

Watervliet Shakers South Family Cottage,  
Building #5  
South of Troy Shaker Road (State Route #155),  
approximately 1/4 mile east of Sand Creek Road  
Albany Vicinity (Colonie)  
Albany County  
New York

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## WATERVLIET SHAKERS SOUTH FAMILY COTTAGE, BUILDING #5

Location: South of Troy Shaker Road (State Route #155), approximately 1/4 mile east of Sand Creek Road, Albany Vicinity (Colonie), Albany County, New York.

Present Owner: Mr. Leonard Bol, Shaker Road, Albany, New York.

Present Occupant: Rented by Mr. Bol.

Present Use: Dwelling.

Brief Statement of Significance: This structure is a typical, Shaker frame building of the 19th century. In the 1920's and 1930's this structure was used as the dwelling of the non-Shaker superintendent who administered the farm.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

## Physical History

- A. Original and Subsequent owners: Original owners: West Family of Watervliet Shakers, eventually moved to the South Family property.  
Present Owner: Mr. Leonard Bol, who purchased the South Family property in 1939.
- B. Date of Erection: 19th century.
- C. Original plans, construction, and notes on alterations and additions: This building originally belonged to the West Family of Watervliet Shakers. When it was moved to the South Family, the northern half was removed and several years later a 16'-0" extension, a corrugated iron roof, and beveled siding (4" to the weather) were added.
- D. Sources of Information: Lassiter, William Lawrence. "A Catalog of Shaker Photographs and Measured Drawings in the Historic Collection of the New York State Education Department, Albany, New York." An unpublished catalog of Shaker material belonging to the University of the State of New York, Division of Archives and History, Albany, New York, 1960. (Micrographed).

(See data pages for Watervliet Shakers South Family, HABS NY-3272, for general historical information on the South Family).

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. Technical Description of Exterior

1. Over-all dimensions: 47'-0" (east side) x 25'-0"; two stories; long axis of building approximately north-south.
2. Foundations: Brick foundations.
3. Wall construction: Frame with beveled wood siding.
4. Porches: Two small porches with unsupported, typically Shaker, hoods.
5. Chimneys: Two, brick chimneys at end walls of the section that was originally moved from the West Family.
6. Openings:
  - a. Doors: Four and six-panel wooden doors.
  - b. Windows and shutters: Double-hung wooden sash windows, nine-over-six light. Louvered exterior wooden shutters.
7. Roof:
  - a. Shape, covering: Gable roof. The 1940 drawings indicate corrugated iron roofing. The original roofing was slate.
  - b. Cornice: Typical, Shaker cove cornice.

B. Technical Description of Interior.

1. Floor plans. Central-hall plan
2. Stairways. Typical, Shaker balusters and rails.
3. Doors. In general, simple, four-panel wooden doors.
4. Heating: Two brick chimneys. The heating was by small, iron, Shaker stoves.

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