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## APPENDIXES

HISTORIC STRUCTURE REPORT Architectural Data Section

LINDENWALD<br>MARTIN VAN BUREN NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE Kinderhook, New York

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Included in this group of historical photographs are four images of Lindenwald in other graphic media. This is not intended to be an exhaustive presentation of all the images of Lindenwald produced over the years. It is, rather, a selective presentation of the images that because of their clarity, point of view, or date provide the most information for this report.

HP1. Survey Map of Property

HP2. "Residence of Martin Van Buren." This print shows Lindenwald as it might have appeared prior to the ca. 1850 addition
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ca. 1860.
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done before ca. 1854. Therfore, hearlier lime, but could not have been an earlier image and not a recent visit to the site. That earlier image may have been the same one from which HP3 was derived. There are certainly sufficient similarities between the two (especially the inaccuracies) to indicate such a relationship. The inaccuracies are discussed in section 111 of this
 notation "Acquired at the A.S. Mason Sale, November 10, 1905."

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 in order to build the ca. 1849 addition.

HP4. Ca. 1849 Watercolor Rendering of Lindenwald by Richard Upjohn

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The chimney base and cap are a dark tone--either dark paint or unpainted brick.
There is a return at the south end of the south dormer sill box.
Boards cover the east balustrade on the tower.
The southeast corner of the foundation appears to have been repointed.
Lightning rods are present.

The roof covering on the ca. 1797 part of the house is wood shingles.
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There is no chimney over room 112 .
a rustic

iron-bench,
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 is considerably smaller here than in HPG. HP5. east sides is dated ca.
donor, Hazel Whitbeck,
reinted There i dour.
The basement windows on the east side are the present size and
Visible lawn furniture chair, a tripod trellis, The small tree in the foreground (directly in front

 approximate because it is based on the growth of the small tree should foreground compared to its size in HP5. The following details should be noted:
The dormer sill return is missing.
There is no tie rod on the porch.
Boards still cover the tower balustrade.
There is no chimney over room 112 .
The south chimney seems to be painted to match the body of the
house.
The brick flat arches over ca. 1797 windows are painted to match
the surrounding brickwork.
Lightning rods are present. A rustic chair on the front porch, a glider, and a hitching post
constitute the visible items of lawn furniture. The tripod trellis
seen in HP5 may be hidden behind the small tree in the
foreground.
There is a row of small bushes or ferns along the cheek of the
front porch (not present in HP5).
Basement window frames are painted a dark tone.

This photograph probably and Mrs. Wagoner expanse of lawn Front of Lindenwa HP7. The Wagoners in Front of Linde
predates 1917 because the subjects a
the detail of the cast-iron bench and t

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HP8．Lindenwald，ca．1910－1917．This photograph is dated ca．
1910－1917 on the basis of the growth of the small foreground tree
compared to HP6 and the presence of lightning rods compared to HP18．
Note also the following details：
The foundation has been painted so that repointing at the мори！м＇sגə⿰丬士 frames，porch，and foundation are a dark tone．The bricks and cornice are painted a lighter tone．
The roof is wood shingle．Lightning rods are present．
A tie rod has been installed on the front porch．
Hydrangeas have been planted in front of the piers between windows 001 and 002 and between windows 005 and 006.
The tower balustrade is no longer covered by boards．
Lawn furniture consists of the cast－iron bench，the glider，flower pots，a new ladder－type trellis，and the hitching post，now with weathered paint．
Some of the bricks are loose in the flat arch over window 127.

HP9. Lindenwald, ca. 1910-1917. The assigned date is based on
similarities with HP8. The following details are noteworthy:
Lightning rods are present.
There is a tie rod across the front porch. Hydrangeas seem slightly larger than in HP8.
The cast-iron bench and flower pots are the only visible items of lawn furniture.
There are ferns planted along the north foundation wall.
Stone corbels can be seen in the northeast and
northwest
There are ferns planted along the north foundation wall.
Stone corbels can be seen in the northeast and
The foundation, window frames, shutters, and front porch seem to
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be painted a dark tone. The bricks and cornice are painted a
lighter tone.
Stone corbels can be seen in the northeast
chimneys.
Five risers can be seen leading to the north porch.

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HP10. Lindenwald, East Elevation, ca. 1913. This photograph is from
 10643. The glass plate is dated 1913. The print presented here is an

 office, partially visible at the extreme left (south) side, an adjacent
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Lightning rods and conductors are present.

## There is a tie rod on the front porch.

There are two rustic chairs on the porch and a cast-iron bench under the north pine tree.
The north hydrangea appears to be $6^{\prime}$ to $7^{\prime}$ tall and the south one The foundation, window frames, shutters, and front porch seem to
 painted a lighter tone.
The dark area at the base of the north foundation may be the ferns present in HP9.
The south dormer sill box is askew. The north end of the north
dormer sill box is detached.
Sheet-metal gutters have been added to the level eaves of the
Sheet-metal gutters have been
south dormer.
There are two rustic chairs on the porch

HP11. Lindenwald, East Elevation, ca. 1913-1917. This date is based on similarities with HP10, the fact that the dormer sill boxes, the larger, the state of deterioration and the wood shingle roof. The continued presence ould be noted:
The foundation window frames, shutters, and front porch appear to be painted a darker tone. Sash, bricks, and cornice appear to be painted a lighter tone.
The tie rod seems to have been removed from the front porch. This statement cannot be made with certainty because of the deep shadow in that area.
The north hydrangea is $7^{\prime}$ to $8^{\prime}$ tall and the south one $4^{\prime}$ to $5^{\prime}$ tall. Two rustic chairs and a wicker rockelaced in the shade of front porch. Two cast-iron benches ar of potted plants lines a the north and south pine trees. A row of potted A cluster of path or drive parallel to the front of this line and on axis with similar front door. What may be a cast-iron cauldron appears in the left foreground under the south pine tree.
There is a rainwater diverter at the east end of the north gable capping board.


HP12. Mrs. Bascom Birney at Lindenwald, after 1917. This photograph was probably taken after the Birneys' acquisition of Lindenwald in 1917. The following details should be noted:

The foundation and trim appear to be painted a dark tone. Brickwork has been painted a light tone but is now quite weathered. Window frames are painted a lighter color.

The replacement cornice on the door pediment is in place.

The steps to the back door (door 112) consist of a large landing stone at grade and one stone step leading up to the door sill.

The downspout appears to be a replacement consisting of lengths of stock corrugated pipe and a wooden board and trough to direct rainwater away from the foundation.

There is a grate over window well 011.


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& \text { HP13. Interior of Room 105, Looking West, ca. 1917-1924. This } \\
& \text { photograph was donated to the National Park Service by the DeProsse } \\
& \text { family and is considered to date from } 1917 \text { or later. They state that it } \\
& \text { was taken early in the period of their ownership. On the basis of a } \\
& \text { comparison with HP16 and HP17, this photograph is considered to } \\
& \text { predate } 1924 \text {. The comparative features are the wire along the south } \\
& \text { wall, which is not present in HP16, and the floor heater, present in } \\
& \text { HP17 but not present in this photograph. The following details are } \\
& \text { worthy of note: }
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historic carpeting
chandelier with frosted glass shades and clear chimneys
bell hanger in casing of door 130 and possibly a wire leading to it
wallpaper patch at south end of west wall at elevation of ca. 1797 door entablature
scenic wallpaper
apparent absence of grille for floor heater


HP14. West Slope of ca. 1797 Roof, ca. 1918-1920. This photograph shows Dr. Bascom Birney removing wood shingles in preparation for the slate roof. Family tradition dates this event to the early years of their ownership of Lindenwald, probably before 1920. Note the following details:

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condition of sheathing boards
missing and broken plaster keys over room 307
square-butted shingles
valley flashing
sheet-metal ridge roll
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roof of the photograph. Basc whows slope right corner photograph again $\stackrel{\leftrightarrow}{\stackrel{n}{f}}$ $\stackrel{0}{2} \stackrel{0}{2}$
the roofing


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105, ca. 1924.
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published in 1924 in Historic
Introduction of Machinery, by
pull wire that appears in HP13.
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1924. This photograph was
achinery. Note the corner
circular control box on the
1925. 

North Wall of Room
Room 105, ca


HP18. South and East Facades of Lindenwald, ca. 1917-1925. This photograph is considered to postdate 1917 because the lightning rods are missing from the front of the house and because roofing brackets and a plank are still attached to the roof (indicating that roofing work is still in progress). It is considered to predate 1925 because the tie ajeןd u! ll!ts aje suəptnys pue 'youod fuolf aut uo ajeld u! ll!ts s! pol on the Venetian window (see HP22). This photograph was taken by Rowles Studios. The following details should be noted:

There is new flashing over south gable capping board and on the south chimney.

There is a chimney over room 112 (the earliest photographic evidence).

The return for the sill at the north dormer is missing.
Brickwork, oriel window, and cornice seem to be painted a light tone. Window frames, shutters, foundations, and front porch seem to be painted a dark tone. On the addition, window frames are a light tone and hoods and roof are a dark tone.

Bricks are loose in the flat arch over window 127.
Hydrangea north of front porch is $8^{\prime}$ to $9^{\prime}$ tall. Ferns are growing
 are present in the ell south of the ca. 1797 house. A rustic chair and a rocking chair are on the front porch. A cast-iron bench is under the south pine tree.

Eight balusters are present on east side of belvedere.
Sheet-metal gutters have been added to the south dormer.

HP20. Lindenwald, ca. 1917-1925. Because of the absence of front lightning rods and the presence of roofing brackets andian window, this 10 əbued photograph following
The front board of the sill box under the south dormer is missing.
There are eight balusters on the east side of the belvedere.
The brickwork, cornice, and sash seem to be painted a lighter tone. Window frames, foundation, and front porch are painted a darker tone. Shutters seem to be painted an even darker tone.

## Sheet-metal gutters have been added to the south dormer.

The hydrangeas are in bloom and the one north of the porch is
 the north and south cheeks of the front porch. The cast-iron
 There is a clump of vegetation in the foreground on axis with the
 or one within two or three years.
 the juncture of the gable with the south level eave section.


HP21. Clementine Birney and William DeProsse in Room 104, 1925. This photograph was taken at the time of their wedding in 1925. The background is the south wall of the room and door 102. Note the white-painted woodwork, the historic Brussels carpeting, the historic wallpaper, and the bed.
HP22. East Elevation of Lindenwald, 1925. This photograph was taken
on the occasion of the Birney-DeProsse wedding. The following details
should be noted:
There are no shutters on the Venetian window.
The tie rod is not present on the front porch.
The northeast lightning rod is missing.
Brickwork, cornice, sash, and window frame reveals are painted a light tone. Foundations, front porch, and exterior faces of window frames are painted a dark tone. Shutters are painted an even darker tone.
Large blocks of wood have been wedged under the sheet-metal roof of the porch at the south juncture of the gable and the level eave to divert rainwater into the gutter.
There is a white-painted wooden screen door.
Ferns are growing along both sides of the front porch. The south hydrangea is about $6^{\prime}$ tall and the north one is $8^{\prime}$ to $9^{\prime}$ tall (comparable to HP18).

HP23. South and East Sides of Lindenwald, 1936. This photograph
was taken by Melvin Weig, National Park Service historian, on
August 3, 1936. This date is documented in the captions of all the
photographs in his report "Lindenwald,' the President Martin Van
Buren Homestead, near Kinderhook, New York" dated November 3,
1936 . The following details should be noted:
Some bricks are missing from the cap of the south chimney.
Both hydrangeas are about $9^{\prime}$ tall, and the ferns beside the front porch are about $2^{\prime}$ high. A vine is growing up to the cornice on the south side of the porch
The light paint on the brickwork is very weathered and most brick courses on the south elevation can be seen. Sash has also been painted a light tone, but now the cornice appears to be a dark tone. Foundations, window frames, and the front porch are painted a dark tone. Shutters appear to be painted an even darker tone.
There is a lightning rod on the tower.

HP24. Lindenwald, East Elevation, 1936. This photograph was taken
on August 3, 1936 , by Melvin Weig. This date is also documented in
his report, "'Lindenwald,' the President Martin Van Buren Homestead,
near Kinderhook, New York." The following details should be noted:
Some bricks are missing from the cap of the south chimney.
Both hydrangeas are about $9^{\prime}$ tall and the ferns beside the front
porch are about $2^{\prime}$ high. A vine is growing up to the cornice on
the south side of the porch. The light paint on the brickwork is very weathered, and brick courses on the east elevation are discernible. Sap now the cornice appears to be
 painted a dark tone. Shutters appear to be painted an even darker tone.
A lightning rod can be seen on the tower. The plumbing vent can be seen between the north dormer and chimney.
An electrical service wire crosses the field of view from top center to middle left side.
A rainwater diverter is present on the east end of the north raking cornice.


HP25. Ca. 1850 Front Porch, 1936. This photograph was taken by Melvin Weig on August 3, 1936. The following details should be noted:
pattern of seams in sheet-metal roofing
shims under sheet metal at juncture of level and raking eaves
"drip-catcher" at north corner
separation of treads from south stringer
rustic chairs
vine on south side of porch

HP26. North side of Lindenwald, 1936. This photograph was taken by rainwater diverter at east end.
There is new flashing on the north gable capping board and a
There is a splashblock(?) at base of northeast downspout.
The paint scheme is the same as that observed in HP23.
There is a plumbing vent pipe near the ridge at the north end of the east roof slope.
The brick coursing on northeast and northwest chimneys above the stone water table consists of five courses to the tops of the stone corbels (ledges), twelve straight courses, and a five-course corbeled cap.
The ferns adjacent to the north wall are $3^{\prime}$ to $3^{\prime} 6^{\prime \prime}$ high.


HP27. West End of the North Elevation of Lindenwald, 1936. This photograph was taken by Melvin Weig on August 3, 1936. The following details should be noted: There is a white-painted screen door at door 109. There is a rainwater diverter at the end of the cornice capping board.

The belvedere windows are missing lights.
The lower section of the downspout is stock corrugated sheet metal (replacement).

HP28. Lindenwald, West Elevation, 1936. This photograph was taken
by Melvin Weig on August 3, 1936. The following details should be
noted:
An early 20 th century porch is attached to rooms 112 and 114 .
There are stock corrugated sheet-metal downspouts with bell and spigot drain pipe at the base of the south downspout (compare full-length north downspout with HPI2).
The bulkhead has no cover except for the overhang of the porch roof.
The paint is very weathered, and the paint scheme corresponds with other photographs of this date.
There are modillions on the skylight cornice.
There are steps at door 112.


HP29. Lindenwald from the Southwest, 1936. This view was taken by
Melvin Weig on August 3, 1936. The following details should be noted:
outbuilding in deep shade at left side of photograph
chimneys, gutters, and roof surfaces
paint scheme and condition
farming equipment at right side of photograph
clothes-drying rack

HP30. East Wall of Room 106, 1936. This photograph was taken by
Melvin Weig on August 3, 1936. The following details should be noted:
Brussels carpeting
Brussels carpeting
pier mirror
wallpaper
draperies
woodwork
astragal on wall above ogee arch
furniture
condition of plaster ceiling
condition of plaster ceiling

HP31. Fireplace and Part of the South Wall of Room 106, 1936. This
photograph was taken by Melvin Weig on August 3, 1936. The following
details should be noted:
marble hearth and mantel
Brussels carpeting
woodwork
wallpaper
draperies
furniture


HP32. Fireplace and Part of South Wall of Room 209, 1936.
photograph was taken on August 3, 1936, by Melvin Weig.
following details should be noted:
The wallpaper is probably not historic.
The fireboard has a stag hunt scene with a foliate border.
The floor covering seems to consist of oriental rugs.

HP33. Lindenwald, 1937. This and the three following photographs
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## electrical wire (separated from insulator on tree trunk)

paint scheme and condition (comparable to Melvin Weig's
photographs)
trellis (compare HP8)
8' hydrangeas slate roof and sheet-metal ridge roll
loose bricks over window 127
half screens on windows $124,215,216$, and 217
lack of shutters on Venetian window twelve brick courses above the stone water chimney and a five-course corbeled cap

HP34. Lindenwald, East Elevation, 1937. This photograph was taken noted capping board.
Half-round sheet-metal gutters have been added to the dormers.
There are half screens on windows 105, 201, 203, 205, 206, and 207.
The northeast chimney brick coursing above the stone water table consists of five courses to the tops of the corbels (ledges), then thirteen courses and a corbeled cap of five courses.
The main cornice crown molding is deteriorating at the joints. There are rustic chairs on the front porch.
The porch roofing is wedged up on both sides at the junction of the front gable, with level eaves. A jerry-built "drip-catcher" redirects errant rainwater.
There is a plumbing vent stack near the ridge at the north end of the east slope.
HP35. Front Door of Lindenwald (Door 101), 1937. This photograph
was taken by Nelson Baldwin in January 1937. The following details
should be noted:
The sash are painted a lighter tone than the brickwork. Door and window trim and the porch elements are painted a darker tone.


porch roof and the joint between the por brick wall.
There are rustic chairs on the porch.
There is a door knocker.
There are stuccoed areas over windows 103 and 104.
There are stuccoed areas over windows 103 and 104.
Vines are growing on the south side of the porch.

HP36. North Elevation of Lindenwald, 1937. This photograph was taken by be noted:
Half screens are present at windows 109, 113, 208, and 209.
There is a screen door at door 109 .
Brick coursing on the northeast chimney appears to consist of five courses from the top of the bluestone water table to the top of the brownstone corbels (ledges), then thire orthwest five-course corbeled cap. Brick coursing from the top of the bluestone water table to the top of the brownstone corbels (ledges), then twelve courses and a five-course corbeled cap.
There are modillions on the skylight cornice.

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1942-1946. This of Lindenwald, ca.
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 after HP37 by the new paint on window and recollections date this absence of dormer scrolls. DeProsse factory Report "September 5,
 the latter date is discussed in conjunction with HP41.

The following details should also be noted:
The chimney brick coursing matches that described in HP36.
There is a splashblock at the northeast corner.
HP38. Ruom 104, ca. 1936-1957. This photograph and the two that
follow may have been taken at the same time. All three were donated to
the National Park Service by the DeProsse family. All are color
photographs taken with flash. The DeProsse family association means
these photographs predate the sale of Lindenwald to Ken Campbell in
1957 . The identical positions of the black object (statuette) and chairs
in HP39 and HP40 suggest that they were taken during the same session
and, by extension, suggests that HP38 was also taken at the same time.
The presence of an electrical convenience outlet in HP40 and an electric
lamp in HP39 positively dates the photographs after the installation of
electricity, ca. 1936. DeProsse family recollections date these
photographs to the 1930 s. The following details should be noted:
wallpaper
woodwork
woodwork
marble mantel and hearth
fireboard carpeting (Red-orange color is reported by DeProsse family to be incorrect rendition--true color is green.)

-P 39 . Room 106 , ca. 1936-1957. This photograph is associated with
HP38 and HP40 and assigned a date of ca. $1936-1957$ on the basis of
circumstantial evidence presented with HP38. The following details
should be noted:
pier mirror
woodwork
draperies
wallpaper
carpeting
furniture
electric lamp

associated with
on the basis of
following details
HP40. Room 106, ca. 1936-1957. This photograph is
HP38 and HP39 and assigned a date of ca. 1936-1957
circumstantial evidence presented with HP38. The
should be noted:
wallpaper
carpeting
woodwork
astragal molding on wall above ogee arch
electrical convenience outlet adjacent to card table


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& \text { HP41. Lindenwald, ca. 1946-1950. This color photograph of the south } \\
& \text { and east facades of Lindenwald was donated to the National Park } \\
& \text { Service by the DeProsse family. It has been assigned a date between } \\
& \text { ca. } 1946 \text { and ca. } 1950 \text { on the basis of two DeProsse family recollections } \\
& \text { (W.N. Jackson, "Oral History Report," September 5, 1979). The } \\
& \text { painting of windows and doors is reported to have been done in 1946. } \\
& \text { The front porch is reported to have been removed in 1950. The } \\
& \text { following details should be noted: }
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repairs to tower roof
sheet-metal coping on roof between south chimney and dormer
excavation to south of house
half screens on windows 106, 203, 205, 206, 215, 216, and 217; screen on ground below window 128
missing scrolls on north dormer
condition of porch roof
vines at southeast corner
north hydrangea ( 6 ' to 7 ' tall)
radio antenna stretched chimney
trellis (matches one in HP8)


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IP001, N002-04. Ca. 1797 foundation below door 101.


IP002, N012-14. Closure pattern at east corner of north wall.


IP003, N039-01. Main roof, northwest corner looking northwest. Note hatch infill in foreground.


IP004, N039-07. Main roof, northwest corner looking northeast. Note shingle shims.


IP005, N002-11. Kingposts above ca. 1849 ceiling. Note plaster on end wall.


IP006 (microfilm card). Elevation of typical truss-like configuration of ca. 1797 roof rafters.


IP007, N039-14. Gable sheathing.


IP008, N-44026. Dormer windows for C.H. Russell's House, Newport, Rhode Island. Richard Upjohn and Co., Architects.


IP009, N004-19. Exterior view of door 010, probable entrance to cold storage area.


1P010, N019-14. Window well 012-13.


IP011, N016-12. Room 015. Note bricked-in coal chute opening.


IP012, N012-08. Window 127, typical ca. 1797 window with ca. 1840 sash and shutter blinds.


IP013, N013-05. Window 204, ca. 1797 "Gothick" sash above ca. 1840 six-light sash.


IP014, N012-05. Window 124, typical ca. 1850 sash.


IP015, N052-02. Front door knocker.


IP016. Gutter liner, rake capping board, and downspout at northwest corner, main roof.


IP017, N014-17. Monitor skylight.


IP018, N008-37. Unidentified feature in floor of room 002.


IP019, N011-14. Room 003A, west wall, south end, window 026.


IP020, N010-19. Room 004, window 002 with iron bars.


IP021, N007-30. Room 004, northeast corner. Note barrels on rack and porch pieces on floor.


IP022, N009-12. Room 007, fireplace.


IP023, N .
"W. \& B. Douglas" force pump mounted on grained plank.


IP024, N016-08. Room 013 looking west to door 010.


1P026, N022-29. Room 104, south wall and door 102. Note register opening in southwest corner.


IP027, N017-32. Former basement stair opening in floor of room 105.


IP028, N022-18. Room 105, door 102.


IP029, N022-12. Door 130 ca. 1849 alteration to room 105. Note patch in west wall about $8^{\prime \prime}$ above bracket.


IP030, N023-24. Room 106, east wall. Note historic wallpaper revealed by removal of mirror between windows 101 and 102.


IP031, N023-37. Room 106, west wall, door 133 and ogee arch.


IP032, N044-19. "Bookcase for Mrs. Packer's Library June 12th, 1853. Richard Upjohn Arch't, Trinity Building, N.Y."


IP033, N044-24. "Design for Bookcase for Mr. C.H. Russell, Newport, R.I., Richard Upjohn \& Co., Architects, N.Y. October 21, 1853."


IP034, N023-29. Room 111, south wall, windows 122 and 123. Note
arched window heads.

IP035, N025-35.
Room 113, north wall. Note board partition and door 121.


Room 113, southwest corner.


IP037, N021-01. Room 114, southeast corner, fireplace. Note mantel and oculus window (W131).


IP038, N018-21. Room 115, water closet.

IP039, N021-14. Room 119, looking north to door 109.


IP040, N021-15.
Room 119, looking south to door 118, door 115 to the right and door 108 to the left. Note skylight opening above.



IP041, N023-02. Room 121. Note similarity to water closet (IP034).


IP042, N030-37. Room 201 west wall. Note shelves in former window opening.


IP043, N030-31. Room 205, south and west walls. Note outline of former door opening (door 219) on south wall and ventilation opening above.


IP044, N030-23. Room 208, northwest corner. Note faint outline of former door opening (door 219) on north wall below ventilation opening and patch of chair rail across door opening.


IP045, N029-36. Room 206, west and north walls. Note window 213 and balustrade.



IP047, N030-15. Room 209, south and west walls. Note door 216 and its former location.


IP048, N030-28. Room 208, east wall, windows 205, 204, and 203 (from left to right).


IP049, N030-29. Room 208, west wall, door 202.


IP050, N030-17. Room 209 north and east walls, door 201 and window 202.


IP051, N029-34. Rooms 206 and 110, looking west down stair.


IP052, N030-11. Room 210 north and east walls, doors 215 and 216.


IP053, N030-10. Room 210, east and south walls, door 216, and windows 215 and 216.


IP054, N031-12. Room 211, looking south.


IP055, N031-17. Room 212, detail of tower stairs.


IP056, N031-24. Room 213, looking southeast, with monitor skylight framing on left, brick tower on right, and east roof truss across view.


IP057, N031-26. Room 213, over room 112. Note brick chimney and window 214.


IP058, N031-27. Brownstone splashblock reused in tower masonry at floor level of room 213.


IP059, N006-32. Room 301, looking north to plastered gable end, with knee braces to the left. Note $T$-head wrought nails in nearest knee brace.


IP060, N008-08. Room 302, looking north past door 305 on the right and 306 on the left to window 305. The faint outline of the former stair opening can be seen near door 305. Note also the floor register and the hatch opening to the ridge space.


IP061, N008-11. Room 303, looking north. Curve at left was made to provide light from window 305 to room 302. Faint outline of former window 304 can be seen on north wall.


IP062, N008-15. Room 303 eastward dormer extension and window 303.


IP063, N008-17. Room 304, looking east into gable extension and window 302.


IP064, N032-6. Room 307,
looking south
past door 309
to window 315.


IP065, N032-09.
Room 307, looking east
up stairs to door 307.


IP066, N006-08. Room 311, looking northwest. Note reused lengths of fluted moldings and discarded remnant of grass matting (now in park collection).


IP007, N032-02. Belvedere (room 501), deck.


IP068, N032-02. Room 501, balusters in belvedere railing.


1P069, N002-07. Rafter ends room 301.


1P070, N031-22. Chimney and lower stud wall. Upjohn attic (room 213).


IP071, N031-08. Room 201/203 floor framing and notched joists.


IP072, N028-35. Window 011. Note water penetration and dislodged masonry at lower left corner.


IP073, N041-12. Typical condition of cantilever joist wedged into masonry pocket.


IP074, N041-05. Tower stair construction at a landing, looking up and slightly south. Note that joist running across photograph is continuous between two brick walls of tower. Stub joist to support stair stringer is vertical member mortised through main joist and pulled tight by wedge.


IP075, N041-06. Same area as IP069 (above), looking northwest and slightly up. Note stair stringers at top of picture. Horizontal joist is cantilevered from east wall. Tenon of previously mentioned stub joist appears at west end of cantilever above stair stringer.


IP076, N015-16. Exterior cover for fresh-air intake duct.


1P077, N015-17. Exterior cover in open position.


IP078, N023-19. Fireplace, room 109, with part of fresh-air heating apparatus in place.


IP079, N023-?1. Detail of IP073 (above) showing horizontal heat distribution duct and inlet from heating chamber.


IP080, N018-06. East wall of furnace enclosure.


IP081, N010-05. North wall of furnace enclosure. Note inscription on door.


IP082, N010-07. Boynton's patent cast-iron furnace.


IP083, N010-04. Cast-iron fuel door with patent data.


1P084, N010-10. Cast-iron ash cleanout door.


IP085, N022-22. Culver's patent register and marble frame, room 105, north wall.


IP086, N031-11. Circular "sunflower" type register and frame, room 205.


IP087, N017-22. Cook stove, room 006, north wall.



IP089, N017-26. Cooking surface.


IP090, N017-28. Ovens.


IP091, N038-01. Probable water supply to force pump, room 006, southwest corner at floor level.



1P093, N001-09. Hand pump for laundry sink, room 007. Note hole in wall for drain.


IP094, N018-17. Water lank, room 115, filler and overflow pipes.


IP095, N018-18. Water tank, room 115, stopper lever and vacuum breaker pipe.


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IP097, N018-20. Room 115 water closet and enclosure.


1P098, N036-03. Water closet with top removed.


IP099, N007-26. Historic bathtub and case. Note dovetailed joints.


IP100, N009-18. Room 009, brick platform at southeast corner and stovepipe hole above.


IP101, N009-20. Room 009, northeast corner. Note remains of wooden pipe chase.


IP102, N031-36. Copper point attached to spiral fluted iron lightning rod.


IP103, N050-12. Detail of iron lightning rod.


1P104, N034-9. Detail of more recent sheet copper spiral fluted rod with brass connectors marked "RHCO."


IP105, N037-24. Plate-type stock lock on door 301.


1P106, N036-19. Lock X02.


IP107, N038-05. Lock 210.



1P109, N037-07. Lock 217.



IP111, N038-08. Lock 217.



IP113, N026-37. Lock 131.


IP114, N037-04. Lock 206


IP115, N037-18. Lock 216.


1P116, N036-17. Lock 105.


1P117, N027-31. Lock 121.


IP118, N037-12. Lock 202.


1P119, N037-16. Lock 202.



IP121, N017-19. Escutcheon for lock 101.



IP123, N037-33. Lock 136, with tumbler removed.



IP125, N016-21. Lock 133, with cover removed.



1P127, N027-25. Wrought-iron strap hinge typical for ca. 1797 basement board-and-batten doors.


IP128, N036-36. Wrought-iron $H$ hinge for ca. 1797 interior shutters.


IP129, N030-06. Door 210, typical mounting of HL hinges on ca. 1797 door.


IP130, N037-28. $4^{\prime \prime}$ by $4^{\prime \prime}$ five-knuckle, eight-hole cast-iron butt hinge.


IP131, N037-27. $5^{\prime \prime}$ by $3^{\prime \prime}$ five-knuckle, ten-hole cast-iron butt hinge.


P132, N036-28. Ca. 1840 sash lock.


IP133, N036-40. Ca. 1840 sash lock.


IP134, N036-27. Ca. 1850 sash lock.


IP135, N036-26. Ca. 1850 sash lock.


IP136, N033-16. Wrought-iron hinge for exterior shutter blind.


IP137, N034-04. Wrought-iron pintle for exterior shutter blinds.


IP138, N033-17. Fastener for exterior shutter blinds.


IP139, N033-19. Post for above fastener.


IP140, N033-18. Spring-type shutter holdback.

|P|A!, N034-03. Propeller-type shutter holdback.



1P143, N036-34. Bar haroware tor ca. 1797 interior smutters.


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Specifications of Carpenters work to be executed in the addition proposed to be built to Ex President Van Euren's house Kinderhook

The floor timbers to be as follows for the wash room Kitchen lower passages and all other places that is not floored with brick paving to have sleepers of locust cedar or Chesnut wood hewn on the upper side Straight and sufficiently smooth to lay a floor well upon them - placed 20 inches from centres - to average 5 inches diameter.

Floor timbers of the first floor to be 2 in thick 12 inches from centres \& 12 in deep - or 3 in thick 14 in from centres and 12 in deep. hewing have bridging well nailed and fitted to be fixed to all the naked floors - This floor to be deafened [dentened] perfect$1 y$ 。

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The floor of the wine stores to be of joists of the above sizes placed 4 inches farther apart, all hung to the rafters each joist to each rafter and well nailed

All necessary cutting away fixing for stairways passages $\hat{c}$ from the new part of the old building to be done all the trimmers repaired or any other timber work in the old building in each and every room thereof

The floors to be good $11 / 4$ in pine matched well and double nailed no two heading joists to be together. The floors to be well cleaned up and laid close to the brick work

Grounds for plastering fixed throughout. And strips nailed to receive the base and the plastering to the floor

Rafters to be $4 \times 5$ a purline $6 x 8$ and studs and braces over the partition to support the flat or roof also to support the purline on the slope of the same.

The finish of the different rooms door ways windows stairs Chimney pieces \&c to [ ] made according to the several plans and designs therefor of the best materials and workmanship.

The roof to be covered with $1 / 4$ in matched $p 1 k$ well laid and the outer covering to be 1 X leaded tin and the slope of the roof to be ribbed with $11 / 4 \times 13 / 4$ pine ribs rounded thus
 and placed 2.0 ft from centres. The gutters to be lined with tin the whole to be made tight and well painted 3 coats of such color as shall be directed by the architect. -

If there are any doors architraves in the wings $\theta f$ the at present buituing that the owner thinks may be used they may be placed in the basement.

Leaders from the different roofs to be placed where necessary to carry of $I$ the water. A cistern to be made and fixed in a suitable place for water.

## APPENDIX D: UPJOHN PLANBOOK EXCERPTS

## May 1849

May 30 S T Van Buren Taken by Barney Maguire [sic]
[p. 68] Ground Plan $2^{\text {nd }}$ and attic stories also basement $\mathrm{N} E \mathrm{~S}$ \& West Elevations 1/8 Section through ash pit Ground and basement plans stairway from tower to attic plans and sections Section of flues to $1 / 2$ in Skylight, Dormer Windows, plan, elevation and section $2^{\text {nd }}$ story bay window, plan
Inside and outside elevation 2 sections
Double window of bed room, Plan inside, and outside, elevations and sections, Small windows in tower, Plan inside and outside elevations, and sections, Bay window in Library inside and outside elevations, section, and return of cornice, Single windows of Library etc inside and outside elevation Plan, and section, Window E \& W Gables outside elevation, section plan, Plans and elevations of all chimnies [sic], Back porch, plan, elevation and section, Inside door Elevation, and section Entrance door $N$ Side plan, Elevation, and section, all to size of new building, Cornices of hall, nursery bed room and bath room
Details of dormer window
" " $2^{\text {nd }}$ story bay window " " skylight window,
[p. 69] jamb, sill, base and architrave of rooms Window cap and bracket Details of back porch and north door all full size

July 25 S T Van Buren
[p. 73]

Sept $3^{\text {rd }}$ Smith $T$
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Buren
[p. 76]

## October

19 Smith T Van Buren [p. 78]

Plan hall stairway $1 / 2$ in scale and Bracket to support architrave full size

Plan of Mr Van
Burens house viz Library door jamb of tower doors to 1 in scale and full size

Plan of door to 1 in scale and full size

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Plan for Bath
Case to 1 in scale and Detail full size

Plans of front porch
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3 sections, \& all the details full size

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10 Barney McGuire [p. 74]

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APPENDIX 1: SMITH THOMPSON VAN BUREN CORRESPONDENCE

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LIST OF SMITH T. VAN BUREN CORRESPONDENCE
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BETWEEN 1839-1850
As Transcribed by Historian William N. Jackson

July 3l, 1839 - STVB (New York) to MVB Jr. (Washington)
"The (old) man has just gone to Schenectady and intends to bring up at the United States Hotel, Saratoga, tomorrow...We had a very pleasant time since I last wrote you. At Kinderhook we spent a day and dined at the Van Ness place--(Kleirood) no more! We had a capital dinner of fricassee and him, washed down with champagne. We tried hard to get up a good name; but it is very tough work. The present favorite is "The Locusts" of which there are a great number about. The only objection is that the same name is used by Cooper in the "Spy" for one of his places. Among the distinguished guests were (James?) John from Albany and Aunt Catherine from Ghent. Here we have been feasted most sumptuously by the Judge young Patroon and Gov. Marcy..."

July 21, 1841 - STVB (Lindenwald)
I received your obliging letter here. I don't know whether you will be able to recognize the place by its new name, but you will understand that it is the retreat of a certain Ex-P, and a charming retreat it is two-infinitely preferable, I should say, with its shade and breezes, its guiet and its independence, to the White House, or the dusty Metropolis in which you are luxguriating.

Your representation of affairs at Washington correspond with all the appearances at this instance, and still more nearly with all that we had a right to expect from the motley gathering at the extraodinary reception. I begin to to think that there is a special providence in the confusion (work?) confoundes which attend the building of the new
\(\qquad\) and which I trust may prevent its completion. If it does the advent of whiggery to power may ultimately prove to have been a good thing. A visitation carrying with it the sweet uses of adversiry-teaching patience, wisdom, patriotism, virture to the mass, purifying the moral atmosphere of politics, and in point of fact advancing the cause of equal rights.

Have you read prof. Cowen's paper? We here in New York think it a great affair, quite refreshing, in the way of state papers, since the era of roman-nobled inaugurals and federal homilies on the duty of obedience to Great Britain.

Nothing is more generally noticed, or more gratifying to our friend, than the infinite superiority of our representation, over the agents of the speculators in Congress. The best that can be said of both sides is that each is respectively worthy of its cause, and that is (multin-is parvo).

I have not yet heard from Dimitry--unless his letter may be in New York--where I shall go in a day or two. I see by the debates that Preston has been lecturing your honorable board. He says that you expire officially in September: I thought it was December. Can you Let me know which is right; and whether claims presented by or before the loth of August will be in time for consideration. The delay arises rom the translators. My father desires to be remembered to you and .o me. Mr. and Mrs. Wright and Blair and Marcy.

April 13, 1849 - STVB (Albany)
I shall not be able to get to New York on Saturday! If you expect to leave town, on Tuesday you can write me a line which I will received Sunday morning, I will, then be down Monday morning: If I don't hear from you I shall be down Tuesday morning.

April 20, 1850 - STVB (Lindenwlad)
Not knowing Barneys address, I enclose his letter to you. By reading it you will understand all that I have to say \(\qquad\) except that I promised him to say to you that the wash-room flue is at length cured having experienced the reverse of the natural rule, viz, being smoked before it was cured and well smoked it was. You will take his receipt on giving him the check. You see what I say about the chimnies on the north side. I think these will have to be opened at the top also, by and by. Pray hurry on the library and handrail. Did I understand that they were to be done by the same hand? I saw a library designed for Mr. Barnard in Albany which pleased me and only cost \(\$ 200\). It was black walnut and plain \(\qquad\) but was much prettier than Mr . \(\qquad\) 's (in l4th st.) as Kelly's was before Barnards. Let me hear from you whenever you have come to any conclusion.

May 13, 1850 - STVB (Lindenwald)
Will you please send me immediate answers to these questions: (as the carpenters stand with their tools in their hands, waiting the word). 1. Are the caps and base of the baluster which you sent me square or round? They have been turned round--which is thought by one of the workmen (the only one good for anything to be wrong.
2. Is there to be wainscoting inside the tower or behind the balusters as appears to be the intention by the drawing of this section! This is claimed to be the case by the carpenters but I do not think it can be so. There does not seem to be any necessity for enclosing the place anymore than would be done by the balusters and it seems to me that the wainscoting would destroy the effect of the balusters, as seem from outside and that the expense of the wainscoting might he avoided, unless there is a necessity for it. please decide these points.

The estimates for the library differ so much that I must submitt the matter to your discretion. If you know and can rely upon the person who offers to do the work for \(\$ 300\), of course you will give it to him. Please let me know in your reply, whether you have so determined. The sooner it is completed the better, altho I suppose the contraction will have sufficient inducement for despath on his account. My father complains. that I have made his hall dark, by my improvements. For
this reason I should like to get the glass door made as soon as possible, before he gets the idea so fastened that he will not tive it up after the remedy is applied. There is a good workman here who claims to be able to make the door well if he had the drawing.
P.S. How many feet of wire work did you say? I can not make out your fiqure. Please tell me also if you can find out about what the glass for the glass door will cost.

May 17, 1850 - STVB (Lindenwald)
I have \(\qquad\) on the 14th. The balusters are up. I got so tired of the carpenter that I told them to put up the work, and I would take it down if it was not right. The wainscoting it not on. What you say of the library is alright: I have no doubt the contractor will answer, and be somewhat puzzled by the explaination of you letter, referring to the comparison as the cost of my and your work. To know whether preparation and calculations on the subject will agree with your own or not. The only way however to ascertain, is to tell you frankly what mine have been and are, and to ask you to do the same by me in return.

When I first spoke to you on the subject I mentioned the sum which I wished to expend in the proposed improvements of \(\$ 5000\) : and with the understanding the plans were offered to masonry and carpentry for estimates. The offer of Barney's, at \(\$ 2492\); for the mason work was accepted, which sufficiently established that part of the work.

The estimate of the carpentry (I fiqured their cost at \(\$ 2850\) : and considered the cost favorable, and also have been accepted, but for an
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Cf course I have considered this equity as mutual in its operation, and have not supposed that because my expectation have been satisfied and the work has cost more than the estimate, instead of less that I should
incur a perportionate increase of expense for the supervision. I state
all the detail here, because I cannot infer from the terms of your letter how much of it conforms to your own views, or the reverse, and because it would take me some time to get at the sum of Van Slyck accounts, if that should prove to be necessary. Of course the work for which drawings have been made since the main plan was settled, such as the porch and library, and which are the subjects of separate contracts do not come within the application of the arrangement which I understood to have been made except for the original drawings and \(\qquad\) _.

If I am correct in assuming these views as the basis of our account, you will find it stated on the other side, as correctly as the nature of the case will admit. Please let me hear from you as soon as possible on the subject as is reflected to both, as it is my wish. It is desireable to dispose of and satisfactorily. I enclose a check for the bal. I've given as a statement.

Estimate of mason's work
\$ 2,492
Carpenter 2,850

Library (including wire work)
Porch
Supposed cost of handrail to be made by the contractor, or other person
subtotal
5\% cost
\$ 311.60
Deduct heretofore paid 150.00
161.60

To this should be added the black walnut door and the caps for tower chimey, the latter cost about \(\$ 15\). The former I do not know. I have added on the check \(\$ 75.00\) being \(5 \%\) of it.

May 5, 1850 - STVB (Lindenwald)
I rec'd yours of the 29th of April at Albany, only yesterday. Please direct to me hereafter under cover to my father, at Kinderhook, where I shall be the greater part of the time. The plans etc enclosed are all right. As to the library you seem to have forgotten our arrangement: which was that you should have the plan (when completed), estimated upon by one or two competent persons at New York and then let me know the result, and that the person taking that Job might also put up the handrail on the tower stairs: and include that in his estimate.

The estimate should be for the whole expense including expenses of traveling, friezht and board while here (which is \(18 /\) per week and everything else \(\qquad\) no extra charge whatever: and should be for completing everything as described or drawn in the plans; and perhaps a limit might be agreed upon as to time, altho if the workman pays his own board and time, I suppose there will be no unecessary delay.

Will you oblige me by sending me the estimate as soon as possible. I am going to providence on to visit to Mr. Duncan, the last week of this month May, say the 25 th and he will probably return for a few days with me, say about the lst of June, and I should like him to have the library finished at that time--if it is practicable. You ray send me at your
conveinence also the drawings you mentioned, for a glass door leading from the old hall to the new. You will bear in mind that it should be constructed with a view to the assaults of children as high up as they can reach, while yet in their years of indiscretion. The dimensions of the doorway, or rather of the present door are as follows: height 7 ft . 11 inches width \(3 \mathrm{ft} .87 / 8\) inches. The wall being about \(\qquad\) inches thick. You can Juige of the depth of the Jambs.

June 6, 1850 - STVB (Lindenwald) to ?
I enclose the letter for Wisngham, which please forward to him as soon as practicable. I found that the plan for the porch had been delivered in Albany to the place where I have usually received communication from your father.

June 20, 1850 - STVB (Lindenwald)
I have had a visit from Mr. Hanrenbeck, who promised to be here with his book-case about the l5th of July. I wish you would let me have the drawings for the porch, complete large and small with much specification as may be necessary to have the work estimated on at that date; July 15th. I mean to get an estimate from Mr. H. When he comes, and would like to have them a day or so before.

If you have the drawing for the glass door you may sent it to me, and I will get it made.

I wish you would say to Barney McGuire that his bill for extra-work includes two charges which require to be reconsidered at cost.
1. The charge of \(\$ 15\). for iron work over the area. These area's with the iron grating was laid down in the original plan: but his could not cost \(\$ 15\).
2. The cistern your father wrote me that the change (sixty add dollars) was high and that the price of making a cistern \(8^{\prime}\) by \(8^{\prime}\) was between \(\$ 30\) or \(\$ 40\) : but that Barney thought mine was \(8^{\prime}\) by \(13^{\prime \prime}\). 1 have had it in asured, and it is \(8^{\prime}\) by \(9^{\prime} 10^{\prime \prime}\).

Its capacity however, (that is the space below the waste pipe) is Just about \(8^{\prime}\) by \(8^{\prime}\) you will see that msasures to the top, however, it is over \({ }^{\prime}\) ' less than his recollection of it.

His work although, in the main well done enough, that in some respects given me constant trouble. In altering the top of the chimney-stock his men left so much mortar and rubbish on the roof that the leader, from the gutters became cloged, and some of them had to be taken down and new ones instituted. The laundry flue continue to smoke as badly as ever--rendering the use of the room impossible. Frequently, and always more or less uncomfortable: and I have had a major fire almost all the time finishing up some of his rough work, and tinkering on the flue. Under these circumstances a charge of extra-work is not very palatable, but I am willing nevertheless to pay his bill when it is corrected in respect to the two items I rave mentioned.

July 29, 1850 - STVB (Lindenwald)
I enclose Barney's account with the deduction for area, included in the original estimate. I have also enclosed a check payable to his urder for the balance due him. Tell him I have received his letter and although there is a good deal to be said in answer to some things mentioned by him, yet I prefer to have no further discussion, and I'm willing to consider our business closed to our mutal satisfaction and will always say so at his request.

I enclose the check to you as I wish to remind you that the library man will be here on Monday, and that I without the porch plan, on which

I wished to have his estimate. I have retained the plan for the door also for his examination. I think an ordinary door case (painted white like the other wood work in the hall instead of black walnut will answer, with the glass of white plate containing 4 large panes and a border only such as you have drawn of stained glass. What do you think of that. Please let me hear about the porch immediately, as I do not know whether Mr. Hollenbeck will be here over a day or two.

November 22, 1850 - STVB (Lindenwald)

Mr. Van Slyck, requests us to say that he will be ready for McGuire the last of next week. I have also to say that he omitted to make the change at the foot of the tower stair-case by my advice. When I saw you in Albany a month or six weeks ago I understood that the first flight would be taken down at once and at the expense of the carpenter, to make it accord with the plan. The next time I came here I found that they had not been done; although it was to be attended to. There being work enough to do to get the house enclosed and to make it habitable, I at once determined that \(I\) would suffer the inconvenience of a barron space at the foot of the stairs, rather than give even to slight an increase for further delay, and that nothing ahead completed than to be distributed. I told him therefore to despence with a part, and to carry the handrail around the top of the lower step as it was.

If you had been here since McGuire left I am sure you would have seen enough to satisfy you of the Justice of my complaint. The flue from the wash-ruom: bedroom and bethroom have smuked so badly that the walls are intirely black, and the ceiling also of the bedroom destroyed. If
the mantel peices should have arrived, according to promise, I'm not able to decide whether in the present condition of the flues and walls they ought to be put up. I am at a lose to account for his course. He promised me to cut holes through the walls for the plumber, and yet they tell me that he decieded it as no part of his business, and left them to cut for themselves, at the risk also of breaking into the flues, the location of which no one but himself understood. The window on the back side at the attic and one which you directed to be made longer, to light the passage next to my brother's bedroom, have been left, although there was time enough to have done all these small things while he was waiting for the flagging. I said also, on digging around the cess-pool to mount pipes, that the walls of it are round paving stones, of single thickness, depending upon sand walls outside to hold them up. The plumber thinks it will fall down as soon as water gets to it--if not therefore, and crush the lead pipe which empties into it. It is moreover covered with plank, and we no longer would have let a horse or an ox into it.

I need not repeat to you that all these things, coupled with intolerable
\(\qquad\) of the carpenter have disappointed us all very much. We have been obliged to give up the idea of living in the house this winter, and shall be obliged to stop all the work, when it maybe in for tonight, from yesterdays report. If anything is to be sent up from N.Y. it should be done immediately, especially some plan to close the top of the tower against the weather should be determined on and put in hand. There are some little things omitted by McGuire which I have not mentioned because I suppose he intended to bring them along on his return; such as cement
for the cistern, and iron-bars for the area and windows. But how are the flues to be repaired, and all the damage they have caused?

I return to Albany tonight, where I should be glad to hear from you.

APPENDIX J: 1977 WAITE REPORT

Un \(110 y 4\), 1977, I inspectud the tin plate roof and relat arcas at Limaenwald witis vouglas linimcon ama members of the site staif. 'd'he inspection was macie at the request of the architectural staff of the horth atlantic hegional Ufifice of the ivational Park Service. 'Nne tin plate roof, over the one story rear wing of the house, is believed to be original to tne lu49 alterations designed by architect Richard Upjohn. During the inspection, the entire surface of the tin plate roof was examined as was the roof framing and sheatining winch was visible in the attic below. Tine following observations and recommendations are the result of the inspection.

\section*{OBSERVATIONS}

\section*{BA'1"LEM ROUF}

\section*{Description}
'rime batten roof consists of nine sloping scctions of tin plat roofing. Eacin section is made of tin or tin and lead (terne) plated iron sheets, \(14 x 20\) incires, fastencả together with Flat lock seans. In unusual feature of the roof is the lise of wood battens every 24 inches to give a vertical cmphasis t the roof and to help control expansion and contraction. The battens were covered with the tin roofing. The tin plate roofing pans were most likely imported from England, as this was a common practice during the niretcenth century. Althougl most early ninetecnth century tin roofs consisted of lo 14 inch pans, technological changes in the manufacture of tin plate during the lध30's permitted the use or lf \(x 20\) incil pant山y the ld70's a third size, 20 X \(2 \mathbb{C}\) inches, was widely usca.
'line nine sections of batten roofing contain thrce valleys, four hips, and two ridges. Two chimncys ponetrate the slopine
\&oofs and tiore are ineersccions aith tioc flat roof and the brick valls of the house. hround the perincter of the sloping roofs, except for tise two gables, is a built-in wood cornice gutter with a tin plate liner. hll of the connections between the batten roofing sections and flashings, flat roof, and gutter liners are made with flat lock seams.

\section*{Concition}

Nucn of the batten roofing is in remarkably good condition. In tine five sections at the west end, there are approximately 35 punctures caused by slate andivrick falling from the tower onto the tin roofs. These punctures have been patched with liberal amounts of asphalt roofing cement. In some places the tin plate roofing has split along the battens. In other areas tire tin over the battens is badly corroded. The tin gutter liners have all deteriorated and much of the wood cornice has rotted out along with some of the tail rafters. All of the flashings have deteriorated and have been patched with excessive amounts of asplialt cement.

The filashing between the batten roofing and the brick walls consists of tin plate brougint up and over a wood batien located along tine brick wall. The upper part of the tin plate is let into a reglet in the wall to form a basc flashing. There is no cap flashing.

The surface of the roof contains many coatings including winat appears to be tinner's red paint, coal tar roofing compound and asphalt cement.

The valleys have apparently leaked over the years and have been patched with aspinalt coatings. Part of the deterioration of the valleys may have been caused by scouring from particles of slate from the upper roofs which have washed down over the tin plate.

Tine use of asphalt and tar roofing compounds is especially unfortunate because they have accelerated the deterioration of the tin plated iron pans by forming sulphuric acid when combined with moisture. This acid has attacked the metal pans.

Conclusions
From all indications, based on available historical research and physical evidence, the existing tin plate roof is original to the 1849 Upjohn modifications of Lindenwald. For this reason, and because it is one of the few known remaining
mid-nineteenth century batten tin plate roofs in the United States, the roof is of great cultural significance. Its associations with Martin Van Buren and Richard Upjonn make its preservation highly desirable, if technically possible.

Tine present condition of the roofing pans indicates that it is still possible to preserve and stabilize all of the sections of batten roofing, if proper conservation measures are applied immediately. The flashings, valleys, ridges, an some of the batten areas require repair. All of the asphalt and tar compounds must be removed.

\section*{FLIT ROOF}

\section*{Description}

Like the sloping batten roof sections, the flat roof consist of \(14 \times 20\) inch tin plate pans with \(\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { int lock seams. Howeve: }\end{array}\right.\) there are no battens and the entire roof is almost level.

There are approximately 52 linear feet of Elashing between the fllat roof and the brick walls of the house and tover. In tine center of the flat roof, along the brick wall of the house, is a wood skylight enclosure witi approximately 25 linear feet of flashing with the flat roof.

\section*{Condition}

Unlike the batten roof sections, the flat roof is seriously deteriorated. The surface has been mopped repeatedly with asphalt roofing cement, which has deteriorated and become separated from the tin plate pans because of the different rates of expansion and contraction between the two materials. The decayed roofing compound has acted as a sponge trapping water against the tin plate. This water, as well as the sulphuric acid formed by the asphalt, nas badly corroded the tin plated iron to the extent that much of it has completely rusted through. There are several active leaks in the flat roof.

Whe flashings along the brick walls and skylight were constructed without cap flasinings. The flashings have failed and have been coated with excessive amolints of aspinalt cement Tinere is a serious active leair at the west corner of the towe between the flashing and the masonry wall.
rine flat roof area is bady deteriora亡ed. In places, the tin plate has completely corroded through. Much of the corrosion appears to have occurred from the underside. Unfortunately, tinere appears to be no alternative othcr than the complete replacement of the flat section. Perhaps if the roof were properly treated twenty years ago before the asphalt coatings were applied, it would still be salvageable.

SHEATHIIGG AND FRAMING

The sheathing and roof framing are remarkably sound, considering the number of leaks that have occurred in the roof over the years. Although the sheathing and framing are waterstained, there is little evidence of serious decay. Around the skylight enclosure and at the west end of the tower, there is localized rotting of the sheathing. The valley rafter, located southwest of the tower, has rotted at the bottom and dropped approximately li inches. However both the sheathing and rafter can be stabilized, in situ.

\section*{SKYLIGHT ROOF PND FLASHINGS}

The skylight roof is also of flat seam tin plate pans. Although it is corroded, it appears that it can be salvaged. The original flashings have been replaced with higher, terne plate sheets. These have detcriorated and have pulled avay from the wall.

\section*{MIIN ROOF}
rine main roof of the house consists of slatc installea curing the trentieth century. Dotin the original quality of tho noterial and the workmanship were inferior with tinc result that pieces of slate are continuously brcaking loose ance falling on the tin plate roof below. 'rine flashings and ricges have also deteriorated.

The original tower roof reportedly was composed of batten sections of tin plate. The present roof is slate similar to the main roof. This roof is also deteriorated and pieces of slate from it are also falling on the tin plate roof.

\section*{RECOMPENDITIONS}

\section*{GENEREL}

Is stated above, the batten roof sections are salvageable ancl of great cultural significance. They should be preserve and stabilized in situ. Unfortunately the flat section has deteriorated to the point where it is no longer salvageable anci must be replaced.

\section*{IIPLELIENTATION OF RESTORATION}

Because of the unique significance of the roof and the unusu techniques required for its stabilization, it is recommended that a negotiated contract be let for the restoration of the entire tin plate roof. This contract should be a complete package and consist of iotin architectural and construction components. Because oi the cultural value of the roof, all work should be carefully recorded. rine architectural work should be carried out in close coordination with the construc tion work. Some of the investigation will nave to occur as the restoration occurs and plans and specifications dirafted accordingly. A performance specification sirould be prepared For the work based on the items listed below.

Whe construction work requires the services of experienced juilding conservation specialists. In my opinion, orcinary roofing contractors would not have sufficient expericnce or historic preservation aptitude to execute the specialized
work required to stailiize and restore tiils roof. The actual prescrvation fork is more of a conservation problem than a roof construction job. The craitsmen must use the most modern preservation theory and technology available. Naturally, they must have had previous experience preserving as well as restoring inistoric metal roofs. They must also be conversant with contemporary prescrvation objectives as well as historic construction processes.

The following components should be included in the roof restoration contract. It must be noted that the following listings form a scope of the work to be included and are not tecinical specifications.

\section*{1. Iirchitectural Component}
a. Correcting, updating and supplementing the existing measured drawings to include sections, framing details, framing plans, shcathing plans, and roof covering plans.
b. Preparation of mini historic stricture report on the roof.
c. Restoration plans and technical specificatinns.
d. Inspection of construction work.
e. Preparation of maintenance manual.

\section*{- Construction Component}
a. \(\frac{\text { Batten Roofs }}{\text { I. Remove all coatings. }}\)
2. Repair all punctures.
3. Repair and consolidate tin plate over and adjacent to battons and in valloys.
4. Treat tin plate with approved rust innibitor.
5. Replace rotted mood cornices anci rafter tails.

Replace missing bricks venind cornice.
6. Install new tin plate gutter lincrs and leaders.
7. Install now flasinings around chimneys and
adjacent to masonry walls including aap and base flasinings.
8. Paint all tin plate with approved paint.
9. Repair rottcd sincathing and framing.
b. Flat Roof
1. Carefully remove and salvage flat section so that it can be reassembled in study collection.
2. Install new tin plate pans matcining exactly configuration, pattern and composition of original.
3. Replace flashings as above.
s. Repair rotted sheathing and framing.
c. Skylight and Window Hood Roofs

These roofs should be conserved in place using same techniques as used for batten roofs. The wood skylight structure should be restored.
d. liain and Tower Roofs

The slate roofs are badly deteriorated and should be replaced with historically accurate roofs. Much of the pinysical evidence for earlier roofs undoubtedly exists beneath tine slate. The slate roofs pose a distinct threat to the tin plate roof. If it is not possible to replace the slate before the tin plate roofs are restored, the newly restored tin plate roofs should be protected by plywood until the upper roofs are restored.

John G. Vaite
Nay 5, 1977

\section*{APPENDIX K: PAINT STUDY WORKSHEETS AND PHOTOGRAPHS}

There are two sets of originals of this material. One is on file at the Denver Service Center, Technical Information Center, and one is at the North Atlantic Historic Preservation Center. It was not cost-effective to reproduce these pages for publication. Interested readers may consult the originals in one of the two repositories cited above.

APPENDIX L: WALLPAPER STUDY WORKSHEETS


Physical Characteristics
Pattern and Date:

Sample Size:
Principal Colors:

Paper Type:
Paint Type:
Method of Paper
Manufacture:

Paper Texture:
Printing Technique:

Wallpaper
Border

Floral stripe, ca. 1840?

Full wall
Orange and green on a white background

Rag
Distemper

Machine

\section*{Smooth}

Probably machine--paper is too badly deteriorated to positively identify

Comments: This wallpaper hangs in the servants' dining room. It was the only wallpaper found in the basement. The moisture of the basement has caused the paper to deteriorate significantly so that it crumbles when an attempt is made to remove it from the walls.

\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|}
\hline Physical Characteristics & Wallpaper & Border \\
\hline Pattern and Date: & Geometric, ca. 1840 & No border \\
\hline Sample Size: & \(3^{\prime \prime} \times 4^{\prime \prime}\) & \\
\hline Principal Colors: & Green on white ground & \\
\hline Paper Type: & Rag & \\
\hline Paint Type: & Distemper & \\
\hline Method of Paper Manufacture: & Machine & \\
\hline Paper Texture: & Smooth & \\
\hline Printing Technique: & Block & \\
\hline \multicolumn{3}{|l|}{\multirow[t]{4}{*}{Comments: This paper was used as a lining paper throughout the ca. 1797 rooms of Lindenwald when Van Buren redecorated the house in 1843. It lined all of Room 105 where the Zuber scenic wallpaper was hung. In the other rooms it was used to line the areas where the chair rail was removed. It was also used to cover one of the fireboards.}} \\
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\end{tabular}


\section*{Physical Characteristics}

Pattern and Date:
Sample Size:
Principal Colors:
Paper Type:
Paint Type:
Method of Paper
Manufacture:
Paper Texture:
Printing Technique:

Wallpaper
Star, ca. 1840
\(2^{\prime \prime} \times 3^{\prime \prime}\)
Gray, black
Rag
Distemper

Machine
Smooth
Block

Border
No border found-may have had the same border as on the fireboards; in the 1936 weig report this black star wallpaper is described as having a green border

Martin Van Buren NHS
Kinderhook, New York

Sample No: MAVA 01 WP004
Location: Room 106
Substrate: Plaster


Physical Characteristics
Pattern and Date:
Sample Size:
Principal Colors:

Paper Type:
Paint Type:
Method of Paper
Manufacture:
Paper Texture:
Printing Technique:

Wallpaper
Floral, ca. 1797
\(2^{\prime \prime} \times 3^{\prime \prime}\)
Red, blue, green, black, white

Rag
Distemper

Hand
Smooth
Block

\section*{Border}

Swag and garland
\(2^{\prime \prime} \times 5^{\prime \prime}\)
Blue, black,
pink, white
Rag
Distemper

Hand
Smooth
Block

Comments: This paper was found on the east wall of room 106, behind the pier mirror that hung between the windows. It was covered by two later layers of wallpaper before the pier mirror was hung. The wallpaper does not extend across the chair rail area. The border ran down the sides of the windows as well as at the cornice. The paper has horizontal seams, indicating that it was handmade. A portion of this wallpaper is still on the walls and should be conserved.

Martin Van Buren NHS
Kinderhook, New York

Sample No: MAVA 01 WP 005 Location: Room 106 (east wall) Substrate: Plaster


\section*{Physical Characteristics}

Pattern and Date:
Sample Size:
Principal Colors:

Paper Type:
Paint Type:
Method of Paper
Manufacture:
Paper Texture:
Printing Technique:

Wallpaper
Floral, ca. 1810

Border
No border
\(8^{\prime \prime} \times 3^{\prime \prime}\)
Light gray, dark gray, white

Rag
Distempter

Hand
Smooth
Block

Comments: This is the second layer of wallpaper (counting up from the plaster) found under the pier mirror in room 106. It does not extend across the area from which the chair rail was removed, indicating that it predates Van Buren. Part of a strip of this wallpaper is still on the walls and should be conserved.

Martin Van Buren NHS Kinderhook, New York

Sample No: MAVA 01 WP006
Location: Room 106 (east wall)
Substrate: Plaster


\section*{Physical Characteristics}

Pattern and Date:

Sample Size:
Principal Colors:

Paper Type:
Paint Type:

Method of Paper Manufacture:

Paper Texture:

Printing Technique:

Wallpaper
Striped with floral background, ca. 1840
\(10^{\prime \prime} \times 12^{\prime \prime}\)

Gold and gray on a white ground

Rag
Distemper--gold stripe is not water-soluble

Machine
Rough, diamondshaped, waffled

\section*{Border}

Geometric, ca. 1840
\(1-3 / 4^{\prime \prime} \times 4^{\prime \prime}\)
Brown, black, and gold on a white ground

Rag
Flocked--varnish and rag distemper

Machine
Smooth

Block and flock

Comments: This is the third layer of wallpaper (counting up from the plaster) found under the pier mirrow in room 106. It extends across the area from which the chair rail was removed. It is directly on top of the green lining paper that was placed over the chair rail area, indicating that it is very likely a Van Buren wallpaper. Nearly a full panel of this wallpaper still hangs in room 106. It should be removed from the walls and conserved. The border is the same border found on the fireboard of room 109.

Martin Van Buren NHS
Kinderhook, New York

Sample No: MAVA 01 WP007
Location: Room 106 (east wall above pier mirror)
Substrate: Plaster


Physical Characteristics
Pattern and Date:
Sample Size:
Principal Colors:

Paper Type:
Paint Type:

Method of Paper Manufacture:

Paper Texture:
Printing Technique:

Wallpaper
Rococo, ca. 1860-70
\(4^{\prime \prime} \times 6 \frac{1}{2}{ }^{\prime \prime}\)
Brown, gray, gold

Rag
Distemper--very small areas of flock

Machine
Smooth
Machine

\section*{Border}

Rococo, ca. 1860-70
\(4 \frac{1}{2}{ }^{11} \times 5 \frac{1}{2}{ }^{11}\)
Brown, green, gold, black

Rag
Flocked, varnish and sheared rag

Machine
Smooth
Flocked

Comments: This is probably the 4th wallpaper and border hung in room 106.

Martin Van Buren NHS
Kinderhook, New York

Sample No: MAVA 01 WP008
Location: Room 106.
Substrate: Plaster


Physical Characteristics
Pattern and Date:

Sample Size:
Principal Colors:
Paper Type:
Paint Type:

Method of Paper
Manufacture:
Paper Texture:
Printing Technique:

Wallpaper
Floral, AWP MA 14C7, са. 1890
\(9^{\prime \prime} \times 12^{\prime \prime}\)
Gold, beige, cream
Chemical wood
gold ground, oil; remaining colors distemper

Machine
Smooth
Machine

\section*{Border}

Floral, ca. 1890
\(5^{\prime \prime} \times 5^{\prime \prime}\)
Brown, gold, green
Chemical wood
Distemper

Machine
Smooth
Machine

Comments: This is probably the fifth wallpaper to be used in this room. The paper was also used to cover the scenic fireboard. A sample of this wallpaper is in the Cooper-Hewitt Collection, \#1970-26-4BG.

\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|}
\hline Physical Characteristics & Wallpaper & Border \\
\hline Pattern. and Date: & ```
Geometric (Eastlake?),
ca. }184
``` & No border - may be the same border as on the fireboard \\
\hline Sample Size: & \(1^{\prime \prime} \times 3^{\prime \prime}\) & \\
\hline Principal Colors: & Brown, yellow, black & \\
\hline Paper Type: & Rag & \\
\hline Paint Type: & Distemper & \\
\hline Method of Paper Manufacture: & Machine & \\
\hline Paper Texture: & Smooth & \\
\hline Printing Technique: & Block & \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

Comments: This sample was found under the stair platform of room 109. It was loose and therefore cannot be positively identified as having come from this room. The fragment is too small to be used as the basis for a reproduction wallpaper.

Martin Van Buren NHS
Kinderhook, New York

Sample No: MAVA 01 WP010
Location: Room 111 (under casing of door 127)
Substrate: Plaster

Sample too small to photograph.
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|}
\hline Physical Characteristics & Wallpaper & Border \\
\hline Pattern and Date: & Geometric, ca. 1870? & No border \\
\hline Sample Size: & \(1 / 2^{11} \times 3^{\prime \prime}\) & \\
\hline Principal Colors: & Green, black, maroon & \\
\hline Paper Type: & Rag & \\
\hline Paint Type: & Distemper & \\
\hline Method of Paper Manufacture: & Machine & \\
\hline Paper Texture: & Smooth & \\
\hline Printing Technique: & Machine? & \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

Comments: This small fragment was found behind the casing of door 117. It was on top of the brown layer of paint on the plaster walls. Physical evidence--paint, moldings--suggests that the alterations to this door were made during Van Buren's residency (see full description of room 111). This wallpaper may therefore date to Van Buren. The fragment is too small to be used as the basis for a reproduction wallpaper.

Martin Van Buren NHS
Kinderhook, New York

Sample No: MAVA 01 WP011
Location: Room 112 (behind door 124 casing)
Substrate: Plaster


\section*{Physical Characteristics}

Pattern and Date:
Sample Size:
Principal Colors:

Paper Type:
Paint Type:
Method of Paper
Manufacture:
Paper Texture:
Printing Technique:

Wallpaper
Striped, ca. 1850

Border
No border
\(5^{\prime \prime} \times 26^{\prime \prime}\)
Beige and pink stripes on a white ground

Rag
Distemper

Machine
Smooth
Machine

Comments: This sample is the first layer of wallpaper (counting up from the plaster) found under the casing of door 124. It is most likely the first wallpaper that Van Buren had hung in this room.

Martin Van Buren NHS
Kinderhook, New York

Sample No: MAVA 01 WP012
Location: Room 112 (behind door 124 casing)
Substrate: Plaster


Physical Characteristics
Pattern and Date:

Sample Size:
Principal Colors:
Paper Type:
Paint Type:
Method of Paper
Manufacture:
Paper Texture:
Printing Technique:

Wallpaper
Floral with diamondshaped background, ca. 1860-1870
\(5^{\prime \prime} \times 25^{\prime \prime}\)

Blue, white

Rag

Distemper

Machine

Smooth

Machine

Comments: This sample is the second layer of wallpaper (counting up from the plaster) found under the casing of door 124.


Physical Characteristics
Pattern and Date:
Sample Size:
Principal Colors:
Paper Type:
Paint Type:
Method of Paper
Manufacture:
Paper Texture:
Printing Technique:

Wallpaper
Striped rococo, ca. 1880
\(5^{11} \times 25^{11}\)
Green, gold, tan, brown
Rag
Distemper

Machine

Smooth
Machine

Comments: This sample is the third layer of wallpaper (counting up from the plaster) found under the casing of door 124.

Martin Van Buren NHS
Kinderhook, New York

Sample No: MAVA 01 WP014
Location: Room 118 - behind
door 116 casing)
Substrate: Plaster


Physical Characteristics
Pattern and Date:
Sample Size:
Principal Colors:
Paper Type:
Paint Type:
Method of Paper
Manufacture:

Paper Texture:
Printing Technique:

Wallpaper
Diamond, ca. 1850
\(3^{\prime \prime} \times 11^{\prime \prime}\)

Blue, gold, green, pink
Rag
Distemper

Machine

Smooth

Machine

Comments: This wallpaper sample was found under the casing of door 116. Physical evidence found in rooms 114 and 118 indicate that this alteration was made in the latter part of the 19th century.


\section*{Physical Characteristics}

Pattern and Date:

Wallpaper
Diamond ana striped, ca. 1840
\(8^{\prime \prime} \times 12^{\prime \prime}\)
Yellow, green, red on white ground

Rag
Distemper

Machine
Smooth
Machine

\footnotetext{
Comments: This wallpaper was found on the north wall of room 206. It has also been found in rooms 108, 207, and 208. It is the first layer of wallpaper (counting up from the plaster) in these rooms. Prior to this papering these rooms appear to have been painted. This wallpaper has been dated to Van Buren ca. 1843.
}

\begin{tabular}{llll} 
Physical Characteristics & & Wallpaper & Border \\
Pattern and Date: & & Japanese, ca. 1880 & No border \\
Sample Size: & \(3^{\prime \prime} \times 9^{\prime \prime}\) & \\
Principal Colors: & Yellow, maroon, brown & \\
Paper Type: & Rag & \\
Paint Type: & Distemper & \\
\begin{tabular}{l} 
Method of Paper \\
Manufacture:
\end{tabular} & Machine & \\
Paper Texture: & Smooth & \\
Printing Technique: & Machine &
\end{tabular}

Comments: This wallpaper sample was taken from behind a casing near door 209 in room 206. It has also been found in rooms 108, 207, and 208. It is the second layer of wallpaper (counting from the plaster up) in these rooms.

Martin Van Buren NHS Kinderhook, New York

Sample No: MAVA 01 WP017
Location: Room 201
Substrate: Plaster


Physical Characteristics

Pattern and Date:

Sample Size:

Principal Colors:

Paper Type:
Paint Type:

Method of Paper
Manufacture:
Paper Texture:
Printing Technique:

Wallpaper

Floral, ca. 1840
(Taken from fire-board--full repeat)

Pink, yellow, gray on a white ground

Rag
Distemper

Machine
Smooth
Machine

Border
(same as on fireboard)
Floral--flocked, ca. 1840
\(4^{11}\) wide (full repeat)

Gray, blue, pink, green

Rag
Distemper, varnish for flock

Machine
Smooth
Machine

Comments: A small fragment of this wallpaper was found under the casing of the cupboard that has been built into window 212 in room 201. This sample confirmed that the wallpaper had been used on the walls as well as on the fireboard. The photo above is taken from the fireboard.

Martin Van Buren NHS Kinderhook, New York

Sample No: MAVA 01 WP018
Location: Room 205 (behind door 206 casing)
Substrate: Plaster


\section*{Physical Characteristics}

Pattern and Date:
Sample Size:
Principal Colors:

Paper Type:
Paint Type:
Method of Paper Manufacture:

Paper Texture:
Printing Technique:

Wallpaper
Floral
\(3 \frac{1}{2}{ }^{\prime \prime} \times 10^{\prime \prime}\)
Yellow, green, brown on a white ground

Rag
Distemper

Machine
Smooth
Block

Border
Floral

Green, blue

Rag
Distemper

Machine
Smooth
Flock and block

Comments: This sample was found behind the casing of door 206 in room 205. This door was moved roughly \(2^{\prime}\) to the north of its original location ca. 1850 (see description of room 205). A second sample of this paper was found in room 105, sandwiched between the green lining paper and the Zuber scenic. The Zuber scenic was hung in 1841.

Martin Van Buren NHS Kinderhook, New York

Sample No: MAVA 01 WP018A Location: Room 209 (fireboard) Substrate: Plaster
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|}
\hline Physical Characteristics & Wallpaper & Border \\
\hline Pattern. and Date: & Geometric, ca. 1840 & Greek key, ca. 1840 \\
\hline Sample Size: & \(3^{\prime \prime} \times 4^{\prime \prime}\) & \\
\hline Principal Colors: & Green on white ground & Gray, black \\
\hline Paper Type: & Rag & Rag \\
\hline Paint Type: & Distemper & Distemper \\
\hline Method of Paper Manufacture: & Machine & Machine \\
\hline Paper Texture: & Smooth & Smooth \\
\hline Printing Technique: & Block & Block \\
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\end{tabular}

Comments: This wallpaper and border are on the fireboard from room 209.

Martin Van Buren NHS
Kinderhook, New York

Sample No: MAVA 01 WP019 Location: Room 210 (fireboard)
Substrate: Canvas

\begin{tabular}{lll} 
Physical Characteristics & Wallpaper & \multicolumn{1}{c}{ Border } \\
Pattern and Date: & Floral, ca. 1840 & Geometric \\
Sample Size: & Full firescreen & \(2-3 / 4^{\prime \prime}\) wide \(\times 4^{\prime \prime}\) \\
Principal Colors: & \begin{tabular}{l} 
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Green and black on \\
white ground
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Paper Type: & Rag & Rag \\
Paint Type: & Distemper & \begin{tabular}{l} 
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\end{tabular} \\
\begin{tabular}{ll} 
Method of Paper & Manufacture:
\end{tabular} & Smooth & Machine \\
Paper Texture: & Block & Smooth
\end{tabular}

Comments: It has been assumed that the wallpaper found on the fireboard in this room was also used on the walls, as was the case in room 201.

Study of Freehand fainted Walls Martin Van Buren Historic Site:

Comparisons-Atribution
Margaret Coffer


Places Involved in Study of
Frehandy fointed Walls
1 MUBHS - home of Peter Van Keses -1797
2 Varn Aletynuttorise - mid 1y00's
3 Schermethorn/fuuyn Hiuse - mid 1700's
4 Nicholas rittle House - 1760
5 Turner House - late 1700's
GVohn E. Van Alent House - 1770
Hacob Van Wotmert House - 1780 's - \(9 \mathrm{I}^{\prime}\) s
\& Dwelling pslace of Gesoup"cousinn" I tome of Historic Sito. I am sure that the walls in rour of the houses were painted by the MVBHS painter. others quite possibly were. There is similar painting In houses in western Massachusetts and in southwestern Vormont.
Margaret Coffin

VAN ALSTYNE HOUSE now owned by the Harold Roths. Just south of Kinderhook V1llage on Rte. 9. There is painting on unpainted plaster in a cellarway which was once part of the front hall. Black, white and vermilion brush-stroke motifs spaced at random in an all-over pattern are almost identical with Design \(D\) at MVBHS. A scroll design at the botom of the wall is like that at Stratton Tave orn in Northf10ld. Massachusetts. The Roths date their house as earlier than 1790.


JOHN E. VAN ALEN HOUSE now owned by the Sam Swansons is in DePreestrille, N. Y. Painting was discovered when a large mantel was removed to uncover an earller mantel. Paint has now been scraped to find additional design throughout this second floor bedchamber. The wall has a brown paint background. Designs uncovered are borders: one resembles MVBHS Design B although painting does not look as professional. The second design, a brush-stroke border, for some reason appears technically better, and resembles brush-stroke borders at MVBHS. This home was built circa 1770.


ZULLO HOUSE (Owners, the W1111am Zullos) Turner H111 Road, Hoag's Corners, N.Y. Wall painting is in an upper hall. Background paint is light grey. The pattern 18 intricate and reaches from celling to chair rail. There are white curving stems covered with brush-stroke leaves and rlowers in great variety. Overstrokes give shape and add reallsm to flowers. There are borders of black and white brush strokes, some 1dentical with those at MVBHS. There is an additional styllzed flower border. All-over pattern is cleverly adapted to avallable space. The frleze, made up of festoons, was partially covered when the celling was lowered. Colors are the familiar black. white and vermilion. This house was bullt during the last half of the 18 th century.
 painting is in a parlor. This an allover brush-stroke pattern, with motifs placed at random on a blue background; this resembles Design D, MVBHS. The brush-stroke border around ines of construction 1 s black and white and like MVBHS borders. This house was built in the mid-18th century by Nicholas Kittle who died in 1781 leaving the home to his son Johannes who resided there until his death in 1826.
 Glens Palls.) The building has been taken down and may be purchased by New York State to be reërected in the State Museum. Painting here was found in two rooms on the main floor. In one room diamonds have been marked off with brush-stroke borders. Each diamond has a different motif in its center. often a flower or a spray of leaves. There is a brush-stroke border and a frieze with festoons and tassels. The background was orf-white and is today quite yellowed from the residue or wallpaper paste. In the parlor the background is blue-green paint. The pattern there combines elements from MVBHS Design D with the design used at the \(Z u l l o\) home. A frieze has stylized tull ps. Jacob Van Wormer was a Revolutionary War soldier who migrated to Washington County and built his house soon after the war.


Village, Inc. The building eventually will be moved.) An upper chamber here (1)
has a woll-preserved wall with brush-stroke motifs within diamonds like the (2) \(\quad\) (3)
van Wormer house brush-stroke bordersi a scroll design on the lower well, (4) and a frieze with brush-stroke swags. The scroll design is like that at the Van Alstyne House. The workmanship is excellent and obviously the hand of the MVBHS painter. The tavarn was built in the early \(1760^{\circ} \mathrm{s}\).


Freehand walls exist or aro known to have existed in Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont, and on Long Island as well as along the eastern boundary of New York state. (Philip Parr, from Cazenovia in western New York, who for years has collected stenclled wall patterns and studied early wall decoration in central and western New York, says that he has found no evidence of freehand painting before the Victorian period in that area.)

One of the few names of freehand painters that is known is that of Jared Jessup. Early \(19 t h\) century wall painting in Massachusetts and Connecticut has been attributed to this artisan. Photographs of work attributed to him have led me to appraise his work as less expert than the work of the MVBHS painter. However, I begin to wonder if our local walls should be attributed to him since discovering that for the period when such wall painting appears to have been done, Jared Jessup resided in Richmond, Massachusetts, a little communIty between Queechy Lako and Lenox, only a few miles from here. I have, to date, no proof that Jessup was the MVBHS decorator or that Jessup was not the MVBHS decorator. My attempt to prove attribution will be ongoing. I hope to be able to add to this portion of the report.



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\hline Wood trim & \begin{tabular}{l}
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Primer - Moore's Ironclad 15400 zinc chromate primer \\
Finish - alkyd Moore's \\
"Impervo High Gloss Enamel"
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May 20, 1979

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\section*{SERVICE REPORT}

A large metal plate marked "TOP \#3, Sep. 27 '78" was received with one surface covered with tar and grit while the opposite side was weathered but relatively clean. Sections of the plate were then washed in trichlorethylene, dried and examined in a SEM with an attached EDAX detector. The only sample preparation was a slight polish on the cut edge to remove the obvious lead smear across that edge.

A typical region was examined using the SEM mode of the instrument and then an EDAX spectrum obtained from that area. The spectra were obtained from three types of regions of the plate:

51979: 001 and 002 These data are from the edge of the plate. 51979: 101 and 102 These data are from the top or weathered surface of the plate. These data are from the under or tar coated surface of the plate. It was also noted that this surface contained regions covered with rust.
51979: 301 and 302
These data are from a 60\% Lead-40\% Tin solder used as the standard for the comparisons.
51979: 401 and 402 These data are from a sample of 1024 cold rolled steel plate used as a standard. The small amount of manganese, phosphorous and sulfur in such steel is not detected under these conditions. The carbon is beyond the range of this EDAX detector.

The data have been obtained using \(20 \mathrm{KV}, 75\) microamps, a \(40^{\circ}\) tilt and an 18 mm working distance with a spot size of 6 and a magnification of 900 x . All spectra have been taken using
a 100 second time period with the area being examined held constant by adjustment of a cursor field in the SEN scope. The EDAX spectrum analyzer was pre-set so that the following elements would be detected in pre-set channels:

Total Counts in the 100 Second Period \# 0
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\(\# 2\) & 700 \\
\(\# 3\) & 10550 \\
\(\# 4\) & 1750 \\
\(\# 5\) & 2350 \\
\(\# 6\) & 5400 \\
\(\# 7\) & 1300 \\
\(\# 8\) & 6400
\end{tabular}

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Aluminum \(\quad \mathrm{K} \alpha\)
Tin M
Lead L \(\alpha\)
Silicon K \(\alpha\)
Lead M
Chromium \(\mathrm{K} \alpha\) (Pre-set windows not used)
Magnesium \(K \alpha\) (Pre-set windows not used)

The data obtained from the various regions of the plate and the standards used for comparison are summarized in Table I.

The information presented in the table show that the center core within the plate is most likely a low carbon steel. The average counts obtained for iron from the core are within experimental error of the counts obtained from a specimen of cold-rolled steel. Thus the core is about 97-98\% iron.

The under surface of the plate shows some tin and lead coating but the coating is covered with a significant layer of rust. It is difficult to estimate the composition of the coating on the surface that had been in contact with the tar and hence most likely the surface attached to the roof support members.

The top surface of the sample is mostly tin and lead with some possible traces of silicon, aluminum and magnesium. The composition of the coating, obtained by a comparison to a 60-40 Lead-Tin solder is about \(60 \%\) lead and \(17-18 \%\) tin.
E.P.Warekois

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\] & 247 \\
\hline \# 4 Pb & 4537 & 506 & 497 & 3492 & 606 \\
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\] & 728 \\
\hline \# 5 Si & 4088 & 1453 & 2070 & 4544 & 4443 \\
\hline K & 3752 & 1548 & 1974 & 3919 & 2902 \\
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\hline \# 6 Pb & 24877 & 1798 & 2196 & 22554 & 5291 \\
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\hline \# 8 Mg & 1637 & 605 & 697 & 1384 & 1312 \\
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\section*{APPENDIX O: MORTAR AND PLASTER SAMPLES}

The original sheets for this appendix consist of labeled squares of sand, fines, and fiber binder (if any) from all of the tested mortar and plaster samples. Since it is not possible to reproduce this material, two original sets are on file at the Denver Service Center, Technical Information Center, and the North Atlantic Historic Preservation Center.

As the nation's principal conservation agency, the Department of the Interior has basic responsibilities to protect and conserve our land and water, energy and minerals, fish and wildlife, parks and recreation areas, and to ensure the wise use of all these resources. The department also has major responsibility for American Indian reservation communities and for people who live in island territories under U.S. administration.

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[^1]:    1P096, N018-16. Water tank, room 115, stopper lever.

