



Hudson-Mohawk Vernacular Architecture

Tour of Schuyler Mansion, Albany and Crailo, Rensselaer, Albany and Rensselaer counties, New York 18 April 2026

Schuyler Mansion—built 1761-65

Things to look for:

“Tomahawk” mark on the stair rail, discussed in the *HMVA Newsletter* of April-June 2025.

Graffiti in the attic—Enslaved people are believed to have lived in this space. Later in the 19th century the house was used as an orphanage. Who do you think made which marks?

Can you see evidence of the original partitions in the basement?.....In the attic?

Crailo— west portion has been dendrodated to 1707; current form ca. 1762

Things to look for:

Beaded edges remaining on lower corners of first floor beams, close to the outside walls

English bond brick pattern on the rear wall of the house seen in the attic

Evidence of the original roof configuration and for a jambless fireplace in the second floor—
found in the attic