

INVENTORY FORM FOR NOMINATED PROPERTIES

NATIONAL REGISTER

Name of Property: Thomas Camp Farmhouse
Address: W204 N8151 Lannon Road
City: Menomonee Falls

Owner: Lannon Field Farm, Inc. Date: 4/23/86
Owner's address: W204 N8151 Lannon Road
Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin 53051
County: Waukesha

*160 NRHP Certification

(a) _____ (b) _____
(c) _____ (d) _____

165 NRHP Certification Date

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(c) _____ (d) _____

170 Thematic or Multiple Resource Nomination Name

Multiple Resources of Menomonee Falls

180 NRHP List Name Thomas Camp Farmhouse

200 Level of Significance local

190 District Classification _____

210 Applicable Criteria Architecture (C)

215 Criteria Considerations _____

*220 Area of Significance

Architecture

230 Period of Significance Architecture: late 1850s-

1860;

60 Verbal Boundary Description Part of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section

7, Town 8, Range 20 East. Commencing at the

SE corner of the house in diagonal line 160

feet in a southeasterly direction to Lan-

non Road, then west 240 feet, continuing

north 160 feet at the rear of the farmhouse,

then east 240 feet, continuing 160 feet south

in a line parallel to Lannon Road to the

beginning.

70 USGS Quad Map Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin

80 UTM Coordinates (Format: 99/999999/9999999)

16-405400 4779640

85 Listed Acreage Less than one

340 Review Board Date _____

Nomination includes:

ONE building (contributing)

*use code tables for response

INTENSIVE SURVEY FORM

Record No. _____ Property Name: Thomas Camp Farmhouse

LOCATION

*10 County Waukesha
 20 City or Village Menomonee Falls
 30 Civil Town _____
 35 Unincorp. Community _____
 40 Location W204 N8151 Lannon Road
 Town-Range-Section (Format: 9999W-99)

50 _____
 55 Quarter Sections (Format: NW-NW) _____

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 in a line parallel to Lannon Road to the
 beginning.

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PROGRAM REVIEW

250 Tax No. _____ Compliance No. _____
 *270 A or D Grant _____
 275 Covenant/Easement Dates _____
 *320 Ownership Private
 *330 Lead Agency _____
 335 Local Agency _____

SURVEY

90 Photo Codes Wk95-14; Wk104-13, 14, 15, 16, 17,
 19, 20, 24; 105-12, 14; 110-21, 22
 100 Survey Map Engineer's Map of Menomonee Falls
 Village Map B; T.Camp Map
 110 Map Code 95-14
 120 Reconnaissance Surveyor Leonard Garfield
 130 Reconnaissance Survey Date 1979
 140 Intensive Survey Name Menomonee Falls Intensive
 Survey
 150 Intensive Surveyor Rausch/Kilsdonk(Johnson '84)
 152 Surveyor Affiliation Architectural Researches, I
 155 Intensive Survey FY 1985
 *235 Survey Eval. Eligible
 *237 Survey District Classification _____
 *240 Survey Level of Significance Local
 *243 Survey Evaluation Criteria Architecture/
 245 Proposed District _____
 280 NHL Date _____
 290 HABS No. 300 HAER No. _____
 *305 Local Designation (date) _____
 320 Local District _____
 315 Associated Archeological Site(s) _____
 315 _____

* use code tables for response

SURVEY

Record No. _____

Address W204 N8151 Lannon Road

ARCHITECTURE

450 Construction Date [source] Late 1850's - late 1860's^{A.B.}

460 Date(s) of Alterations/Additions [source] _____

460 Rear Additions 1930-1960^{D.}

480 Builder [source] unknown

* 490 Designer Type (a) _____

490 (b) _____ (c) _____

500 Designer Name [source] (a) unknown

500 (b) _____ (c) _____

* 510 Style or Form Creek Revival

510 _____

* 520 Building, Structure, Object or SiteType

520 House - Building

* 530 Wall Material Cut limestone Wood

* 532 Trim Material Stone Wood

* 535 Foundation Material Cut stone

* 537 Roof Material Shingles

* 540 Interior Visited Yes

* 550 Structural System [source] _____

* 560 Plan Configuration T-Plan

* 570 Number of Stories Two (ell-one)

* 580 Roof Shape Gable

590 Additional Description _____

590 See last page

590 _____

590 _____

* 620 Condition Excellent

650 Related Buildings Barn #1 (Wk105-3)
Barn #2 (WK 105-2)
650 Camp Cabins (WK 105-13, 7.21, 22,)
Camp Dormitory (WK 104-23)
650 Garage (WK 104-24A)

HISTORY

430 Current Name Lannon Field Farms

435 Current Function House/Apartment

440 Historic Names [source] Thomas Camp Farmhouse^{A.B.}

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440 _____

660 Assoc. Individuals [source] (a) Thomas Camp 1 2

660 (b) Walter Camp 1

665 Dates Assoc. [source] (a) 1850s-c.1870s 1 2

665 (b) c. 1870s-1885 1

670 Assoc. Events [source] (a) _____

670 _____

670 (b) _____

670 _____

675 Dates of Events [source] (a) _____

675 (b) _____

680 Historic Functions [source] (a) Residence

680 (b) _____

685 Dates of Functions [source] (a) late 1850s-c.1870

685 (b) present 1

* 687 Cultural Affiliation English

688 Cultural Subgroup _____

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HISTORICAL BACKGROUNDHISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Thomas Camp

first purchased the 160 acres upon which his farmstead would sit in 1849. Thomas Camp and his wife Mary emigrated from England and arrived in the United States between 1837 and 1843. He located in Menomonee township by about 1843.^{4. 3.} Listed as a farmer in the 1850, 1860 and 1870 censuses, Camp significantly improved his 160 acre farm by 1860 when its cash value reached \$4800.³ Thomas Camp operated the property as a wheat, and later, as a dairy and sheep farm.¹³

With stipulations regarding the property rights of Mary Camp, Walter Camp, her son who was born in Wisconsin in 1850, gained rights to the property in 1870.^{1. 4.} In 1872 Walter Camp sold the north 80 acres of the property to Henry Segebarth to finance an investment in the Menomonee Falls Agricultural Works.^{1. 7.} He continued to operate the south 80 acres of his father's farm, the tract which contains the farmstead until 1885 when he also sold it to Segebarth. He had worked on the farm for Camp's father until 1870. Continuing to invest in the agricultural works, Camp erected a new residence in Menomonee Falls in 1886.^{1. 3. 7. 8.}

After Segebarth sold the property to Ludwig Segebarth in 1913, it changed hands several times until O.V. Fragstein purchased the south 80 acres in 1931. Fragstein's son-law, Thor Gran, gained control of the property by 1943.^{1. 6.}

Although Walter Camp continued the farm after his father's death in 1870, his main economic investments turned to the Menomonee Falls agricultural works by 1872.¹ Ira and Giffors Rowell and Anson Bradley first formed the agricultural works in 1868.^{10. 11.} The sale of his father's farm in 1872 and 1885 enabled Walter Camp to invest in the company.^{1. 7.} When it reformed in 1879, Camp became a partner. By this period, the agricultural works competed successfully with similar northern mid-west companies.^{14. 15. 16.} When it incorporated in 1903, Camp served as its vice-president. The company left Menomonee Falls in 1912.^{15.}

DESCRIPTION

Constructed of rather small blocks of native stone and located on farmland once owned by Thomas Camp, this symmetrically designed five-bay Greek Revival house features six over six lights (now converted by metal storm windows), stone window and door lintels and sills, a central entrance with a recessed side-lighted door and side panels. Further characterized by a wide cornice with cornice returns in the gable ends, the house has raised mortar joints, stone water tables and two stone end chimneys. Constructed of stone and wood, the rear gabled one-and-a-half story wing features an enclosed porch (originally the site of an open porch) and a long shed roofed dormer (extended c. 1930's.^D A modern one-story rear wing covered with vertical wood siding (now used as an apartment) was originally a summer kitchen expanded several times between 1930 and 1960 to serve as the dining room for the summer camp located on the site from 1930-1972.^D

The interior of the farmhouse has retained some of the woodwork and its original plan, although the foyer was closed off when an apartment was created on the second floor. Fir was used to replace the original wooden floors c. 1930's. The floors in the music room and the library were replaced again when damaged by fire in 1946.^D Characterized by deep window sills, the interior also features the original fireplace in the living room, which was altered by the addition of a wooden mantle above the fireplace in the 1930's.

700 STUDY UNITS (CODE)**ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SIGNIFICANCE**

The Camp Farmhouse is significant under Criterion C as an excellent mid-19th century cut-stone example of the Greek Revival Style. One of five well-preserved major examples of farmhouses constructed of local limestone in the Greek Revival Style, the Camp Farmhouse exhibits the characteristic features of a simple interpretation of the style, including a five-bay facade cornice trim with returns in the gable ends, large stone end chimneys and a side-lighted entrance. (Also see C. S. Davis House, W204 N7776 Lannon Road; Mille Davidson House, N96 W15791 County Line Road; Johann Zimmer House, W156 N9340 Pilgram Road; and Nicholas Friederick House, N96 W15009 County Line Road). The Camp Farmhouse was built between the late 1850's and the late 1860's on the farmstead located on the south one-half of the original property purchased by Thomas Camp in 1849.^{B.F} The present division of the original 160 acres owned by Thomas Camp, into two 80 acre parcels, occurred in 1913.^E

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- D. Patricia and Clarence Waller interview with Joan Rausch, Menomonee Falls, 8 April 1986.
- E. Deed Record 136:229.
- F. Abstract of Title (Waukesha: Hardy-Ryan Abstract Company) in possession of owner, Clarence Waller.

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3. United States Departemnt of Interior, Census Office (population schedule) 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880.
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