



HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY FORM

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IDENTIFICATION

Property name (if any): Joseph Spier House c. 1819 tax id: 32.6-2-5
Address or Street Location: 331S. Main Rural Fire Number: _____
County: Fulton Town: Northampton Village/Hamlet: Northville
Original use: Current use: Residence (year round)
Architect/Builder, if known: Joseph Spier Construction Date: 1819
Owner: Cucinella, Susan Katrina

DESCRIPTION

Please check those that are applicable

Exterior Walls:	<input type="checkbox"/> wood clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> wood shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> vertical boards	<input type="checkbox"/> plywood	<input type="checkbox"/> stone
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> brick	<input type="checkbox"/> poured concrete	<input type="checkbox"/> concrete block	<input type="checkbox"/> vinyl siding	<input type="checkbox"/> aluminum siding
	<input type="checkbox"/> cement-asbestos	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____			

Roof: asphalt, shingle asphalt, roll wood shingle metal slate

Foundation:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> stone	<input type="checkbox"/> brick	<input type="checkbox"/> poured concrete	<input type="checkbox"/> concrete block
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Alterations: _____ Date(s)(if known): _____

Condition: excellent good fair deteriorated

Associated Building:	<input type="checkbox"/> garage	<input type="checkbox"/> silo	<input type="checkbox"/> privy	<input type="checkbox"/> shed	<input type="checkbox"/> barns
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> carriage house	<input type="checkbox"/> other			

Landscape Features: garden pond mature trees slate sidewalks
 fountain hitching post carriage steps walls historic marker (describe narrative)
 well mile post monument/sculpture other

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Organization: Made Possible by the Preserve NY Grant & the Northampton Preservation Commission

Surroundings:	<input type="checkbox"/> open land	<input type="checkbox"/> woodland	<input type="checkbox"/> scattered buildings	<input type="checkbox"/> densely built-up	
	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> residential	<input type="checkbox"/> agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> other

Designated Landmark Eligible –YES (extraordinary significance)

Individually National Register Eligible – YES

Inside Historic District (contributes) –YES

Theme – Post Revolutionary War (early settlement of Northville)

Narrative Description of Property: This 2 story masonry building is built in the Greek Revival style. There is a hipped roof atypical of the style and there are 12/1 dbl hung wood windows. This residential home is 4 bays wide and 2 bays deep. It has a later porch added with round columns and Corinthian capitals supported by cobble stone bases. The entry door has a pedimented entablature with separate side lights. The door and side lights appear to have leaded glass probably added at the time of the newer front porch. The porch is uniquely shaped with the center being a semi-circle. There is a wide frieze with period cornice molding around the entire perimeter. A chimney is on the north and south ends of the house. There is a small portico entry on the south elevation. The brick is painted yellow and the wood trim is painted dark brown.

The lot size is 116.4 x 210

Significance: The criteria of eligibility are associated to Criterion A, B & C (Properties significant for their association in or linkage to events, a person, and architecture/artistic value) for its significance to the history of Northville and for its integrity and character as a prime example of an early and grand Greek Revival for Northville. Joseph Spier built this Greek Revival 2 story, with hip roof and from brick that had been fired locally from local clay. In 1820 he became the first postmaster of Northville then known as Sacandaga in postmark, the village name changed to Northville by efforts of Spier in 1827. He was also responsible for performing marriages between 1835-1856. This residence is also historically significant because it exhibits the Greek Revival architecture early within its time period.

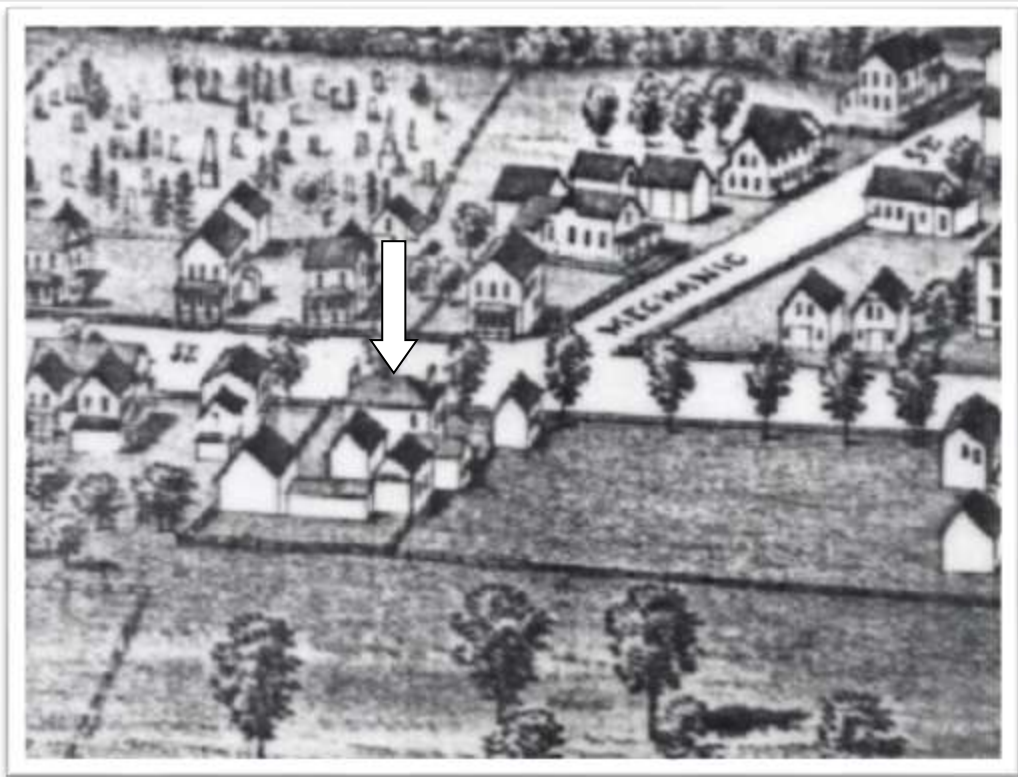
Sources: See bibliography

Address: 331 S. Main

Photos:



East Elevation

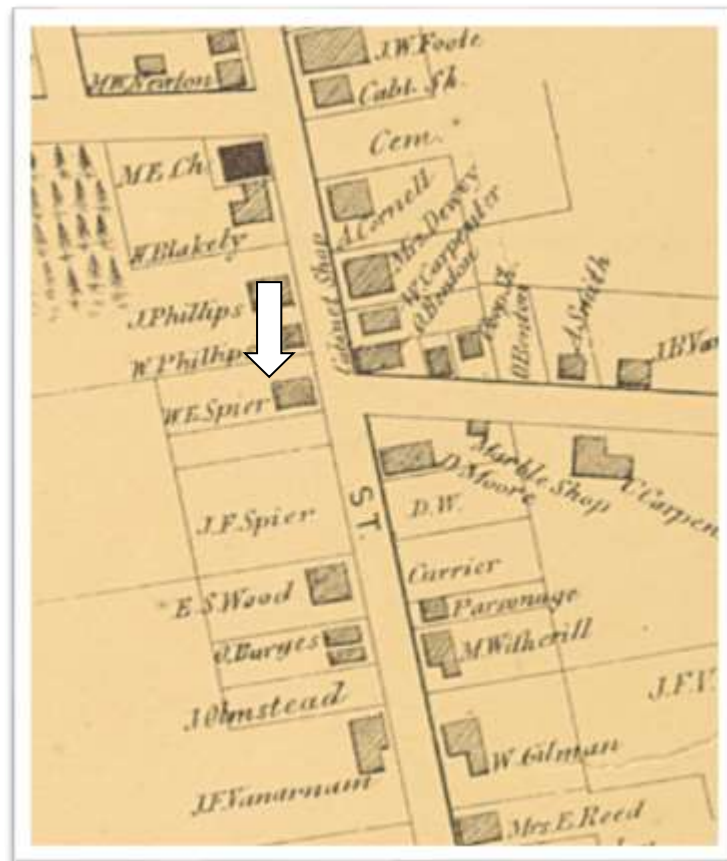


1890 Burleigh Lithograph – show rear view of 331 S. Main

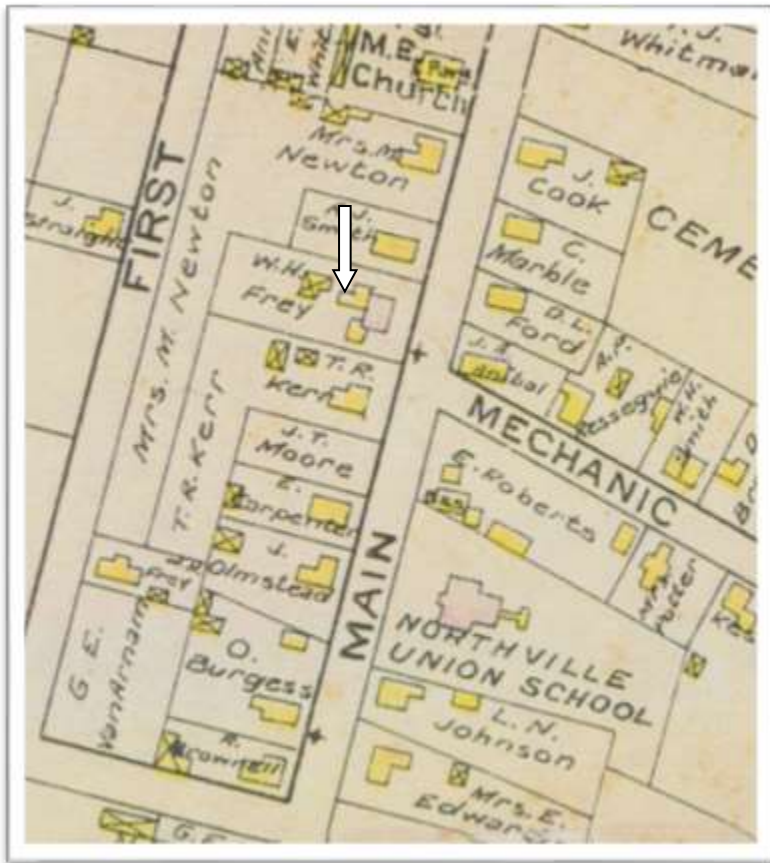
Tax Map:



Historic Maps:



**Stranahan and Nichols 1868 Map –
“W. E. Spier”**



1905 New Century Map – “W.H.Frey”