

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

STATE: New York	
COUNTY: Oneida	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON:
General William Floyd House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
West side of Main Street, opposite the Gilford Hill Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Westernville

STATE: New York CODE: COUNTY: Oneida CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes: Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> in progress No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
Mrs. Seth Huntley

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 86

CITY OR TOWN: Westernville 13486 STATE: New York CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Utica STATE: New York CODE:

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 6 acres

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: CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)	
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The William Floyd House, built by General Floyd in 1803-04, is a large frame two-story gable-roof Georgian structure with a lower two-story frame service wing attached to the west end. The overall length of the house and wing is 120 feet and the main house is 40 feet deep and five bays wide. The center door, flanked by a pair of small windows, opens into a hall which extends through the house to a similar door in the north or rear elevation. The stairs are set against the west or left wall of the hall. To the right of the hall are two large parlors with cupboards and paneled fireplace walls. To the left of the hall are the dining room and behind this, a study. Walls and ceilings are plastered and the floors are of wide boards. The kitchen is located in the service wing, to the west of the dining room. Upstairs in the main house ~~there~~ are four bedrooms. The attic is unfinished. Except for the metal roofs and the insertion of baths, the structure is little-altered and in excellent condition. Used as a private residence, the house is not open to visitors.

A New York State Historical marker, located on Main Street, calls attention to the history of the house.

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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)

1803-1821

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/> | Education <input type="checkbox"/> | Political <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> | Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> | Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic <input type="checkbox"/> | Industry <input type="checkbox"/> | Science <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> | Invention <input type="checkbox"/> | Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Art <input type="checkbox"/> | Landscape <input type="checkbox"/> | Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> | Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> | Theater <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Communications <input type="checkbox"/> | Literature <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Conservation <input type="checkbox"/> | Military <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| | Music <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Constructed in 1803-04 by General William Floyd, a Signer of the Declaration of Independence for New York, this house served as Floyd's home from 1803 until his death in 1821. The structure is little-altered and in excellent condition.

History

William Floyd, son of a wealthy Long Island landowner, was born, raised and resided on an estate at Mastic, New York, from 1734 to 1803. In 1803 he gave his Long Island farm to his son Nicoll and at the age of 69, accompanied by his second wife and young children, moved into western New York State to take up a pioneering life. In 1784 he had begun purchasing a tract of wild land in this area, near Rome. In 1787 he was given a tract of 10,240 acres in this area by the State of New York, provided that he, within a period of seven years from 1 January 1788, would make "one actual Settlement on said Tract of Land.... for every six hundred and forty acres thereof." He began work on this project at Western, now Westernville, soon after receiving the grant and continued work there each summer until 1803, when he settled upon his estate. He spent the remainder of his life clearing and subduing this wilderness land, enjoying uninterrupted good health until a short time before his death on August 4, 1821. During this period he acted as a presidential elector in 1804 and 1820 and also one term as state senator in 1808. He is buried in the Presbyterian Cemetery in Westernville.

His house remained in the possession of the Floyd descendents until 1956 and the structure was acquired by the present owners in 1965.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Dorothy H. McGee, Famous Signers of the Declaration (New York, 1955), 117.
Dictionary of American Biography (New York, 1943), Vol. VI, 484. Article
 by Richard B. Morris.
 Elizabeth Fields and Dr. J. E. Fields, "The Signers Lived Here," Daughters
 of the American Revolution Magazine, May 1951. 5.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

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: **Charles W. Snell, Survey Historian**

ORGANIZATION **Division of History, Office of Archeology and
 Historic Preservation, National Park Service** DATE **2/2/71**

STREET AND NUMBER: **801 - 19th Street, N.W.**

CITY OR TOWN: **Washington,** STATE **D.C.** CODE

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 _____

Title _____

Date _____

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

 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

 Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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