

Reuel Smith House  
West Lake Rd.  
Skaneateles  
Onondaga County  
New York

HABS No. NY-5452

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE New York		COUNTY Onondaga	TOWN OR VICINITY Skaneateles
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Reuel Smith House			HABS NO. NY-5452
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) West Lake Rd.			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1848-1852		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Alexander Jackson Davis	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The only surviving example in Onondaga county by this distinguished architect of the American Gothic Revival, since the demolition of the Charles Sedgewick Cottage on James Street in Syracuse			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) American Gothic Revival			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS)			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rectangular, 2-and-a-half stories, with projecting center pavilion			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Original ironwork, pink stucco, oriel window, chimney pots			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Moulded plaster door casings			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES The verge boards of the gables have been removed and front porch French doors replaced by double-hung sash			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE House sited on Skaneateles Lake			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) New York State Council on the Arts, <u>Architecture Worth Saving in Onondaga County</u> , Syracuse University School of Architecture, 1964, p. 109.			
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