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NEW PALTZ, NY

LANDMARK DESIGNATION FORM

TOWN OF NEW PALTZ, NEW YORK

Town of New Paltz Historic Preservation Commission
Town of New Paltz Building Department (845) 255-0102
Web Page: [www.http:// townofnewpaltz.org](http://townofnewpaltz.org)

For Bldg. Dept. Only

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INSTRUCTIONS:

Print or type clearly with black ink.
Attach additional sheets for each category as needed to ensure completeness of form.
Label all accompanying forms with Section, Block, & Lot (SBL) number.

Your Name: Susan Stessin-Cohn, David Toder and Richard Miller
Your Address: Town Hall, New Paltz, NY 12561
Your Telephone #: 845-255-0100 (Town Clerk)
Organization (if any): Town of New Paltz Historic Preservation Commission

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION

1 Building's Common or Current Name: The White Duck Farm
2 Building's Historic Name (if known): same
3 Street Location (and SBL) 100-110 White Duck Road SBL. 78.2-2-3
4 Present Owner, Address, and phone Number: Daniel Goldberg & RoseMary Carol
c/o Tani Grant
9100 Wilshire Blvd.
Suite 1000W
Beverly Hills, CA 90212-3413
[List all owners of record] phone # not available
5 Tenant Name and Phone Number: NA

PROPERTY CLASSIFICATION:

Category:
 Building
 Site

Ownership
 Private
 Public

USE OF PROPERTY:

Please describe Current and Historic Use(s):

The stone house was built by the Lefevre family in 1718 and was centrally located within their hundreds of acres of farmland by a notable 270° bend in the Wallkill River known as the Bontecou. The name Bontecou traces its meaning back to the French word Bon-ter-cou, meaning neck of good land.
A wood framed house was built around 1880 near the original stone house as a large addition on a smaller stone building that was used as a summer kitchen or smoke house.
The houses remain private residences.

Property Description:

- 6 Building Materials: Bldg 1: Stone & wood clapboard siding, wood roof shingles, brick chimney
Bldg 2: Stone rear portion w/ wood clapboard front portion, asphalt and cedar roofs, stone chimneys
- 7 Structural System (if known): Bldg 1: Timber frame within stone walls
Bldg 2: Wood frame on stone foundation
- 8 Condition/Integrity: Bldg 1: intact/excellent
Bldg 2: intact/excellent
- 9 List Major alterations and dates (if known): Within 50 years of initial construction the house was extended with similar stone construction, doubling it's size. Note the 2 front doors.

Historic photographs show the stone house without dormers originally, then with gable dormers prior to the current shed dormers.

The stone smoke house or summer kitchen had a large wood framed addition added to it around 1880 to make it a second residence. Covered entries, carriage/garage with saltbox shape at south end.

- 10 Surroundings:
 (Check all that apply)
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open Land | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Woodland | <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scattered Buildings | <input type="checkbox"/> Densely Built Up | _____ |

- 11 Agrarian character. 1718 Stone house situated on site with open fields on the Wallkill River with panoramic views of the Shawangunk Ridge.

Long driveway. Curving stone walls w/ piers.

Dutch colonial 1 1/2 story stone farmhouse with two hooded entries at front and rear indicating early addition with original flat panel Dutch doors and massive square brick chimney. 2 different gable end stone configurations: the stone at north gable end extends up above line of eaves with two small symmetrically-placed 4-over-4 windows located within the stone portion of the wall, whereas the stone portion at south gable end stops at the height of the eaves, with two symmetrically placed windows located in the triangular wooden upper portion of the gable end wall. There are bulging ogee profile scroll cuts at the base of each of the rake frieze boards to cover the ends of the sill plates. A projecting stone (12" to 16" projection) is located near the eave at southwest corner of rear (west façade); original use of this stone is unclear. Upper gable and dormer cladding is clapboards with large exposure. 4 shed-roof dormers at front, 4 at rear, wood and asphalt roof shingles, minimal roof overhangs, copper gutters, three 12-over-12 larger somewhat organized windows at front, with varying muntin patterns (6-over-9, etc.) and window sizes, characteristic, perhaps utilitarian, haphazard window layout at rear, wood board shutters, 2 small 6 lite windows in attic gable, cellar windows with galvanized window wells. Recent gabled cedar clad 6' x 7' (verify dimensions) 1 story addition at north end.

Second house on property to south of main house in Colonial Revival style w/ wood clapboard siding, and stone ell that appears to be the earliest part of this building and be the original smoke house or summer kitchen. Asphalt and cedar roofs. Stone chimneys. Covered entries, carriage/garage with saltbox shape at south end. White clapboards, blue/green trim. Stone base. Shed dormers. 7 or 8 to 12 roof pitches (verify pitch). Not shuttered. Organized fenestration.

Pool house & gazebo

Pond, swimming pool, tennis courts

Old bricks are stacked on the side of the property near river

12 List the following and your source(s) of information:

Date of initial construction: 1718

Architect (if known): Isaac Lefevre

Builder (if known): Isaac & Daniel Lefevre (father & son)

Source(s): Town of New Paltz Historic Resource Survey 2004,
Town Assessment records, research by Commission members
Haviland-Heidgerd Historical Collection

Historical and architectural importance: Referring to the criteria set forth in the Town Preservation Ordinance, 140-118 , list those that apply and explain how the property meets those criteria.

140-118 i: Possesses special character or historic or aesthetic interest or value as part of the cultural, political, economic or social history of the locality, region, state or nation.
ii: is identified with historic personages
iii: embodies the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style
iv: is the work of a designer whose work has significantly influenced an age
v. because of a unique location or singular physical characteristic, represents an established and familiar visual feature of the neighborhood.

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The original character of this stone farmhouse on the Wallkill River with panoramic views of the Shawangunk Ridge in an area of New Paltz that retains hundreds of acres of open fields and woods is an important element in the historic fabric of the region.

ii: This site is identified with historic personages who have significantly influenced the history of the Town of New Paltz.

This is an ancestral home of the Lefevre family, original patentees whose descendants continued to influence local events and history. Refer to attached documents.

iii: This site embodies the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style.

This stone house has numerous features in common with other stone houses in the region, such as the in-line stone addition which extended the gable roof, the two front doors, the shed dormers and stone chimney, and the ogee detail on the rake frieze boards. The Colonial Revival house also is a fine representative of its style of building.

v. This site has a unique location or singular physical characteristic, represents an established and familiar visual feature of the neighborhood.

This site's location at the 270° bend in the Wallkill River known as the Bontecou with fine views of the Shawangunk Ridge is unique.

13. Please attach any additional material that might be useful in considering the site for landmark designation, i.e., copies of newspaper clippings, magazine articles, old photographs, etc. Photocopies are acceptable. Please be advised that no material can be returned.

14. Sources of Information:

- Town of New Paltz Historic Resource Survey 2004
- Town Assessment records
- Haviland-Heidgerd Historical Collection

16. Photographs Required:

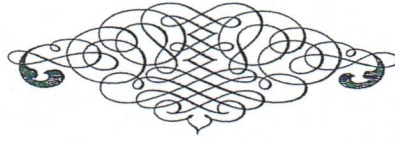
- Current views
- Minimum size: 4"x6"
- Color prints
- Two (2) Sets of each photograph
- Include all exterior views (front, back, sides), showing complete elevations of all structures to be considered.

17. Map Required:

Obtain from the Town of New Paltz Building Department a location map and mark the property's location on this map. If more than one building is being considered on a property, or the property has notable landscape features, include a sketch plot plan of the property noting these buildings and/or features.

<u>Juan Plessen - John</u> SIGNATURE	<u>1/3/05</u> DATE
<u>David John</u>	<u>1/3/05</u>
<u>1/12</u>	<u>1/3/05</u>

The White Duck Farm



Isaac Lefevre (1683-1752) built the house presently known as *The White Duck Farm* for his son Daniel. Isaac was the son of the Simon Lefevre (b. 1683), one of the original twelve Patentees of New Paltz. Isaac is said to have inherited the tract of land on which he built his house some time around 1718. This land is located four miles north of the town of New Paltz, along the Wallkill River. **(See attachment #1 - 1790 map)** After settling there with his wife Catharine, he proceeded to build two more houses, one for each of his two sons, Daniel and Johannes. **(See attachment #2 - genealogy)** Johannes' house was built 150 yards north of his father's house and Daniel's house stood 150 yards south of his father's house.

Between the years 1751 and 1764, Daniel Lefevre and Catharine had six children. In 1789, Peter (1759 – 1830), their oldest surviving son, married Magdalene Elting, daughter of New Paltz, shopkeeper Roelif Elting and his wife Mary Louw. Peter stayed on at White Duck, raising a family of nine children (one child died as an infant)

The 1790 Federal Census **(See attachment #3 – Census)** for the homestead lists: 2 free white males of 16 and upwards (Peter's father, Daniel and Peter), 2 free white females (Magdalena Lefevre [Peter's wife] and her baby Maria or Catharine Lefevre) and 5 enslaved Africans.

According to the New Paltz 1797 tax roles, **(See attachment #4 – Tax)** Daniel's house and property was assessed at \$460.

With the death of his father in 1800, Peter, inherited, "all that of my land and tenements at the Bontiekoe¹ in the New Paltz patent it being my old homestead together with the lands I now own . . ." (Will of Daniel Lefevre dated Sept. 4, 1784, probated May 7, 1800). Peter was a Federalist and was twice elected to represent Ulster County in the New York General Assembly. He was also elected Town Supervisor from 1797-1798, Town Assessor in the early 1800's, and appointed to Associate Judge. Magdalene (P gave birth to ten children, nine survived).

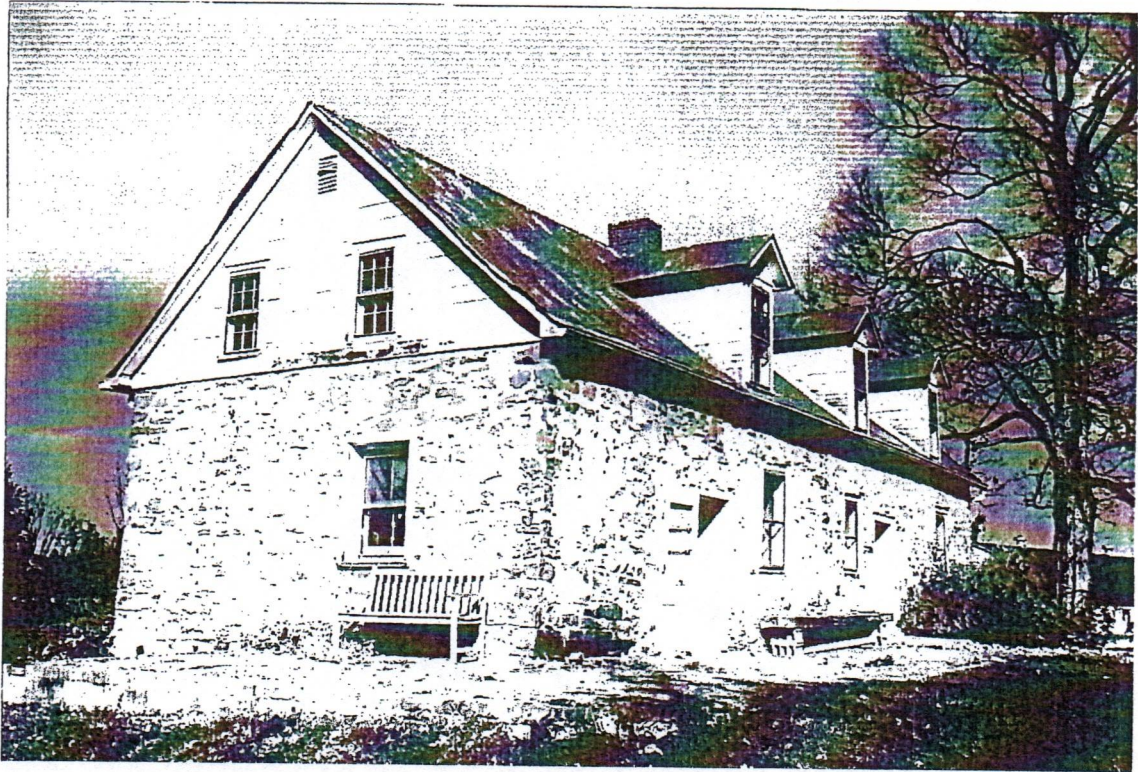
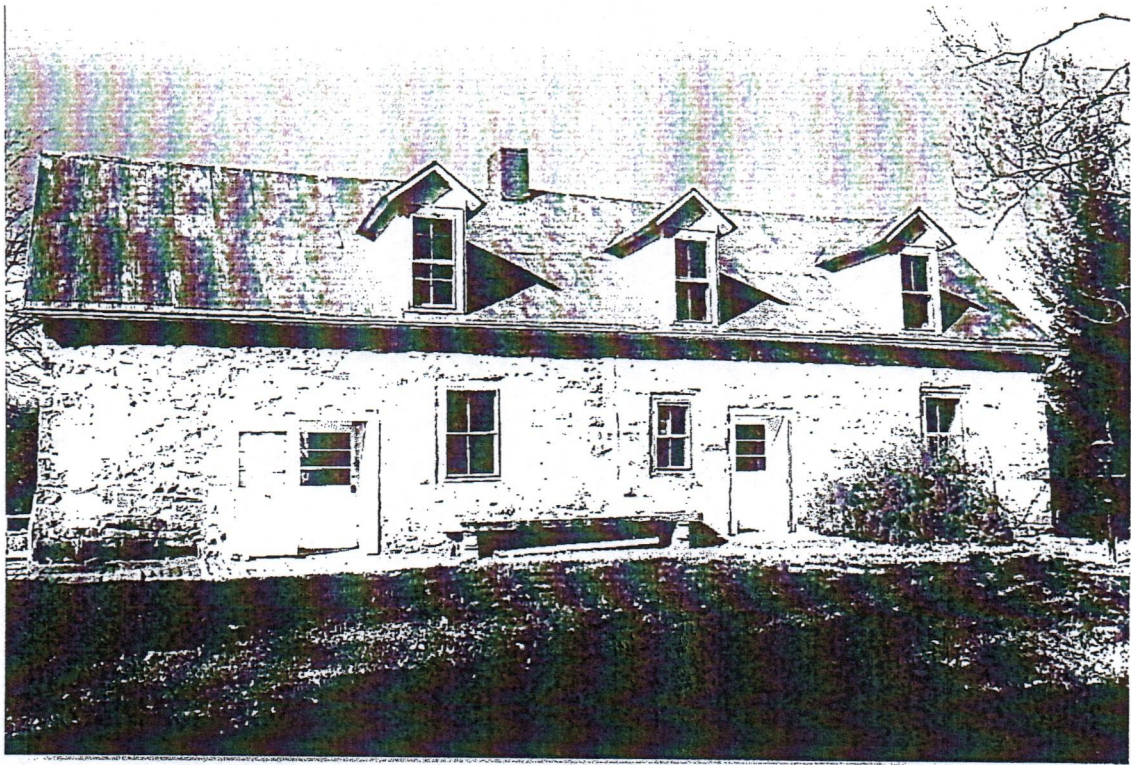
¹ The name Bontecou traces its meaning back to the French word Bon-ter-cou, meaning neck of good land. The early settlers may have also chosen this name in remembrance of the Dutch vessel, the Bontecoe, which made several voyages from Holland to America bringing many Huguenot emigrants

Josiah P. Lefevre, (1811 –1893), youngest son of Peter and Magdelene, inherited the White Duck Farm (**See attachment #5 photo**), after the death of his father in 1830. According to The History of Ulster County (Sylvester), Josiah received his education in the common schools of the neighborhood and at the New Paltz Village. In 1836 he married Elizabeth Lefevre, who was from Kettleborough (Gardiner).

By 1850, Josiah P.'s family had grown too large for the old homestead, so he built the house across the Old Kingston Road, known as the J.P. Lefevre house. By that time, Elizabeth had given birth to eight children, one son Daniel having died as an infant. Josiah's sister Magdalene (1807 – 1900) also moved with the family.

When Josiah P. died, the White Duck was inherited by his son, Ralph Lefevre. Ralph rented out the house and 40 acres to Oscar Tschirky in 1914. Oscar was known as "Oscar of the Waldorf" and became famous for his Waldorf Salad. In 1914, When speaking of the White Duck, Ralph said, "the property has always been owned in the family. It is not for sale now and will never be offered." By spring of 1924, Ralph had changed his mind and sold the house along with the property to Miss Margaret Jamison. Miss Jamison was the niece of the famous philanthropist, John Arbuckle. Mr. Arbuckle was the leading coffee and sugar importer in the country during the early part of the 20th century. Miss Jamison was the last surviving heir to the vast Arbuckle fortune. When Margaret died in 1942, the family fortune was left to a charitable foundation.

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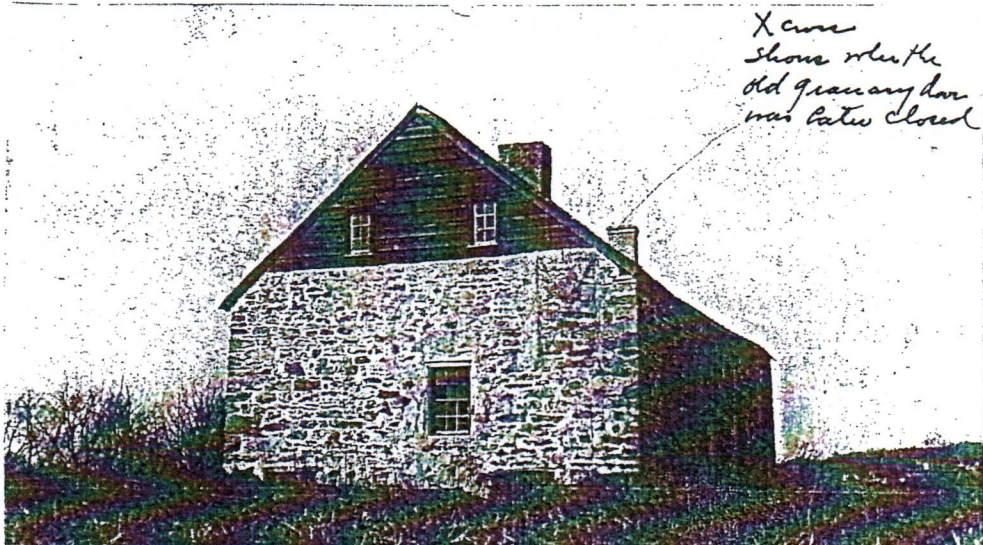
This stone house located along Route 32 W was built around 1750 by Issac LeFevre. He built it as a home for his son Daniel and wife. Commonly known as the "White Duck... no one is really sure why it received the nickname. Logic suggests the pond located in front of the house once attracted birds of that feather. April 14 1983



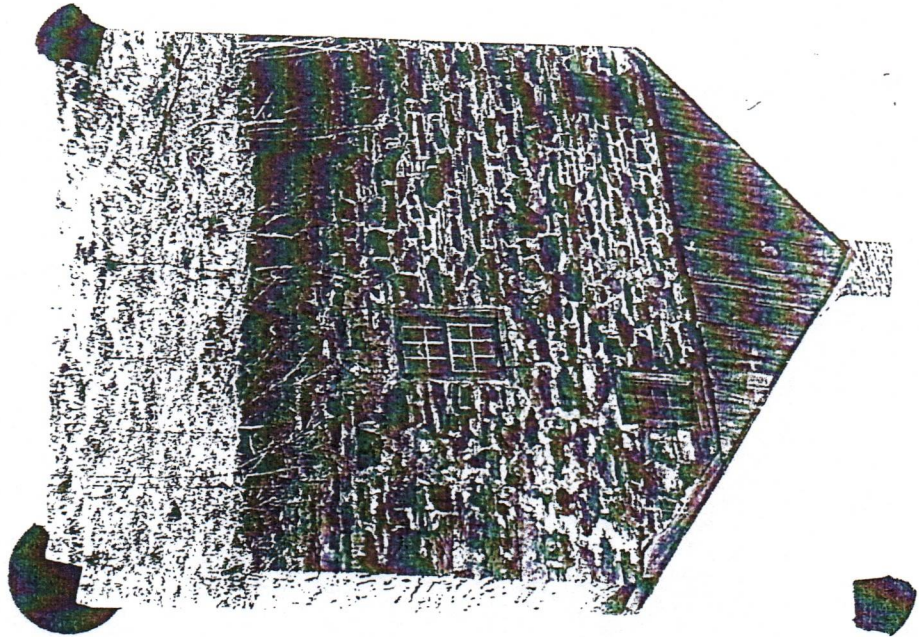
1772-76 Old Leferer House on Walkkill River



LeFever Home on Walkkill River
Now property of Arbuckle Est - White Duck Farm



X cross
shows where the
old granary door
was later closed





Town of Esopus

White Dock

Town of Rosendale

NYS Route 32

NYS Route 32

Wallkill River

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White Duck farm

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550'(s)

WHITE DUCK 100' (110)

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(IRREGULAR)
1450'(s)

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700'(s)

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1.6A

5732

32

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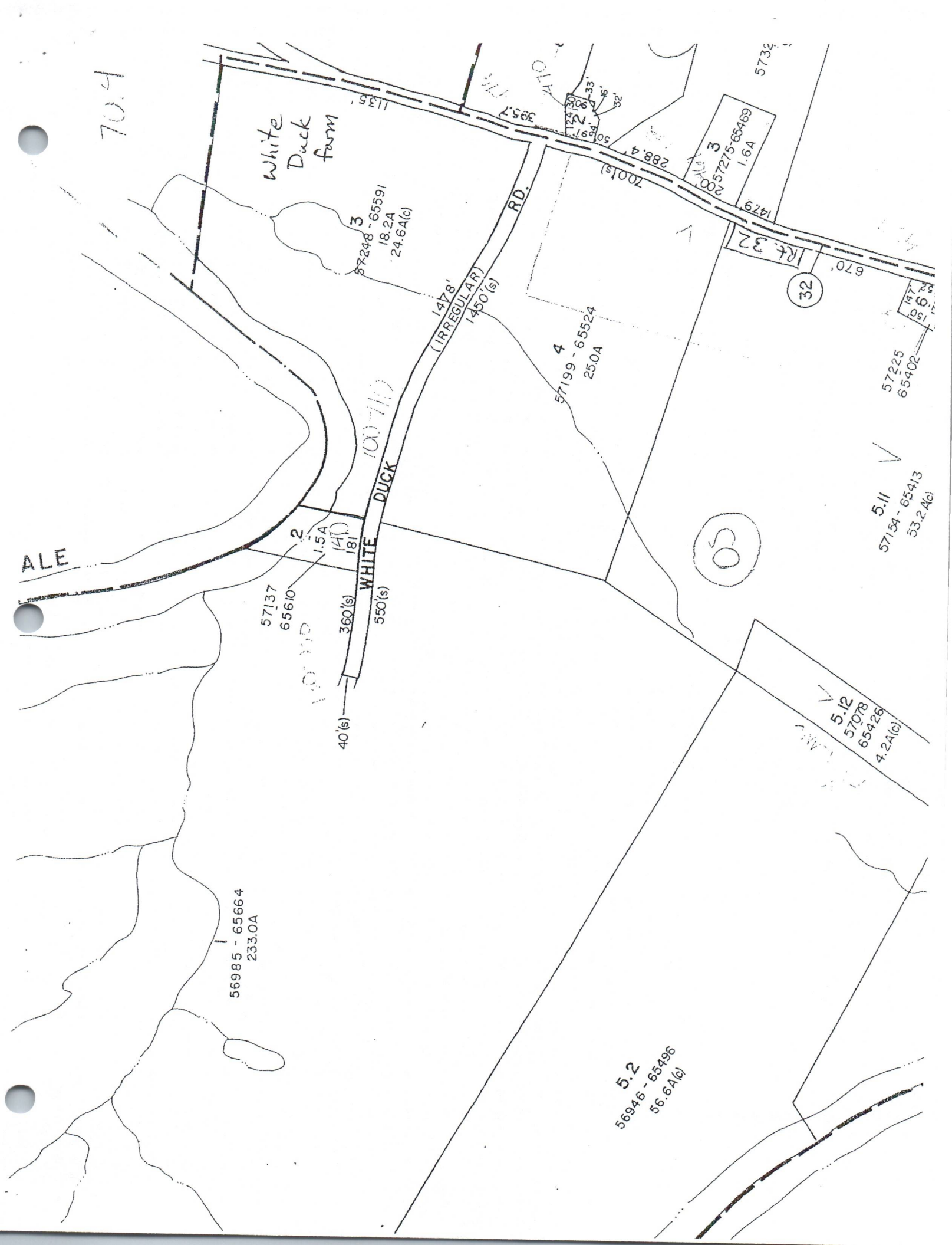
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January 8th, 2005

Daniel Goldberg and RoseMary Carol
c/o Tani Grant
9100 Wilshire Blvd.
Suite 1000W
Beverly Hills, CA 90212-3413

To Daniel Goldberg and RoseMary Carol;

The Town of New Paltz Historic Preservation Commission has voted in favor of having a public hearing related to the landmarking of your property located at 100-110 White Duck Road in the town of New Paltz, S.B.L.# 78.2-2-3. We will be holding a public hearing in regards to this landmarking at our next meeting at 7 PM on Monday, February 7th, in the New Paltz Town Hall located at 1 Veteran's Drive. We request your attendance at this meeting so we can present our reasons for landmarking your property and hear your questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Richard Miller
Chair,
Town of New Paltz
Historic Preservation Commission



a progressive community, rich in history.

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Waratahaes
Tamsaratagu

Hurley

Mountains

BUNTICOE

High Falls
F. York

J. Hasbrouck
C. Dejo

D. Dejo
B. Freer
Wm. Freer
J. Freer

W. Davis

D. Slaughter

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Dr. Cart

A. P. Lelever
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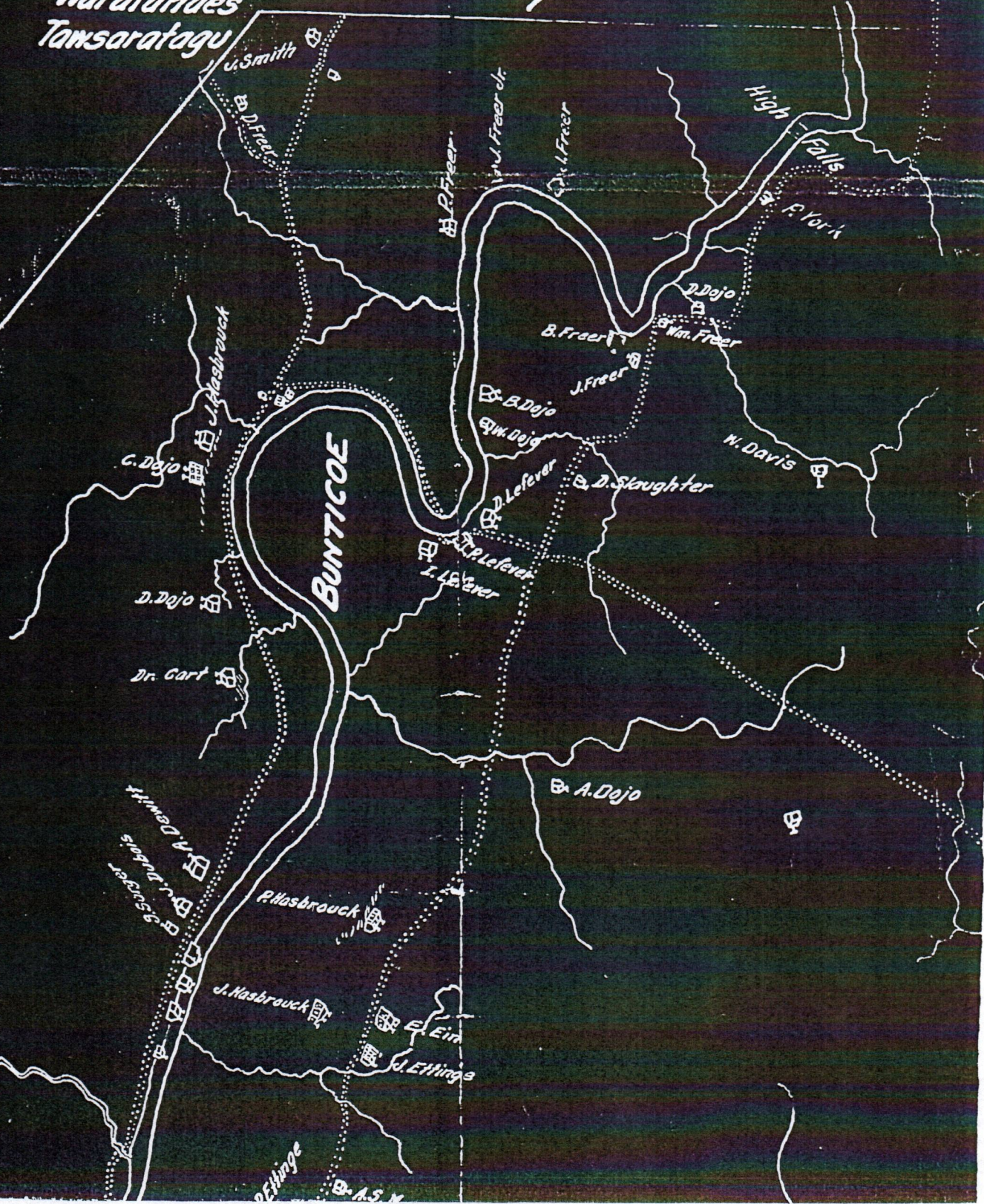
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Number of each lot.	Name of occupant or possessor whether owner or not.	Name of owner.	Situation, boundaries, names of adjoining owners, &c.	Dimensions					Materials of which built.	Dwelling H.	
				Ditch-frons.		Windows.		Number of each kind.			
				Length in feet.	Breadth in feet.	Length.	Breadth.				
178	Leferver Petrus RT-32N	the same	at Bontehoc on the East bank of Wallkill	68	26	1	4	2	4	Stone	
184	Leferver Daniel White Duke RT-32N	the same	at Bontehoc on the East bank of Wallkill	60	23	1	4½	2½	2	Stone	
54	Mondon Elijah	Davis Richard	on the road from Michiel deroysto Newmarlboro	26	24	1	3¾	1¾	2	wood Fr.	
126	Libertyville Merritt Jeremiah by County Name	the same	near the rode from Shawangunk to Thingston	32	18	1	4½	2½	2	Stone	
128	Mulines Gedion Butcher	the same	at Olymte near the Mountain	36	21	1	4½	2½	3	wood Fr.	
142	McDonald William	the same	on the East bank of wallkill opposite Spring town	26	20	1	3¾	2½	1	wood Fr.	
55	Norton James	the same	on the rode from Newbo rough to Thingston	24	18	1	3¾	1¾	2	wood Fr.	

Number of houses & outhouses & valuation
 Number of houses &c. admitted to be subject to valuation

Quantity of land in the lots.			Number of houses.	Outhouses			Quantity of lands in the lots valued therewith.			Age and state of repair of the dwelling houses.	Rent		Valuation of each house with the outhouses by the assistant assessors.		Valuation of the same by the principal assessors.	
Pitches Acres	Square feet	Why exempted.		Number and materials of outhouses.	Length in feet.	Breadth in feet.	Acres	Pitches	Square feet.		Dollars	Cents	Dollars	Cents	Dollars	Cents
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			1			2			out in repair			560				
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