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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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 Schauwitzer, Carl and Therese, House
other names/site number

2. Location

street & number	S84 W17698 Woods Road	N/A	not for publication
City or town	Muskego	N/A	vicinity
state Wisconsin	code WI	county Waukesha	code 133
			zip code 53150

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.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Jim Dreyer Date 7/31/13
State Historic Preservation Officer - Wisconsin

State or 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

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County and State

Wisconsin

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:
 entered in the National Register.
 ___ See continuation sheet.
 ___ determined eligible for the National Register.
 ___ See continuation sheet.
 ___ determined not eligible for the National Register.
 ___ See continuation sheet.
 ___ removed from the National Register.
 ___ other, (explain:)

Edson R. Beall 9-18-13

[Signature]
Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (check as many boxes as apply)	Category of Property (Check only one box)	Number of Resources within Property (Do not include previously listed resources in the count)	
		contributing	noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	3	2 buildings
public-local	District	4	sites
public-State	Structure		structures
public-Federal	Site		objects
	Object	7	2 total

Name of related multiple property listing:
(Enter "N/A" if property not part of a multiple property listing.) Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A 0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)
DOMESTIC: single dwelling	DOMESTIC: single dwelling
AGRICULTURE: agricultural outbuilding	DOMESTIC: secondary structure
AGRICULTURE: animal facility	

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
LATE VICTORIAN	foundation stone
	walls weatherboard
	roof shingle
	other stone

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

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for the 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

Period of Significance

1880-1942

Significant Dates

Circa 1880, Circa 1920s; 1942

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked)

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.)

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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/title		Date
Organization		telephone
street & number		zip code
city or town	state	

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Carl and Therese Schauwitzer House is situated on an approximately 3 acre lot on the northwest side of Woods Road in the City of Muskego, Waukesha County. The residence is partially shielded from the roadway by several large trees; additional trees line the property to the west, south and north. The surrounding area generally consists of modern residential development dating from the 1950s to the 1980s and 1990s. A paved driveway runs north of the house and terminates at the modern garage, the westernmost building on the property. The smaller outbuildings are located along the drive, while the barn foundation and silo remains are located at the northernmost point of the property. A recently constructed, paved multi-use path runs along the property, largely parallel with Woods Road. A total of seven contributing elements are associated with the property: the house; a barn foundation; two silo foundations; a small animal barn; a milk house, and a midden. The garage and outhouse are non-contributing.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

House (Contributing, circa 1859; front addition, circa 1870s to 1880; rear addition, circa 1920s¹):

Oriented on a generally southeast/northwest axis, this two-story, clapboard-sheathed residence has a cruciform configuration. The front (southeast), Italianate-influenced wing consists of a gabled, projecting bay that intersects a longitudinal gabled wing and rests on a heavily mortared cut-stone foundation, while the original, two-story, gabled (main) block is centered on the northwest (rear) elevation and rises from a fieldstone foundation. A one-story, gabled addition with a concrete foundation is attached to the northwest wall of the original block. Wooden shingles cover the roof of all three wings. A brick chimney rises from the center of the front addition, while an interior chimney is centered within the original, two-story block. Exterior ornamentation includes three spindled porches with carved brackets and decorative wooden surrounds with sawn ornamentation highlight a number of window openings. The majority of fenestration consists of historic-period, one-over-one, double-hung sashes and historic doors.

The southeast (front) elevation is dominated by the central, gabled, projecting bay of the front addition. The first floor carries two, regularly spaced, one-over-one, double-hung sash windows, while a paired set of such windows is centered on the second floor. Each opening features a raised, pedimented hood

¹ Dates of construction were ascertained through the review of historic tax records and consultation with the current owners, Tax Rolls, Muskego Township, 1855-1940, on file at the Area Research Center, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI. (Initial review completed by Lena Sweeten in 1999; re-review in 2012 by Traci E. Schnell; notes from tax rolls on file at Heritage Research, Ltd., Menomonee Falls, WI.) Scott and Tina Weiss, Conversation with Lena L. Sweeten, 1999 and Traci E. Schnell, 2012.

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with sawn ornamentation. A one-story, hipped-roof porch is situated at the juncture of the front addition's southeast and northeast gabled end walls. The open portion of the porch is accented with carved brackets and a spindled frieze and balustrade, with slender, turned columns supporting the hipped roof. It shelters a rectangular, one-over-one, double-hung sash on the longitudinal (northeast) wall of the central, projecting bay, as well as an entry located on the southeast wall of the northeast, gabled end wall. Accessing a small enclosed vestibule, the entrance consists of an original, paneled, wooden door inset with two, round-arched, glass panes in its upper half. A small, square window featuring a pedimented hood with sawn ornamentation is centered on the northeast wall of the enclosed portion of the porch.

While the porch occupies the first floor of the southernmost end of the northeast facade, a rectangular, one-over-one, sash opening is centered above the porch. Also part of the front wing, a two-story, gabled end wall is left-of-center on the northeast elevation and carries two, regularly spaced, two-over-two, sash windows on each floor. The openings are highlighted with pedimented hoods and sawn ornamentation. The original, circa 1859 block (on a fieldstone foundation) is directly adjacent (northeast) of the gabled end wall and has a slightly lower roofline than the front wing. Spanning the length of this block is a one-story, shed-roofed porch that features a spindled frieze and balustrade similar to that of the front porch. Beneath the porch, a single, two-over-two sash is located to either side of a central entry with a wood-and-screened door protecting the period, wooden-paneled door. A small, two-light window is centered along the second floor, above the porch.

The one-story, circa-1920s, rear wing extends northwest from the original block and includes a narrow, rectangular window and two, one-over-one sashes along its northeast elevation. The rear (northwest) end wall of the wing includes a gabled, open porch with that shelters a rear door, while a single sash window is located left of the entry. The southwest facade of the rear wing includes a two-over-two sash window, as well as a pair of modern wood-and-glass French doors that are sheltered by exterior, wood-and-screened doors.

A single, square opening is visible above the one-story rear wing and along the northwest end wall of the original, central block's second floor. A pair of one-over-one sashes with a simple wooden surround and flat, raised head is located along the first floor of the southwest elevation, and is adjacent to a one-story, shed-roofed enclosure with a single door that provides access to the cellar. The second level of the original block includes a central, one-over-one sash.

Returning to the front wing, the southwest gabled end wall includes two, regularly spaced, two-over-two, sash windows along each floor. Unlike its opposing northeast wing, these openings do not feature the sawn ornamental surrounds but are topped with the simple, raised heads of the original block. A single, one-over-one sash with a plain surround is centered on the first floor of the projecting wing's southeast wall, while the second floor is devoid of fenestration. The southernmost end of the southwest

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elevation includes a single, one-over-one sash window on each level; the first floor example is embellished with the sawn surround, while the second-floor window features a plain surround.

Exterior alterations are limited to the rear wing. In 1999-2000, the Weisses converted the rear wing from a bedroom to an office and sitting room. At that time, they replaced the former board-and-batten siding, found along the southwest elevation, with clapboard to match the rest of the house. Also along that elevation, a pair of modern, sliding glass doors was replaced with French doors and wood-and-screened doors. A doorway was removed from the northeast side and a new one placed along the northwest end wall. A porch to match the front and side porches was also added.

The first-floor interior includes a living room/parlor (now a family room) in the front (southeast-projecting) wing, a second parlor/living room in northeast wing, and a bathroom in the southwest wing of the circa-1870s front block; a kitchen in the original block; and an office/sitting room, a sewing room and a foyer in the rear wing. The second floor includes three bedrooms and a bathroom. Original detailing of the interior includes hardwood floors on both levels, although carpeting has been installed on the second floor and a new wooden floor with radiant heat has been put in the kitchen just this year. The original staircase remains intact; although a new railing has been installed. Many of the doors and windows retain original trim; in most cases, the paneled, wooden interior doors are also original. The kitchen includes original wainscoting, as well as an historic-period, built-in, wood-and-glass cabinet. The master bedroom features a pitched ceiling with two exposed beams and an exposed brick chimney on the northwest wall. The other two bedrooms each have coved ceilings.

Barn Foundation (Contributing, circa 1890s):

Oriented on a generally east/west axis, the fieldstone barn foundation with cut-stone corners is located near the property's northeast corner. Door and window openings are extant on all four sides and joints are heavily mortared.

Silo Foundations (Contributing, circa 1900):

Directly adjacent on the south side of the barn foundation are *two* intact, concrete silo foundations.

Milk House (Contributing, circa 1942):

Oriented on a generally north/south axis, the milk house is situated northeast of the house and west of the barn foundation. Rising from a concrete foundation, its walls are sheathed with clapboard and wooden shingles cover the front-gabled roof. A wooden-panel and glass door is centered in the southwest wall, while a one-light window is located on both the southeast and northwest walls. The

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northeast (rear) wall carries a four-light window and a hinged, board door. The interior retains a concrete basin once used for storing milk.

Small Animal Barn (Contributing, circa 1870s; additions, circa 1980s):

Located north of the house and west of the milk house, this barn is oriented on a southeast/northwest axis. The central portion of the structure rises from a fieldstone foundation, while the shed-roofed wings are set on concrete footings. Vertical boards sheathe the walls and the roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The central block features mortise-and-tenon construction with wooden peg fasteners. Its south wall carries a left-of-center pair of swinging, board doors and a single door directly adjacent and to the right. An additional hay door is located above. The south wall of the flanking lean-to additions each features a pair of slightly smaller, swinging, board doors. A standard-sized door and two historic-period, four-light windows punctuate the east elevation. On the north wall, a pair of vertical board, swinging doors is situated at the east corner. A multiple-light window is centered just beneath the gabled peak, and a small, square opening is located near the roofline of the west lean-to addition. A small, one-over-one-light window is centered on the west facade.

Although the lean-to additions were originally historic-period constructions, they were dismantled and rebuilt in the circa mid-1980s.²

Outhouse (Non-contributing):

An outhouse stands adjacent to the northwest side of the small animal barn. Resting on temporary footings, its walls are of frame construction and a single door punctuates the south wall. The front-gabled roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Between 1989 and 1999, the outhouse was moved to its present location from another property.³

Garage (Non-contributing, 2004⁴):

This two-story, gabled garage was built in 2004 to replace a dilapidated, one-story, front-gabled garage. It was modeled after the house with its clapboard sheathing and spindled supports. A pair of overhead garage doors occupies the southeast elevation, while a pair of windows and a door is located along the southwest facade, beneath a shed-roofed, open porch-like space.

² Scott Weiss, Conversation with Traci E. Schnell, January 2012. Notes on file at Heritage Research, Ltd., Menomonee Falls, WI.

³ Ibid.

⁴ Ibid.

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Midden (Contributing, date unknown):

Located approximately 50 feet west of the small animal barn is a midden, discovered by the current owners. The midden contains artifacts related to the house and has produced broken china, as well as scrap metal, such as kitchen lids. The midden may answer questions relating to the material culture of the farmstead and its occupants.

Integrity

As previously noted, the current owners have remodeled the exterior of the rearmost, circa-1920s-era, one-story wing (which previously displayed little architectural character or integrity) with new siding and an additional porch, as well as added additional window and door openings. As well, the front porch was restored to feature its original roof line, while a staircase, which had been removed at an earlier date, had been reintroduced. All work, however, was done to sympathetically “match” its character of 1880, when it is believed to have achieved its current appearance with its decorative, sawn window hoods and porch work.

The outhouse is not original to the farmstead; it was moved to the subject property from a neighboring property at some point between 1989 and 1999. While it is non-contributing, it does not detract from the significance of the property and is an element that would have been present during the historic period.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Charles and Therese Schauwitzer House is nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C for local architectural significance. The farmhouse is an excellent and intact example of a vernacular form rural farm residence embellished with carved Italianate style details. This house was among twelve buildings that were surveyed in 1999 along a nearly 5-mile corridor of Woods Road; the survey was conducted as a result of a proposed road reconstruction project. Of the surveyed properties, only two, including the Schauwitzer property, were found to be potentially eligible for the National Register.

Sheathed with clapboard, the cruciform-shaped structure features tall-and-narrow windows, many of which are topped with sawn window hoods. Additionally, the house features two original porches with decorative, sawn bracket trim. Although not considered a high-style example, the elaborations found on the Schauwitzer home are well beyond those found on what is considered a ubiquitous form found in rural settings. The extant historic outbuildings on the property include a small animal barn, a milk house, barn foundation remains, as well as two concrete silo foundations. Although the property is not considered eligible as a farmstead, the outbuildings help us to understand the home's history and evolution in its agricultural setting. The Period of Significance is 1880 to 1942. It begins with the date by which the home achieved its current exterior appearance (1880) and it continues to encompass the dates of the construction for the contributing outbuildings, the last of which was built in the 1940s.⁵ The Schauwitzers acquired the property in 1859 and that is the date the first portion of the house is believed to have been constructed.

GENERAL HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The general history of Waukesha County and the Town (now City) of Muskego is discussed in several sources, including *The History of Waukesha County* (1880) and Haight's *Memoirs of Waukesha County* (1907). Prior to the initiation of permanent white settlement during the 1830s, Potawatomi tribes occupied the Muskego area. Indeed, the name "Muskego" derives from a Potawatomi word meaning "sunfish." The township's Lake Muskego, which was the largest body of water in Waukesha County, and abundant wild rice and game made the area an attractive hunting ground. The first white resident in present-day Muskego, as well as Waukesha County as a whole, is believed to have been Aumable Vieau, a French fur trader who worked among the Potawatomi Indians. He was followed in 1834 by Morris and Alonzo Cutler, brothers who are credited with being the county's first permanent white

⁵ The start date is based on the tax rolls; the value of the property doubled between 1870 and 1880 indicating that the construction had been completed by this date. Receipts dating from 1942 were found in the milk house, establishing the date by which time it was extant. This is used as the end date.

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settlers. Interested in the potential for water power development, the Cutlers staked claims on the east bank of the Fox River. They were soon joined by a slowly growing influx of settlers and, by the early 1840s, nearly 200 people had settled in the county, which officially separated from Milwaukee County in 1846.⁶

Luther Parker, who had traveled with the Cutler brothers, is generally recognized as the first white settler to venture into present-day Muskego with the intention of remaining permanently. Arriving in 1836, he was soon followed by more Yankee settlers, including Leonard Martin, Henry Peck, Patrick Conroy, and George Greer. Other immigrants from various backgrounds quickly turned the trickle of settlers into a steady flow. The following five small settlements soon sprang up: Germans established Tess Corners; English newcomers created Durham Hill; New England Yankees clustered around Muskego Center; Irish immigrants lived around Denoon; and Norwegians settled at Lake Denoon.⁷

Most of Muskego's first residents were farmers, as was true in the rest of Waukesha County. As they moved in and cleared the land, the number of farmsteads grew along with the number of acres in cultivation. By 1850, over 50 percent of the county's 355,642 acres was devoted to agriculture. The pace of growth accelerated in the following decades. By 1870, there were 3,191 farms occupying 321,595 acres. Typical of farmers throughout Wisconsin, Waukesha County relied upon wheat as their first major cash crop. Within a decade, soil exhaustion and increased competition from other regions diminished the profitability of wheat, and Waukesha farmers shifted their focus to raising livestock, such as sheep and swine, as well as dairy farming. In particular, the county's cattle population grew steadily throughout the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. There were 5,981 cattle in 1850, a number that reached 51,478 by 1910 and 70,693 in 1945--this was the largest cattle per square mile of any county in the nation. Concurrently, oats, barley, and corn increased in production, as these feed crops were used to support the growing dairy industry. In addition to dairying, area farmers also experimented with stock raising, horse breeding, poultry and hog raising and some specialty agriculture such as potatoes, peas and sugar beets.⁸

⁶ Theron W. Haight, ed., *Memoirs of Waukesha County* (Madison: Western Historical Association, 1907), 68-72; *The History of Waukesha County Wisconsin* (Chicago: Western Historical Company, 1880), 347-348, 358; "Indians' 'Sunfish' City Still Fishing Haven," *The (Muskego) Sun*, 30 June 1976, in "Muskego History, 1800s" file, collection of newspaper clippings and unpublished manuscripts, on file at the Muskego Public Library, Muskego, WI.

⁷ Ellen D. Langill and Jean Penn Loerke, eds., *From Farmland to Freeways: A History of Waukesha County, Wisconsin* (Waukesha, WI: Waukesha County Historical Society, Inc., 1984), 106; Haight, ed., *Memoirs of Waukesha County*, 315-317; *History of Waukesha County*, 764-767.

⁸ *A Century of Wisconsin Agriculture, 1848-1948* (Madison: Wisconsin Crop and Livestock Reporting Service, 1948), 15, 87, 89-91; *State of Wisconsin: 1985-86 Blue Book* (Madison: State of Wisconsin, 1985), 711; Haight, ed., *Memoirs of Waukesha County*, 213-14, 261-265; Langill and Loerke, eds., *From Farmland to Freeways*, 34-35.

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Subsequent development in the Town of Muskego was reflective of that in Waukesha County as a whole. During the twentieth century, suburbanization exerted the most profound influence on the county's economic growth--and transformed a high percentage of the county's land usage from agricultural to commercial, industrial and residential use. The number of farms in the county peaked in 1910, when 3,506 farms encompassed 329,832 acres; thereafter these figures began to decline. By 1945, a total of 2,967 farms utilized 306,754 acres; these amounts had decreased to only 870 farms totaling 122,000 acres in 1996. At this time, Waukesha ranked only 55th among Wisconsin's seventy-two counties in terms of land area used for agriculture. As for Muskego, agriculture continued to dominate the local economy well into the twentieth century. Prior to 1930, the largely rural township's population averaged between 1,100 and 1,500 residents. However, in the post-World War II era, suburbanization increasingly influenced development patterns. As Milwaukee residents began to migrate from South Side neighborhoods, Muskego's population increased to 4,157 by 1950; this number more than tripled by the early 1970s. Dozens of housing tracts sprang up, with much of the development concentrated around the Muskego Center and Tess Corners settlements; both of these communities were ultimately incorporated within the City of Muskego in 1964. The consequence of this population explosion has been a significant reduction in the amount of farmland in the vicinity, as many farmsteads were subdivided to provide lots for single-family dwellings.⁹

HISTORY OF THE SUBJECT PARCEL

Among the numerous farms established in Waukesha County in the mid-nineteenth century was that of Carl Schauwitzer. In 1859, he acquired the property from a C. Saberhager and, according to tax rolls, the land's valuation increased notably, such that it is assumed that a house (presumably the central, two-story section of the extant house) was built at that time. According to available family tree information, Johann Karl Schauwitzer was born in Prussia on 29 December 1812 and is consistently referred to as either Carl or Charles in census materials. He appears to have immigrated to the United States in 1852. He is enumerated in the 1860 census as Charles (Schauweter and transcribed as Schroweter), a forty-seven-year-old farmer, who is married and with two children. His real estate is valued at \$1,400, while his personal wealth was \$100.¹⁰

⁹ *State of Wisconsin: 1997-1998 Blue Book* (Madison: State of Wisconsin, 1997), 592; "Muskego Township," Excerpt from urban planning report (94-96), located in "Muskego History, 1970-1979" file. Collection of newspaper clippings and unpublished manuscripts on file at the Muskego Public Library, Muskego, WI.

¹⁰ The 1860 census lists Schauwitzer's wife as what appears to be Lena (although transcribed as Rose), age 38, while the children's names are listed as Charles (age 5) and Hiram (age 10). Although the children are identified as born in Wisconsin at this time, they are thereafter listed as born in Prussia. In addition, family tree information, as well as later census material identify the oldest son as Herman. Furthermore, while the 1870 census lists Carl's wife as Magdalene (which would be consistent with Lena in 1860), later census, as well as family tree information, cites his wife's name as Therese Johanna Molkentin (Mokelten); cemetery records record Therese's last name as Machaldy. Indeed, the rate of death and re-marriage was high prior to the turn of the twentieth century; however, the age progression of Carl's wife is consistent between 1860

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As for the farmstead, the 1860 census reveals that only 30 of his 80 acres were improved. In the first year of operation, the Schauwitzer farmstead produced 200 bushels of rye, 120 of oats, 60 of wheat, 50 of potatoes, and 20 of corn, as well as 45 tons of hay and 150 pounds of butter. Consisting of four milk cows, two oxen, three other cattle and five swine, the livestock was valued at \$190.¹¹

Over the course of the next ten years, the Schauwitzer farm's value and productivity grew at a moderately prosperous rate. In 1870, with an output valued at \$575, the harvest included 200 bushels of oats, 190 of wheat, 180 of potatoes, 100 of corn and 34 of rye, as well as 20 tons of hay and 150 pounds of butter. The number and type of livestock had not changed substantially, other than that the two oxen had been replaced by three horses; the combined value of livestock was \$450. As a whole, the farmstead was now assessed at \$1,540. During the following decade, a subsequent increase in combined valuation (to \$2,000) is regarded as reflective of the construction of the residence's front wing addition. Of note, Carl's son Herman married in 1877 and Herman's first known child was born the following year, which could be reflective of the need for more space.¹²

Based on these statistics, it appears that the Schauwitzers' farm was generally a success. At 77 acres, the size of their farm was somewhat smaller than the *statewide* average of 114 acres (a figure that remained constant between 1860 and 1900) and Waukesha County's average of 100 acres. In general, cash income for Wisconsin farms ranged between \$200 and \$395 prior to the Civil War; between 1860 and 1900, it varied between \$500 and \$800, with fluctuations in farm prices generally responsible for the variations. The Schauwitzers' income in 1870 fell at the lower end of this latter range.¹³

and 1880. Cemetery records suggest that Carl married only once and there is no other evidence (aside from the census) of a Magdalene Schauwitzer. Tax roll valuation increased from \$75 to \$440 between 1858 and 1859, thus suggesting that something had been built on the property. U.S. Federal Census, Town of Muskego, 1860, 1870 and 1880, available online at www.Ancestry.com. Accessed in October 2012; Boldt-Ruehle Family Tree, available at www.Ancestry.com. Accessed in November 2012; St. Paul's Evangelical Cemetery Records, Tess Corners, Waukesha County, WI." From Cemeteries, Town of Muskego, Waukesha County." Unpublished manuscript, on file at the Waukesha County Historical Society and Museum Research Library, Waukesha County, WI.

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¹³ *A Century of Wisconsin Agriculture*, 22, 75, 87.

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The Schauwitzer family continued to operate the farmstead through at least 1949. Carl Schauwitzer died in 1899 at the age of eighty-seven; the *Waukesha Freeman* simply cited him as one of the oldest residents of the Town of Muskego and noted that he had been in poor health for some time. The following year, tax rolls list Herman Schauwitzer (Charles's son) as the owner of the subject property. An analysis of tax rolls suggests that the Schauwitzers undertook several improvements to the farm between 1890 and 1910. In 1890, the 77-acre farmstead was assessed at \$2,200, a figure that remained the same in 1900. Ten years later, the land alone was valued at \$3,600, while the improvements thereon were worth \$1,300. Although subsequent valuations of the land increased steadily (to \$5,650 in 1920 and \$7,600 in 1930), associated improvements rose in value only \$400. As a result, it is considered likely that the two concrete silos and barn were extant by 1910, while the summer kitchen and former garage are believed to have been constructed during the 1920s.¹⁴

Although Herman died in 1932, his widow Maria retained ownership until her death in 1942. The farm remained in the family through at least 1949; however, by the early 1950s, Walter Vesbach purchased it. Vesbach added the property to his own substantial farmstead, which was located directly northeast of the subject property. In 1977, the Greivel family purchased the property; they subsequently sold it in 1986 to current owners Scott and Tina Weiss. Since their ownership, the original (and dilapidated) garage was torn down and a new one built in 2004. As well, the shed-roofed wings of the animal shed were dismantled and rebuilt and substantial landscaping improvements have been made to the property. In 1999-2000, the Weisses converted the rear wing from a bedroom to an office and sitting room.¹⁵

¹⁴ Newsbrief (re: death of Carl Schauwitzer), *Waukesha Freeman*, 15 June 1899, 5; "St. Paul's Evangelical Cemetery Records"; "Muskego Maps," Collection of twentieth century maps, On file at the Muskego Public Library, Muskego, WI, 1922, 1929, 1940, 1947, 1949; *Plat Book of Waukesha County, Wisconsin* (Minneapolis: C.M. Foote & Company, 1891); *Standard Atlas of Waukesha County, Wisconsin* (Chicago: George A. Ogle & Company, 1914); Tax Rolls, Town of Muskego, 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930. According to the current owners, the extant milk house was constructed during the 1940s, Weiss, Interview with Sweeten, 1 September 1999, reiterated to Schnell in 2012.

¹⁵ *Atlas and Plat Book of Waukesha County, Wisconsin* (Rockford, IL: Thrift Press, 1930); "Muskego Maps," 1955; "St. Paul's Evangelical Cemetery Records"; Tax Rolls, Town of Muskego, 1940; Weiss, Interview with Sweeten and reiterated to Schnell in 2012; Sandra J. Henrichs and Karen J. Crowley to Gary and Lee Greivel, Warranty Deed, 1977, 268/999-1000, Register of Deeds Office, Waukesha County government Center, Waukesha, WI; Gary and Lee Greivel to Scott and Christine Weiss, Warranty Deed, 1986, 751/470.

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AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE: ARCHITECTURE

The Carl and Therese Schauwitzer home is a fine, rural example of a farmstead embellished with Italianate elements; the style was popular in Wisconsin between 1850 and 1880. The Italianate style is generally characterized by wide eaves, a square or boxy form, a low-pitched-hipped roof, and decorative eave brackets. Windows themselves are often round-arched and can often feature elaborate hoodmolds. A cupola may also be seen on top of the roof and, a porch or verandah is frequently seen. This description, however, is more common to high-style, urban examples, whereas the rural Schauwitzer example reflects a more abbreviated version of the styling, as applied to a vernacular house form.¹⁶

Simply described, the Schauwitzer house is a gabled T-Plan, a variation of the gabled ell form, which is the most common form found in Wisconsin. Popular in the state between 1860 and 1910, the gabled ell displays several common characteristics: regularly spaced window openings; a shed- or hipped-roof porch built at the junction of the two intersecting wings; and a main entry sheltered by the porch. Rather austere in appearance, the gabled ell's most striking feature usually is the front porch, which is often highlighted by carved brackets or a spindled frieze, turned posts and a balustrade. Gabled ells frequently were built with clapboard-sheathed walls, but brick and stone materials were also used. Early versions typically reflect a Greek Revival or Italianate influence.

Indeed, the Schauwitzer home is sheathed with clapboard and displays an overall Italianate influence with its tall-and-narrow, paired windows on its primary façade. Although no decorative brackets are present along the eave, the house does offer a pair of porches with carved supports that feature sawn bracket trim, a spindled frieze, and a turned balustrade. Specifically regarding the front, circa-1870s wing, windows are original, rectangular, one-over-one-light examples, most of which are topped with decoratively sawn-cut wooden surrounds.

Among the primary architectural features of the Italianate style are highly detailed window hoods, which can be executed in stone, wood or even iron and may include bracket detailing and/or a pediment. The trim may only top the window as a hood or it may be executed in a full window surround. In the case of the Schauwitzer house, many of the windows feature a full wooden surround with decorative sawn trim at each lower corner, as well as comprising the peaked hood. The application of such trim--with designs that often included floriated, rectilinear and/or scalloped elements, among others--quickly elevated the appearance of a vernacular rural farmhouse to something more akin to its high-style, urban counterparts.

¹⁶ Barbara Wyatt, ed., *Cultural Resource Management in Wisconsin*, 3 vols. (Madison: State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Historic Preservation Division, 1986), Vol. 2, Architecture, 2-6.

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While the house now displays itself as a cruciform ell plan, the front T-plan was appended to the original, gabled wing that now occupies the central portion of the house. Clearly the northeast porch that fronts the original block of the home was constructed when the front wing was added, in order to provide for a more uniform appearance. As mentioned in the description, the rear, spindled porch was replicated in 1999-2000 by the current owners to match the two original porches.

While Italianate houses are considered relatively ubiquitous throughout the countryside of southern Wisconsin, the Town of Muskego (now the City of Muskego) is with very few such examples. Muskego has seen significant growth in the last few decades, resulting in a preponderance of modern subdivision development. Indeed, modern subdivisions are located immediately north and to the south (and across the road) of the Schauwitzer house. As far as the former town's historic housing stock, gabled ells prevail, including examples executed in brick and clapboard. However, of those examples, decorative elaborations are minimal and many have been altered by additions and/or the application of modern materials. Sawn trim, like that found on the Schauwitzer house, does not appear to be prevalent. In fact, most homes in the area that exhibit any stylistic ornamentation largely display Queen Anne attributes such as decorative shinglework and cutaway corners, sometimes with trim.

The only somewhat comparable area home to the Schauwitzer home is located within four miles and to the northeast at N71 W16114 Woods Road. Like the Schauwitzer house, a portion of the Henry Muehl house was built in the 1850s-60s and was added on to at a later date, resulting in another, nearly cruciform ell shape. Both homes display clapboard sheathing, as well as a pair of decorative porches; however, the window decorations of the front wing of the Schauwitzer house are more elaborate than those seen on the Muehl house (and which are later, circa-1880s or even possibly 1890s elaborations and which present themselves as more Queen Anne in styling, rather than Italianate).¹⁷

CONCLUSION:

The Carl and Therese Schauwitzer House is significant at the local level as a very good and highly intact, rural example of the application of Italianate style detailing to a typical vernacular form house and is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C. It demonstrates the spread of architectural vocabulary and the influence of high style designs on buildings outside of major population centers. The Schauwitzer house also demonstrates how the elements of style are applied as embellishments to more typical housing stock as expressions of current architectural fashion. In comparison to other properties in the area, of which there are no other true comparables, it stands out

¹⁷ The Muehl house was also determined potentially eligible for the National Register as part of the same 1999 road project in which the Schauwitzer house was evaluated.

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as the best and, perhaps only, example of the expression of the Italianate style. Furthermore, the extant agricultural outbuildings and their remnants contribute to our understanding of the historic setting of the Schauwitzer House.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL:

An archaeological survey was done in conjunction with the Woods Road reconstruction project in 1999, the limits of which were restricted to the parameters defined by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. According to the state inventory, a site (WK-0083) is identified a short distance to the north, along both sides of Woods Road. Aside from the visible barn and silo foundation remains, a number of arrowheads have been discovered on the property by the home's current owners, as well as a midden, approximately 50 feet west of the small animal barn. The midden has produced broken china, as well as scrap metal, such as kitchen lids.

PRESERVATION ACTIVITIES:

In 2011, a National Register questionnaire was completed by the home's current owners, Scott and Tina Weiss. Since the 1999 roadwork project for Woods Road, and the completion of a Determination of Eligibility (which found their property potentially eligible for the National Register), the Weisses were interested in the preservation of their property, but they wanted to do a few improvement projects before pursuing listing. They have recently completed a kitchen renovation which officially ends their list of significant projects to be completed. Although the roadwork has long been completed, in addition to the recent construction of a paved, multi-use path along Woods Road, the actual nomination of this property is being pursued by the home's current owners who have no other reason to list the home than their passionate interest in its preservation.

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Verbal Boundary Description:

The nominated parcel is an irregular polygon (as pictured on the included site map) and is a portion of the legal parcel corresponding to the legal description, which is described as follows:

PT SE1/4 SEC 16 T5N R20E CERT SURV 3060 VOL 23/4 3.031 AC R268/999 751/470 WD 4/86.

Boundary Justification:

The historic boundary is justified as follows: the southeasterly boundary line follows the existing back edge of a recently built (2012), paved, multi-use path which largely parallels Woods Road (252 feet); the south (112 feet), north (292 feet) and east (141 feet) lines generally reflect the property's existing lot lines; while the west boundary line (328 feet) was drawn to encompass the westernmost structure on the property, with a 20-foot buffer. The boundary was drawn to include all of the buildings of the farmstead, but does exclude the westerly 1.36 acres of the current parcel. The area outside of the boundary is largely wooded and does not contain any built resources.

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PHOTOGRAPHS

Name of Property: Schauwitzer, Carl and Therese, Farmhouse
City or Vicinity: Muskego
County: Waukesha
State: Wisconsin
Name of Photographer: Traci E. Schnell
Date of Photographs: Various, see photo entry
Location of Original Digital Files: Heritage Research, Ltd., Menomonee Falls, WI
Number of Photographs: 11

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Schauwitzer, Charles and Therese, House (General view)
View to northwest
December 2011

Photo #2 of 11
Schauwitzer, Charles and Therese, House
View to northwest
December 2011

Photo #3 of 11
Schauwitzer, Charles and Therese, House
View to west southwest
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Schauwitzer, Charles and Therese, House
View to east
October 2012

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Schauwitzer, Charles and Therese, House (Detail: window trim)
View to southwest
December 2011

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Schauwitzer, Charles and Therese, House (Small Animal Barn)
View to northwest
December 2011

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Schauwitzer, Charles and Therese, House (Barn and silo foundation remains)
View to north northwest
October 2012

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Schauwitzer, Charles and Therese, House (Milk house)
View to northeast
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Schauwitzer, Charles and Therese, House (Outhouse)
View to northwest
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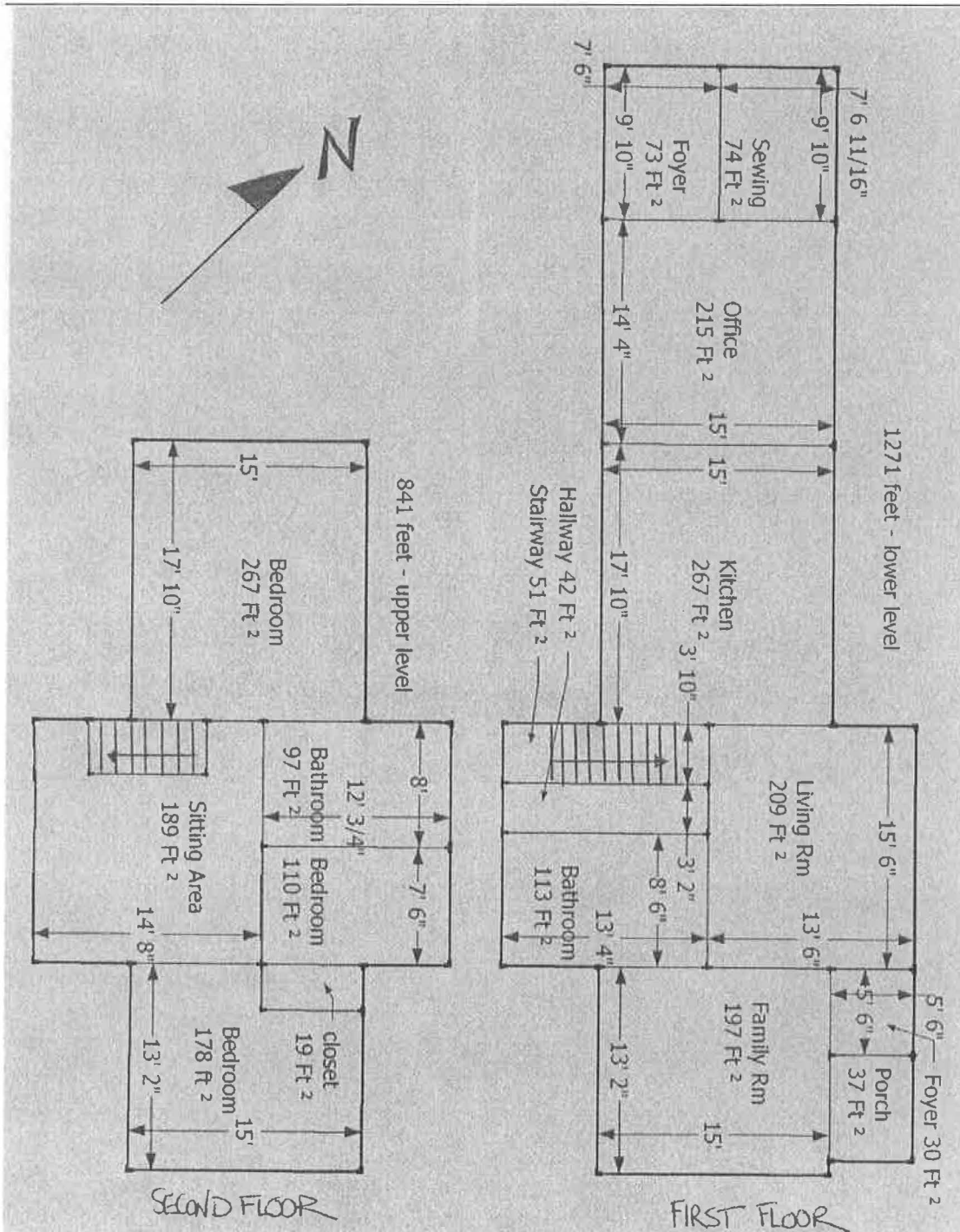
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Schauwitzer, Charles and Therese, House (Garage)
View to west northwest
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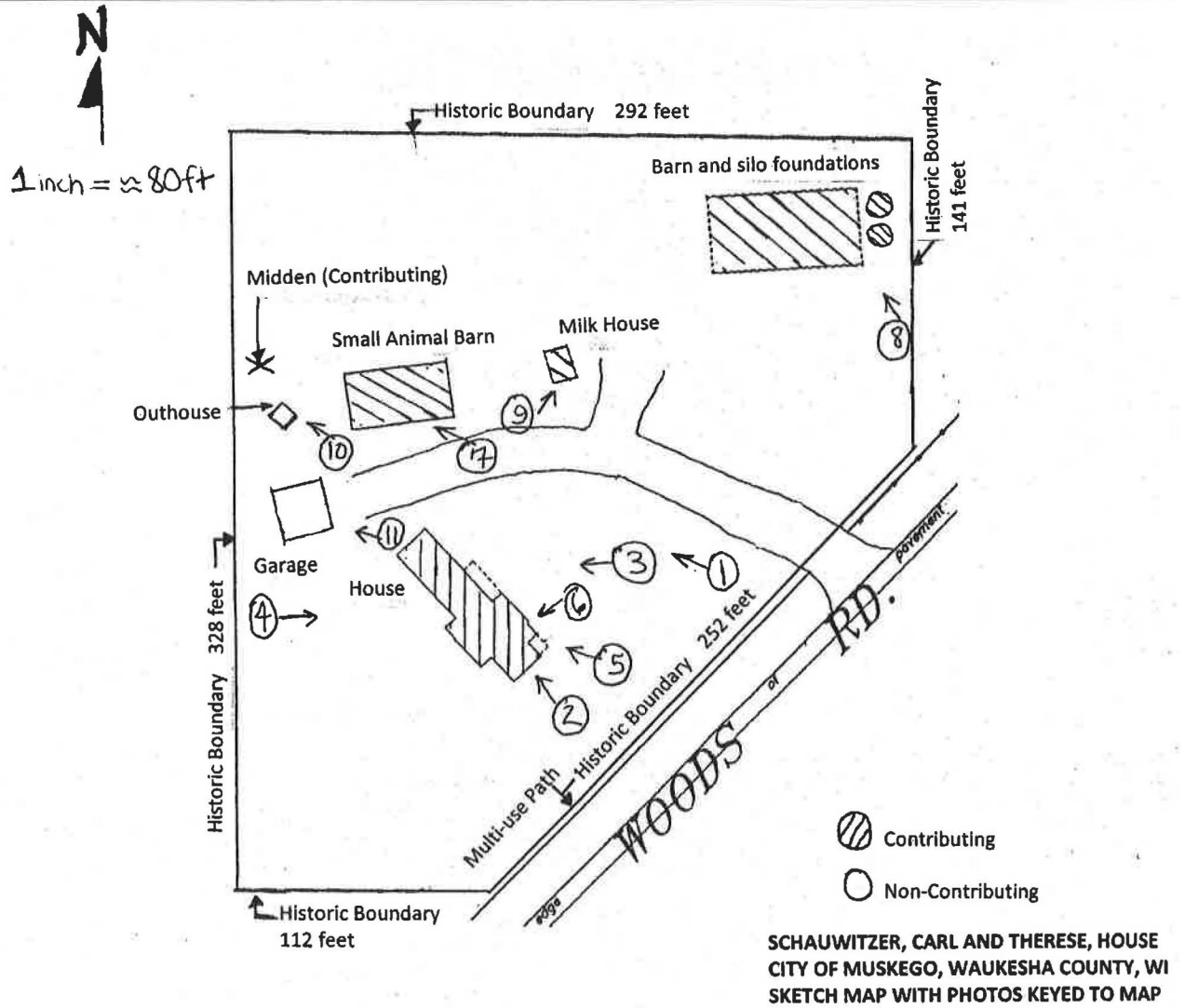
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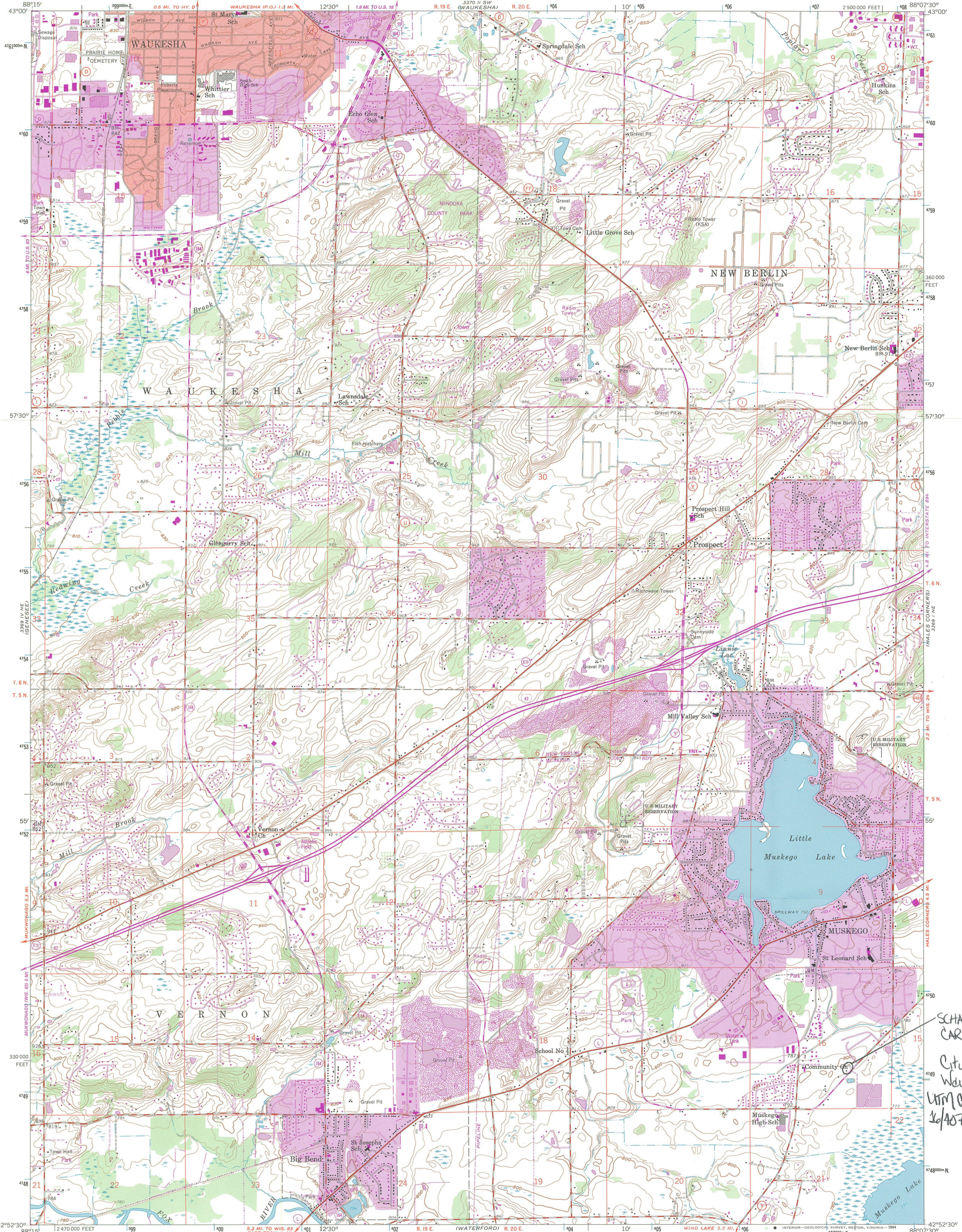
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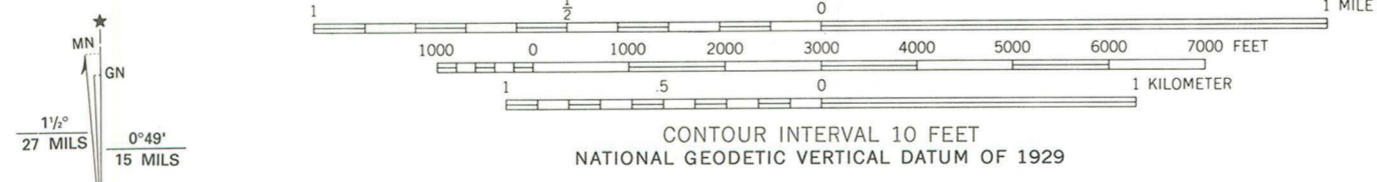
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Schauwitzer, Carl and Therese, House

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: WISCONSIN, Waukesha

DATE RECEIVED: 8/02/13 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 8/26/13
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 9/10/13 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 9/18/13
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APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
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ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

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DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

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TO: Keeper
National Register of Historic Places

FROM: Daina Penkiunas

SUBJECT: National Register Nomination

The following materials are submitted on this 31st day of July 2013,
for nomination of the Schauwitzer, Carl and Therese, House to the National
Register of Historic Places:

1 Original National Register of Historic Places nomination form

 Multiple Property Nomination form

1 CD with electronic images

11 Photograph(s)

1 Original USGS/NOAA map(s)

2 Sketch map(s)/figure(s)/exhibit(s)

 Piece(s) of correspondence

 Other _____

COMMENTS:

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 This property has been certified under 36 CFR 67

 The enclosed owner objection(s) do _____ do not _____
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