

The Meadows/Leacote--Stable Cottage  
River Road  
Rhinebeck Vicinity  
Dutchess County  
New York

HABS No. NY-5622-B

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## HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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## LEACOTE-STABLE COTTAGE (BUILDING NO. 5)

Location: Entrance gate off River Road, Rhinebeck, Dutchess County, New York.

Present Owner: Seymour Svirsky.

Present Use: Unoccupied.

Statement of Significance: This 1881 stable cottage reflects the English rural Gothic style of Leacote's main house and outbuildings.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

## A. Physical History:

1. Date of erection: The date 1881 is carved in a surround over the door on the south elevation.
2. Architect. None known.
3. Original and Subsequent owners: See chain of title for Leacote Mansion.
4. Original plans and construction of building: The stable cottage probably was built in conjunction with the first board and batten stable that appears in an 1882 woodcut.

It has many picturesque mid-century details: window hoods, massive chimneys, asymmetrical windows and a veranda. The broad roof has a truncated gable with a deep overhang and brackets. This roof treatment was repeated in many of the buildings built by Leacote's owner, Douglas Merritt including the stable, carriage house, grain barn, farmer's cottage, and service sheds behind the main house.

5. Alterations and additions: Physical evidence indicates few changes to the house. A one and a half story addition was added to the north side to make a mud room. The original side door with access to the stable yard has been sealed and resurfaced on the inside.

The porch has been rebuilt. It was once less substantial and more irregular in shape. With the addition of more overhang, it was necessary to cut skylights in the porch roof to allow light for the windows.

## B. Historial events and persons associated with buildings:

(For the remainder of PART I, HISTORICAL INFORMATION, PART II, SOURCES OF INFORMATION, and PART III, PROJECT INFORMATION, see The Meadows/Leacote, NY-5622.)