



Hudson Cultural Services

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Charles Marshall
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Re: Cultural Resources Review
Proposed Stewarts Shops
2632-2634 Genesee Street, Utica, New York

Dear Mr. Marshall

Hudson Cultural Services (HCS) (formerly Hudson Valley Cultural Resource Consultants (HVCRC)) completed an assessment of the architectural character of the current structures at 2632-2634 Genesee Street, in Utica NY, for a potential Stewarts Shops project. The property currently contains a commercial building (Raspberries Cafe) and a small residential duplex. Our understanding of the proposed project is that the buildings will be replaced with a new convenience store and filling station.

The Raspberries Cafe building (2634 Genesee Street) was constructed circa 1950 and has been substantially renovated over the past forty years, during which it has operated as an Italian restaurant and pizzeria. The architectural design is contemporary.

The building at 2632 Genesee Street is a small duplex that was constructed in 1930. This building is constructed in a vernacular style with minimal Greek revival and American four- square elements. A review of the building shows that it has undergone renovation with the replacement of original windows and a new asphalt shingle roof.

The structures at 2632 and 2634 Genesee Street were evaluated using the National Register Evaluation Criteria for historic significance. These criteria evaluate the quality of the building as well as the building's significance in American history. Also considered are architecture, archeology, integrity of location, and if they;

- (a) are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; or
- (b) are associated with the lives of persons significant in our past; or
- (c) embody distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
- (d) or have yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important to prehistory or history.

Based on the examination of the former Raspberries Café and the residential structure at 2632 Genesee Street it is the opinion of Hudson Cultural Services that these buildings do not meet the Criteria established by the Secretary of the Interior for identifying historic properties. These two buildings are not considered eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

In addition to the review of the above ground resources, HCS evaluated the two properties for the potential to contain archaeological resources. Due to the nature of the built environment which includes subsurface infrastructure and impermeable surfaces (asphalt parking areas), there is no potential for this location to contain intact archaeological resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Beth Selig". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B" and a long, sweeping tail on the "g".

Beth Selig
President, Hudson Cultural Services (HCS)