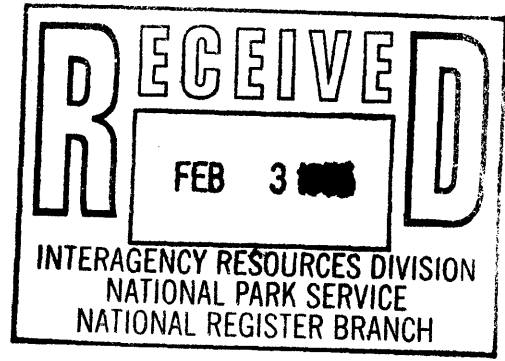


194



NPS Form 10-900  
OMB No. 1024-0018  
(Rev. 10/90)

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

# 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 any 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 SMITH, PETER FARM/DONATION LAND CLAIM  
other names/site number LAKEVIEW DAIRY, SCHIBIG FARM

### 2. Location

street & number 12504 SPANAWAY LOOP ROAD not for publication  
city or town PARKLAND (TACOMA) X vicinity  
state Washington code WA county PIERCE code 053 zip code 98444

### 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets    does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant    nationally    statewide X locally. (   See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Mary M. Thompson 1/27/95  
Signature of certifying official Date  
Mary Thompson, State Historic Preservation Officer  
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 or other official Date  
\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

### 4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this 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:) \_\_\_\_\_  
    
Edson H. Beall 3/9/95  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
for entered in the National Register  
Signature of Keeper Date of Action



Property Name SMITH, PETER DONATION LAND CLAIM

County and State PIERCE, WASHINGTON

**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.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a 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.)

EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT

**Period of Significance**

1900-1905

**Significant Dates**

1900

AGRICULTURE

1918-1945

1929

ARCHITECTURE

**Cultural Affiliation**

**Significant Person**

**Architect/Builder**

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

Property Name Smith, Peter Donation Land Claim  
 County and State Pierce, Washington

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

(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

Specify repository:

Pierce County/Tacoma Library Systems

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreeage of property 15.16

UTM References

1	<u>1/0</u>	<u>5/4/0/7/2/3</u>	<u>5/2/2/1/3/4/0</u>	3	<u>10</u>	<u>5/4/1/1/3/0</u>	<u>5/2/2/1/1/1/0</u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
2	<u>1/0</u>	<u>5/4/1/0/0/0</u>	<u>5/2/2/1/3/4/0</u>	4	<u>1/0</u>	<u>5/4/0/7/2/3</u>	<u>5/2/2/1/1/1/0</u>

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 Larry E. Cort & J. Benjamin Dorris  
 organization (for Pierce County) date June 30, 1994  
 street & number 619 North Mullen St telephone (206) 752-2377  
 city or town Tacoma state WA zip code 98406

**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 the SHPO or FPO.)

name Alice Schibig Van Camp  
 street & number 5226 North Highland telephone (206) 756-0422  
 city or town Tacoma, WA state WA zip code 98407

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

**National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet**

Section number 7 Page 1  
Name of Property Smith, Peter Donation Land Claim  
County and State Pierce, Washington

---

**FARMHOUSE**

This is the primary residential structure on the property, standing very close to the northern edge of Smith's original donation land claim. It was built in 1900 and has been occupied continuously since construction, currently by Rose Schibig, Frank Schibig's widow. There are no surviving structures on the property which predate 1900.

The Schibig home is a one-and-a-half story vernacular structure resting on a loose granite foundation with a cross-gabled, twelve-to-twelve roof slope. It has approximately 1,700 square feet of floor area. It is "L"-shaped in plan, with the exception of a large, open shed attached to the west side. The owners refer to this extension as a "woodshed," but its size and relationship to the house indicate a primary agricultural function, such as housing young farm animals. A gambrel-roofed porch, supported by square columns with decorative molding capitals and beadboard soffit, flanks the west and south end of the living area wing.

The house is clad with horizontal drop siding (balloon framing is presumed although not visible) with four-inch corner and window trim, with the exception of the gable ends on the west and east ends, which have patterned shingle insets above the window heads. Decorative gable trusses at the gable peaks. Cornices and soffits are boxed. Windows are generally one-over-one, double-hung sash with the exception of the main parlor window (inoperable) which has colored, patterned glass insets, measuring approximately 3" x 3", on the top and sides. A lead-camed, stained glass transom window in a floral motif is placed above the main entry door on the east side of the house.

The interior of the house remains in substantially intact condition, with the most significant alterations being the lowered 2' x 4' drop ceiling and new finishes throughout. Original window and door trim remain, including protective corner roundels.

In general, the Schibig House remains substantially intact and is a good example of a vernacular farmhouse structure.

**LAKEVIEW DAIRY** (Barns and outbuildings)

The existing outbuildings at the Schibig Farm consist of three primary barns and two lesser structures, a chicken coop and shed. Barn "A" (refer to Sketch 1) is a gable-roofed structure, approximately 45' x 100', and may be the oldest dairying structure on the site (built in the late 1910s or early 1920s). Its primary axis is east to west. Walls measure approximately twenty feet to the plate line (spring line); with a roof pitch of 5/12. The roof has two gable-roofed ventilators, and is

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

**National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet**

Section number 7 Page 2  
Name of Property Smith, Peter Donation Land Claim  
County and State Pierce, Washington

---

covered with horizontal drop siding and four-inch corner trim and casing. Large sliding doors are placed on the north and south elevations at the east end. Four-lite, two-over-two windows are spaced almost equally at ten foot intervals on the north and south sides. Diamond-shaped windows are placed high in the gable peaks on the east and west sides. The roof is covered with wood shakes over spaced decking. Rafter tails are exposed.

Barn "A" has a heavy timber post-and-beam structural system, typical of barns of its type. Beams are mortised into columns, and diagonal knee braces give lateral support. An upper level hay loft is framed with dimensional two-inch framing lumber. Perimeter walls are ladder (horizontally)-framed. The lower floor is segregated into stalls for cattle. There is a loft on the east end which the Schibigs say used to provide accommodation to temporary labor during haying season. The building's foundation is of loose stone (primarily granite) rubble, which has concrete block infill in some locations, primarily where failures have occurred. The floor system is poured concrete slab.

Barn "B" is similar structurally to Barn "A", perhaps an indication of its probable contemporaneous construction. Barn "B" differs slightly in that it has a lower plate line of approximately ten feet. It measures approximately forty-five feet by one hundred and fourteen feet in plan and is oriented north to south. Barn "A" and "B" are separated by about forty-five feet. It has an upper loft which runs the length of the interior and is primarily open. The exception is a small, closed off room at the north end of the loft which provided accommodation for farm employees.

Barn "C" is the milking shed and was the last built of the three major barns, probably dating from the early 1930s. It measures approximately twenty-seven feet by forty-three feet in plan, with a 5/12 roof pitch and gabled cupola. It has horizontal drop siding with four-inch trim. Windows on the east and west elevations are six-lite casement types. A large sliding door is placed on the north elevation. It has a wood frame structural system with concrete foundation and floor system. It is oriented north to south and is approximately thirty-three feet from the northwest corner of Barn "B". The interior is segregated into four rooms to accommodate heating, cooling, bottling and storage of milk products.

Other contributing outbuildings include a wood-framed chicken coop, measuring sixteen feet by thirty feet and designed in an asymmetrical saltbox, side-gabled form, and a wooden shed in dilapidated condition.

An obtrusive, double-wide mobile home is sited between the house and the barns.

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

**National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet**

Section number 7 Page 3

Name of Property Smith, Peter Donation Land Claim  
County and State Pierce, Washington

---

The barns and outbuildings at the Lakeview Dairy/Schibig Farm are in poor condition and in immediate need of stabilization if they are to survive. Roof shakes and siding are missing, windows are broken and gutters hang from the rafter tails. Fortunately, perhaps owing to the quality of their construction materials and techniques, no major structural problems are visible.

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

**National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet**

Section number 8 Page 1  
Name of Property Smith, Peter Donation Land Claim  
County and State Pierce, Washington

---

The Peter Smith Donation Land Claim has its origins in the 1850 Donation Act or the "Oregon Land Law." This legislation offered a half-section (320 acres) to any United States citizen over twenty-one years of age who was willing to move to the Oregon Territory, stake a claim and begin working the land. After five years of residency and verification of cultivation, the settler could obtain a patent for the claim, which passed ownership from the United States to the individual. Peter Smith was one of the first claimants to settle in Pierce County. For the next one hundred and eighteen years, this original claim mirrored the broad patterns of social history, settlement and ethnic cohesion which contribute to the Pierce County cultural landscape.

Smith's role as an early non-native shaper of this landscape, both in terms of his personal contributions to local politics, agriculture and social relations and his influence in facilitating community development, is representative of the enormous legacy of the original claimants. This nomination focuses on a fifteen-acre portion of Smith's claim, arguably the largest remaining parcel which can speak profoundly to the past in this part of Pierce County. The Scottish Smiths and the Swiss Schibigs (from 1929) represent a once-interrupted line of ownership from 1853, through which can be found strong associations with ethnicity, social patterns and land-based employment.

Peter Smith's occupations on his original claim have their origins near Glasgow, Scotland in the early nineteenth century. The son of Scottish farmers and fruit growers, the family emigrated to New York in 1840, settling somewhat further west in Rock County, Wisconsin. At this location, Peter Smith's father claimed three hundred and twenty acres and, with the aid of his children, managed a successful agricultural enterprise until his death in 1851. After his father's passing, Peter and Martha Smith made a similar decision by electing to stake their own claim in the Oregon Territory. Arriving in The Dalles in 1852 and temporarily leaving his pregnant wife, Smith journeyed to Pierce County and staked his claim in February 1853, about eight miles south of Tacoma on Clover Creek. It is this original three hundred and twenty acres which



United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

**National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet**

Section number 8 Page 2  
Name of Property Smith, Peter Donation Land Claim  
County and State Pierce, Washington

---

permitted the Smiths to duplicate the efforts made by their parents a generation earlier.

The Smiths settled on the new claim in early 1853, on land termed "beautiful prairie country" in Smith's notebook. Their first abode was a log cabin, built with the assistance of neighboring claimants (James Minson to the west, Peter Morey to the south, and Thomas Tallentire to the east). There is no trace of this original cabin on the site. These initial years were peppered with generally positive comments concerning local tribal contacts. Apparently, Martha traded much of her jewelry and clothes for dried fish and an occasional fresh fish or deer. Smith noted that native peoples "are in and out of our house most of the time and I am getting on well with my Chinook jargon."

Sheep rearing and grazing, reminiscent of Smith's boyhood occupation as a shepherd in Scotland, offered a compatible use for the prairie landscape. Smith wrote favorably of the excellent grassland and water availability on his claim, and he began to accumulate larger numbers of sheep. In addition, he appears by the mid 1850s to have started diversifying his agricultural pursuits. Smith purchased a number of fruit trees from Pierce County's first nurseryman, Hugh Pattison, a fellow Scot. One of these orchards - the Soldier's Garden (an encampment for Army personnel during the native/settler conflicts in the 1850s) - still exists across Spanaway Loop Road from the subject property. In addition, Smith appears to have been the first of the new arrivals to tap the irrigation potential of Clover Creek.

His role as an innovator in local agriculture, not to mention his adaptability, is further enhanced by being the first to take advantage of new legislation in 1863 to drain marsh and swamp lands for agricultural use. This reclaimed land may coincide with Smith's foray into hop production, spurred by his association with Ezra Meeker who was growing hops nearby in Puyallup. One source notes that a hop barn was located to the northeast of the subject property but still part of the original claim (on land now part of Washington High School). In fact, it appears that much of what could be considered the productive focus of Smith's original claim

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

**National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet**

Section number 8 Page 3  
Name of Property Smith, Peter Donation Land Claim  
County and State Pierce, Washington

---

was in the subject parcel. Certainly, the fruit growing and hop processing areas were within a short distance from the nominated homestead. An early photograph shows the elderly Smith hard at work shearing sheep with the still visible grove of pine trees in the distance. This grove grows from a rise on the south side of the nominated site which is surrounded by those same wetlands which he had tried to drain some years earlier. The subject property would thus seem to have strong associations with the agricultural heritage of the larger donation land claim.

Like many of the early donation land claimants, Smith took full advantage of his "first-in" status to accumulate additional acreage and to speculate in land development as Pierce County grew. It was said that by 1882, Smith had acquired more than a thousand acres in the vicinity of his original claim. As the prospect of statehood for Washington grew eminent, Smith began having large parcels of this land surveyed into potential building lots. Most of these were near the eastern fringe of the land claim, nearest to the growing "streetcar suburbs" of Parkland and Spanaway, so called because of their proximity to Tacoma. Clover Lea Addition was platted on February 1, 1889 (totalling ninety acres) and Violet Meadows (one hundred and forty-nine acres) on June 20, 1889. Both of these plats bordered the land claim to the north. Within the actual claim, University Addition to Parkland was platted on December 22, 1890 (encompassing one hundred and seven acres). Though a Methodist, Smith donated a portion of this latter addition as part of a land package which formed Pacific Lutheran University. Smith's active participation in this transaction may have been motivated partly by his wish to enhance the value of the vast amount of recently platted land in close proximity to the new college.

Left untouched by the rush to survey and plat land for a swelling local population, the western portions of Smith's claim continued to be dedicated to pastoral and agricultural pursuits. Their children were getting married and starting families of their own, and the parents began to hive off acreage from the claim to members of the family. In particular, the two youngest sons, William T. Smith and George Smith worked areas on the western fringe. William

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

**National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet**

Section number 8 Page 4  
Name of Property Smith, Peter Donation Land Claim  
County and State Pierce, Washington

---

(wife Mary Wilson) established a ninety-acre homestead after their marriage in 1888 just south of the subject property. They built a home on the fringe, which was later moved due east to the other side of Spanaway Loop Road (this house now demolished). As the youngest son, George (wife Lucy) appears to have stayed with his father on the land being proposed for nomination. The farmhouse currently on the property was built in 1900, five years before Peter Smith died. It is probable that he lived out the last years of his life in the existing house in the company of George and Lucy Smith. Unfortunately, no current descendants have been able to confirm or deny this scenario.

In addition to Peter Smith's role in shaping the local cultural landscape through property development, his claim was arguably the most important piece in a segmented puzzle which would provide fresh water to the City of Tacoma. The growing city had an increasing demand for water and a plan was developed to tap Tule Lake and Clover Creek, using the natural grade between Parkland and Tacoma for transport to the city. Paying a total of \$1,750,000 in 1884 to over fifty property owners, the Tacoma Light and Water Company built a flume line from Tule Lake to a reservoir in east Tacoma. One of the prime beneficiaries of the project was Peter Smith, whose claim covered the northern half of the lake plus significant portions of Clover Creek. The contract was clear in providing "that sufficient water for necessary farming purposes for the said homestead claim [Smith] shall be allowed to remain in the said Clover Creek and its tributaries." Once completed, the flume bisected the donation land claim, skirting the eastern fringe of the subject property. This use continued until the first decade of the new century when the still pumping wells in south Tacoma were tapped.

By the date of Peter Smith's death in 1905 (at the age of 88), the subject property was the largest remaining portion of the original claim which still echoed his thumbnail description of 1853 as "this fair country, its trees and fields and fine water." Its importance as a rural landscape would take on new dimensions in the twentieth century, but the claim's significance as a nineteenth-century

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

**National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet**

Section number 8 Page 5  
Name of Property Smith, Peter Donation Land Claim  
County and State Pierce, Washington

---

landscape laid the footings for a substantially agricultural future.

Between 1905 and 1918, the property appears to have been used as the residence and nominal farming enterprise of George and Lucy Smith. As Peter Smith's youngest son, George apparently began to move away from his father's dependence on sheep farming and into other pursuits. The period between 1905 and 1918 (the date of George's death) is the least documented period in the history of the property. George Smith's name does appear in a 1915 directory of Parkland as a farmer but with no additional information. Physical evidence suggests that the two large barns on the site may have been built sometime during this period. Their size and functional characteristics suggest a movement to raise larger livestock -- perhaps milk cows replacing sheep. Almost certainly, the diversity of Peter Smith's era -- hops, fruit and sheep -- would have disappeared in the early twentieth century.

After George Smith died in 1918, his widow Lucy moved into Parkland, renting the farm to a Swiss family by the name of Boetschard. Like many Swiss families in Pierce County, the Boetschards were dairy folk who began to ply their trade on the one-hundred-and-ten-acre site as Lakeview Dairy. This transition may give some credence to a pre-1918 shift to dairy production. Managed initially by Louis Boetschard until 1926, when his brother Tony took over, this enterprise thrived throughout the 1920s. The milk house was built at some point during this decade, a harbinger of the long-term dairying future of the property.

Management and operation of the Lakeview Dairy was assumed in early 1929 by Frank Schibig, initially as leased property, but later as purchaser on August 7, 1929. The property at that time totalled one hundred and ten acres and sold for \$12,000. Apart from the house, barns and outbuildings, there were no structures on the land when Schibig purchased it. He made his last payment to Lucy Smith in 1939. For its entire life as a working dairy, until 1972 when Schibig passed away, the farm's original one hundred and ten acres stayed largely intact.

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

**National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet**

Section number 8 Page 6  
Name of Property Smith, Peter Donation Land Claim  
County and State Pierce, Washington

---

Frank Schibig was a Swiss immigrant, arriving in New York in 1920 at the age of 35, who travelled to Pierce County to seek work at the Schuler Dairy in Puyallup. Because Schuler had come from the same canton in Switzerland, it was a natural starting point for Frank and his younger brother, Joe Schibig. The Schibig brothers were not with Schuler long, instead working a variety of dairying jobs throughout Pierce County in the 1920s. Seven years after arriving in the United States, the brothers had accumulated enough money to purchase a small dairy at what is now the north gate of McChord Field. Frank Schibig took over this enterprise from yet another Swiss dairyman named Rasmussen who was a tenant farmer. Less than one year later, in a fortuitous stroke of timing, the City of Tacoma purchased Schibig's dairy as part of the land purchase agreement for the old Tacoma Field. This transaction provided the capital for the purchase in 1929 of the much larger Lakeview Dairy.

From the start of Frank Schibig's ownership of Lakeview Dairy, it was operated exclusively as a milk production site. According to Joe Schibig, at various times between thirty and fifty head constituted the dairying herd. This was tended by Frank's family, usually one and occasionally two full-time hands and temporary summer help for haying and other chores. Among the latter were Pacific Lutheran University students, drawing a synchronous link between Peter Smith's donation to secure the university's presence and the future use of the land claim. All hands, both temporary and permanent, slept in makeshift lodgings in the lofts in Barns A and B, but took their meals as prepared by Rose Schibig in the main house. Family members were also prominent in maintaining order books, making deliveries and running the store for drop-in customers.

Lakeview Dairy served a fairly large area, ranging as far west as the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Lakewood, north to South Tacoma and of course Parkland and Spanaway. It was one of many Swiss-operated dairies in Pierce County, an ethnic cohesion which played a large role in the social life of its proprietors. On one level, the relative isolation of the Schibig farm made it possible for them to distill grain alcohol during prohibition with little

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

**National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet**

Section number 8 Page 7  
Name of Property Smith, Peter Donation Land Claim  
County and State Pierce, Washington

---

danger of discovery. Still intact on the northern end of the chicken coop is a boiler that was used for this purpose. The finished product was stored or distributed to other Swiss families in the area. On the other hand, this word-of-mouth knowledge amongst the Swiss community once led to a surprise raid by Department of Revenue agents who had received inside information from another Swiss resident. Dressed as duck hunters (consistent with the recreational uses permitted by the Schibigs), they were unable to locate a drop of illegal spirits owing to a prior tip-off.

The 15.16 acres of the Schibig's Lakeview Dairy (and Peter Smith's claim) contain many elements which define the property as a cultural landscape. AS the focus of one hundred and forty-one years of continuous service as an agriculturally-based property, the farm and its one--hundred-year-old buildings and surrounding land offer a strong glimpses into the broad patterns of Pierce County history. Peter Smith's contributions to Pierce County speak to a larger consideration of the importance of the initial donation land claimants in reading historical landscapes. His decisions made throughout a long life in the county mirror larger trends seen in population growth, technological innovation and social history. In addition, the strong ethnic cohesion of Swiss dairy farmers made it possible for immigrants like Frank Schibig to build a significant economic stake in Pierce County. Finally, in an area of Pierce County which has for the most part ceded land use hegemony to non-agricultural pursuits, this remaining landscape is a strong reminder of what was once common but is now so rare.

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

**National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet**

Section number   9   Page   1    
Name of Property Smith, Peter Donation Land Claim  
County and State Pierce, Washington

---

**BIBLIOGRAPHY**

Bonney, W. P., *History of Pierce County, Washington*, 3 volumes,  
Pioneer Historical Publishing Co., Chicago, 1927.

Osness, Richard D., *From Wilderness to Suburbia, An Illustrated  
History of Parkland, Washington*, Western Media Printing, Tacoma,  
1976.

Polk, R. L., *Pierce County Directory* (various years).

**Personal Communication**

Mr. Robert Jones (great-grandson of Peter Smith)  
Mr. Joe Schibig (brother of Frank Schibig)  
Ms. Rose Schibig (wife of Frank Schibig)  
Ms. Alice Schibig Van Camp (daughter of Frank Schibig)

**Archives Consulted**

Tacoma Public Library, Northwest Room  
Pierce County Library, Archives  
Pacific Lutheran University, Archives  
Tacoma Public Utilities, Real Estate Management Division

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

**National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet**

Section number 10 Page 1  
Name of Property Smith, Peter Donation Land Claim  
County and State Pierce, Washington

---

Verbal Boundary Description

Parcel Number: 0319083706. Beginning 1406.55 feet south of 87 degrees 44 minutes 15 seconds west of the northwest corner of the Peter Smith Donation Land Claim, thence south 2 degrees 32 minutes 46 seconds west 152.62 feet, thence south 42 degrees 59 minutes 46 seconds west 272.09 feet, thence south 7 degrees 8 minutes 29 seconds east 398.27, thence south 42 degrees 55 minutes 14 seconds east to a point 50 feet north of the south line of the north half of Smith DLC, thence east parallel with said line.

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the farmhouse, barns, outbuildings and prairie which have been the focus of domestic life and agricultural production in both the Peter Smith Donation Land Claim and the Lakeview Dairy (Schibig Farm). While the original claim was much larger (320 acres), this area is the largest remaining parcel which has not undergone substantial development to urban levels of land use.



United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

**National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet**

Section number 11 Page 1  
Name of Property Smith, Peter Donation Land Claim  
County and State Pierce County, Washington

---

**PHOTOGRAPHS KEY**

PHOTO #1

1. Smith, Peter Donation Land Claim  
12504 Spanaway Loop Road  
Tacoma, WA 98444
2. Pierce County, Washington
3. Larry E. Cort
4. July 22, 1994
5. OAHP, Olympia, WA
6. From south looking northwest
7. 1

PHOTO #2

1. Smith, Peter Donation Land Claim  
12504 Spanaway Loop Road  
Tacoma, WA 98444
2. Pierce County, Washington
3. Larry E. Cort
4. July 22, 1994
5. OAHP, Olympia, WA
6. From south looking west
7. 2

PHOTO #3

1. Smith, Peter Donation Land Claim  
12504 Spanaway Loop Road  
Tacoma, WA 98444
2. Pierce County, Washington
3. Larry E. Cort
4. July 22, 1994
5. OAHP, Olympia, WA
6. From south looking north
7. 3

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

**National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet**

Section number 11 Page 2  
Name of Property Smith, Peter Donation Land Claim  
County and State Pierce County, Washington

---

PHOTO #4

1. Smith, Peter Donation Land Claim  
12504 Spanaway Loop Road  
Tacoma, WA 98444
2. Pierce County, Washington
3. Larry E. Cort
4. July 22, 1994
5. OAHP, Olympia, WA
6. From southeast looking northwest
7. 4

PHOTO #5

1. Smith, Peter Donation Land Claim  
12504 Spanaway Loop Road  
Tacoma, WA 98444
2. Pierce County, Washington
3. Larry E. Cort
4. July 22, 1994
5. OAHP, Olympia, WA
6. From northeast looking west
7. 5

PHOTO #6

1. Smith, Peter Donation Land Claim  
12504 Spanaway Loop Road  
Tacoma, WA 98444
2. Pierce County, Washington
3. Larry E. Cort
4. July 22, 1994
5. OAHP, Olympia, WA
6. From northeast looking west
7. 6

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

**National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet**

Section number 11 Page 3  
Name of Property Smith, Peter Donation Land Claim  
County and State Pierce County, Washington

---

PHOTO #7

1. Smith, Peter Donation Land Claim  
12504 Spanaway Loop Road  
Tacoma, WA 98444
2. Pierce County, Washington
3. Larry E. Cort
4. July 22, 1994
5. OAHP, Olympia, WA
6. From northeast looking west
7. 7

PHOTO #8

1. Smith, Peter Donation Land Claim  
12504 Spanaway Loop Road  
Tacoma, WA 98444
2. Pierce County, Washington
3. Larry E. Cort
4. July 22, 1994
5. OAHP, Olympia, WA
6. From south looking northwest at Barn A
7. 8

PHOTO #9

1. Smith, Peter Donation Land Claim  
12504 Spanaway Loop Road  
Tacoma, WA 98444
2. Pierce County, Washington
3. Larry E. Cort
4. July 22, 1994
5. OAHP, Olympia, WA
6. From south looking northeast - Barn A in foreground, Barn B behind
7. 9

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

**National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet**

Section number 11 Page 4  
Name of Property Smith, Peter Donation Land Claim  
County and State Pierce County, Washington

---

PHOTO #10

1. Smith, Peter Donation Land Claim  
12504 Spanaway Loop Road  
Tacoma, WA 98444
2. Pierce County, Washington
3. Larry E. Cort
4. July 22, 1994
5. OAHP, Olympia, WA
6. From south looking north - Barn A with Barn C behind
7. 10

PHOTO #11

1. Smith, Peter Donation Land Claim  
12504 Spanaway Loop Road  
Tacoma, WA 98444
2. Pierce County, Washington
3. Larry E. Cort
4. July 22, 1994
5. OAHP, Olympia, WA
6. From southwest looking northeast - western facade of Barn A  
with farmhouse in distance
7. 11

PHOTO #12

1. Smith, Peter Donation Land Claim  
12504 Spanaway Loop Road  
Tacoma, WA 98444
2. Pierce County, Washington
3. Larry E. Cort
4. July 22, 1994
5. OAHP, Olympia, WA
6. From west looking northeast - chicken coop to left, farmhouse  
to the right
7. 12

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

**National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet**

Section number 11 Page 5  
Name of Property Smith, Peter Donation Land Claim  
County and State Pierce County, Washington

---

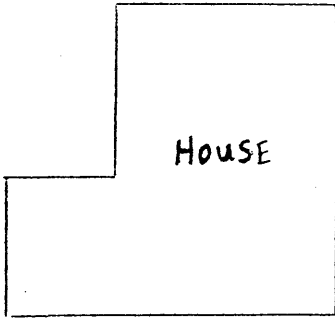
PHOTO #13

1. Smith, Peter Donation Land Claim  
12504 Spanaway Loop Road  
Tacoma, WA 98444
2. Pierce County, Washington
3. Larry E. Cort
4. July 22, 1994
5. OAHP, Olympia, WA
6. From north looking south - detail of Barn C

NORTH

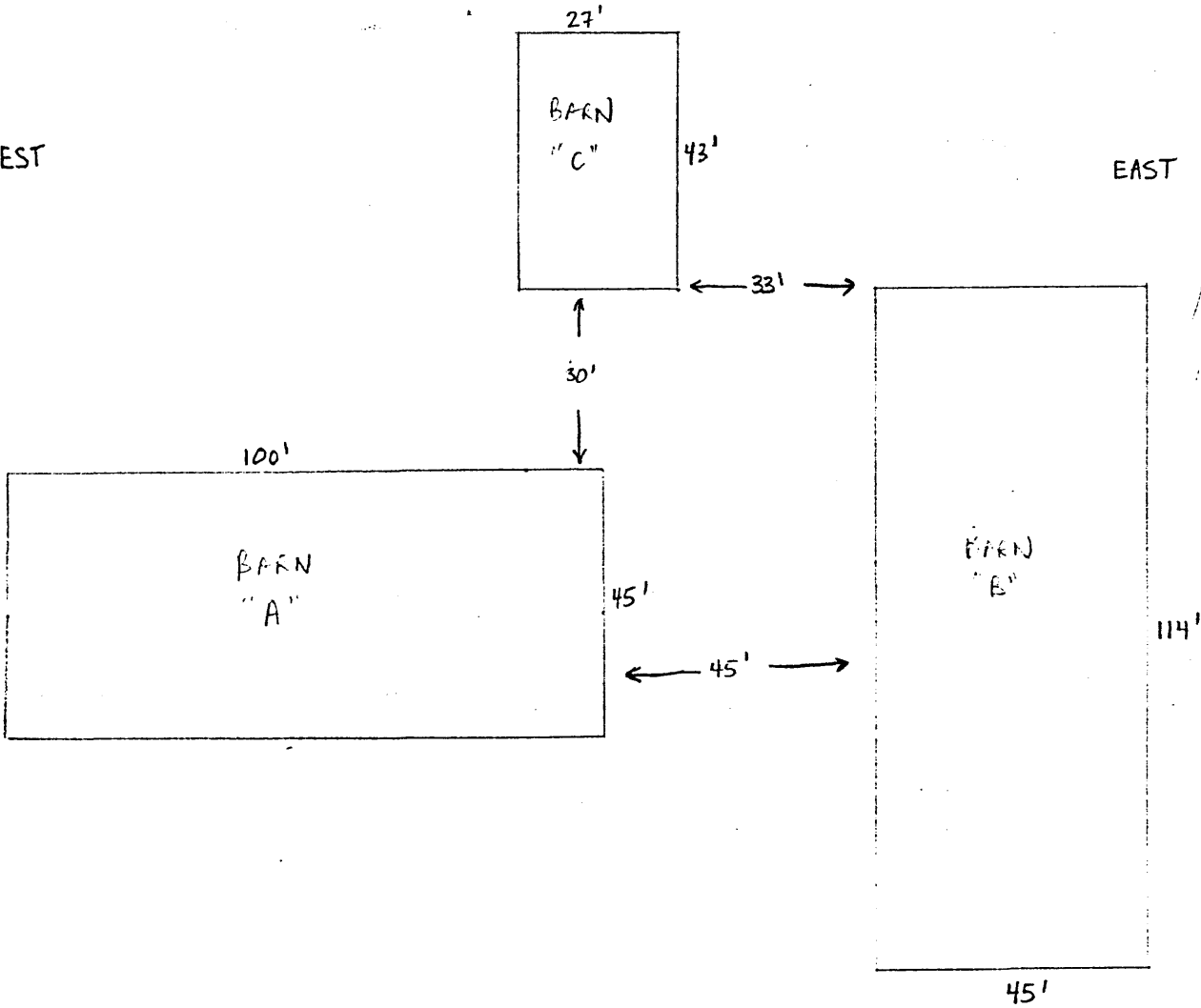
# SCHIBIG FARM

## PLOT PLAN



WEST

EAST



SOUTH

4<sup>u</sup>  
RAINWATER, C.O.

Lot 10

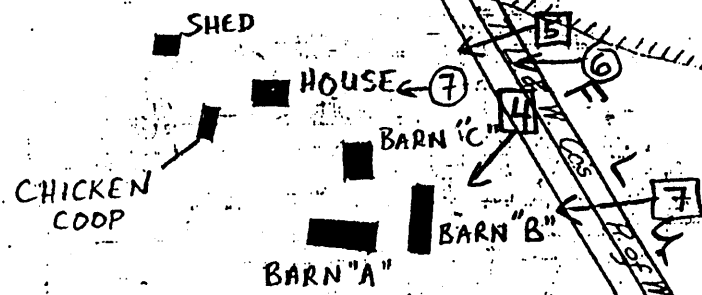
LARSON, I.  
Extends into

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Wheeler																							
25																							
26																							
27																							

Garfield

Tacoma Light

427  
Cor. City D.C.  
N 91° 26' 19" E  
912.32



4<sup>g</sup>  
SCHIBIG, F.  
PART OF  
110 ACRES  
EXTENDS INTO Sec. 8

SMITH DONATION  
LAND CLAIM FARM

○ = PHOTOGRAPHS  
□ = SLIDES

DIEDIE CO., WA