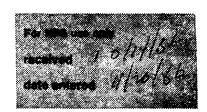
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HULETT FARM (#5)

Section 7. Description

Hulett Farm (#5,A,B,C,D)

Located in the southern part of the MRA, the house and three related outbuildings of this small farmstead are sited along the west side of the highway. Behind the buildings, the terrain rises onto a formerly pastured hillside. The 19th century barn stands on the opposite side of the highway, a short distance northeast of the house. Undulating fields surround the barn between the highway and the Vermont Railway track to the east.

Constructed possibly c.1810, the vernacular Federal style house displays similarity of appearance to the somewhat more detailed Nichols House (#1-10). The Hulett family owned the farm during much of the 19th century. Commercial dairy farming ceased here about 1945, earlier than in the cases of most other farms in the MRA.

5. Hulett House; c.1810

Oriented parallel to the highway, the wood-framed and clapboarded house rises 2 1/2 stories from a marble slab foundation to a slate-shingled gable roof. A 20th century saltbox extension has been added to the rear of the original block, expanding by two bays its former single-bay north and south gable elevations. Two interior chimneys rise from the west slope of the original roof.

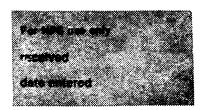
The five-bay main (east) facade is arranged symmetrically around a central entrance whose mitred enframement includes a simplified entablature. Flanking the enframement are sidelights in the form of slender 6/6 sash that match the height of the first story 2/2 window openings. The shorter second story openings abut the fascia and the right three bays retain 12/8 sash.

The house's south elevation includes a secondary entrance sheltered by a one-bay porch with box posts and dimension balustrade. The porch was probably added when the saltbox west extension was built.

A. Shed; c.1950

Directly behind, and oriented perpendicular to the house stands a l story, wood-framed and clapboard shed. A tiny ventilator surmounts its asphalt-shingled roof. The detached shed probably replaced an earlier shed ell of the house. Non-contributing due

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to age.

B. Shed; c.1880

Standing southwest of the house, a l story, wood-framed, gable-roofed shed has been sheathed with clapboards on its east gable front while the other elevations retain the traditional vertical boards. A double-leaf doorway enters the east front.

C. Chicken Coop; c.1920

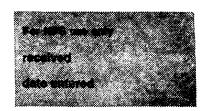
Placed on the lower slope northwest of the house, a l story, wood-framed and partly clapboarded, shed-roofed chicken coop receives a sunny southeast exposure. Two recycled 6/6 sash and three twelve-pane windows light the southeast front of the building.

D. Barn; c.1850

Oriented perpendicular to the highway, the elongated wood-framed, vertical-boarded barn with a slate-shingled gable roof comprises two sections. The earlier, of the English type, stands next to the highway; a central wagon entrance with double-leaf doors marks the north eaves elevation. A small l story, gable-roofed ell projects from its northwest corner. The later east section of the barn gains an exposed basement story from the downward slope of the ground. A shed-roofed (sheathed with asphalt paper) wing with varied fenestration is attached to the east end of the south elevation.

A smaller barn was formerly linked perpendicularly to the west end of the barn's south elevation; it was removed c.1980.

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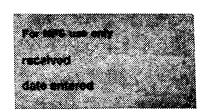
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Hulett Farm (#5)

Section 8. Statement of Significance

The Hulett Farm and the Nichols House (#1-10) are the only two early Federal style Georgian plan houses in the MRA. It is almost identical to the former Mosley Hall's Tavern once located nearby and displays rare early vernacular characteristics of the Federal style-half length and multi-paned sidelights. The farmhouse's well-preserved facade looms on a rise very close to U.S. Route 7, a historically correct siting and also visually prominent one. The complex retains a full compliment of 19th century outbuildings indicative of its agricultural past.

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Hulett Farm (#5)

Section 10. Geographic Data

Acreage: approximately 5 acres

Quadrange name: Wallingford 15 minute series, scale - 1:62500

UTM Reference: 18/662600/4810725

Verbal boundary description: The boundary of the Hulett House begins at Point A, the intersection of an eastern extension of a line 20' north of and parallel to the north wall of the Hulett Barn, (#5D) and the northern extension of a line 20' east of and parallel to the east wall of the Hulett Barn (#5D). It thence proceeds in a southerly direction along said extension, said line, and a southerly extension thereof to Point B, the intersection of said extension and the eastern extension of a line 20' south of and parallel to the south wall of the Hulett shed (#5B). The boundary thence proceeds in a westerly direction along said extension crossing U.S. Route 7 and continuing along said line and a westerly extension of said line to Point C, the intersection of said extension and the southern extension of a line 20' west of and parallel to the west wall of the Hulett shed (#5B). It thence proceeds in a northerly direction along said extension, said line and a northerly extension of said line to Point D, the intersection of said extension and the western extension of a line 20' north of and parallel to the north wall of the Julett chicken coop (#5C). It thence proceeds in an easterly direction along said extension, said line, and an easterly extension of said line crossing U.S. Route 7 and continuing to Point E, the intersecton of said extension and the eastern edge of the right of way of U.S. Route 7. It thence proceeds in a northerly direction along said edge to Point F, the intersection of said edge and the western extension of a line 20' north of and parallel to the north wall of the Hulett Barn, (#5D). The boundary thence proceeds in an easterly direction along said extension, said line and an easterly extension of said line to Point A, the point of beginning.

Boundary justification: The boundary of the Hulett House includes the house and outbuildings historically associated with the house. A greatly altered small early 20th century tenant farm house to the north is excluded. A steep, wooded hillside rises to the east; while pasture land and new growth forests borders the complex on the remaining sides.