

CONESVILLE GENERAL STORE AND POST OFFICE HABS No. NY-6344
North side of Schohaire County Route 3,
25 feet west of the intersection of
Schohaire County Rte. 3 and Schohaire County 18,
Bear Kill Road
Conesville
Schohaire County
New York

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USGS Gilboa 7.5 minute New York Quadrangle
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates
18.551285 18.4692700

Significance: The former Conesville General Store and Post Office, built circa 1840 to 1850, is an intact representative example of rural 19th century commercial architecture. The Greek Revival style building retains much of its original interior and exterior fabric and represents one of the dwindling number of similar store buildings that were once common throughout rural upstate New York.

Description: The Conesville General Store and Post Office faces Schohaire County Route 3. The structure is a one and a half storey rectangular shaped building constructed of wood clapboard siding on a field stone foundation with a central brick chimney. On the south side or the facade of the structure, the second storey is cantilevered out over the first storey and is supported by two square wood column supports. The first floor has a double front door with paired 2/2 pane windows on each side. The second storey has a loft door with a pulley system with 9/6 pane windows on either side. The structure has a plain frieze board, returns on the gable ends and pilasters or columns on the front corners. The east side has pilasters, a 2/2 pane window, two sliding barn like doors with pilasters on the north end of the east side on the first storey and a nine pane window on the second storey. The north side or rear of the structure has a six pane window in the gable and a 12/6 pane window on the first storey that looks like it has either been lowered or replaced due to the clapboard patching located above the window. Finally the west side of the structure has a doorway covered with clapboard and the remains of a 12/6 pane window. The interior of the building is divided into two rooms on the first floor. A large room with a wainscot ceiling, plaster walls with shelving on the east and west sides of the room is present and is separated from the north end of the building by a partition wall. The room at the north end of the structure was not visible. The two siding doors located on the east side of the structure provides the exterior access to this room. Unfortunately the interior of the structure was not accessible at this time due to the materials that are being stored on the first floor of the structure.

History: The Conesville General Store and Post Office is depicted on a series of four historic maps. The structure was built prior to 1856 since the structure appears in this location on the 1856 map of Schoharie County, New York. The structure on this map is labeled as a store and post office. On the 1866 map, the inset of Conesville, the structure is also labeled as a store. While on the early and mid 20th century maps, the structure is present as a untitled building. Apparently the structure was still used as a commercial building during this period and only recently has been unoccupied. In 1992 when the photography was done, the structure was still privately owned, by Mary Austin, an eighty year old woman who is presently in a nursing home and has granted Mr. Stanley Sancher the power of attorney to her estate.

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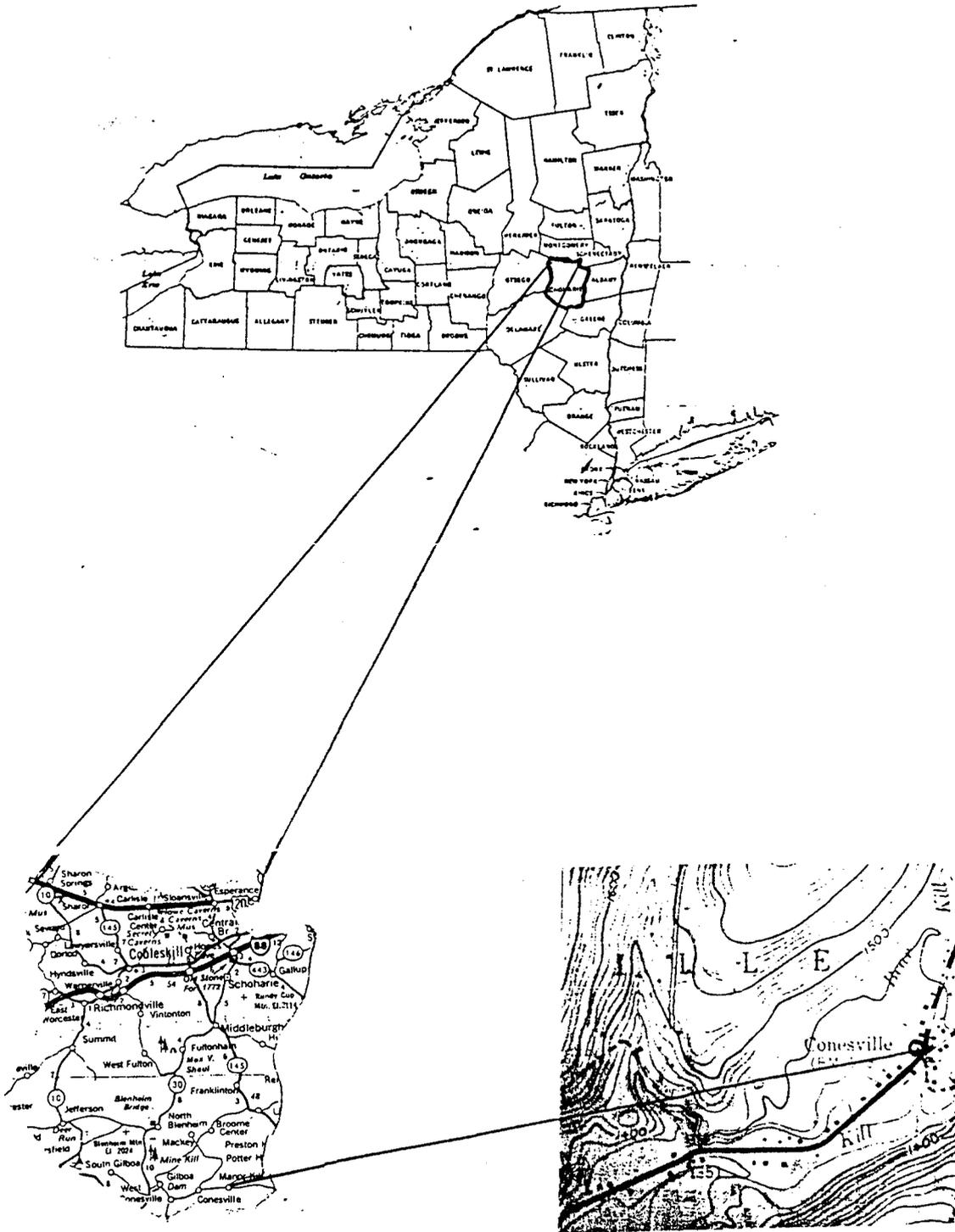
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Washington D.C.:United States Geological Survey, 1945/80**

Historian:

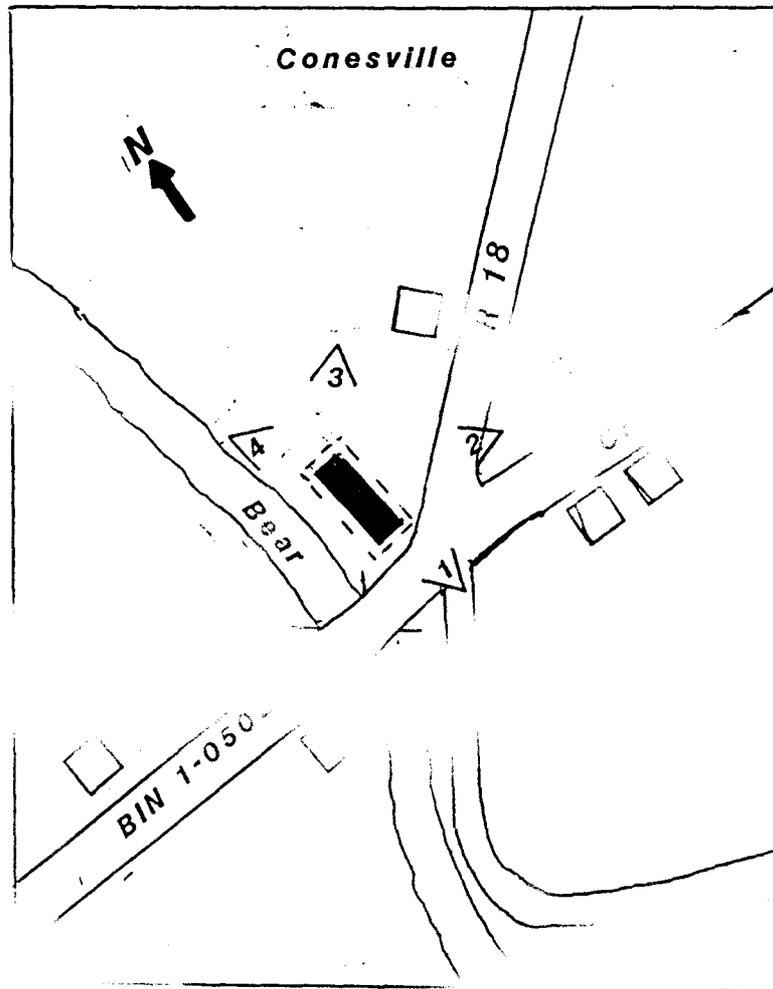
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Location of the Conesville General Store and Post Office, HABS No. NY- , in the Town of Conesville, Schoharie County, New York

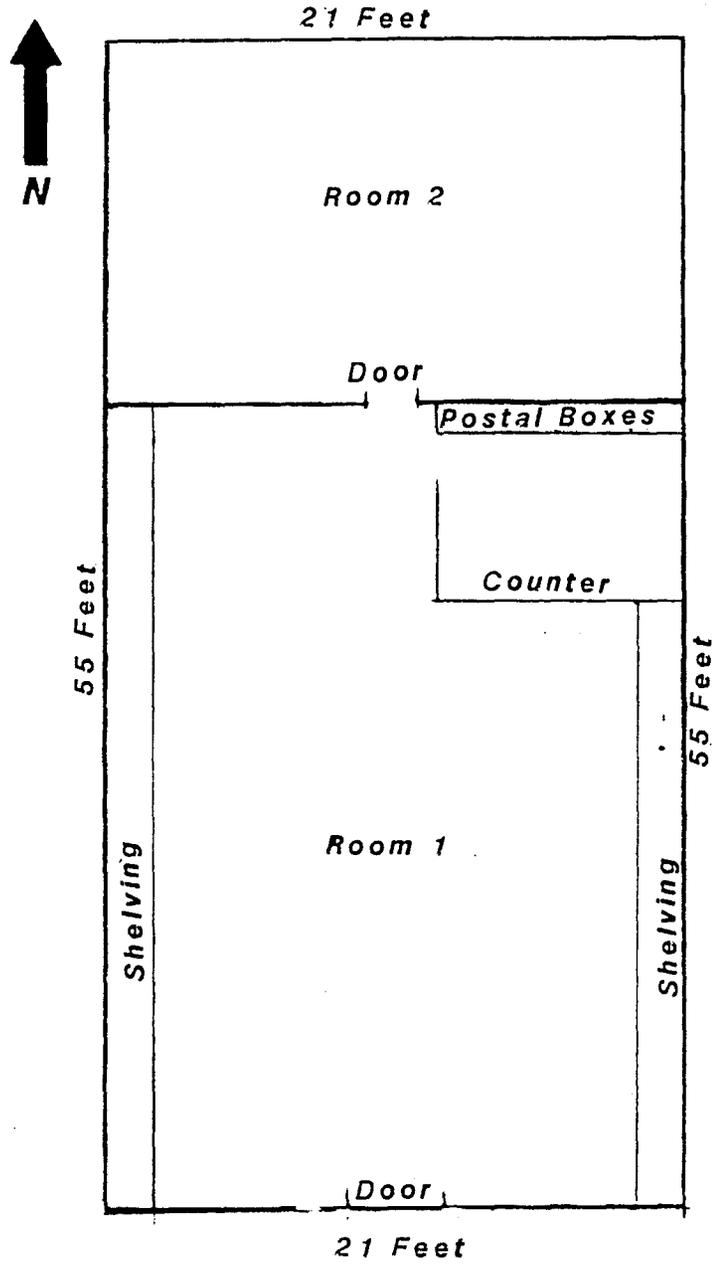
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---	Project Limits
█	Conesville Store
>	Photo Angle
□	Structure

Location of the Conesville General Store and Post Office, HABS No. NY- , in the Town of Conesville, Schoharie County, New York showing the photo angles for the HABS/HAER documentation.

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Sketch floor plan for the Conesville General Store and Post Office, HABS No. NY- , in the Town of Conesville, Schoharie County, New York.