

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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 Nuckols, Claiborne W., Farmstead

other names/site number WD 279

2. Location

street & number N. S. of US 60, 1 1/2 mile north of Midway Pike intersec.  not for publication N/A

city or town Versailles  vicinity

state Kentucky code KY county Woodford code 239 zip code 40383

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] SHPO/Ex. Director/11/18/93  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State Historic Preservation Office/Kentucky Heritage Council  
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.)

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Signature of certifying official/Title Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

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.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:) \_\_\_\_\_

[Signature] Signature of the Keeper Entered in the Date of Action  
Patty S. Chinn National Register 12/27/94

Nuckols, Claiborne W. Farmstead  
Name of Property

Woodford, Kentucky  
County and State

**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.)  
Historic and Architectural Resources of  
North West Woodford County, Kentucky

**Number of contributing resources previously listed  
in the National Register**  
0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC / single dwelling  
DOMESTIC / secondary structure  
AGRICULTURE / animal facility  
   
   
   
   
 

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC / single dwelling  
VACANT / not in use  
   
   
   
   
   
 

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

MID 19TH CENTURY / Gothic Revival  
   
 

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE / Limestone  
walls STONE / Limestone  
BRICK  
roof ASPHALT  
other WOOD  
   
 

**Narrative Description**

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

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. 1850-1920

Significant Dates

N/A

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

na

Architect/Builder

unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

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

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(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:

Kentucky Heritage Council

Nuckols, Claiborne W., Farmstead  
Name of Property

Woodford, Kentucky  
County and State

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of Property 2 acres

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

Versailles, KY. 7.5 min. Quad MA11

1 

166	697	665	4219090
Zone	Easting	Northing	

2 

Zone	Easting	Northing	

3 

Zone	Easting	Northing	

4 

Zone	Easting	Northing	

See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

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

**Boundary Justification**

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

**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title Christine Amos, Historian

organization Burry & Amos, Inc. date December 1, 1992

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

city or town Shelbyville state Kentucky 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 University of Kentucky, Registrar

street & number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone (606) 257-3161

city or town Lexington state Kentucky zip code 40508

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### Narrative Description

The nominated property is the domestic and part of the agricultural complex of a mid-19th through early 20th century farm that specialized in blooded horses. It is currently surrounded by a modern diversified and Thoroughbred farm landscape. The complex is located north east of U.S. 60, the Versailles-Frankfort Road and accessed by a narrow, gravel drive that extends for about 1 mile through an open, rolling plain. The farmstead is enclosed by a board fence that is also the property boundary for the nominated area. The primary building of the grouping is a stone, vernacular Gothic Revival residence with brick ell, centered between two, identical brick stallion barns, each placed slightly behind the facade line of the residence. Approximately 7' behind and slightly offset from the back wall of the residence ell is a story-and-one-half brick masonry servant house and kitchen. These four contemporary buildings appear to date to the mid 19th century and were probably built circa 1851, when Claiborne W. Nuckols acquired the property. In the rear yard area, an early 20th century gable roofed stock barn has been renovated on the interior to accommodate horses. The property includes five contributing and one non-contributing building on a two acre parcel enclosed by a board fence.

1. **Main residence, contributing building, ca. 1851.** A stone and brick masonry, one-and-one-half-story, T-plan, vernacular Gothic Revival residence with the main, stone front block facing north with symmetrical three-bay facade and slightly projecting central entry bay beneath a gabled pediment with four panel entry door beneath a six light sash window. Interior chimneys on either side of the center passage and scalloped verge board trim further define the central bay. The stone work is random, rough faced ashlar limestone with quoin corners, large lintels and stone sills. The rear brick ell appears to have been built nearly contemporary to the main house with gable roof ridge slightly lower than the front ridge and a frame porch along the south wall. The masonry is of seven course header-stretcher bond (the same bonding pattern used in the stallion barns and quarters). The gable roof has an end wall chimney, asphalt shingles and gable dormers with plain, verge board trim. Windows have six light sash, but are larger than those of the front portion. Two entries to the south and one in the north wall have four-cross panel doors. The shed porch is supported by slightly battered, square wood posts that appear to be early-to-mid 20th century replacements. No original interior woodwork details that would aid in dating the house remain. Flooring is early 20th century, narrow strip wood, chimneys have been enclosed and mantles removed.

2. **South stallion barn, contributing building, ca. 1851.** A 21' by 19', brick masonry stallion barn, one of two flanking the main residence, of seven course, header-stretcher bond, stone sills, steeply-pitched composition shingle roof with front overhang. The entry is centered beneath the west facing front and has both an interior cross braced hinged door and an exterior, track-hung door. Above, a plank wood door with soldier-coursed header provides access to the closed loft. Six-light windows centered on the south and north walls have six light sash and interior shutters.

3. **North stallion barn, contributing building, ca. 1851.** The north stallion barn is identical in form, plan and materials to the other barn, with the exception of removed interior window shutters.

4. **Servant house / kitchen, contributing building, ca. 1851.** Located approximately 7' from the end wall of the main house brick ell is a one-and-one-half story, brick masonry servant house / kitchen with all interior details removed. (The building appears to have been used to stall horses in the recent past, however, the exterior design, and basic materials are intact.) An entry opening faces west to the house and another entry (now infilled with brick) faced east. Original use of the upper floor is suggested by a low window in the south gable end, plaster remains on the knee wall areas of the second floor area, and an entry opening in the upper north end of the east wall. The remains of the stone chimney in the north end have collapsed into the room.

5. **Gambrel barn, contributing building, ca. 1910.** A center-drive, early 20th century, closed loft stock barn with composition shingled gambrel roof with small gable dormers that presently contains finished loose box stalls. The building has six light sash windows and loft door in the ends; a center drive with track hung doors and pent; seven pairs and one single casement window along each of the east and west walls; modern metal siding over original board and batten siding, concrete foundation, sixteen stalls and closed loft.

6. **guard house, non-contributing building, post WWII.** A small, frame single room building with narrow, beveled siding, asphalt gable roof and small sash window located directly east of the gambrel barn and used in modern Thoroughbred activities at the farm.

## 8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Claiborne W. Nuckols Farmstead is architecturally significant on a local level under Criteria C, as an unusual and rare example of a mid-19th century agricultural complex with vernacular Gothic Revival residence of stone and brick (a building style seen rarely in the rural areas of the region); and as a particularly rare example of a mid-19th century agricultural buildings that represent, through design and placement, formative physical characteristics of resources associated with the development of the modern equine industry. The property is also historically significant on a local level under criteria A, for its association with the development of the modern equine industry in the Bluegrass region of Kentucky; a context and property type developed in the North West Woodford County Multiple Property Form.

The C.W. Nuckols home is an important vernacular interpretation of the Gothic Revival. At the time Nuckols built this residence, impressive Gothic Revival homes like Loudon (designed by A.J. Davis for F.K. Hunt in Lexington, c. 1850) and Ingleside (also in Lexington, c. 1852) were being built in the area. The majority of such stylish residences were built in county seat towns like Danville, Lexington and Harrodsburg. This particular Revival interpretation, built around a traditional center passage plan, illustrates a knowledge and acceptance of popular designs and willingness to adapt the new style to a familiar, traditional center passage plan.

The identical stallion barns, placed at the front of the domestic activity area physically shows us the importance Nuckols placed on his stallions and supports his desire to show this to visitors and prospective clients. More than his home, Nuckols' barns suggest the focus and intent of the farm and its activities. The scale, design and location of these barns greatly contribute to the significance of the residence. At the C.W. Nuckols farmstead, the relationship and the design of the buildings (including the servant house and kitchen and the later, stock barn) predict the "signature image" that would increasingly characterize blooded horse farms toward the beginning of the 20th century.

Therefore, regardless of their sophistication or lack thereof, the Nuckols house and stallion barns are important because they provide both architectural and historical information about the social meaning of design, the growing importance of style and appearance in the mid-19th century, and give insight to the early development of signature images within the equine industry.

**9. Major Bibliographic References**

Railey, William E. History of Woodford County. (Versailles, Woodford Improvement League), 1923. pp.106,123,158.

Woodford County Clerk and Recorder's Office. Woodford County Courthouse, Versailles, Kentucky. Deed book Y-624.

**10. Verbal Boundary Description**

The property is a 246' by 335' rectangular area, defined by a board fence. The southwest corner of the nominated property is located 4' west of the west edge of the asphalt entry drive, at the southwest corner of the board fence that encircles the buildings. The nominated area is part of the property defined on Woodford County Property Valuation Assessor map 29, parcel #1.

**Boundary Justification**

The nominated property contains only that immediate area that surrounds the historically and architecturally significant buildings of the site. No additional acreage is included within the boundary because of loss of historic integrity of the surrounding acres.



**9. Major Bibliographic References**

Railey, William E. History of Woodford County. (Versailles, Woodford Improvement League), 1923. pp.106,123,158.

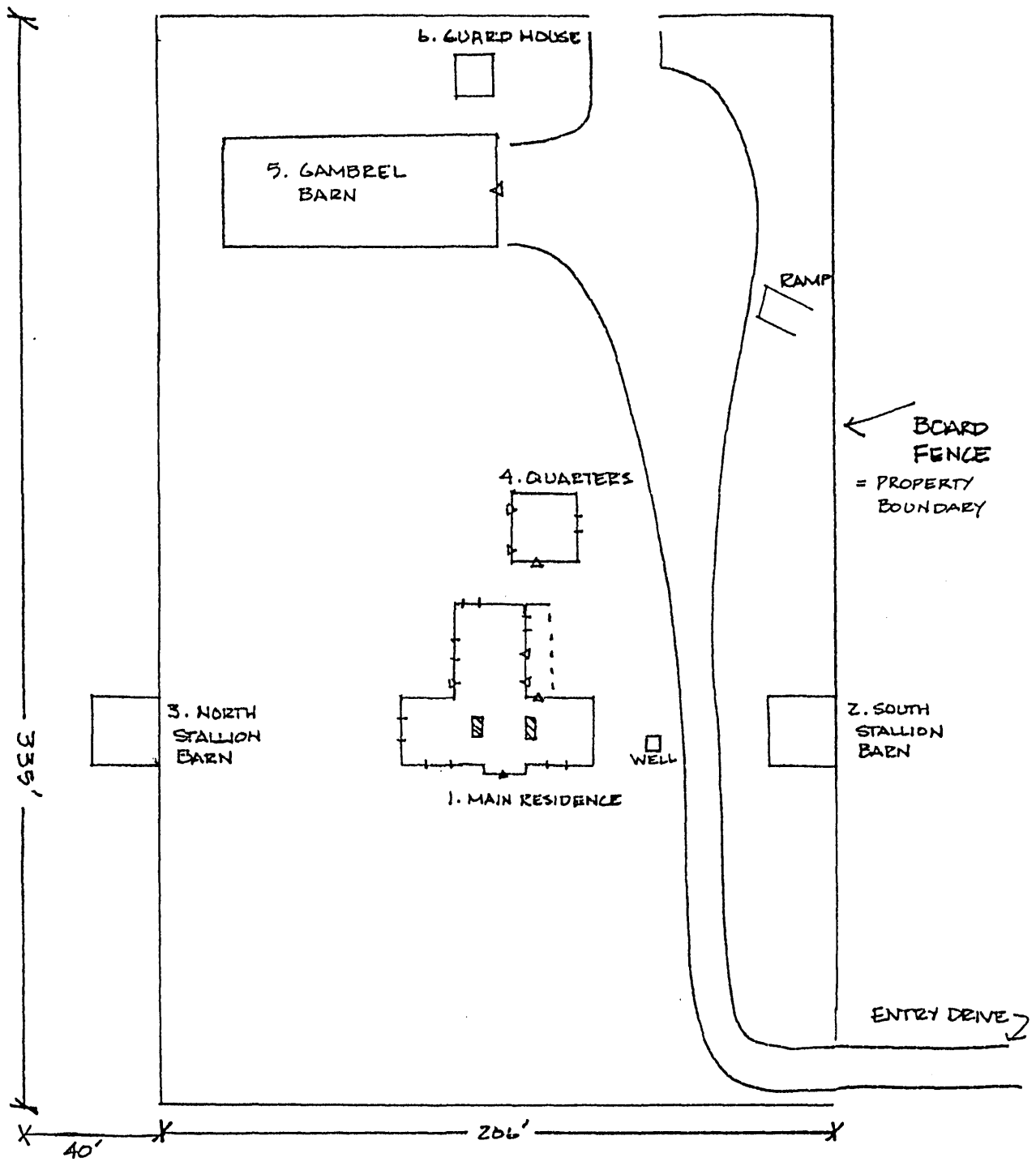
Woodford County Clerk and Recorder's Office. Woodford County Courthouse, Versailles, Kentucky. Deed book Y-624.

**10. Verbal Boundary Description**

The property is a 246' by 335' rectangular area, a very small portion of the larger farm that surrounds it. To get to the beginning point of the nominated parcel, go N-NW 1.5 miles (7,920') from the intersection of US 60 (Frankfort Road) and US 62 (Midway Road) to a farm drive on the right (north); follow the farm drive 9/10 of a mile (5866') north to the crossing of the 870' contour line. From this point, go 20' N-NE to the beginning corner of the nominated property, A; then go 246' N-NE to point B; then 335' E-SE to point C; then 246' S-SW to point D; then go W-NW 355' to the beginning point, A on the northwest side of the entry drive.

**Boundary Justification**

The nominated property contains only that immediate area that surrounds the historically and architecturally significant buildings of the site. No additional acreage is included within the boundary because of loss of historic integrity of the surrounding acres.



WD 279

C.W. NUCKOLS FARMSTEAD

SCALE  
APPROXIMATE



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# National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

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Nuckols, Claiborne W., Farmstead Woodford County KENTUCKY 93001529  
(Northwest Woodford County MPS)

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION APPROVAL

*Burt Wilson Lee* *July 21, 1994*

PHOTO LOG: Claiborne W. Nuckols Farmstead

Property location: Woodford County, Kentucky.

Photographer: Christine Amos

Date of photograph: 1992

Location of original negative: Kentucky Heritage Council,  
Frankfort, Kentucky

1. Looking east from south property boundary (fence line at entry drive) to main residence with south stallion barn to extreme right.
2. Looking east to front and west side elevation of main residence. North stallion barn is slightly visible in far left.
3. Looking east to front of main residence with north stallion barn to left.
4. Looking north to gambrel barn (#5), with rear wall and southwest gable end of quarter in distance.
5. Looking north to quarter with rear ell of main residence to left and north stallion barn to right.