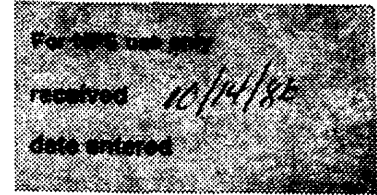


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Section 7. Description

The northernmost farmstead in the MRA, the Waldo Farm lies on the southwest side of Otter Creek where it traverses the valley bottom immediately south of Wallingford village.

The farmhouse and outbuildings are situated next to a knoll on the valley's west side. Cultivated fields extend southeastward and southwestward from the buildings. The c.1840 vernacular house overlooks the curving creek and Wallingford village to the northeast. Three 19th century, medium-sized barns and a milkhouse stand in a rectangular arrangement to the rear (southwest) of the house, enclosing a barn yard.

The original owner of the present farmhouse is not known. Alfred Hull, a prosperous farmer who lived in the village, owned the farm during the middle decades of the 19th century. In 1866, Hull sold the property to Homer H. Waldo for \$12,000. The Waldo family ownership subsequently spanned about a half century. In recent decades, the farm has belonged to Robert Davenport, whose brother owns the adjacent farm to the south (#1-2). Davenport, operated a commercial dairy farm until the requirement for a bulk-tank milk collection system took effect in the early 1960s.

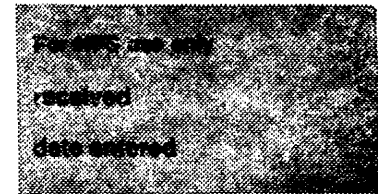
2. Homer Waldo House; c.1840

Deeply recessed from Waldo Lane where it curves along the river bend, the relatively plain, 1 1/2 story, wood-framed and clapboarded house with an asphalt-shingled gable roof stands oriented roughly parallel to the road. Only a left shed dormer interrupts the symmetry of the five-bay main (northeast) eaves facade with its central entrance; the entrance surround includes a blind transom panel surmounted by architrave and cornice. The flanking window openings are occupied by 2/2 sash with 6/6 storm windows; while an eight-light horizontal window punctuates the kneewall above each bay next to the entrance. An added exterior fireplace chimney bisects the two-bay northwest gable elevation.

A slightly reduced, gable-roofed wing extends from the main block's southeast gable elevation; a shed dormer, broader than that on the main roof, emerges from the northeast slope of its roof. A three-bay recessed porch with smooth columns shelters the central entrance on the wing's eaves front. An exterior chimney has been added to the southeast gable elevation.

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Attached to the southwest corner of the wing, a smaller-scaled (but 1 1/2 story), gable-roofed shed wing parallels the orientation of the other blocks. Its northeast eaves front contains a left-bay garage stall and a latticed right bay, each surmounted by a small kneewall opening.

A. Horse Barn; c.1850

Standing southwest of the house's shed wing and oriented perpendicular to it, a wood-framed and clapboarded (painted red) horse barn carries a slate-shingled gable roof; a basement story is exposed on the three-bay south eaves elevation. The two-bay gable front includes a large sliding door in the right bay and a left-bay window with 12/8 sash. The openings generally have decorative peaked lintels, unlike the other barns in the complex which are plain.

B. Dairy Barn; c.1860

Sited north of the barn and parallel to it, this similar-scaled, wood-framed barn also carries a slate-shingled gable roof but is sheathed with unpainted flush boards hung vertically. The stable occupies the basement story, exposed on the south eaves elevation. The east gable front has only a wagon entrance bay with a built up earthen ramp; the barn virtually lacks fenestration. A silo formerly stood next to the barn's south elevation.

C. Dairy Barn; c.1880

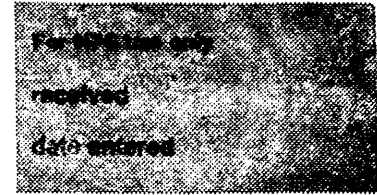
A c.1950, 1 story, gable-roofed addition links the southwest rear corner of the second barn to the northeast corner of the somewhat larger third barn. Oriented perpendicular to the others, this wood-framed and clapboarded (painted red) barn with a slate-shingled gable roof possesses a basement story (containing the stable) exposed on both the east eaves and south gable elevations. The limited fenestration of this barn is restricted largely to the basement story.

D. Milkhouse; c.1910

Placed between the horse and north dairy barns, this small 1 story, wood-framed and mostly flush-boarded, shed-roofed building displays a distinctive appearance. The three-bay clapboarded east front culminates in a parapet or "false front" that conceals the roof; entrances occupy the left and right bays, flanking a central window.

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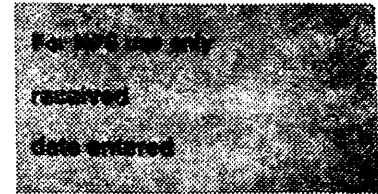
Section 8. Significance

Homer Waldo Farm (#2)

The Homer Waldo Farm, unlike most of the imposing farms in the MRA area, is of a modest vernacular design, both the Classic Cottage residence and small scale Yankee barns. Much more typical of a mid 19th century Vermont hillside farmstead, the well-preserved complex is nonetheless significant. Small scale diversified agriculture, illustrated by the Waldo Farm, was the basis of Vermont's 19th century economy. The farm's arrangement of outbuildings exemplifies a rural farmyard distinct from the tradition of connected farm architecture common in most areas of the state.

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Homer Waldo Farm (#2)

Section 10. Geographic Data

Acreage: Approximately 5 acres

Quadrangle name: Wallingford 15 minute series, scale 1:62500

UTM Reference: 18/663200/4814200

Verbal Boundary Description: The boundary of the Homer Waldo Lane begins at Point A, the intersection of the western edge of the farm driveway and the eastern extension of a line 20' north of and parallel to the north wall of the Waldo Barn B. It thence proceeds in a southwesterly direction along the edge of said driveway to Point B, the intersection of said edge and the southern extension of a line 20' west of and parallel to the west wall of the Waldo Barn C. The boundary thence proceeds in a northerly direction along said extension, said line and a northern extension thereof to Point C, the intersection of said extension and the 600 ft topo line. It thence proceeds in a northeasterly direction along said topo line to Point D, the intersection of said topo line and the western extension of a line 20' north of and parallel to the north wall of the Waldo Barn B. The boundary thence proceeds in an easterly direction along said extension, said line, and an easterly extension thereof to Point A, the point of beginning.

Boundary justification: The boundary includes the farmhouse and outbuildings associated with the Waldo Farm. A steep hill forms a backdrop and the boundary to the west and north, while the farm drive, with its cultivated fields beyond, defines the boundary to the east and south.