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Location: Route 311, Patterson, Putnam County, New York

Significance: Constructed in the 1880s, this building is a significant example of Victorian-era bowling alley construction, and as illustrative of leisure-time activities pursued by residents of the Hayt farmstead, contributes to the property's importance.

Description: The bowling alley is a frame structure with board-and-batten siding, set on a low rubble fieldstone foundation. The north end of the building is a square, hipped-roofed unit with small louvered cupola, bracketed eaves, and broad frieze delineated by a narrow molding strip. Although appearing to be two stories high, this unit actually consists of a single room open to the roof. The two-lane gable-roofed bowling alley extending south from this room features leather-covered bolsters to stop the balls, and a wooden return gutter along the north wall. The walls and ceiling are finished with V-notched 3-1/4-inch vertical boarding. The floor of the room at the north end consists of rough planking. The bowling lanes themselves are built up from laminated maple boards finished with one-inch flooring. Single electric light bulbs, suspended from brass chains and topped with white glass shades, originally provided illumination. Natural light is provided by six-light fixed sash regularly spaced along each side of the alley and in the west, north and east walls of the room at the north end. The door at the entrance to the building, in the east elevation of the north section, has four large vertical lights above two recessed panels, and a brown ceramic knob with brass plate.

History: The bowling alley was built, probably during the 1880s, by Ezra Hayt.

Sources: See Narrative Overview.

Architectural Historian: M.H. Bowers, Louis Berger & Associates, Inc., February 1989.

