

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: IOWA  
 COUNTY: ADAIR  
 FOR NPS USE ONLY  
 ENTRY DATE: NOV 13 1974

1. NAME

COMMON: Catalpa  
 AND/OR HISTORIC: Wallace Farm or Catalpa

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: SE of Greenfield  
~~Five miles south of Greenfield on Highway #25, four and one-half miles~~  
 CITY OR TOWN: east on gravel road. Greenfield vicinity  
 STATE: Iowa CODE: 14 COUNTY: Adair CODE: 001

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Miss Helen Edwina Holderman  
 STREET AND NUMBER:  
 CITY OR TOWN: Circleville STATE: Ohio CODE: 34

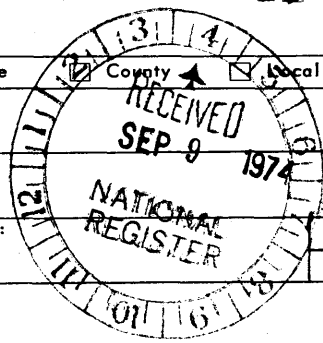
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Adair County Courthouse  
 STREET AND NUMBER:  
 CITY OR TOWN: Greenfield STATE: Iowa CODE: 14

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
 DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  Local  
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
 STREET AND NUMBER:  
 CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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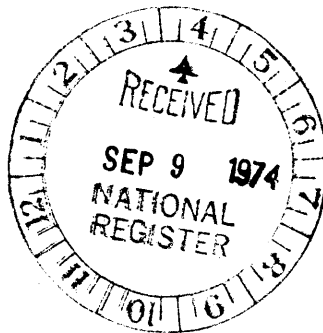
7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Wallace farmhouse and outbuildings are modest wood frame gable roofed structures on a 200 acre plot of western Iowa farmland. The house is composed of a two-story rectangular block with a one and one-half story rectangular wing. Interesting to note are the paired windows on the upper story of the main block and the shed roof porch with posts extending from the small wing. Original clapboard siding has been covered with an asbestos shingle material. The roof is composed of what appears to be the original wood shingles. Although the extent of alterations to the house on the interior is unknown, it is thought that they are minor and that they reflect the kinds of alterations and modernizations typical of such modest farm dwellings. It is known, however, that a new foundation was laid in 1961.

Some distance away from the farmhouse and also on the original 200 acres of the Wallace Farm are the original barn and assorted outbuildings. (Only the barn is included in this application). The barn's wood vertical siding is in a state of great disrepair.



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**9. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) Before 1887

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This farm is important for its association with the lives of two Iowa agricultural and political leaders who gained national prominence. Henry Catwell Wallace owned and edited the influential paper, Wallace's Farmer, and served as the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, 1921-24. His son, Henry Agard Wallace, who continued the newspaper until his father's death in 1924, achieved prominence in national public life as U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, 1933-40, Vice President of the United States, 1941-45, U.S. Secretary of Commerce, 1945-46, and presidential candidate of the Progressive Party in 1948.

The farm was one of several in Adair County purchased by Henry Cantwell's father during the period 1869-87, all of which were leased to tenants. In 1877 Reverend Henry A. Wallace left the ministry and moved to Winterset, Madison County, Iowa, to look after these nearby land investments. It was not until 1887, however, that this particular farm came to be directly operated by members of the Wallace family. At that time, a tenant left the farm and Henry C. Wallace, a student bored with his studies at Iowa State Agricultural College, convinced his father to allow him to take over and operate the property. After five years, during which time his son, Henry Agard was born, Henry C. Wallace returned to finish his degree at Ames and then remained there until 1895 as a member of the faculty. Thereafter, it was the new Wallace family newspaper in Des Moines that became the focus of family economic endeavor. Yet, even in 1924 Henry C. owned a 280 acre farm eight miles north of Des Moines and his son, Henry A., owned forty acres adjoining.

By 1916 Wallace's Farmer was one of the leading agricultural papers in the United States. It took an active early role in antimonopoly legislation and led other agricultural newspapers in the attention it gave to agricultural economics.

Because of the strong role exerted by these individuals on agricultural and political affairs, the Wallace Farm merits nomination. It was both directly connected with the formative years of these men and is illustrative of their subsequent activities.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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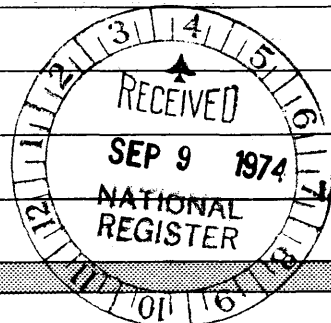
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES							
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			LATITUDE	LONGITUDE			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	41	0	14	44	94	0	22	36				
NE	41	0	14	44	94	0	20	33				
SE	41	0	13	12	94	0	20	33				
SW	41	0	13	12	94	0	22	36				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **200 acres**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: **Joseph R. Hamilton**

ORGANIZATION: **Adair County Historical Society** DATE: **April 4, 1973**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **Greenfield** STATE: **Iowa** CODE: **14**

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**      **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name Adrian A. Anderson

Title Historic Preservation Officer

Date Sept. 3, 1974

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

W. R. M. ...  
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 11/15/74

ATTEST:

Charles ...  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 11-7-74

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See map for O.R.M.

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