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Record No. _____

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INVENTORY FORM FOR NOMINATED PROPERTIES

NATIONAL REGISTER

Name of Property: Michael Wick Farmhouse & Barn
Address: N72 W13449 Good Hope Road
City: Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin 53051

Owner: T. Shimek Date: 5/8/86
Owner's address: N72 W13449 Good Hope Road
Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin 53051
County: Waukesha

*160 NRHP Certification

(a) _____ (b) _____
(c) _____ (d) _____

165 NRHP Certification Date

(a) _____ (b) _____
(c) _____ (d) _____

*170 Thematic or Multiple Resource Nomination Name

Multiple Resources of Menomonee Falls

180 NRHP List Name Michael Wick Farmhouse
and Barn

*200 Level of Significance Local

*190 District Classification _____

*210 Applicable Criteria Architecture/ (C)

*215 Criteria Considerations

*220 Area of Significance

Architecture

230 Period of Significance Architecture: 1879-1889

60 Verbal Boundary Description Pt. NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 24

T8N R20E Com N $\frac{1}{4}$ corner N89 32' W789.40 ft.
The BGN S928 ft. W375.50 ft. N928 ft. S89.32'
N375.50 ft. to BTN 7.78 Acres.

70 USGS Quad Map Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin

80 UTM Coordinates (Format: 99/999999/9999999)

16-412390-4777590

85 Listed Acreage 7.78 Acres

340 Review Board Date _____

The nomination includes:

THREE Contributing Buildings.

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INTENSIVE SURVEY FORM

Record No. _____ Property Name: Michael Wick House

LOCATION

*10 County Waukesha

20 City or Village Menomonee Falls

30 Civil Town _____

35 Unincorp. Community _____

40 Location N72 W13449 Good Hope Road

Town-Range-Section (Format: 9999W-99)

50 _____

55 Quarter Sections (Format: NW-NW) _____

60 Verbal Boundary Description Part of NE 1/4,

NW 1/4, Section 24, Town 8 North, Range

20 East, Commencing North 1/4, corner

north 89 32' West 789.40 feet. The

beginning South 928 feet West 375.50

feet North 928 feet South 89 32' North

375.50 feet to beginning 7.78 acres.

PROGRAM REVIEW

250 Tax No. _____ Compliance No. _____

* 270 A or D Grant _____

275 Covenant/Easement Dates _____

* 320 Ownership Private

* 330 Lead Agency _____

335 Local Agency _____

SURVEY

90 Photo Codes WK96-18; WK106-26,27,28,28,
29,32,33

100 Survey Map Engineer's Map of Menomonee Falls

110 Map Code 96-18

120 Reconnaissance Surveyor Leonard Garfield

130 Reconnaissance Survey Date 1979

*140 Intensive Survey Name Menomonee Falls Intensive
Survey

150 Intensive Surveyor Rausch/Kilsdonk(Johnson '84)

152 Surveyor Affiliation Architectural Researches,

155 Intensive Survey FY 1985

* 235 Survey Eval. Eligible

* 237 Survey District Classification _____

* 240 Survey Level of Significance Local

* 243 Survey Evaluation Criteria Architecture/

245 Proposed District _____

280 NHL Date _____

290 HABS No. _____ 300 HAER No. _____

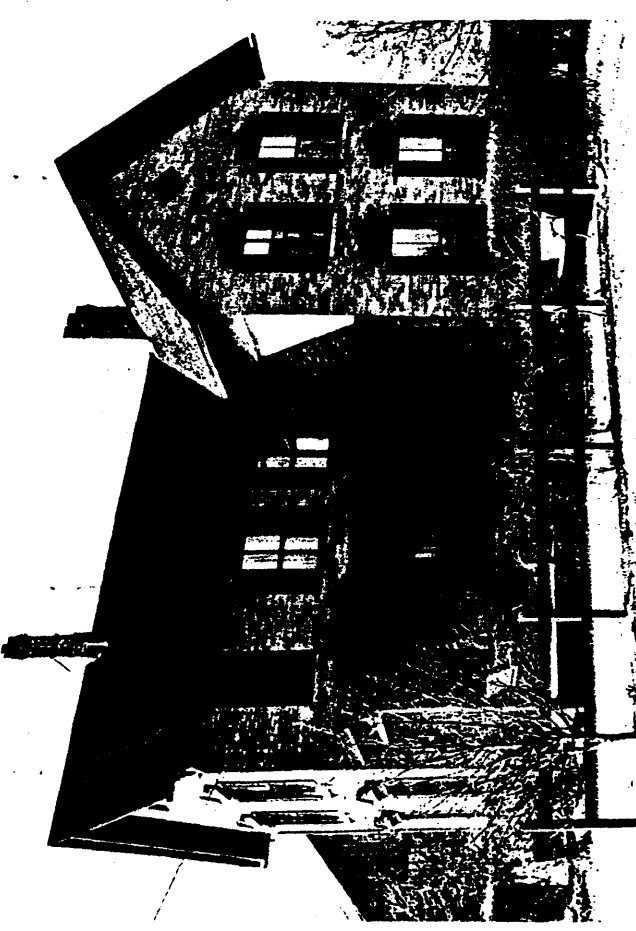
* 305 Local Designation (date) _____

320 Local District _____

315 Associated Archeological Site(s) _____

315 _____

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Number

Street

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Address N72 W13449 Good Hope Road

ARCHITECTURE

450 Construction Date [source] 1879 A

460 Date(s) of Alterations/Additions [source]

460 Rear addition: 1976-1978 D

480 Builder [source] unknown

* 490 Designer Type (a) _____

490 (b) _____ (c) _____

500 Designer Name [source] (a) unknown

500 (b) _____ (c) _____

* 510 Style or Form Italianate /

510 Gabled ell

* 520 Building, Structure, Object or SiteType

520 House - Building

* 530 Wall Material Brick

* 532 Trim Material Wood

* 535 Foundation Material Stone

* 537 Roof Material Asph. Shingles

* 540 Interior Visited Yes

* 550 Structural System [source] _____

* 560 Plan Configuration L-shape with addition

* 570 Number of Stories Two

* 580 Roof Shape Multi-gable

590 Additional Description _____

590 (See last page)

590 _____

590 _____

* 620 Condition Excellent

* 650 Related Buildings Michael Wick Barn (WK96-16)

650 Garden Shed (WK106-34)

650 _____

HISTORY

430 Current Name T. Shimek House

435 Current Function House

440 Historic Names [source] Michael Wick

440 Farmhouse A B C

440 _____

660 Assoc. Individuals [source] (a) Michael Wick 1

660 (b) _____

665 Dates Assoc. [source] (a) 1879-1909 2 1

665 (b) _____

670 Assoc. Events [source] (a) -

670 _____

670 (b) _____

670 _____

675 Dates of Events [source] (a) -

675 (b) _____

680 Historic Functions [source] (a) Farmstead 2

680 (b) _____

685 Dates of Functions [source] (a) 1879-1941 1 3 4

685 (b) _____

* 687 Cultural Affiliation German

688 Cultural Subgroup Baden

*use code tables for response,

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Michael Wick purchased his property (about 65 acres) in three separate tracts in 1869, 1872, and 1886, in the northeast $\frac{1}{4}$, northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 24 of Menomonee Township. He erected his dwelling on the northeast corner of the property in c. 1879 and the remaining barn in c. 1889.^{2,3} The property (then 93- $\frac{3}{4}$ acres) was transferred to Frederick Wick in 1909. Michael Wick died in 1922.¹ In 1941, the land was sold to Joseph Schmidt, and it was again divided into parcels. A farm auction occurred at this time. Thomas Shimek has owned the dwelling since 1973.^{1,2} Shimek has refurbished the farmhouse, maintaining its original design. The recent rear wing is not visible from the front. Except for the c. 1899 barn, the remaining outbuildings were removed in 1974 to 1975.

Michael Wick, son of Ambrose Wick who also owned a farm in the vicinity of Fussville, emigrated from Baden by 1850. In that year, the census lists Wick as a farm laborer and a member of his father's household. In 1860, he married Anne Ruhland, from whose father Wick purchased the 1869 tract which contained the dwelling.^{1,2,8} In 1870, the agricultural census indicates a very low level of production: 10 bushels of wheat, 50 bushels of corn, 150 bushels of oats, 1 oxen, 3 milk cows, 2 cattle and 1 sheep. He appears to have just begun his own farm; however, by 1880 Wick produced 435 bushels of barley, 300 bushels of corn, 200 bushels of oats, 260 bushels of wheat and 300 pounds of butter, as well as raising 5 milk cows, cattle and swine.⁹ He maintained a more mixed farm profile, probably producing wheat, barley, and butter as cash items.¹⁰

The c. 1889 frame, gable-roofed barn resembles a southeast Pennsylvania German bank barn. Wick apparently gained familiarity with the design from his neighbors. The barn's spatial arrangement resulted from a meshing of similar traditions in America, from central Europe and Great Britain. Built from the late 18th century in Pennsylvania, the bank barn is a double crib barn with multiple stories. A cantilevered overhang over the first floor appears on the opposite side. The upper stories provide hay and grain storage, while the first floor contains animal stalls.¹²

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

DESCRIPTION

Originally built in an L-shape with a shallow projecting bay at the rear, the creme brick Michael Wick Farmhouse has a large two-story gable roofed modern rear addition constructed in reused creme brick. Characterized by the varied window ornament and arrangement typical of the Italianate Revival style, the Wick House features projecting pediment-shaped window heads on the upper story and larger pedimented window heads on the lower story, straight wooden projecting window heads on the upper story of the facade of the ell, and round arched windows with two-over-two lights and brick voussoirs on the lower story of the ell facade. (Some of the window heads are replacement copies of the originals. Also the window heads originally slightly recessed were placed directly on the surface when the deteriorated area behind the window heads was repaired.)^D Diamond-shaped windows in the gable peaks, brackets at the ends of the roof, exterior shutters, and stone water tables add to the character of the house.

Segmental arched entrances with brick voussoirs at the front and rear have arched wooden panels above the rectangular doors. Exhibiting the characteristic porches, the ell of the Wick House has an open front wooden porch with turned posts (the original porch did not extend completely across the facade^{B,C}) and an original small rear wooden porch with turned posts and a freize featuring a decorative cut-out pattern.

The modern rear addition, extending south from the rear cross gable, was built with window heads in the same style as the original structure in 1976-78. Built on the site of the summer kitchen demolished in 1974-75, the rear addition features a rear second-story deck and sliding glass doors on the east side.^D

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ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SIGNIFICANCE

The Michael Wick Farmhouse is significant under Criterion C as an example of an Italianate influenced farmhouse. Among the best preserved Italianate influenced houses in the Menomonee Falls Survey, the Wick house, designed in the gable ell form relies mainly on the variation of window decoration to suggest the Italianate style. Although the exterior surfaces were sandblasted during the 1974-75 rehabilitation and restoration the visual integrity of the architectural design remains.

Constructed in 1879, the Wick House now located on 7.78 acres, originally was part of an 93.75 acre farm that remained in the Wick family until 1941.^{B,C}

A typical rather than unique representation of late 19th century agricultural development in the Menomonee Falls region, the Wick House and farm buildings are among the few limited resources from the era still relatively intact, and maintaining a strong degree of design integrity, for rural buildings.

The period of significance represents the era of construction for the remaining contributing elements.

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- A. Milwaukee (Wisconsin) Journal, November 1941.
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- C. Abstract of property in possession of owner, T. Shimek, Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin.
- D. T. Shimek interview with the author, March 27 1986, Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin.
- E. Photograph of Wick Farmhouse c. 1900 in possession of T. Shimek, Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin.
- F. Tax Records, Town of Menomonee, Wisconsin, Area Research Library, University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 1849-1940.

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DESCRIPTION - (Continued)

The exterior of the Wick Farmhouse was altered when sand blasted during the rehabilitation and remodeling that occurred in 1974-75.^D The interior also was remodeled extensively at the same time, altering the floor plan and much of the interior fabric.^D

Part of a farm that comprised 93.75 acres in 1909 when Michael Wick sold the property to his son, Fred, the farmstead presently is composed of a barn, a small garden shed, and the farmhouse.^{B.C.} A summer kitchen, smoke house, two-car garage, milk shed and storage barn were demolished in 1974-75.^D

The remaining farm land was sold off in acreages and lots after the Wick family sold the property in 1941.^B

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3. Dated photograph.
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7. A. G. Wright, 1899: 285.
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9. United States, Department of Interior, Census Office, 1870; 1880.
10. Perkins, 1984: 180-82; 190-95.
11. St. James Cemetery records.
12. Glassie, 1968: 55, 62; Jordan, 1985: 30-36.

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20 City or Village Menomonee Falls
30 Civil Town _____
35 Unincorp. Community _____
40 location N72 W13449 Good Hope Road
Town-Range-Section (Format: 9999W-99)
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89 32' N375.50 feet to beginning 7.78 Acres.

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SURVEY

90 Photo Codes WK96-16,17; WK106-30,31,35,36
100 Survey Map Engineer's Map of Menomonee Falls
110 Map Code 96-16
120 Reconnaissance Surveyor Leonard Garfield
130 Reconnaissance Survey Date 1979
*140 Intensive Survey Name Menomonee Falls Intensive
Survey
150 Intensive Surveyor Rausch/Kilsdonk (Johnson '84)
152 Surveyor Affiliation Architectural Researches,
155 Intensive Survey FY 1985
* 235 Survey Eval. eligible
* 237 Survey District Classification _____
* 240 Survey Level of Significance Local
* 243 Survey Evaluation Criteria Architecture/event
245 Proposed District _____
280 NHL Date _____
290 HABS No. _____ 300 HAER No. _____
* 305 Local Designation (date) _____
320 Local District _____
315 Associated Archeological Site(s) _____
315 _____



Number

Street

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ARCHITECTURE

450 Construction Date [source] c. 1889 E

460 Date(s) of Alterations/Additions [source]

460 _____

480 Builder [source] _____

* 490 Designer Type (a) _____

490 (b) _____ (c) _____

500 Designer Name [source] (a) _____

500 (b) _____ (c) _____

* 510 Style or Form Bank barn

510 _____

* 520 Building, Structure, Object or SiteType

520 Barn

* 530 Wall Material Wood

* 532 Trim Material Wood

* 535 Foundation Material Stone

* 537 Roof Material Shingles

* 540 Interior Visited Yes

* 550 Structural System [source] _____

* 560 Plan Configuration Rectangular

* 570 Number of Stories _____

* 580 Roof Shape Gable with dormer

590 Additional Description _____

590 (See last page)

590 _____

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* 620 Condition Good

* 650 Related Buildings Tile Silo

650 Concrete Silo

650 Farmhouse (WK96-18)

HISTORY

430 Current Name T. Shimek Barn

435 Current Function Barn

440 Historic Names [source] Michael Wick Barn B C

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680 Historic Functions [source] (a) _____

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* 687 Cultural Affiliation _____

688 Cultural Subgroup _____

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DESCRIPTION

Generally described as a bank barn, the Michael Wick Barn is built with the long side running along a rise located to the east of the structure. Covered with vertical board siding (formerly painted), the Wick Barn features a gabled dormer with ocular window and stick style ornament placed over the large sliding service door located at the top of the rise on the east side of the barn. The forebay, the projection of the upper story, extending the length of the barn over the stone foundation, is the dominant design feature of the west elevation. The lower level has several single entrance doors and windows on the west side and two large garage doors added in recent times on the north side.

A tile silo, constructed c. 1920, and a concrete silo, constructed early in the 20th century, both with round metal roofs and ventilator caps, are located on the southeast corner of the barn.^{D.}

Exhibiting post and beam construction on the interior and rather low ceilings, the lower level also features a stairway to the loft in the northwest corner. The barn now serves as a storage facility and horse stable.

Probably constructed c. 1889 according to the inscription (date is unclear) noted on a photograph dated c. 1900, the Wick Barn was part of a farm composed of 93.75 acres in 1909, when Michael Wick sold the family farm to his son, Fred Wick.^{B.E.F.}

The small wood-frame garden shed to the north of the barn is gable-roofed with drop siding and small window and door openings. Of no particular architectural merit, it is considered non the less a contributing element of the farmstead site.

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ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SIGNIFICANCE

Obviously an important and interesting example of a 19th century barn, the architectural significance of the Wick Barn cannot be compared at this time because no context or basis for comparison in the Town of Menomonee is available at present. However, on the basis of integrity, the Wick Barn is an architecturally significant example of a 19th century barn in the town of Menomonee.

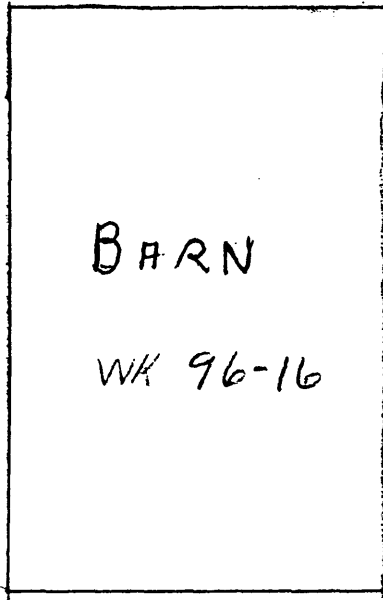
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SITE PLAN

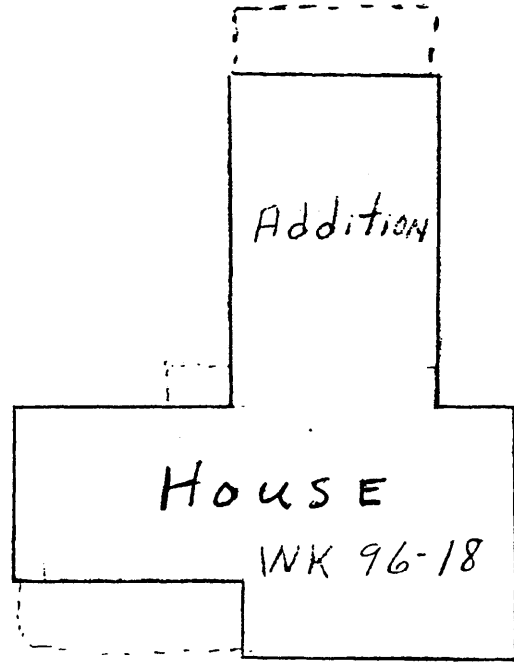
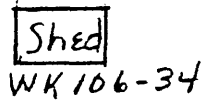
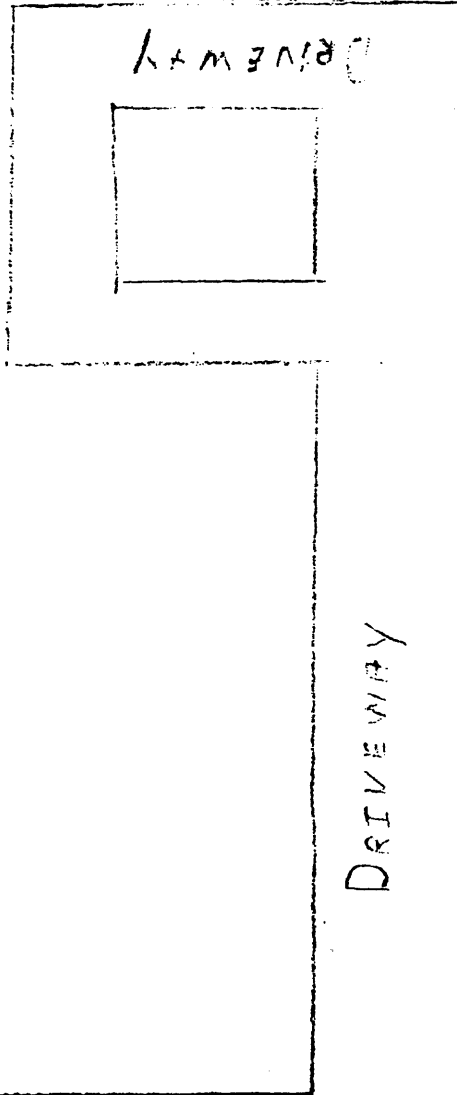
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North
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Not to scale



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