

5-4-73

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: New York	
COUNTY: Westchester	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	MAR 28 1973



1. NAME

COMMON: Odell House

AND/OR HISTORIC: Rochambeau Headquarters

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 425 Ridge Road (Hartsdale)

CITY OR TOWN: Greenburgh

STATE: New York CODE: 036 COUNTY: Westchester CODE: 119

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Being restored</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: New York Chapted Inc. Sons of the American Revolution

STREET AND NUMBER: 4 West 43rd Street

CITY OR TOWN: New York STATE: New York CODE: 036

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Westchester County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: White Plains STATE: New York CODE: 036

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Westchester County Historical Society--Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1960's Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Westchester County Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER: 42 Read Avenue, Crestwood

CITY OR TOWN: Tuckahoe STATE: New York CODE: 036

23rd District
Rep. Peter A. Peysner

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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

The Odell House in Hartsdale is located in a residential area. It is surrounded by locust trees with a wooded area to the north.

A composite structure with varying roof heights, the house consists of a one and one-half story central portion erected in 1732, with wings on the east and west sides. The east wing was constructed in 1765 as a one and one-half story structure, and was raised to a full two stories in 1785. The two story stone west wing was built between 1853-55. A leanto addition, rebuilt about 1900, is on the northeast end of the house.

The central and east portions of Odell House, on fieldstone foundations, are of wood frame construction covered with cedar shingles. The western wing is constructed of coursed local fieldstone. Shingles cover the gable roofs. The pitch of the roof on the eastern wing is steeper on the south (front) side than on the north.

The house has one inside end chimney on the east. An additional, later chimney was removed from the original portion of the building. A dormer, added in 1850 over the eaves of the earliest part of the house was taken off in 1970.

Especially notable on the exterior of Odell House are three divided Dutch doors, two on the front (south) facade and one on the north.

The original house had two rooms with an attic, used for grain storage. Walls are filled with mud and straw. In the east portion a central hall was developed in 1780 to accommodate the addition of a second floor.

In the interior, Odell House features corner fireplaces in the first and second story southeast rooms in the east wing. Except where modern material has replaced the original, the flooring consists of random width red pine boards. All walls are covered with plaster, and, in some areas, the plaster is laid directly on the original wattle and daub. Doors of early eighteenth century design consist of one two-panel door and one four-panel door. Late eighteenth century doors are of six panel design. Mantels, moldings and other trim features are all original fabric. Some original hardware is notable, especially the Dutch-type strap hinges, which are prevalent. The main entrance has a combined latch and door knocker.

Odell House is of interest because so much of its early fabric has remained intact. It is presently being restored.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1732, 1765, 1785, 1853-55

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of Odell House lies in its associations with the early white settlement of Hartsdale, in its use as a Headquarters by Count de Rochambeau during 1781 and as an early 18th century farmhouse that has undergone few changes.

John Tompkins of Eastchester built the central portion of Odell House in 1732, and lived there until 1760 when he built another house to the northeast. The home was established as a tenant farmstead of Philipsburg Manor, one of the largest and richest manors of its time.

Gilbert Bates occupied the farm from 1760 to 1785, when Col. John Odell purchased the property. A local hero, Odell is known for having served as Lieutenant in the Westchester Guides during the Revolution, and for having been a member of a family established in Westchester by 1662. The house remained in the Odell family until 1965, when Elizabeth Odell deeded the building to the New York Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. This early farmhouse is of architectural interest today because of the large percentage of its 18th century fabric that has remained intact.

Odell farm is particularly well-known as the Headquarters of Count de Rochambeau and campsite for the French expeditionary forces under his command between July 6-August 18, 1781. Here, Washington and Rochambeau forged the American and French alliance, and agreed to put the Southern Plan into effect.

At a time when the Continental Army was on the verge of bankruptcy, Washington gratefully accepted Rochambeau's offer of one half of the French treasury, hoping to be able to keep the American troops together. Knowing that the aid of DeGrasse's fleet was available to them, Rochambeau and Washington together planned action against Cornwallis in Yorktown, and the combined armies departed Odell House on August 18, 1781 to begin the long march south.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: one acre

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:
Lenore M. Rennenkampf, Research Assistant

ORGANIZATION: New York State Division for Historic Preservation DATE: February 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:
Parks and Recreation, South Swan Street Building, Core 1

CITY OR TOWN: Albany STATE: New York CODE: 036

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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 March 5, 1973

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

[Signature]
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 3/28/73

ATTEST:
[Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date 3/23/73

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8. SIGNIFICANCE (cont.)

Odell House is presently under process of restoration. The original building with its additions will continue to be representative of the general period of the Revolution and the post-Revolutionary years, and will not be restored to one point in time.



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ODELL HOUSE - ROCHAMBEAU HEADQUARTERS.

HARTS DALE NY.

TAKEN 8/10/72

NEW YORK CHAPTER SONS OF AMER. REVOLUTION
4 WEST 43rd ST. NYC.

SOUTH - RIDGE ROAD.

NPS Number 3/28/73

Title: Odell House

Loc. Westchester, New York

View looking NW at south and

east elevations

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ODELL HOUSE - ROCHAMBEAU HEADQUARTERS

HARTSDALE NY.

NEW YORK CHAPTER SONS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION

41 WEST 43rd ST NYC.

TAKEN 8/10/72

EAST - OLD FARM LANE

NPS Number 3/28/73

Title: ODELL HOUSE

Loc. Westchester, New York

View looking west

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AND/OR HISTORIC

Rochambeau Headquarters

NUMERIC CODE *(Assigned by NPS)*

MAR 28 1973

2. LOCATION

STATE

New York

COUNTY

Westchester

TOWN

Greenburgh

STREET AND NUMBER

425 Ridge Road (Hartsdale)

3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE

U.S.G.S.
7.5 minute series
White Plains Quad

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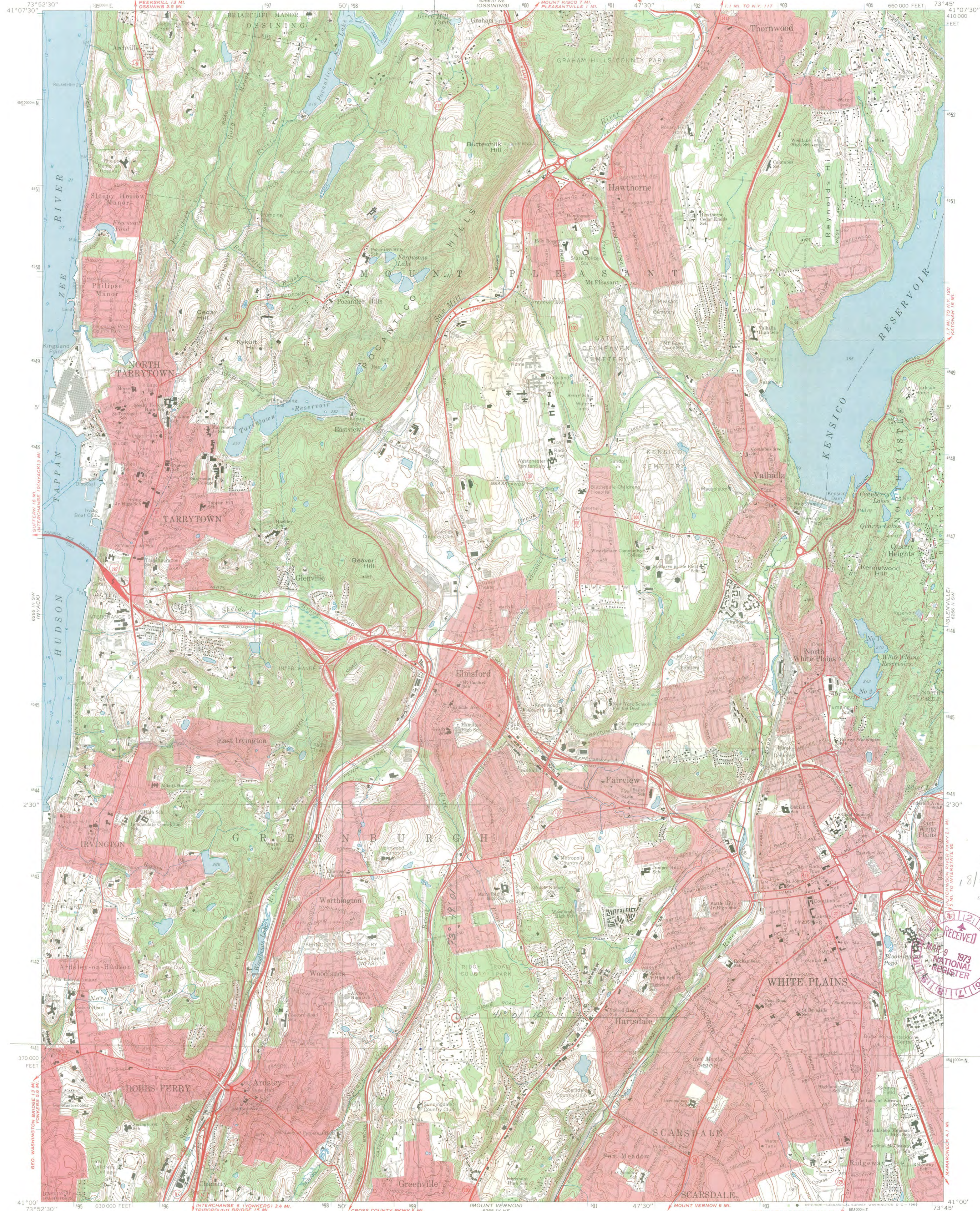
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SCALE

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REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW





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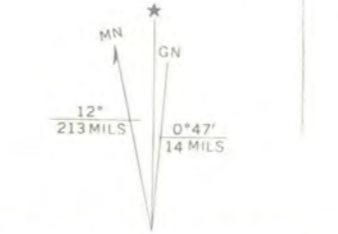
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taken 1965. Field checked 1967
Supersedes map dated 1957

Selected hydrographic data compiled from USC&GS Charts 282 (1965)
and 748 (1966). This information is not intended for navigational purposes

Polycyclic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on 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 un-checked

Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown



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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
Interstate Route	U.S. Route
	State Route

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PROPERTY

Adell House

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TECH REVIEW

Photos

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CONTROL REVIEW

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OK

HISTORIAN

Accept
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Shull

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

French bakeovens were destroyed
by golfcourse in 1920's -

Accept
3/27/73

ARCHEOLOGIST

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

OK
3/29/73

KEEPER

OK
3/13/73

National Register write-up _____

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Federal Register entry

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Re-submit _____

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NEW YORK STATE PARKS & RECREATION

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

Alexander Aldrich
Commissioner

March 5, 1973

Dr. William Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
Department of the Interior
National Park Service
18th & C Streets, N.W.
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:

Odell House, Greenburgh, Westchester Co.
425 Ridge Road

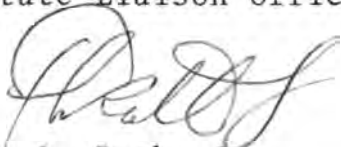
The above nomination has been reviewed and approved by the Committee on the Registers in accordance with the criteria outlined in Section 2.2 of the Grants Guide.

The staff of the New York State Division for 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

PETER A. PEYSER
23RD DISTRICT, NEW YORK

COMMITTEES:

EDUCATION AND LABOR

NEW YORK STATE CONGRESSIONAL
STEERING COMMITTEE

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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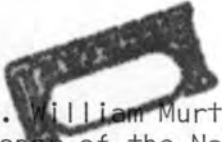
1133 LONGWORTH OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515
PHONE: (202) 225-5536

YONKERS GENERAL POST OFFICE
ROOM 209A

YONKERS, NEW YORK 10701
PHONE: (914) 423-0990

655 EAST 233RD STREET
BRONX, NEW YORK 10466
PHONE: (212) 324-3387

March 19, 1973



Mr. William Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
National Trust for Historical Preservation
U. S. Department of Interior
National Park Service
Washington, D. C. 20240

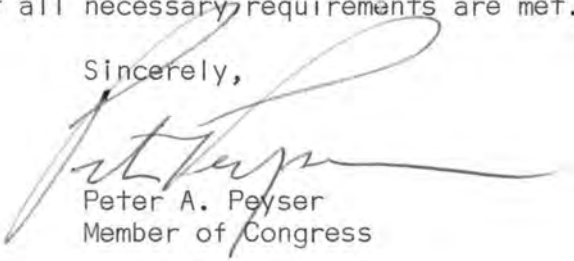
Dear Mr. Murtagh:

You are in receipt of an application from the New York State Parks and Recreation Department for nomination of the Odell House in Hartsdale (Greenburgh), New York to the National Register.

The Odell-Rochambeau House is under the direction and ownership of the New York Chapter, Inc., Sons of the American Revolution. This house was the meeting place which made possible the joint planning of two military geniuses, Washington and Rochambeau.

Your favorable consideration of this application would be appreciated. I would be pleased to meet with you if you wish to insure that all necessary requirements are met.

Sincerely,



Peter A. Peyser
Member of Congress

PAP:hff

Department of the Interior

Bureau of Reclamation

Washington, D.C. 20250

March 26, 1973

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Mr. [Name] [Address] [City] [State] [Zip]

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For further information of the [Event Name] please contact [Name] at [Phone Number]. For further information of the [Event Name] please contact [Name] at [Phone Number].

Sincerely,
[Signature]

[Name]
[Title]

March 26, 1973

Honorable Peter A. Peyser
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Peyser:

We are pleased to acknowledge your inquiry concerning the nomination of the Odell House in Hartsdale, New York, to the National Register of Historic Places.

We appreciate your interest in this matter and will provide you a reply at our earliest opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

Ronald H. Walker

Ronald H. Walker
Director

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE **NEW YORK**

Date Entered **MAR 28 1973**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Odell House	Greenburgh Westchester County

Also Notified

Hon. Jacob K. Javits
Hon. James L. Buckley
Hon. Peter A. Peyser
Director, Northeast Region

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

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Honorable Peter A. Peyser
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Peyser:

Thank you for your letter concerning the nomination of the Odell House in Hartsdale, New York, to the National Register of Historic Places.

We are pleased to advise you that the Odell House was entered in the National Register on March 28. The enclosed brochure describes the National Register program.

We appreciate your interest in historic preservation.

Sincerely yours,

Robert M. Utley

Director Office of Archeology
and Historic Preservation

Enclosure

cc:
Mr. Alexander Aldrich
Commissioner, Parks and Recreation
Room 303, South Swan Street Building
Albany, New York 12223) w/c of inc.

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Alexis Abernathy

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Mr. Paul J. Feiner
Town Supervisor, Town of Greenburgh
Office of the Supervisor
177 Hillside Avenue
Greenburgh, NY 10607

Dear Mr. Feiner:

Thank you for your inquiry of May 1, 2017, concerning Odell House, Greenburgh, New York, Mr. Loether requested I respond in his behalf. The Odell House was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on March 28, 1973 at the state level significance with the areas of significance of military and architecture.

Based on your inquiry about grants, we are referring you to the National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program. The contact within the program is Kristen McMasters, and she is best reached via email at kristen_mcmasters@nps.gov.

If I can provide further information or assistance, please feel free to contact me at 202-354-2236 or alexis_abernathy@nps.gov. We appreciate your interest in the historic preservation programs of the National Park Service.

Sincerely,

Alexis Abernathy

Alexis Abernathy
Historian
National Register of Historic Places

cc: New York SHPO

bcc: 7228 Loether
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TOWN of GREENBURGH

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PAUL J. FEINER
Supervisor

May 1, 2017

Paul Loether, Program Manager
National Park Service
National Register of Historic Places
1849 C Street, NW, Mail Stop 7228
Washington, DC 20240



Dear Mr. Loether,

The Odell House is a historic home located at Greenburgh, Westchester County, New York, United States. It's located on Ridge Road. During the American Revolutionary War, the Odell farm served as headquarters of Count de Rochambeau and campsite for the French expeditionary forces under his command from July 6 to August 18, 1781. Sadly, the house is in disrepair and the current owners do not have the funds necessary to preserve the house, which is vacant.

I am wondering if your office might be able to help the town obtain grant funds to rehabilitate this historic house, or might be able to recommend a nonprofit organization that manages historic properties that might be willing to take over the management of the house if the current owners are interested in turning over the properties.

Thank you for providing me with information that could help us preserve this important historical site.

Sincerely,

Paul J. Feiner
Town Supervisor

PJF:ca

Cc: Greenburgh Commissioner of Planning
Greenburgh Historic and Landmarks Preservation Board