

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

DIVISION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION
NEW YORK STATE PARKS AND RECREATION
ALBANY, NEW YORK (518) 474-0479

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UNIQUE SITE NO. _____
QUAD _____
SERIES _____
NEG. NO. _____

YOUR NAME: Nancy Todd, Neil Larson DATE: September, 1986

YOUR ADDRESS: E.S.P. Agency Bldg 1 TELEPHONE: 518-474-0479

ORGANIZATION (if any): Division for Historic Preservation
See cover sheet, item 11

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): J. W. Moore House (Individual Component #21)
- 2. COUNTY: Dutchess TOWN/VILLAGE: Rhinebeck VILLAGE: NA; Rhinebeck vic.
- 3. STREET LOCATION: Mill Road
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Clem Morgello ADDRESS: Box 19, RD 2, Rhinebeck, 12572
- 6. USE: Original: residence Present: residence
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
Interior accessible: Explain no; private residence

DESCRIPTION

- 8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard b. stone c. brick d. board and batten
e. cobblestone f. shingles g. stucco other: _____
- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: a. wood frame with interlocking joints
(if known) b. wood frame with light members
c. masonry load bearing walls
d. metal (explain) _____
e. other _____
- 10. CONDITION: a. excellent b. good c. fair d. deteriorated
- 11. INTEGRITY: a. original site b. moved if so, when? _____
c. list major alterations and dates (if known): _____

See item #18

- 12. PHOTO: N. Todd, 1986; 13. MAP: See continuation sheets
Rhinebeck Historical Society, 1984 Acreage: 7



1 South facade

14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known b. zoning c. roads
 d. developers e. deterioration
 f. other: _____
15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:
 a. barn b. carriage house c. garage a and b:
 d. privy e. shed f. greenhouse contributing
 g. shop h. gardens
 i. landscape features: _____ well/well house: contributing
 j. other: corn crib/shed/greenhouse: contributing; pool: non-
 contributing
16. SURROUNDINGS OF THE BUILDING (check more than one if necessary):
 a. open land b. woodland
 c. scattered buildings
 d. densely built-up e. commercial
 f. industrial g. residential
 h. other: _____

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:
 (Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)

See continuation sheet

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):

See continuation sheet

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1850

ARCHITECT: unknown

BUILDER: attributed to J.W. Moore

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

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21. SOURCES:

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17. The J.W. Moore House is sited on a seven-acre lot on the east side of Mill Road, a sparsely settled rural road in the southwest quadrant of the town of Rhinebeck. To the north of the Moore House, Mill Road is characterized by scattered residential properties (extensively altered, nineteenth-century farmhouses and twentieth-century dwellings. Across Mill Road to the west and southwest are open, undeveloped fields and lightly wooded areas. Scattered mid-twentieth century residential development characterizes the east side of Mill Road south of the Moore House. The nominated property, the boundary of which is defined by the legal lot lines as identified on the attached county tax map, is flat and grassy towards the west, roadside half of the parcel. The east half features thick brush and light woods as the terrain drops sharply down to meet the Landsman Kill, the course of which determines the east boundary of the property.

The Moore House is oriented southward away from the road towards a broad grassy lawn and an unpaved, circular driveway. Although sited close to the road, thick evergreen hedges and tall evergreen trees obscure the house from passersby and create an isolated setting. A well and small frame wellhouse (one contributing structure) is located immediately southwest of the main house. A carriage house and barn, both of which are contributing, are located south of the main house beyond the circular driveway. South of the barn and garage, at the edge of the grassy lawn, is a corn crib with attached shed and greenhouse (one contributing structure) and a modern, non-contributing swimming pool.

Contributing buildings: 3
Contributing structures: 2
Non-contributing structures: 1

18. The J.W. Moore House, erected ca. 1850, is a one and one-half story, cruciform-plan frame cottage with board-and-batten siding and a cross-gable roof with broadly projecting eaves. Built into a hillside, the Gothic-inspired superstructure rests on a stucco-covered stone foundation which is fully exposed at the east elevation. The building is embellished with a variety of Picturesque eclectic design features, including single and paired rounded-arch windows with wide wooden trim.

The front facade is oriented southward and away from Mill Road to the west. The facade features a projecting central pavilion with symmetrically placed, rounded-arch windows. A

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modern brick chimney is centrally located on the exterior facade of the pavilion.

The primary entrance is located in the recessed western bay on the south facade. The doorway is surrounded by simple wooden trim and sheltered under a simple, flat-roofed entrance porch supported by polygonal columns. A secondary entrance is located in the recessed eastern bay on the south facade. It is sheltered by a broad, hip-roofed entrance porch which extends to share a common roof across the tripartite projecting bay window. A turned balustrade and a large, decorative bracket with diagonal braces and a turned pendant embellish the porch.

The west (road-side) elevation features two sets of paired, rounded-arch windows on the first story and a tripartite group of rounded-arch windows at the upper story. A modern, one-story, shed-roofed addition is attached to the north end of the west elevation, nestled within the interior angle of the west and north legs of the cruciform. The north elevation, like the west elevation, features paired, rounded-arch windows and a tripartite unit of rounded-arch windows.

The east elevation is characterized by a variety of irregularly placed, six-over-six, double-hung sash windows with simple wooden trim. The fully exposed basement level features a service entrance and deeply recessed window, both with brick surrounds. A modern, non-contributing one-story frame wing (ca. 1984) is attached perpendicularly to the northeast corner of the east leg of the cruciform. The wing is surmounted by a sweeping gable roof which projects to cover the porch across the east facade.

Information on the condition of the interior is currently unavailable.

There are two contributing outbuildings (barn and carriage house), two contributing support structures (well/wellhouse and corn crib) and one modern, non-contributing structure (in-ground pool). The barn, embanked into the steeply sloping hillside, is a large, rectangular frame building with a standing-seam metal gable roof with exposed rafters under the projecting eaves. The barn is sheathed with flush board horizontal siding and features a large, centrally placed wagon door on the front (west) facade. It is believed to date from the mid- to late nineteenth century.

The carriage house (ca. late-1860s) is a rectangular frame building sheathed with flush board horizontal siding and clapboard

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siding. The picturesque building is ornamented with quatrefoil windows and a large, decorative, miter-arched lintel above the centrally placed carriage entrance (currently containing a modern garage door) on the front (west) gable end. Broad corner pilasters supporting a wide frieze accentuate the front facade.

The well, a deep, dry-laid stone structure, and wellhouse are located on the front yard. The wellhouse is composed of a square, stone base surmounted by bracketed frame posts supporting a standing-seam metal gable roof. The well and wellhouse are believed to date from the nineteenth century.

The corn crib is a relatively large, rectangular frame structure with slatted siding and a standing-seam metal roof. A small, gable-roofed frame shed and glass-enclosed greenhouse are attached to the south end of the corn crib. The group is believed to date from the late nineteenth century.

The swimming pool, built in the late twentieth century, is a large, rectangular in-ground pool constructed of poured concrete.

20. The frame, board-and batten J.W. Moore House, erected ca. 1850, is a distinctive example of cottage architecture in the Picturesque taste. The Moore house exhibits a variety of distinctive characteristics of the type and period, including an asymmetrical plan, cross-gabled roof and informal appearance. This is an unusual example of a board-and-batten cottage in the multiple resource area in that it blends features associated with both the Gothic Revival and Italianate modes. The rounded-arch windows reflect the influence of the Italianate style while the other salient architectural features of the building bespeak the Gothic Revival style. The significance of the property is enhanced by the survival of four contributing support structures and an intact, rural agrarian setting.

The J.W. Moore House is one of a number of significant mid-nineteenth century picturesque properties in the multiple resource area which reflect the emergence and continued importance of the Romantic Movement in the Hudson River Valley region. A large number of similar Gothic Revival and/or Italianate style cottages survive intact in the village settings of Rhinebeck and Rhinecliff; few, however, survive intact in the rural context. The only other intact historic picturesque farmhouse is the Sipperly-Lowe Farmhouse (Individual Component #15; ca. 1868.) Further, the extant, rural farmhouses with picturesque features are usually older, more modest buildings which have been modernized with a veneer of decorative, Romantic-era ornamentation. (Two

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particularly significant examples of this popular building practice are included as individual components of the multiple resource area nomination. They are the Jan Pier House and the J.E. Traver Farmhouse, Individual Components #7 and 16, respectively.)

The farmhouse is complemented by an intact collection of mid- to late nineteenth century farm-related support structures (carriage house, barn, corn crib and well/wellhouse), all of which illustrate the evolution and continued use of the working farmstead over time and provide an important resource for the future study of rural life and farming practices in the mid-Hudson region before the American Industrial Revolution.

The name of the nominated property is derived from the 1850 and 1858 maps of Rhinebeck, the 1867 Beers Atlas and the 1876 Gray and Davis Atlas, all of which identify J.W. Moore as the owner of the property. Nothing is known of this J.W. Moore; however, it is likely that he was a descendant of the Moore (Moor; Mohr) family whose patriarch Henrich was among the Palatines who settled in the West Camp (Ulster County, New York) in 1710. The family then relocated to the Rhinebeck Precinct. Second and third generation Moors appear to have settled in widely dispersed areas in the present-day towns of both Red Hook and Rhinebeck and intermarried among other prominent Palatine families, including the Benners, Fellers, Travers and Pultzs. Sufficient information is not currently available to determine the history and geneology of the Moore family during the nineteenth century.

CONTINUATION SHEET

RHINEBECK MULTIPLE RESOURCE AREA, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK

BUILDING NAME: J.W. Moore House; Individual Component #21



2 North & west elevations



3. East (side) elevation

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4 Carriage house, north and east (front) elevations



5 Well house, viewed from north

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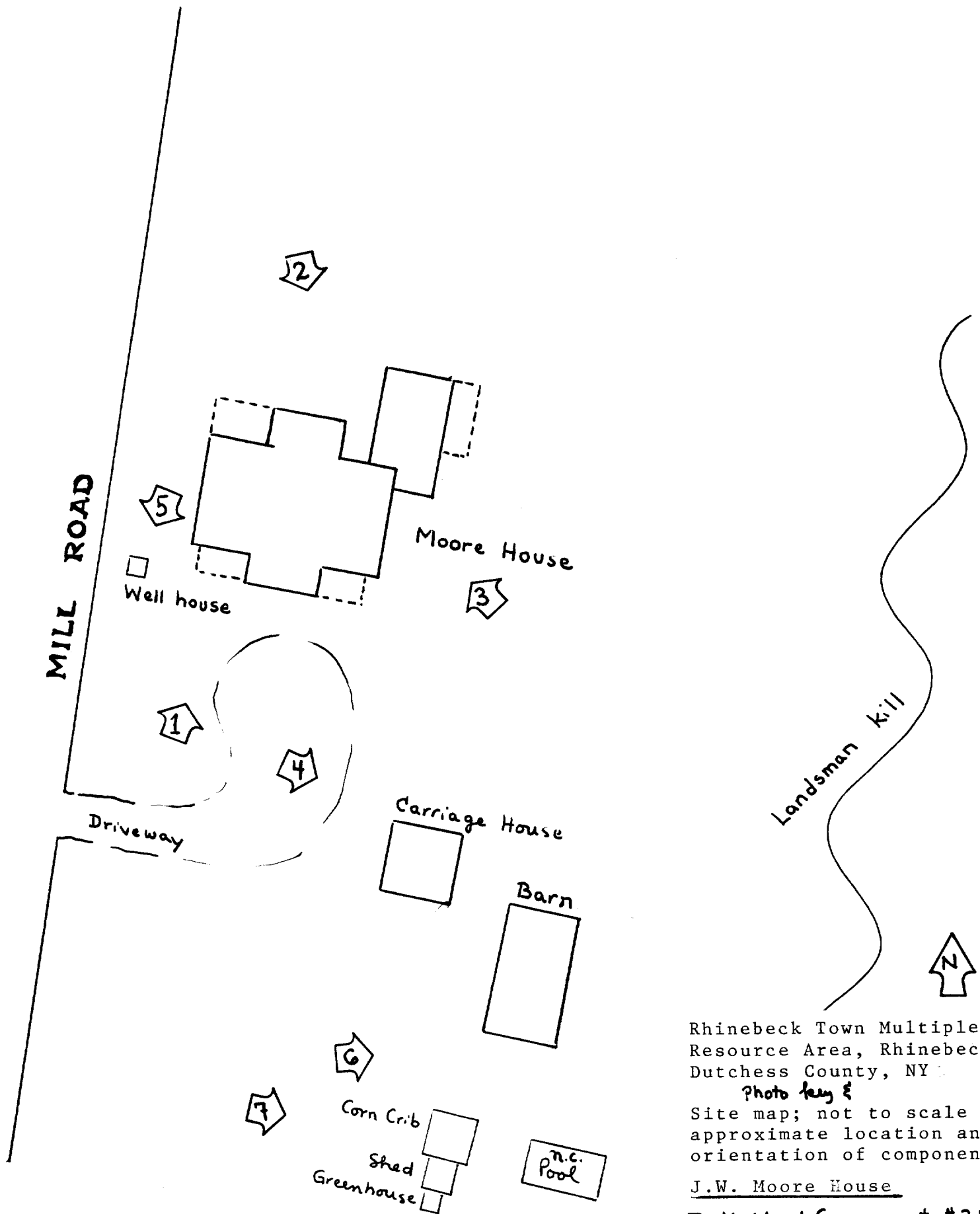
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6 Barn, west and south elevations, viewed from west



7. Corn crib and shed, west elevation



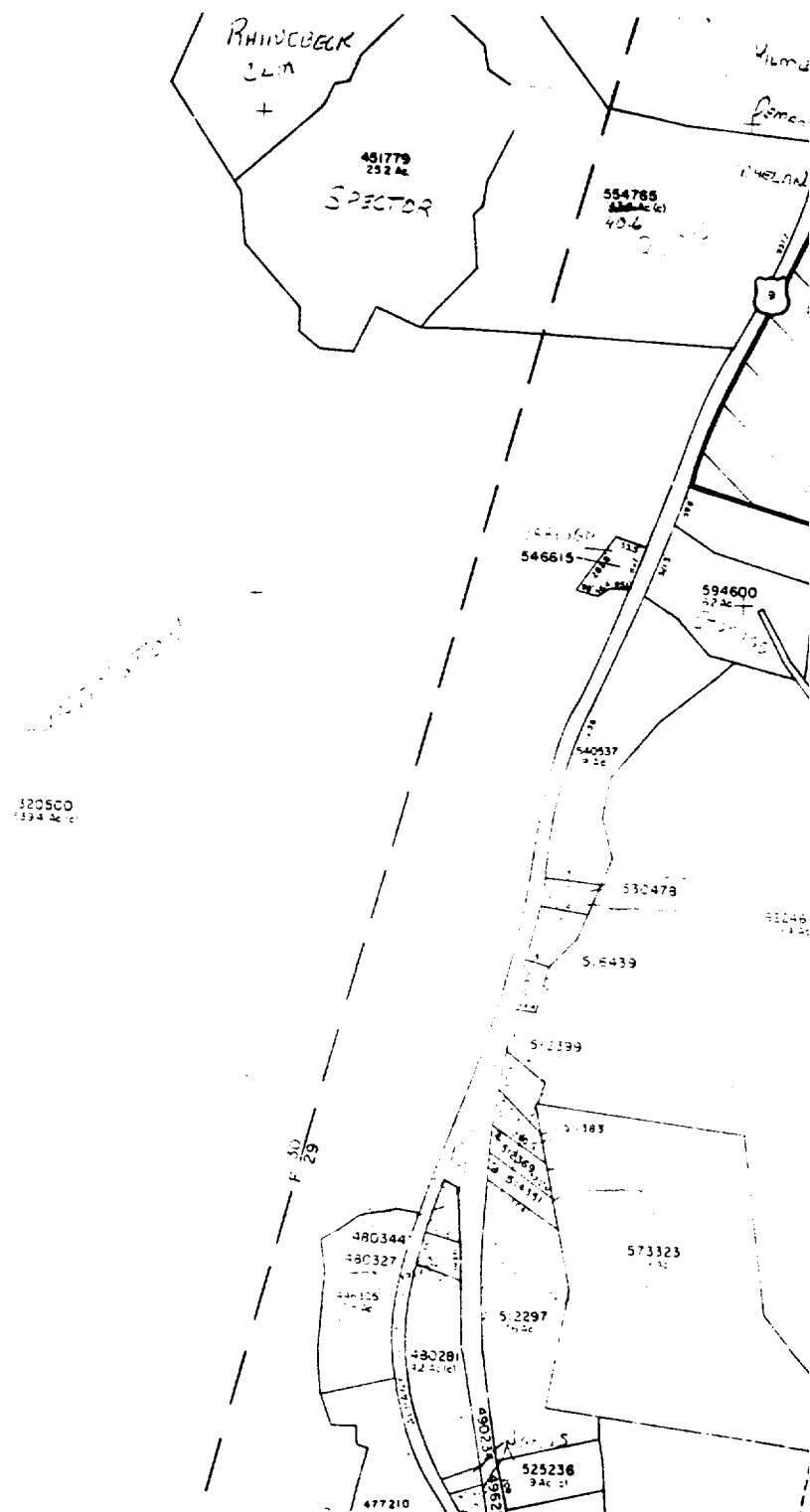
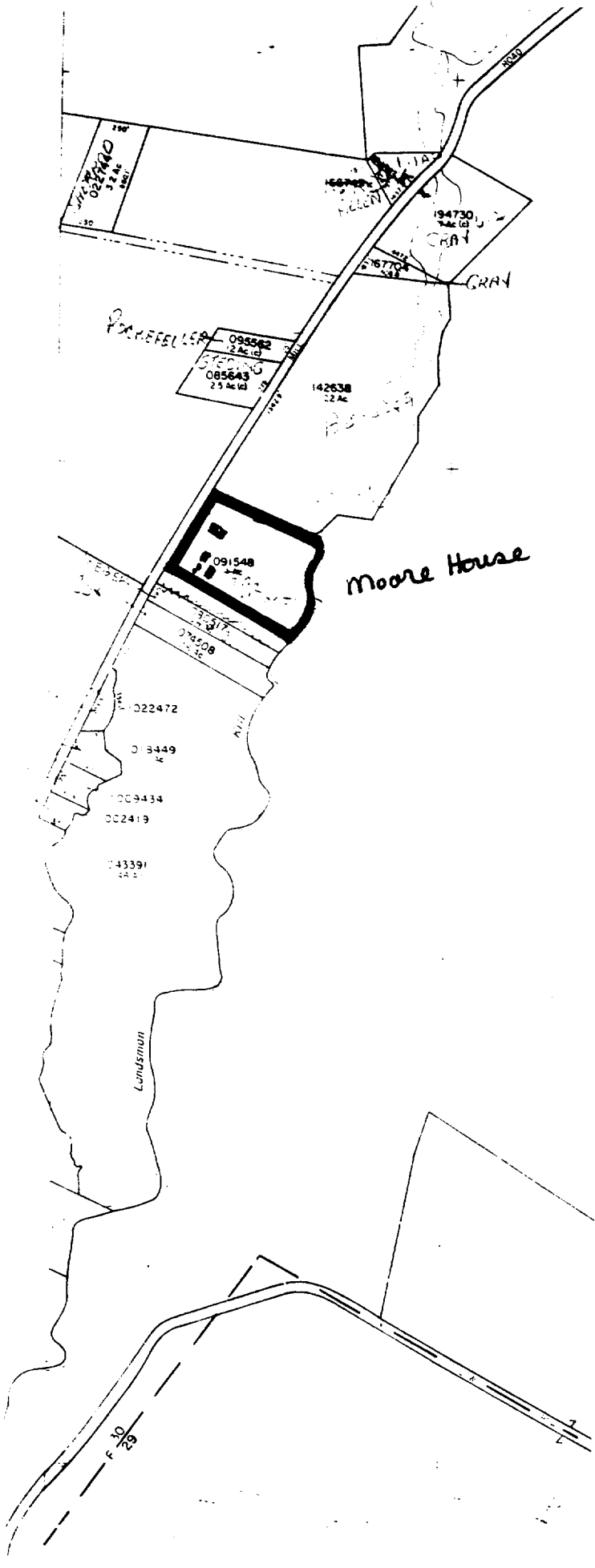
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Site map; not to scale - approximate location and orientation of components

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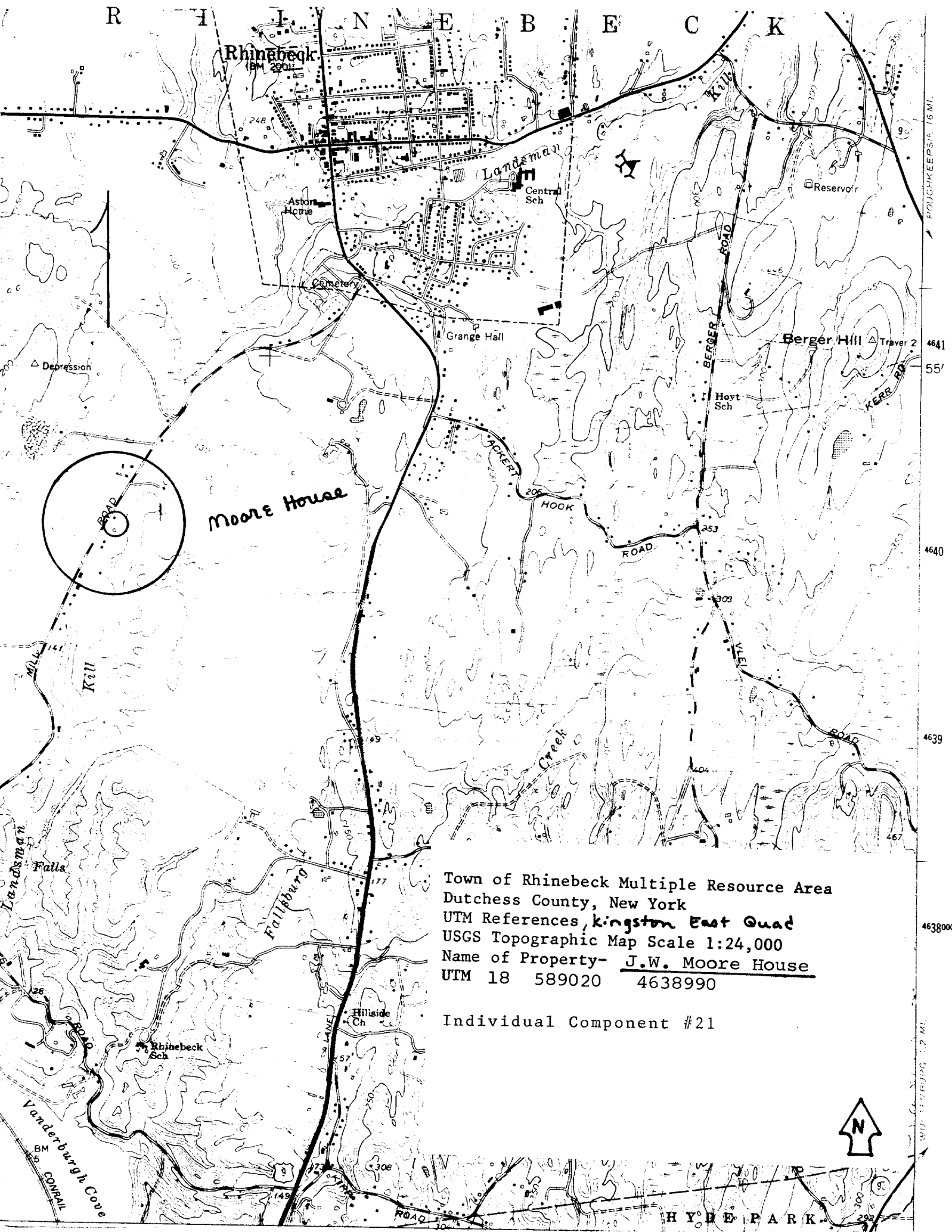


Town of Rhinebeck Multiple Resource Area
 Dutchess County, New York
 Boundary Description
 Town of Rhinebeck Tax Map Scale 1" = 800'
 Name of Property- J.W. Moore House
 Acreage- 7 acres

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UTM References, Kingston East Quad
USGS Topographic Map Scale 1:24,000
Name of Property- J.W. Moore House
UTM 18 589020 4638990

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POUGHKEEPSIE 16 MI.
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55'
4640
4639
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1.2 MI.