

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

For NPS use only

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

received **SEP 12 1985**

date entered **OCT 10 1985**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Pennellville Historic District

and/or common

2. Location

street & number _____ not for publication

city, town Brunswick, _____ vicinity of

state Maine code 23 county Cumberland code 005

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<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:

4. Owner of Property

name Multiple Ownership (See Continuation Sheet)

street & number _____

city, town _____ vicinity of _____ state _____

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Cumberland County Registry of Deeds

street & number _____

city, town Portland, _____ state Maine

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Pejepscot Area Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1981 _____ federal state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records Pejepscot Historical Society & Maine Historic Preservation Commission
Brunswick, Maine Augusta, Maine

city, town _____ state _____

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

299 01
Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Pennellville Historic District occupies a sparsely settled area at the head of Middle Bay in the town of Brunswick. The rectangular district extends along Pennellville Road in a rural setting consisting of scattered residences set among a mixture of open fields and woods. The southern boundary of the district terminates with the road, which ends at the water's edge.

In the district are seven residential buildings and a former carpenter's shop. In addition, several structures have carriage barns. All of the buildings date from the late eighteenth to mid-nineteenth century and are similar to each other in scale and materials.

Buildings contributing to the character of the district are:

1. Job Pennell House, Pennellville Road, c. 1860, Greek Revival style, two story residence with vinyl siding, gable roof, one-and-one-half story ell and carriage barn.
2. Jacob Pennell House, Pennellville Road, 1794/1806, Federal style residence, one-and-one-half stories high with clapboard siding and gable roof.
3. Andrew Dunning House, Pennellville Road, c. 1853, Greek Revival style residence, one-and-one-half stories high, gable roof, clapboard siding, porch on south side, adjoining carriage barn.
4. William Pennell House, Pennellville Road, 1859/1862, Greek Revival style residence, two stories high, clapboard siding, hipped roof, small one story classical portico over east entrance, adjoining two-and-one-half story carriage barn.
5. James Pennell House, Pennellville Road, c. 1838, Greek Revival style residence, two stories high with clapboard siding, gable roof and hexagonal cupola. One story porch with classical columns on south side of main structure, attached carriage barn on west end.
6. Benjamin D. Pennell House, Pennellville Road, c. 1834, Greek Revival style residence, two stories high with clapboard siding and gable roof. Recessed porch with classical columns on east wing. One story service wing extending from east side with one-and-one-half story barn built in 1876.
7. Carpenter Shop, Pennellville Road, mid-nineteenth century, one-and-one-half story structure with gable roof and clapboard siding. Extending across east facade is a veranda with Italianate style brackets.
8. Charles Pennell House, Pennellville Road, c. 1844, Greek Revival style residence, two stories high with gable roof, clapboard siding, classical entrance on east facade, one story porch on south side. Large two-and-one-half story barn with clapboard siding, gable roof and Italianate style cupola to rear (west) of the house.

There are no non-contributing buildings in this district.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates Various **Builder/Architect** _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Pennellville is the common name given to a small concentration of early nineteenth century residential buildings which are historically part of a local shipbuilding operation on Middle Bay. Six of the seven houses were built by members of the Pennell family, whose ships ways were located at the end of the road that bears their name. All of the principal buildings date from the first three quarters of the nineteenth century when the shipbuilding industry was at the height of its activity. The district retains its original rural ambiance in which the houses are scattered on large lots in a semi-natural setting characteristic of the last century.

The historically important period for Pennellville was roughly between 1775–1875. Three families, the Pennells, the Dunnings and the Givens built homes in this area deriving their income principally from shipbuilding and maritime commerce. An estimated seventy vessels were launched from nearby sites on Middle Bay. Indeed, the Pennells were the most important shipbuilding family in Brunswick.

The houses in the Pennellville Historic District are predominantly in the Greek Revival style and are typical of Brunswick area residential design during that period. Especially outstanding is the James Pennell House, which features an hexagonal cupola ornamented with Greek anthemion designs. James Pennell, a ship joiner by trade, is credited with the design of his own house. The remaining structures were probably the work of local carpenters and joiners, such as Thomas Given, who built the William Pennell House. Also important is the existance of the former carpenter's shop, which is situated at the end of Pennellville Road near the site of the ship ways.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Archives, Pejepscot Historical Society. Untitled listing of Pennellville, Jan Skillings-Goff, July 8, 1985.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 130

Quadrangle name Orr's Island

Quadrangle scale 1:25,000

UTM References

A

1	9
---	---

4	2	2	7	1	0
---	---	---	---	---	---

4	8	5	7	4	5	0
---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Zone Easting Northing

B

1	9
---	---

4	2	2	9	7	0
---	---	---	---	---	---

4	8	5	7	4	5	5
---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Zone Easting Northing

C

1	9
---	---

4	2	2	8	6	0
---	---	---	---	---	---

4	8	5	6	0	4	0
---	---	---	---	---	---	---

D

1	9
---	---

4	2	2	6	0	0
---	---	---	---	---	---

4	8	5	6	0	6	0
---	---	---	---	---	---	---

E

1	9
---	---

4	2	2	5	4	0
---	---	---	---	---	---

4	8	5	6	5	5	0
---	---	---	---	---	---	---

F

--	--

--	--	--	--	--	--

--	--	--	--	--	--	--

G

--	--

--	--	--	--	--	--

--	--	--	--	--	--	--

H

--	--

--	--	--	--	--	--

--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Verbal boundary description and justification

Beginning at the northern corner of the Job Pennell House (1.) property at the Pennellville Road, the district boundary runs southeasterly along the northeast property line of the afore-said property to the shore of Middle Bay Cove which it follows southwesterly to the southern

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Roger G. Reed, Architectural Historian

organization Maine Historic Preservation Commission

date July, 1985

street & number 55 Capitol Street, Station #65

telephone 207/289-2132

city or town Augusta,

state Maine 04333

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Earle S. Shelton

title S.H.P.O.

date 8/20/85

For NPS use only

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

for Helores Byer
Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the
National Register

date 10-10-85

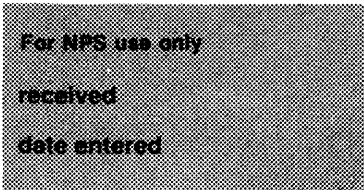
Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**



PENNELVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT
Continuation sheet

Item number 4

Page 2

List of property owners:

1. Mrs. Ruth A. Bettle
Pennellville Road
Brunswick, Maine 04011
2. Mr. Christopher N. Packard
Box 4015, Pennellville Road
Brunswick, Maine 04011
3. Mr. Stephen B. Taylor
Box 4017, Pennellville Road
Brunswick, Maine 04011
4. Mrs. Robert P. T. Coffin
Box 4018, Pennellville Road
Brunswick, Maine 04011
5. Mr. Carroll E. Pennell, II
12 Cottonwood Road
Wellesley, Massachusetts 02181
6. & 7. Mary Elizabeth Barnes
Box 4020, Pennellville Road
Brunswick, Maine 04011
8. Mr. Richard I. Stark
Box 609
Drewsville, New Hampshire 03604

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

For NPS use only
received
date entered

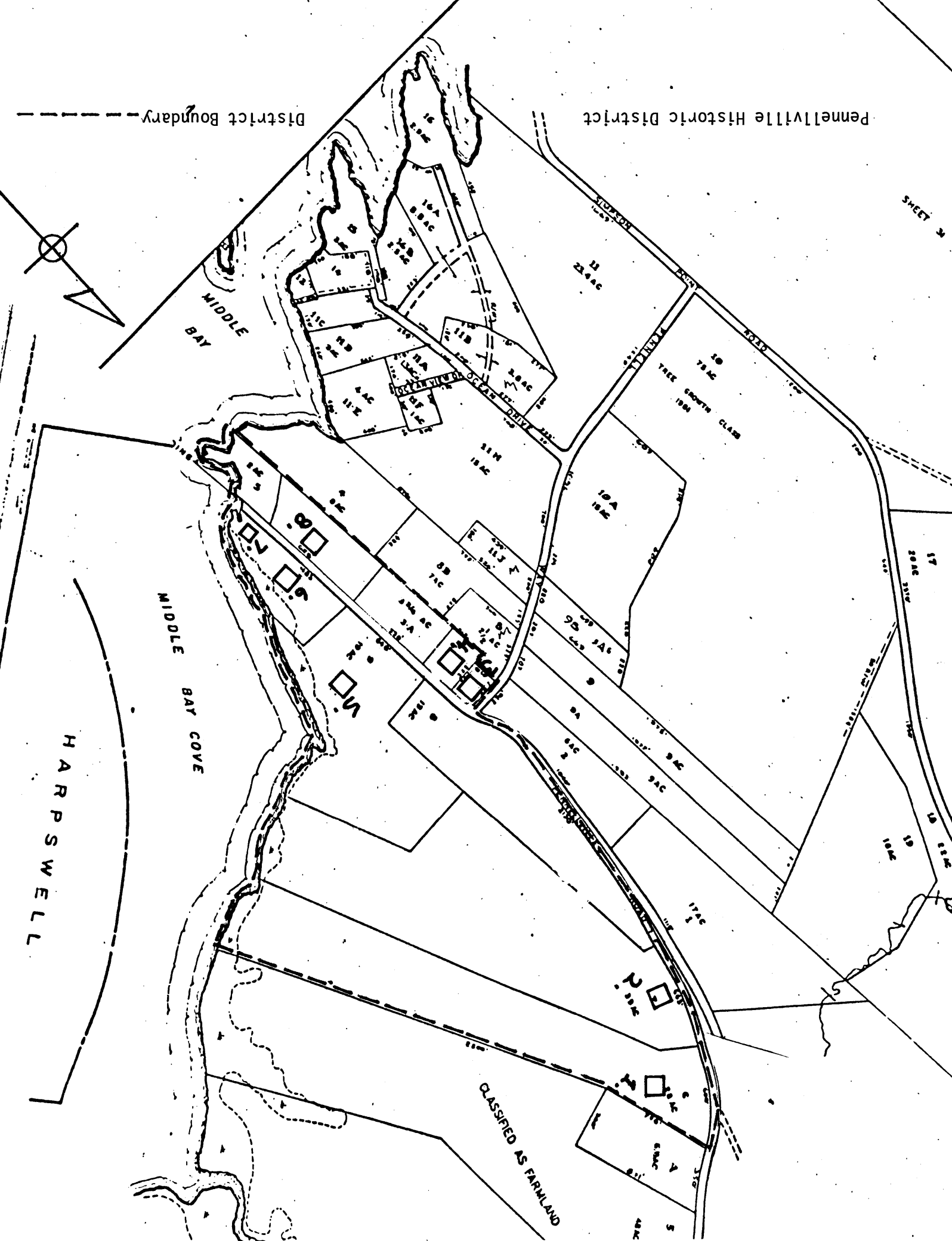
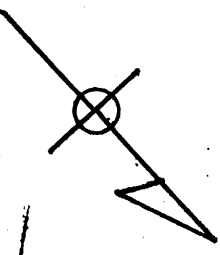
PENNELVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT

Continuation sheet

Item number 10

Page 2

end of the rear property lines on the west side of the Pennellville Road. The boundary then runs northerly along the aforesaid rear property lines to Pennell Way which it follows easterly to the Pennellville Road where it turns northerly along said road to the point of beginning. This boundary includes all land associated with the Pennell family and establishes an appropriate setting for the district.



MIDDLE BAY

MIDDLE BAY COVE

HARPSWELL

CLASSIFIED AS FARMLAND

TREE GROWTH CLASS

Map labels and lot numbers include:

- 10A 18 AC
- 10B 18 AC
- 10C 18 AC
- 10D 18 AC
- 10E 18 AC
- 10F 18 AC
- 10G 18 AC
- 10H 18 AC
- 10I 18 AC
- 10J 18 AC
- 10K 18 AC
- 10L 18 AC
- 10M 18 AC
- 10N 18 AC
- 10O 18 AC
- 10P 18 AC
- 10Q 18 AC
- 10R 18 AC
- 10S 18 AC
- 10T 18 AC
- 10U 18 AC
- 10V 18 AC
- 10W 18 AC
- 10X 18 AC
- 10Y 18 AC
- 10Z 18 AC
- 11A 18 AC
- 11B 18 AC
- 11C 18 AC
- 11D 18 AC
- 11E 18 AC
- 11F 18 AC
- 11G 18 AC
- 11H 18 AC
- 11I 18 AC
- 11J 18 AC
- 11K 18 AC
- 11L 18 AC
- 11M 18 AC
- 11N 18 AC
- 11O 18 AC
- 11P 18 AC
- 11Q 18 AC
- 11R 18 AC
- 11S 18 AC
- 11T 18 AC
- 11U 18 AC
- 11V 18 AC
- 11W 18 AC
- 11X 18 AC
- 11Y 18 AC
- 11Z 18 AC
- 12A 18 AC
- 12B 18 AC
- 12C 18 AC
- 12D 18 AC
- 12E 18 AC
- 12F 18 AC
- 12G 18 AC
- 12H 18 AC
- 12I 18 AC
- 12J 18 AC
- 12K 18 AC
- 12L 18 AC
- 12M 18 AC
- 12N 18 AC
- 12O 18 AC
- 12P 18 AC
- 12Q 18 AC
- 12R 18 AC
- 12S 18 AC
- 12T 18 AC
- 12U 18 AC
- 12V 18 AC
- 12W 18 AC
- 12X 18 AC
- 12Y 18 AC
- 12Z 18 AC
- 13A 18 AC
- 13B 18 AC
- 13C 18 AC
- 13D 18 AC
- 13E 18 AC
- 13F 18 AC
- 13G 18 AC
- 13H 18 AC
- 13I 18 AC
- 13J 18 AC
- 13K 18 AC
- 13L 18 AC
- 13M 18 AC
- 13N 18 AC
- 13O 18 AC
- 13P 18 AC
- 13Q 18 AC
- 13R 18 AC
- 13S 18 AC
- 13T 18 AC
- 13U 18 AC
- 13V 18 AC
- 13W 18 AC
- 13X 18 AC
- 13Y 18 AC
- 13Z 18 AC
- 14A 18 AC
- 14B 18 AC
- 14C 18 AC
- 14D 18 AC
- 14E 18 AC
- 14F 18 AC
- 14G 18 AC
- 14H 18 AC
- 14I 18 AC
- 14J 18 AC
- 14K 18 AC
- 14L 18 AC
- 14M 18 AC
- 14N 18 AC
- 14O 18 AC
- 14P 18 AC
- 14Q 18 AC
- 14R 18 AC
- 14S 18 AC
- 14T 18 AC
- 14U 18 AC
- 14V 18 AC
- 14W 18 AC
- 14X 18 AC
- 14Y 18 AC
- 14Z 18 AC
- 15A 18 AC
- 15B 18 AC
- 15C 18 AC
- 15D 18 AC
- 15E 18 AC
- 15F 18 AC
- 15G 18 AC
- 15H 18 AC
- 15I 18 AC
- 15J 18 AC
- 15K 18 AC
- 15L 18 AC
- 15M 18 AC
- 15N 18 AC
- 15O 18 AC
- 15P 18 AC
- 15Q 18 AC
- 15R 18 AC
- 15S 18 AC
- 15T 18 AC
- 15U 18 AC
- 15V 18 AC
- 15W 18 AC
- 15X 18 AC
- 15Y 18 AC
- 15Z 18 AC
- 16A 18 AC
- 16B 18 AC
- 16C 18 AC
- 16D 18 AC
- 16E 18 AC
- 16F 18 AC
- 16G 18 AC
- 16H 18 AC
- 16I 18 AC
- 16J 18 AC
- 16K 18 AC
- 16L 18 AC
- 16M 18 AC
- 16N 18 AC
- 16O 18 AC
- 16P 18 AC
- 16Q 18 AC
- 16R 18 AC
- 16S 18 AC
- 16T 18 AC
- 16U 18 AC
- 16V 18 AC
- 16W 18 AC
- 16X 18 AC
- 16Y 18 AC
- 16Z 18 AC
- 17A 18 AC
- 17B 18 AC
- 17C 18 AC
- 17D 18 AC
- 17E 18 AC
- 17F 18 AC
- 17G 18 AC
- 17H 18 AC
- 17I 18 AC
- 17J 18 AC
- 17K 18 AC
- 17L 18 AC
- 17M 18 AC
- 17N 18 AC
- 17O 18 AC
- 17P 18 AC
- 17Q 18 AC
- 17R 18 AC
- 17S 18 AC
- 17T 18 AC
- 17U 18 AC
- 17V 18 AC
- 17W 18 AC
- 17X 18 AC
- 17Y 18 AC
- 17Z 18 AC
- 18A 18 AC
- 18B 18 AC
- 18C 18 AC
- 18D 18 AC
- 18E 18 AC
- 18F 18 AC
- 18G 18 AC
- 18H 18 AC
- 18I 18 AC
- 18J 18 AC
- 18K 18 AC
- 18L 18 AC
- 18M 18 AC
- 18N 18 AC
- 18O 18 AC
- 18P 18 AC
- 18Q 18 AC
- 18R 18 AC
- 18S 18 AC
- 18T 18 AC
- 18U 18 AC
- 18V 18 AC
- 18W 18 AC
- 18X 18 AC
- 18Y 18 AC
- 18Z 18 AC
- 19A 18 AC
- 19B 18 AC
- 19C 18 AC
- 19D 18 AC
- 19E 18 AC
- 19F 18 AC
- 19G 18 AC
- 19H 18 AC
- 19I 18 AC
- 19J 18 AC
- 19K 18 AC
- 19L 18 AC
- 19M 18 AC
- 19N 18 AC
- 19O 18 AC
- 19P 18 AC
- 19Q 18 AC
- 19R 18 AC
- 19S 18 AC
- 19T 18 AC
- 19U 18 AC
- 19V 18 AC
- 19W 18 AC
- 19X 18 AC
- 19Y 18 AC
- 19Z 18 AC
- 20A 18 AC
- 20B 18 AC
- 20C 18 AC
- 20D 18 AC
- 20E 18 AC
- 20F 18 AC
- 20G 18 AC
- 20H 18 AC
- 20I 18 AC
- 20J 18 AC
- 20K 18 AC
- 20L 18 AC
- 20M 18 AC
- 20N 18 AC
- 20O 18 AC
- 20P 18 AC
- 20Q 18 AC
- 20R 18 AC
- 20S 18 AC
- 20T 18 AC
- 20U 18 AC
- 20V 18 AC
- 20W 18 AC
- 20X 18 AC
- 20Y 18 AC
- 20Z 18 AC