



BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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

YOUR NAME: Forest Home Improvement Assn DATE: 1991
c/o Forest Home Chapel
YOUR ADDRESS: 222 Forest Home Drive TELEPHONE: _____
Ithaca, New York 14850
ORGANIZATION (if any): _____

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME(S): _____
2. COUNTY: Tompkins TOWN/CITY: Ithaca VILLAGE: Forest Home
3. STREET LOCATION: 103 Crest Lane
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public ☐ b. private ☒
5. PRESENT OWNER: John & Mary Swan ADDRESS: 103 Crest Lane
6. USE: Original: residence Present: residence
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes ☒ No ☐
Interior accessible: Explain no, private home

DESCRIPTION

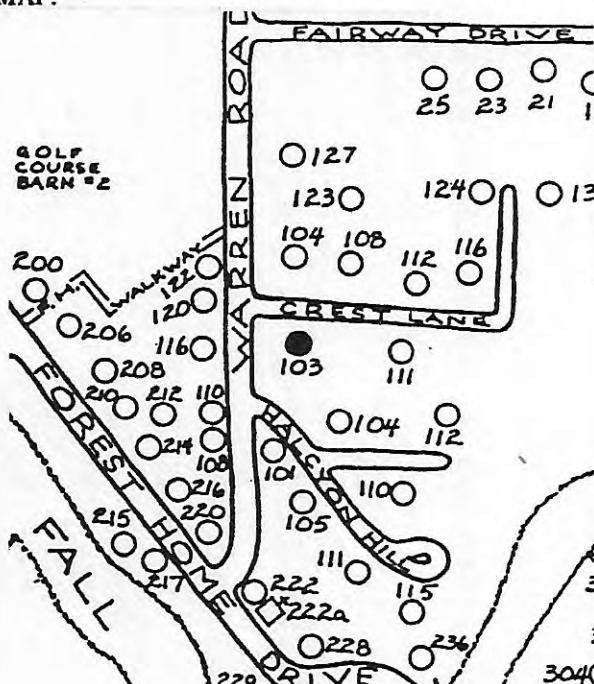
8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard ☒ b. stone ☐ c. brick ☐ d. board and batten ☐
e. cobblestone ☐ f. shingles ☐ g. stucco ☐ other: _____
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: a. wood frame with interlocking joints ☐
(if known) b. wood frame with light members ☒
c. masonry load bearing walls ☐
d. metal (explain) _____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

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12. PHOTO:



13. MAP:



14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known ☐ b. zoning ☐ c. roads ☒
 d. developers ☐ e. deterioration ☐
 f. other: _____

15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:

- a. barn ☐ b. carriage house ☐ c. garage ☐
 d. privy ☐ e. shed ☒ f. greenhouse ☐
 g. shop ☐ h. gardens ☐
 i. landscape features: _____
 j. other: _____

16. SURROUNDINGS OF THE BUILDING (check more than one if necessary):

- a. open land ☐ b. woodland ☐
 c. scattered buildings ☐
 d. densely built-up ☐ e. commercial ☐
 f. industrial ☐ g. residential ☒
 h. other: _____

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

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

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SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1948

ARCHITECT: Tallman

BUILDER: William McElwee, Sr., Forest Home

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

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21. SOURCES:

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22. THEME:

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Ithaca (Forest Home), New York

11. INTEGRITY:

An attached garage was added ca. 1960. A rear patio was added in the 1960s, and screened-in during the 1970s.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

This house is located at the corner of Crest Lane and Warren Road, at the crest of the hill. The houses on this part of Crest Lane were all built at about the same time, and are similar in scale and setback. This particular house is oriented diagonally on the lot, so as to allow the living room to face southwest, overlooking Fall Creek and Forest Home Drive.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This single story, gable-roofed house is set on a sloping lot which allows rear, ground-level access to the full basement. Originally rectangular in shape, this house has a recessed front porch, and has seen the addition of a front garage wing, and a rear screened patio.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

Once a part of the Warren farm, Crest Lane was subdivided by Mary Warren in 1948 when she decided to retire from farming. This was the second major subdivision of Warren farm land for residential purposes, Halcyon Hill having been the first, some 40 years earlier. Mrs. Warren hired local builder William McElwee, Sr. to construct this corner house for her at the entrance to Crest Lane. It was the last house that Mr. McElwee built. In 1949, Mrs. Warren moved into her new home, and sold the old Warren farmhouse, barns, and remaining acreage to her daughter and son-in-law, Martha and John Hertel, who, at that time, were living on McIntyre Place in Forest Home. This house at 103 Crest Lane is now owned by another daughter and son-in-law, Mary and John Swan. Mr. Swan is Professor Emeritus of Extension Administration at Cornell.

21. SOURCES:

Conversation with John Swan, owner, March 17, 1991.

Martha W. Hertel, Fall Crick to Halcyon Hill to Crest Lane to the White Farmhouse (Ithaca, unpublished paper, 1982).

E.B. Wells and L. Bronfenbrenner, Free Hollow to Forest Home (Ithaca: privately published, 1974).