Albert J., at present at Albany, N.Y., and Lillian, at home.

“Mr. Ean is an enterprising farmer, keeping abreast with the times, and is a capable business man, whose well-directed efforts are bringing to him success. He now owns and operates 144 acres of good land, and in connection with general farming is engaged in raising some stock...” [U.C. Comm. Bio. Rec., 490]

1900 U.S. Census, Ulster County, Town of New Paltz

NAME	AGE	RELATIONSHIP	OCCUPATION	ORIGIN
103/103				
Ean Lillian	46	Head	Farm	New York
Sarah M	73	Aunt		New York
Snyder Eliza	92	Great Aunt		New York
Dickson Jacob E	27	Labor	Laborer	New York
Coney Charles	15	Labor	Laborer	New York

1906 3 Aug. 1906 NPI

“Members of the Andrews family who recently purchased the James Ean farm at Middletown, come to our village on horseback.”

1910 18 Nov 1910 NPI

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Some improvement lately has been made in the residence on the Indian Farm at Middletown, now owned by Mr. Andrews, formerly the James Ean place. A cobblestone chimney has been built on the east end of the building."

- 1911 31 Mar 1911 NPI
"At the James Ean place, now owned by Mr. Andrews, a family named Williams, from Esopus, has just moved in and will work the land. A window is being placed in the roof."
- 1922 13 July 1922 NPI
"The stone house farm house on the old James Ean Farm, called at one time, the Indian Farm, is now called Ox Bow Tea Room and has been fitted up in an attractive way by Mrs. Wiseman [Wayne M. & Sadie Wiseman] who has artistic taste and skill."
- 1923 12 July 1923 NPI
"OX BOW TEA ROOM Home Made Ice Cream, Tea, Lunches, Iced Soft Drinks. Eat your Chicken Dinner on a cool shady lawn or Tea Porch. MR. AND MRS. W.M. WISEMAN."
- 1924 9 Oct 1924 NPI
"(The following is taken from the Commercial Advertiser of Sept. 29)
The food distributed by the Ox-Bow Inn at New Paltz, N.Y. is the very best product of its kind on the market. In the matter of food, purity is the first and foremost important consideration. In this connection we are pleased to mention Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Monroe Wiseman who use only the best vegetables, eggs, milk, etc. Good food is universally desirable, and so the demand must be met, but the trade should be supplied with pure foodstuffs only, and the trade that is desirable is quick to support the retailer handling this class of goods. The proprietor and his assistants have met with success by honestly meriting and deserving it, and it may be taken for granted that they will make the success of the past a foundation upon which to build and plan for still greater activity and achievement in the future. The Ox-Bow Inn is located on the Rifton Road, two miles north of New Paltz on the way to the Catskills."
- 1941 16 Oct 1941 NPI
"Mrs. W. Wiseman has sold her farm along the New Paltz-Kingston road, known for many years as Ox-Bow Inn, to Frederick Fima of Brooklyn."
- 1958 Frank & Antoinette Sima, N.P. Directory
- 1996 Sold to David & Natalie Jones

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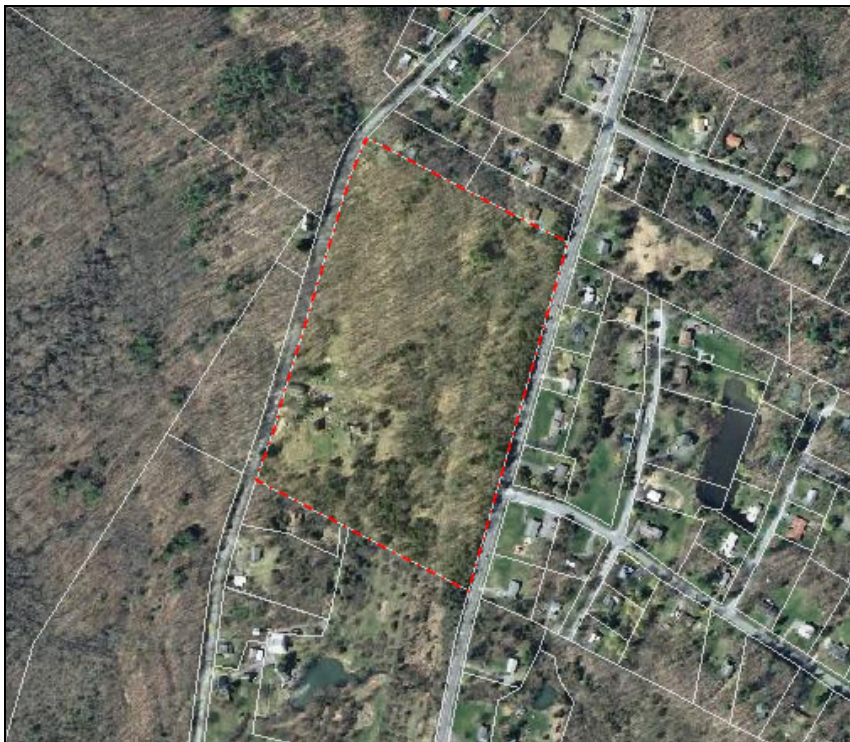
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6. MAPS:



Parcel map with outline of Lot No. 11, Southern Division, First Tier (1760). Elias Ean Farmstead is marked with an X at the extreme western end on Old Kingston Road.



Aerial view showing property

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7. PHOTOS:



View of the house located on the east side of Old Kingston Road, from the southwest.



Outbuilding situated southeast of the house, from the west.