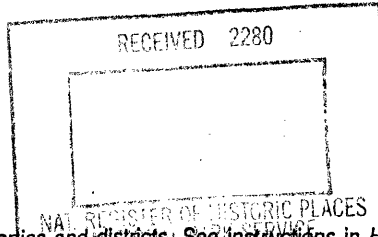


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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Buster, Nimrod I., House and Farmstead

other names/site number BO-346

2. Location

street & number .2 mile E. of Buster Rd., .1 mi. S of Mercer not for publication
County Line

city or town Danville vicinity

state Kentucky code KY county Boyle code 021 zip code 40422

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

David L. Morgan, SHPO and
Executive Director 10-1-97
Signature of certifying official/Title Date
Kentucky Heritage Council/State Historic Preservation Office
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> entered in the National Register. <input type="checkbox"/> See continuation sheet.	Signature of the Keeper <u>Patrick Anders</u>	Date of Action <u>11/21/97</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> determined eligible for the National Register <input type="checkbox"/> See continuation sheet.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> determined not eligible for the National Register.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> removed from the National Register.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> other, (explain): _____	_____	_____

Nimrod I. Buster House & (BO-346)

Boyle County, KY

Name of Property

County and State

Farmstead

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
5	1	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
5	1	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

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6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling and secondary structure

AGRICULTURE: processing

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling and secondary structure

AGRICULTURE: processing

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

LATE VICTORIAN: Italianate

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone

walls Brick

roof Asphalt shingles

other Weatherboard

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheet

Nimrod T. Buster House & (B0-346)
Name of Property Farmstead

Boyle County, KY
County and State

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

AGRICULTURE

Period of Significance

c. 1876

Significant Dates

c. 1876

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography See Continuation Sheet

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

Nimrod T. Buster House & (BO-346)
Name of Property Farmstead

Boyle County, KY
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of Property Less than ten acres
(Approx. 9 acres)

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

Danville Quadrant

1 | 16 | 6 95 81 30 | 41 71 6 28 10
Zone Easting Northing
2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
Zone Easting Northing
4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

See Continuation Sheet

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

See Continuation Sheet

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Christine Amos, Historian and Amanda Bradley, Historian

organization Burry & Amos, Inc. (Heart of Danville) date June 18, 1997

street & number 926 Main Street telephone (502) 633-5530

city or town Shelbyville state KY zip code 40065

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Charlotte H. Hinson

street & number P.O. Box 314 telephone N/A

city or town Danville state KY zip code 40422

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Nimrod I. Buster House and Farmstead (BO-346)

7. Description:

The Nimrod I. Buster House and Farmstead (BO-346) sits on the east side of Buster Lane, along the Boyle/Mercer County line in north-central Boyle County. Surrounded by prime agricultural land, the property is sandwiched between the old roadbed to the west and by the Cincinnati Southern Railroad alignment to the east. The property is an important example of a late-nineteenth century farmstead. Included in the nomination are five contributing buildings and one non-contributing buildings, four of which are located within the domestic yard area, with the remaining two being in an adjacent paddock to the east (SEE accompanying site plan).

1.) Constructed c. 1876, the **main residence** (contributing building) is a two-story, double pile, brick masonry dwelling with an offset ell and projecting bay (resembling a T-plan), having an asphalt shingle clad hipped roof and a continuous mortared stone foundation. The original front (west) facade is divided into three bays, with a slightly protruding center block having a central gable and a side entry door, fronted by a one-bay shed roof with chamfered posts. Currently, the south elevation is utilized as the main entry, divided into three bays with paired and single chamfered supports, brackets and dentils in the eaves, and a modillion cornice. The dwelling closely resembles the plan of another county property nominated as part of this Multiple Property Listing, BO-316, the Grimes House, although this property is grander in scale with a double entry facade and more ornamentation across exterior elevations. The south (front) facade has a half-length porch with paired and single chamfered supports and brackets and dentils in the porch eave. The west end features a one-story protruding bay with 2/2 sash windows, completing the facade. Original windows are 2/2 sash plain wood surrounds and segmental brick arches, with stone keys and impost blocks. Round multi-pane windows are found in the gable ends with wood surrounds. Additional features include three brick chimney stacks and a continuous stone foundation.

2.) Directly behind (north of) the residence is a 1-1/2 story, late-nineteenth century double pen **tenant house** (contributing building) of frame construction with a board and batten siding. Oriented east-west, the side gable roof is covered with wood shakes. Facing south, toward the rear of the main residence, the front facade has two entry bays, each leading into an interior room.

3.) Along the northern-most boundary of the domestic yard (behind the main residence and the tenant house) is another **tenant house** (contributing building), constructed as a one-story, single pen dwelling facing north in the late-nineteenth century. By the early-twentieth century, the dwelling was

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enlarged into a two-bay shotgun plan with the front (west) facade facing Buster Lane. Sided with board and batten, the dwelling has a standing seam metal clad front gable roof and a central entry fronted by a one-bay shed porch with square wood supports. Original 2/2 sash windows with plain wood surrounds and sills are found on the side (north and south) elevations. The rear wall of the addition meets the west side wall of the original pen, creating the current three-bay building. A shed lean-to on the east wall of the original pen completes the building.

4.) To the east of the main residence stands the only remaining agricultural building in the domestic yard, a late-nineteenth century board and batten **henhouse** (contributing building). Sitting on a stone pier foundation, the building has a standing seam metal clad shed roof and small entries along the front (south) facade.

5.) A mid - to late-nineteenth century **stone springhouse** (contributing building) is located over a small drainage at the base of a slope in the paddock adjacent to the east boundary of the domestic yard. Oriented east-west, the building has a standing seam metal side gable roof. Constructed of cut, unmortared stone, the building has board and batten siding in each gable end. A central entry on the front (south) facade leads into a single room with single pane windows on the side walls. Stone steps with a stone-lined retaining wall lead down to the entry.

6.) Next to (northeast of) the springhouse is a pre-World War II **tobacco barn** (non-contributing building) oriented east-west with a full extending shed along the north wall. The barn features a center-drive, seven bents and a standing seam metal clad front gable roof with two protruding gabled vents. The building sits on a poured concrete foundation.

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8. Statement of Significance:

Located on the east side of the Buster Road (just south of the Boyle/Mercer County line in north central Boyle County), the Nimrod I. Buster House and Farmstead (BO-346) is locally significant under Criterion A as a late-nineteenth century grouping of buildings on a Bluegrass farm. The buildings and structures of the farmstead contribute to the local understanding of the types of agricultural resources that may have been associated with a Boyle County farmstead during the postbellum period.

The two-story, brick main dwelling with Italianate features, constructed c. 1876 near the newly established Cincinnati-Southern Railroad, is architecturally significant on a local level under Criterion C, as an example of Italianate period domestic architecture. The period of significance for the property is c. 1876, the approximate date of construction of the main residence.

The property is nominated to the National Register as part of the Multiple Property Listing "Historic and Architectural Resources of Boyle County, Kentucky" under the themes "Domestic Architecture in Boyle County, 1780-1945" and "Agriculture in Boyle County: 1780-1945". The farmstead was obtained by Nimrod I. Buster in 1876. A native of Wayne County, Kentucky, Buster served as Vice-President of the Mercer County National Bank in Harrodsburg (thus his decision to purchase land on the county line) and was also an accomplished farmer, having been part of a farming family his entire life (*Biographical Cyclopedica*, 1896: 572). The 1880 Boyle County Agricultural Census Report lists Buster with approximately 330 acres of land, 230 acres of which were improved and in rotation. The farm, including land, fences and buildings was valued at \$20,108.00. W.H. Perrin's 1878 *History of Kentucky* suggests that Buster had a successful livestock trade and indeed the 1880 census indicates that Buster held 25 mules and asses and seven horses, valued at \$2,400.00. Perrin also states that Buster raised wheat, tobacco and hemp, however only wheat is documented in the 1880 census, with 40 acres producing 1156 bushels per crop (Perrin, 1878: n.p.; and 1880 Census: n.p.). The absence of tobacco at this time is common as the crop was not fully utilized until the early-twentieth century, thus the later tobacco barn near the earlier buildings.

Buildings in the domestic yard area are better understood through statistics found in the 1880 agricultural census. For example, the Busters had over 30 barnyard poultry in that year, indicating the need for the remaining henhouse. Likewise, the family employed "colored" labor year round on the farm for domestic and agricultural purposes and the two remaining tenant houses were most likely for those

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domestic workers. The springhouse in the adjacent paddock was also in full utilization as the Busters produced 330 lbs of butter and had daily fresh milk from their three milch (sic) cows (1880 Boyle County Agricultural Census Report for District 12: 4).

The main residence, constructed on a large scale with much ornate decoration, is indicative of the mid- to late-nineteenth century Italianate style and was constructed to face passersby on the Buster Lane (a well-traveled road between Boyle and Mercer Counties in the late nineteenth century). Some features of the dwelling are very similar to those found at the Grimes House (BO-316) in central Boyle County, on the Danville and Lebanon Road.

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9. Bibliography:

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Worsham, Gibson. Kentucky Historic Inventory Survey Form, 1990.

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10. Geographical Data:

Verbal Boundary Description:

The nominated property is indicated on the accompanying Boyle County Property Identification Tax Map 39, shown as the dotted area within Parcel 23. Located in the Boyle County Property Valuation Administration Office, the tax map has a scale of 1" = 600'. The dotted area includes the domestic yard, bounded by a wire fence and two buildings in an adjacent paddock to the east.

Boundary Justification:

The boundary includes the main residence and outbuildings that have historically been part of the Nimrod I. Buster farmstead and that maintain historic integrity. The remaining portion of Parcel 23 has been excluded due to changes in historic patterns and use.

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Nimrod I. Buster House and Farmstead (BO-346)

PHOTOGRAPHS

Nimrod I. Buster House and Farmstead (BO-346)

PHOTOS BY: . Amanda Bradley
 Burry & Amos, Inc.
 926 Main Street
 Shelbyville, KY 40065

DATE: August, 1996

Front (west) facade of Main Residence, facing northeast
1 of 13

South elevation of main residence, facing north
2 of 13

Rear (east) elevation of main residence, facing southwest
3 of 13

Center-hall staircase in main residence, facing northwest
4 of 13

Typical interior paneled walnut door, facing west
5 of 13

Mid-nineteenth century slave house, front (south) facade facing north
6 of 13

Board and Batten Tenant house, facing northeast
7 of 13

Original single pen of board and batten tenant house, facing north
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PHOTOGRAPHS (cont'd):

Board and Batten shed, facing southeast

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Overview of stock barn and springhouse, facing east

10 of 13

Nineteenth century stone springhouse, facing north

11 of 13

Stone springhouse, facing northwest

12 of 13

Pre-World War II Tobacco Barn, facing north

13 of 13

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Nimrod I. Guster House
and Farmstead

Boyle Co. Tax Map 39

Parcel 123

1" = 600'

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BO-346

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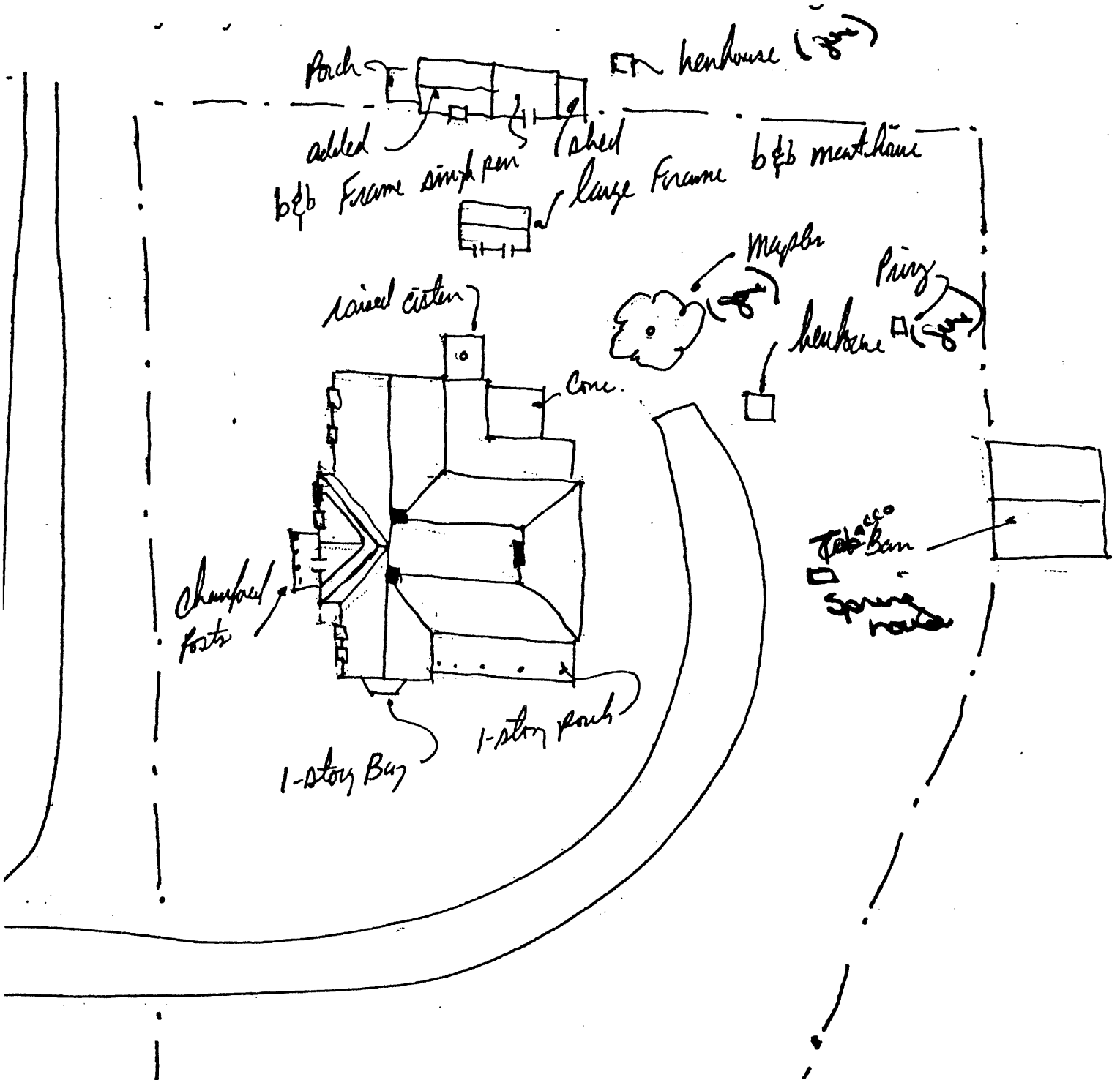


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Nimrod I. Buster House and Farmstead

Site Plan by Gibson Worsham

Not To Scale



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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 97001359 Date Listed: 11/21/97

Nimrod I. Buster House and Farmstead Boyle KY
Property Name: County: State:

Boyle MPS
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Patrick Andrus
Signature of the Keeper

12/16/97
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

This farmstead is nominated for historic and architectural significance, but the defined Period of Significance (1876) does not include a number of later properties which are considered contributing. The Period of Significance is extended to 1900 to include the contributing buildings constructed after the main residence. The form is officially amended to include the expanded Period of Significance.

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)