BUILDING STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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ORGANIZATION (if any): Seneca Falls Historical Society

IDENTIFICATION
1. BUILDING NAME(S): Amelia Bloomer House
2. COUNTY: Seneca
TOWN/CITY:
VILLAGE: Seneca Falls
3. STREET LOCATION: 53 East Bayard Street
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public ☐ b. private ☑
5. PRESENT OWNER: Ms. Paula Brooks
ADDRESS: 53 E. Bayard St., Seneca Falls
6. USE: Original: residence Present: multiple residence NY.
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:
Exterior visible from public road: Yes ☑ No ☐
Interior accessible: Explain private apartments

DESCRIPTION
8. BUILDING MATERIAL:
   a. clapboard ☑
   b. stone ☐
   c. brick ☐
   d. board and batten ☐
   e. cobblestone ☐
   f. shingles ☐
   g. stucco ☐
other: __________

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
   a. wood frame with interlocking joints ☑
   b. wood frame with light members ☐
   c. masonry load bearing walls ☑
   d. metal (explain) ☐
   e. other ☐

10. CONDITION:
    a. excellent ☑
    b. good ☐
    c. fair ☐
    d. deteriorated ☐

11. INTEGRITY:
    a. original site ☑
    b. moved ☐
    c. list major alterations and dates (if known):
      large 2-story Italianate addition built ca 1850; interior broken up for apartments ca 1945

12. PHOTO:

13. MAP:
14. THREATS TO BUILDING:  
a. none known ☐  b. zoning ☐  c. roads ☐  
d. developers ☐  e. deterioration ☑  
f. other: __________

15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:  
a. barn ☑  b. carriage house ☑  c. garage ☑  
d. privy ☐  e. shed ☐  f. greenhouse ☐  
g. shop ☐  h. gardens ☐  
i. landscape features: wooded lot  
j. other: large front lawn, slate sidewalks

16. SURROUNDINGS OF THE BUILDING (check more than one if necessary):  
a. open land ☐  b. woodland ☑  
c. scattered buildings ☑  d. densely built-up ☑  e. commercial ☑  
f. industrial ☐  g. residential ☑  
h. other: __________________________________________

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:  
(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)  
Building is part of the proposed Women's Historic District  
Within 2 blocks of Elizabeth Cady Stanton house  
Within 2 blocks of Seneca Canal  
In residential neighborhood with homes of similar substance and architectural styling

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):  
Original 6 over 6 windows; one pane has 'Anna Stewart, August 1840' scratched on it. Bracketting under eaves and around the cupola is light and delicate. Wide board floors. Nicely shaped cupola. Site nicely wooded. Expansive front porch

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: ca 1835 for right side; ca 1850 for left

ARCHITECT: __________________________________________________

BUILDER: for 1350 section- Latham Brother Builders & Contractors

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:
This house was the home of Amelia Bloomer, temperance advocate, newspaper editor, women's rights leader and exponent of women's dress reform. Bloomer lived in the house for six months immediately following her marriage and then purchased a home of similar size (no longer standing). It is also reputed to have been a stop on the underground railway. Seneca Falls was the terminus of the Ten Under ground Railway. The original structure appears to be a 1½ story Greek Revival residence on a cut limestone foundation. The 2-story Italianate structure (ca 1850) was built by the Latham Brothers, a well-known local family of builders, architects and contractors (see National Register Nomination Form for the SACKETT HISTORIC DISTRICT, Seneca Falls, NY). This house was also the home of Obadiah B. Latham.

21. SOURCES: 1820-1872, an architect of the Capitol at Albany, NY  
1856 Map of Seneca Falls, New York  

22. THEMES: residential/ Women's Rights
Women's Rights Historic Sites Thematic Resources
Villages of Seneca Falls and Waterloo
Seneca County, 1980
Photo: Elizabeth Cady Stanton
Foundation, 32 Washington St.,
Seneca Falls, NY
Neg: same as above
View: Amelia Bloomer House, Seneca Falls