

LAKELANDS
North side of Main Street
opposite Estli Avenue
Cooperstown, Middlefield Township
Otsego County, New York

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Street Address or Location: Main Street (north side, about opposite Estli Avenue), Cooperstown, Middlefield Township, Otsego County, New York

Present Owner: Spotswood Bowers

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Original and subsequent owners: John M. Bowers, Schuyler B. Steeres, Henry J. Bowers, John M. Bowers, Spotswood Bowers
2. Date of erection: 1802-1804
3. Notes on alterations and additions: During the occupancy of Mr. Schuyler Steeres alterations were made, a mansard was added. During 1946-1947 Lakelands was restored to its original appearance.
4. Important old views and references: Local History File in the New York State Historical Association at Cooperstown, New York. Photographs: 1 early view before the mansard roof was added; another early view before the mansard roof was added; one view of the property and house with the mansard roof.

B. Likely Sources Not Yet Investigated: Bowers family papers.

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PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

- A. General Statement: This property is being offered for sale. It needs some repair.
- B. Technical Description of Exterior:
 1. Foundations: Stone
 2. Wall construction: Clapboard (wood)
 3. Chimneys: Two
 4. Windows and shutters: Inside hinged shutters
 5. Roof: Flat roof
- C. Technical Description of Interiors:
 1. Floor plans: Two stories

2. Stairways:
3. Flooring: Floor boards are nearly all 8-1/2 inches wide.
4. Wall and ceiling finish: Walls painted; ceilings plastered.
5. Doorways and doors: Front doorway is off center; has fanlight.
6. Lighting: Electricity
7. Heating: Central; fireplaces with carved wooden mantel-pieces

D. Site:

1. General setting and orientation: Wide stretches of lawn shaded by many trees, and the long sweep of the lake shore makes it one of the most beautiful in Cooperstown. House faces south.
2. Outbuildings: Guest house

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