

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: New York
COUNTY: Westchester
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ENTRY DATE MAR 22 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
Reid Hall, Manhattanville College (Ophir Hall) use this

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Ophir Hall, Reid (Whitelaw) House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Manhattanville College, Purchase Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Purchase

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
24

STATE:
New York

CODE:
36

COUNTY:
Westchester

CODE:
119

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>College Administration building</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Manhattanville College

STREET AND NUMBER:
Purchase Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Purchase

STATE:
New York

CODE:
36

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Westchester County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:
White Plains

STATE:
New York

CODE:
36

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

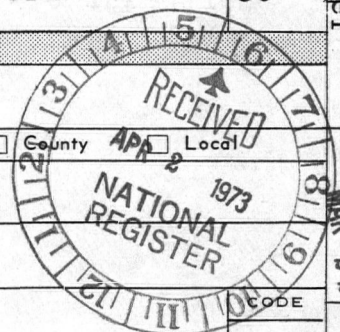
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:



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Rep: Ogden R. Reid

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Four stories in height with a five-story tower, Reid Hall is composed of a large central block and several projecting wings arranged in an approximately L-shaped plan. The masonry walls of natural granite blocks are marked by a belt course between the second and third floors, and a corbelled battlemented parapet which conceals the flat roof.

The original structure consists of the three-bay main block. A one-story porch, accessible from the interior by means of a series of French windows, extends the length of three sides. The five-story tower occupies the projecting central bay of the south or front elevation and contains the main entrance and porte-cochere. A turret, originally located at the southeast corner of the tower has been removed..

The wings are laid out asymmetrically but they generally lie in an easterly and westerly direction from the central block. A projection on the south elevation of the T-shaped west wing contains two sets of rectangular mullion windows, and a terrace at the west end forms a porte-cochere for the door at the cellar level. An octagonal room projects from the east wing.

The first floor and the main halls on the second and third floors have remained relatively unchanged. The interior of the main hall and the stairs are of pink Numidian marble from Georgia, with accents of yellow Numidian marble from Africa. The rooms in the main block are of French influence, each panelled with carved oak or mahogany inlaid with curly maple and mother-of-pearl, and the ceilings are coffered in plaster. The main rooms on the first floor of the west wing are in the Jacobian style and panelled with oak. There is one Tiffany-style skylight above the main hall on the third floor. The floors in the main hall on the second and third floors are of marble mosaic tiles.

The upper stories and the secondary halls have been significantly altered to accomodate the needs of the school.

Northeast of the dwelling stands a small one-story stone chapel with a contiguous, circular, two-story stone tower.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

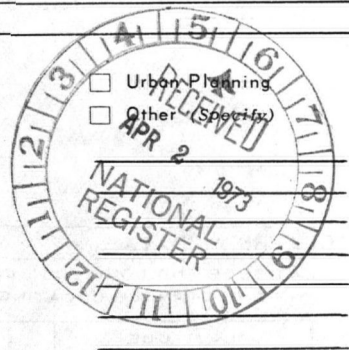
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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1892; 1912**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation		



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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A lavishly decorated residence in the style of a Renaissance Revival castle, Reid Hall was designed in 1892 by Stanford White. Originally constructed as the home of Whitelaw Reid, owner and editor-in-chief of the New York Herald Tribune, the building is now the administrative center and focal point of the Manhattanville College campus.

Ophir Farms was purchased in 1887 by Mr. and Mrs. Whitelaw Reid from Ben Holladay, a contractor and merchant in the American West. The original house burned the following year and Reid commissioned Stanford White to build what is now the main block of the present structure. Completed in 1892, Ophir or Reid Hall was built in the style of a Renaissance Revival Castle. Reid also hired Frederick Law Olmstead to landscape the 1,714 acre estate.

The interior was lavishly decorated in the French style. The interiors of the two French parlors were imported from Chateau Villense in France and reinstalled to the east of the main hall. It was said at the time to be the "most perfect example of Louis XIV work ever seen in America." The interiors of the other two main rooms on the first floor came from the home of Darius Mills (Reid's father-in-law) in New York City.

In 1912 Reid commissioned the firm of McKim, Mead and White to build on a large library wing and to erect a guest cottage on the estate. This wing was decorated in the Jacobean style, panelled in oak. The library, a large room two stories in height at the end of the wing, originally contained some stained glass windows from a cathedral in England.

Whitelaw Reid, as the owner and editor-in-chief of the New York Herald Tribune, minister to France, special ambassador to England, and a one-time Republican nominee for vice-president, entertained graciously at Ophir Hall. Among his more prominent guests were Henry James, Anthony Eden, and Calvin Coolidge. Reid died while in England in 1912, never

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

McSweeney, Patricia and Nancy Patrick. History of Reid Hall. Manhattanville College Archives, manuscript.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

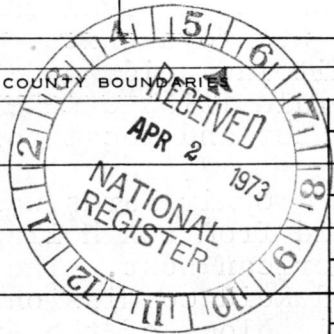
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 1/2

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Edna Hibbs, Joan M. Norton
Lynn Beebe Weaver

ORGANIZATION: School of Architecture, Columbia University DATE: March 1973

STREET AND NUMBER: Columbia University
South Swan Street Building

CITY OR TOWN: New York STATE: New York CODE: 36

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: [Signature]

Title: State Liaison Officer

Date: 3/26/73

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

[Signature]
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 3/20/73

ATTEST: [Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 3.14.73

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having seen the completed Ophir Hall. His wife returned there for only a short time, placing the house in the care of her son Ogden, who continued to reside there. When Prajadhipok, the King of Siam, came to the United States for an operation, he and his entourage stayed at Ophir Hall.

The house remained in the Reid family until it was bought by Manhattanville College in 1951. It now serves as the administration building for the college.



NAME OF PROPERTY Reid Hall, N.Y.

The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form is being returned to your office for clarification of the information indicated below.

1. Name. _____

2. Location. _____

3. Classification. _____

4. Owner of Property. _____

5. Location of Legal Description. _____

6. Representation in Existing Surveys. _____

7. Description. _____

8. Statement of Significance. _____

9. Bibliography. _____

10. Geographical Data.

a. Longitude and Latitude Coordinates. are incorrectly computed. Please recompute.

b. Acreage. _____

11. Form Prepared By. _____

12. Certification. _____

Photographic Coverage. _____

Map Coverage. _____

Other. Please use original forms. (photo, map, etc)

Clarification or correction of the above items must be made prior to the initiation of our professional review. Correction of these technical errors does not necessarily insure that the nomination will then satisfy the National Register criteria in full.

Thank you for your attention to the above items checked.

SIGNED: [Signature]

PROPERTY	<u>Reid Hall</u>	Ophir Farms (Reid Hall, Manhattanville College)	STATE	<u>N.Y.</u>
WORKING NUMBER	<u>4.2.73.2649</u>			
TECH REVIEW	Photos <u>1</u>			
	Maps <u> </u>			
CONTROL REVIEW	<u>latitude & longitude incorrectly computed.</u>			CM 5-3-73
HISTORIAN	<u>use historic name</u>			OK Accept. Am 5/7/73 C Shull Accept 5-9-73
ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN	<u>Poor thing looks awful next to very modern college buildings but is important as individual building.</u>			Accept KH 5/8/73
ARCHEOLOGIST				
REVIEW UNIT CHIEF				
BRANCH CHIEF	<u>Use name: Ophir Farms (Reid Hall, Manhattanville College) Name change to Reid Hall, Manhattanville</u>			Accept Call 3-12-74
KEEPER	<u>College (Ophir Hall) per further discussion w/ Kate Cole. R.G. 6/6/74</u>			Wm 3/14

Westchester
Co.
74001321

National Register write-up 6/3/74
Federal Register entry 5-7-74

Send-back 6.7.73
Re-submit 2.28.74
Entered MAR 22 1974



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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CITY OR TOWN:
Purchase

STATE: New York	CODE 036	COUNTY: Westchester	CODE 119
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3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT: Joan M. Norton

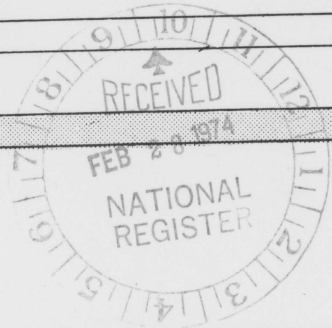
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NEGATIVE FILED AT:
New York State Division for Historic Preservation

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.
Overall view--south facade.

1 of 1 picture



**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

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STREET AND NUMBER:

Manhattanville College, Purchase Street

CITY OR TOWN:

Purchase

STATE:

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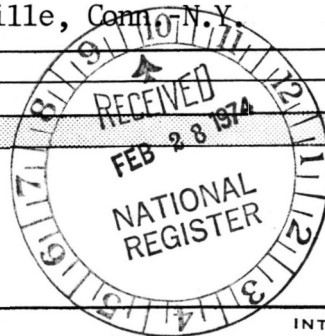
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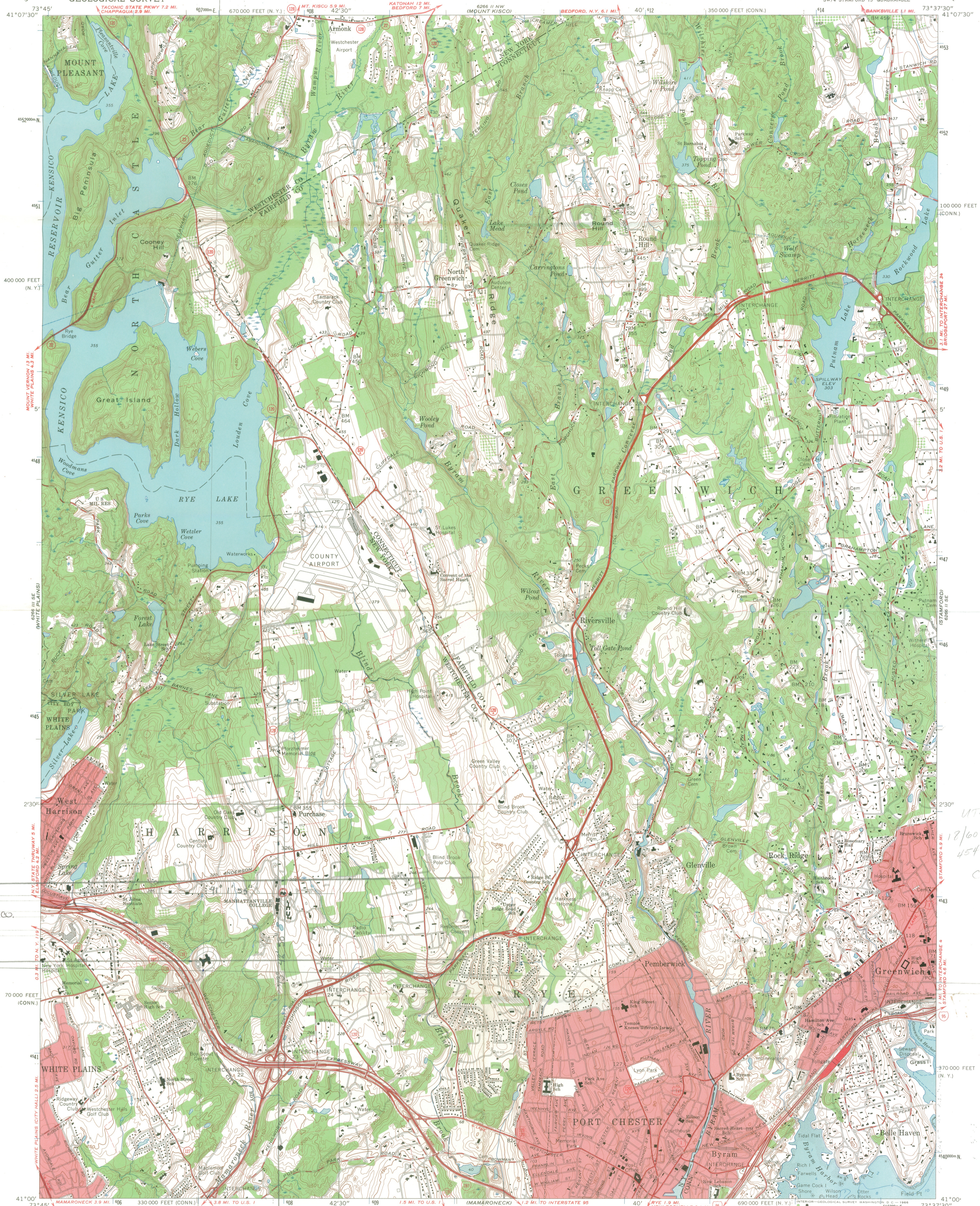
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4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.

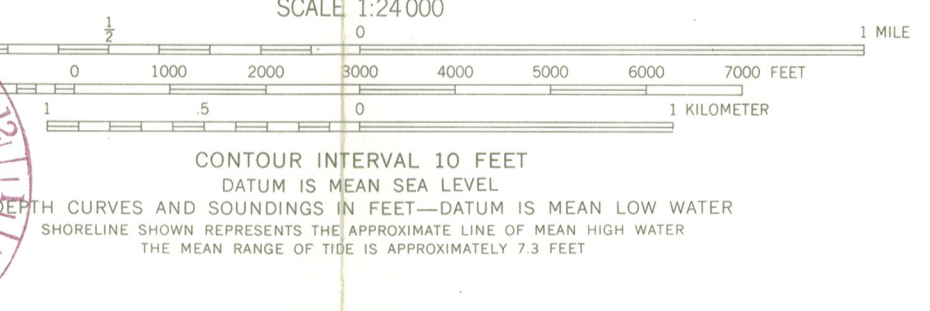
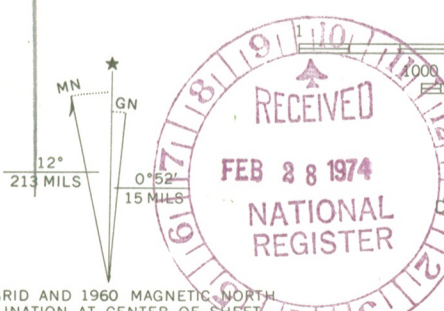




BEID HALL
WESTCHESTER CO.
N.Y.

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Control by USGS, USC&GS, USCE, and Connecticut Geodetic Survey
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
taken 1949. Field checked 1950-1951. Revised 1960
Selected hydrographic data compiled from USC&GS Chart 222 (1959)
This information is not intended for navigational purposes
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grids based on Connecticut coordinate system, and
New York coordinate system, east zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 18, shown in blue
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown



GLENVILLE, CONN.-N. Y.
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1960
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THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

REID HALL

WESTCHESTER CO.

N. Y.



NEW YORK STATE PARKS & RECREATION South Swan Street Bldg. South Mall, Albany, New York 12223 Information 518 474-0456
Alexander Aldrich, Commissioner

February 14, 1974

Mr. Charles Herrington
National Register of Historic Places
Department of the Interior
National Park Service
Washington, D.C. 20240



Dear Mr. Herrington:

Enclosed please find the amended National Register nomination forms for Reid Hall (Westchester County) and the Henderson Place Historic District (New York County) .

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to write or call (518-474-0479).

Sincerely,

Lynn Beebe Weaver
Research Assistant
Division for Historic
Preservation

LBW/das

Enc.

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE NEW YORK

MAR 22 1974

Date Entered

Name

Location

~~Ophir Farms~~ (Reid Hall, Manhattanville College)

Purchase
Westchester County

(Ophir Hall)

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Town of Easton
Washington County

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Also Notified

Hon. Jacob K. Javits
Hon. James L. Buckley
Hon. Ogden R. Reid
Hon. Carleton J. King

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. Alexander Aldrich, Commissioner
Parks and Recreation
Room 303, South Swan Street Building
Albany, New York 12223

Director, North Atlantic Region

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NEW YORK STATE PARKS & RECREATION

• South Swan Street Building, South Mall, Albany, N.Y. 12223

Alexander Aldrich
Commissioner

March 26, 1973

Dr. William Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
National Park Service
Washington, D.C. 20240



Dear Dr. Murtagh:

As the State Liaison Officer, I am forwarding the enclosed nomination to the National Register of Historic Places:

Reid Hall, Purchase, Westchester County.

The above nomination has been reviewed and approved by the Committee on the Registers in accordance with the criteria outlined in Section 2.2 of the Grants Guide.

The staff of the New York State Division of Historic Preservation, the officially designated Preservation Agency, would welcome the opportunity to discuss this submission with your office.

Sincerely,

ALEXANDER ALDRICH
State Liaison Officer

By:

F. L. RATH, JR.
Deputy Commissioner