



**BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM**

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UNIQUE SITE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
QUAD \_\_\_\_\_  
SERIES \_\_\_\_\_  
NEG. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME: Robert Hodder & Martha Demas DATE: August 1989  
Sibley Hall

YOUR ADDRESS: Cornell Univ., Ithaca, NY TELEPHONE: (607) 255-6848

ORGANIZATION (if any): City of Auburn

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**IDENTIFICATION**

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. COUNTY: Cayuga TOWN/CITY: Auburn VILLAGE: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 68 South Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Bradley & Holly Davidson ADDRESS: RD 1, Lake Rd, Cayuga
- 6. USE: Original: Residential Present: Professional
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes  No   
Interior accessible: Explain no, private

**DESCRIPTION**

- 8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard  b. stone  c. brick  d. board and batten   
e. cobblestone  f. shingles  g. stucco  other: \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: (if known) a. wood frame with interlocking joints   
b. wood frame with light members   
c. masonry load bearing walls   
d. metal (explain) \_\_\_\_\_  
e. other \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. CONDITION: a. excellent  b. good  c. fair  d. deteriorated
- 11. INTEGRITY: a. original site  b. moved  if so, when? \_\_\_\_\_  
c. list major alterations and dates (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

New concrete block foundation; north and south wings were a mid 19th C. additions

12. PHOTO:

13. MAP: See attached



68 South Street

17. Within two years of the founding settlement at Hardenbergh's Corners (1793), South Street was laid out; by 1837, it reached as far south as Elizabeth Street and by 1871, extended to Union Street (today's Richardson Avenue).

Today South Street (between Grover and Richardson) retains much of its historical residential quality. The street is characterized by generally uniform setbacks, conformity to scale and use of materials in its architecture and its nature, tree-lined streetscape. In the middle section of the district (between Fitch and Chedell) there is a grouping of wider lots with deeper setbacks that are remnants of Auburn's largest 19th century estates. Also, in the southern section of the district, there is a preponderance of revival architecture (principally Colonial and Tudor) which represents a later period of development.

The house at 68 South Street is of great architectural importance for Auburn and contributes significantly to the historic character of the street.

18. This house is a frame, temple-front Greek Revival residence with flanking, recessed wings. The two-story, three-bay central block features a full-front portico with pediment, supported by four Ionic columns; the end-bay entry is Greek Revival with side and toplights and a simple architrave surround with pilasters.

The one-story, two-bay side wings are a later 19th C. addition. All of the windows are 6/6 double-hung sash.

20. The house at 68 South Street is exceptionally important as perhaps the earliest fully Greek Revival Style residence in the district.

John I. Hagaman (c. 1790-1853), regarded as a builder/architect, built the home for himself. He came to Auburn in 1821 and is noted with designing many local structures. Hagaman left Auburn in 1843 after running a successful school of architecture and drawing in the city (in fact, A.J. Davis credits his own talents as being "formed for architecture while schooled in Auburn and Utica,") hence Davis may have been one of his pupils. Herman Woodruff was a subsequent owner who added the mid-19th C. south and north wings.

There is no evidence from the deed research that Hagaman ever owned this property. (TLW 2006)

