



# 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

<b>Exterior Walls:</b>	<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

<b>Foundation:</b>	<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

<b>Associated Building:</b>	<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

<b>Surroundings:</b>	<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.

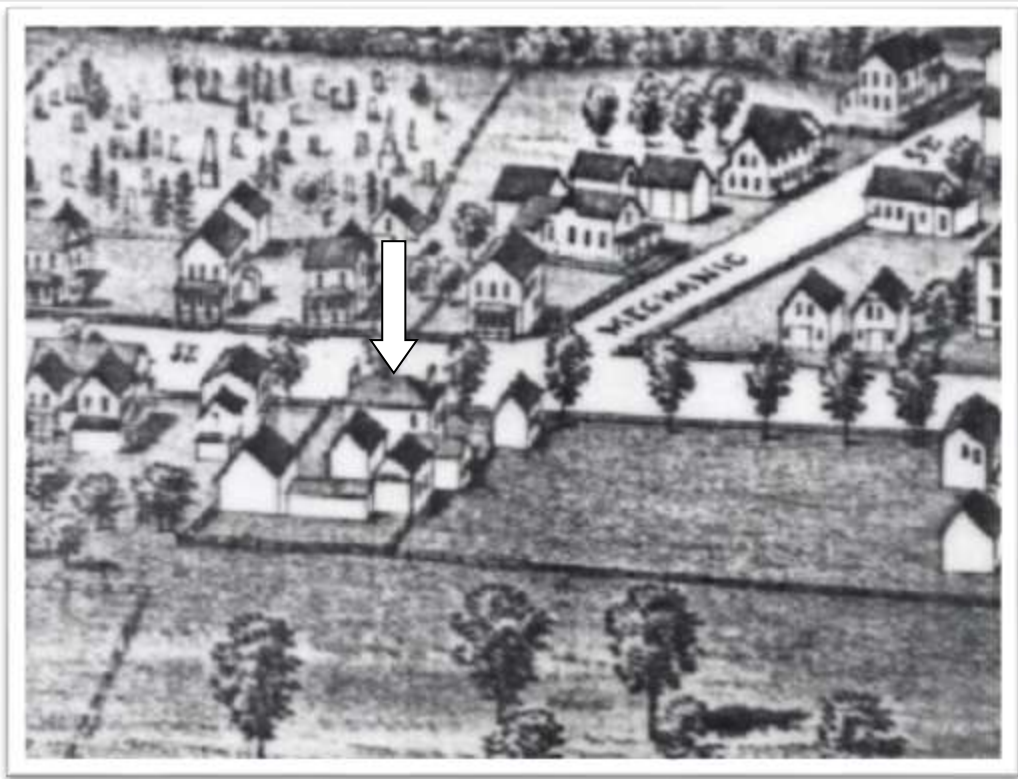
**Sources:** See bibliography

**Address:** 331 S. Main

**Photos:**



**East Elevation**

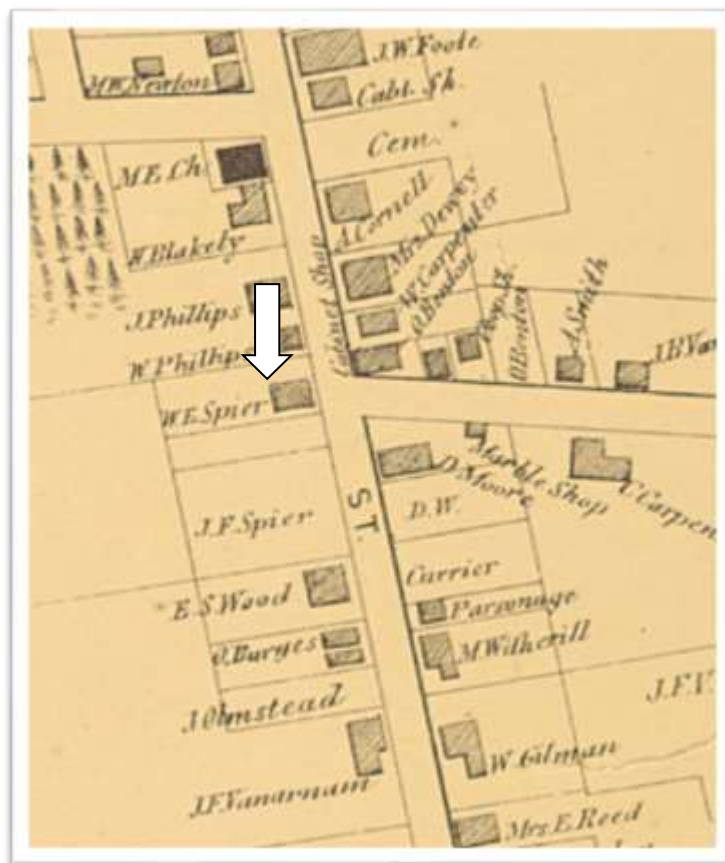


1890 Burleigh Lithograph – show rear view of 331 S. Main

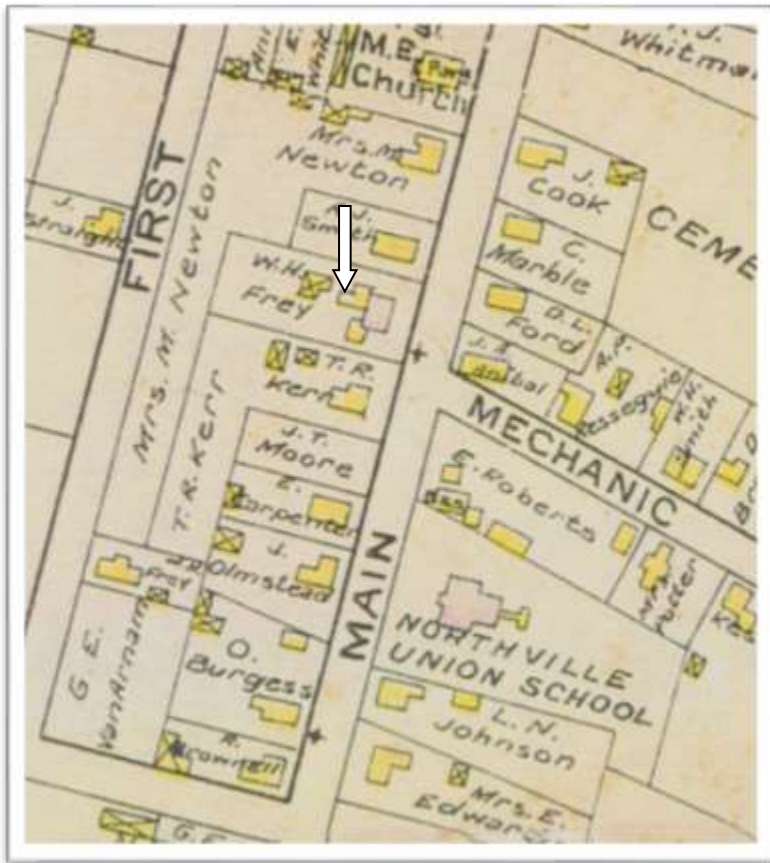
**Tax Map:**



**Historic Maps:**



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



1905 New Century Map – “W.H.Frey”