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 National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form.* 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 certification comments, entries, and narrative items on continuation sheets if needed (NPS Form 10-900a).

1. Name of Property		
historic name Prices Fork Historic District 2014 Boundary Increase		
other names/site number VDHR 060-0224		
2. Location		*
street & number Prices Fork Road	not for pu	blication
city or town Blacksburg	vicinity	
state Virginia code VA county Montgomery code 121	zip code 24060	
3. State/Federal Agency Certification		
As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,		-1
I hereby certify that this <u>x</u> nomination <u>request for determination of eligibility meets for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the proced requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.</u>		
In my opinion, the property \underline{x} meets $\underline{}$ does not meet the National Register Criteria be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:	a. I recommend that t	his property
national statewidex_local		
Aulie Sangen 7/1/14 Signature of certifying official/Title	_	
Virginia Department of Historic Resources State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government		
In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.		
Signature of commenting official Date	_	
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Title State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal C	Government	
4. National Park Service Certification		
I hereby certify that this property is:		
entered in the National Register determined eligible for the	National Register	
determined not eligible for the National Register removed from the National	Register	
other (explain;) Out of Box 18	.14	
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action		

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Prices Fork Historic District 2014 Boundary Increase Name of Property	Montgomery County, Virginia County and State		
5. Classification			
Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply.) Category of Property (Check only one box.)	Number of Resources within Property (Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)		
x private building(s) public - Local x district public - State site structure public - Federal object	Contributing Noncontributing 3 1 buildings 0 0 sites 0 0 structures 0 0 objects 3 1 Total		
Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing) N/A	Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register		
6. Function or Use			
Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions.) EDUCATION: School DOMESTIC: Single dwelling	Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions.) Vacant DOMESTIC: Single dwelling		
7. Description			
Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions.)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions.)		
MODERN MOVEMENT: Moderne LATE 19 th & 20 th CENTURY REVIVALS: Colonial Revival	foundation: CONCRETE walls: BRICK; ASBESTOS; SYNTHETICS: Vinyl roof: SYNTHETICS: Membrane; ASPHALT other: WOOD		

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Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance of the property. Explain contributing and noncontributing resources if necessary. Begin with a summary paragraph that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, setting, size, and significant features.)

Summary Paragraph

The amended boundary of the Prices Fork Historic District encompasses three land parcels at the southwest corner of the existing district, on the south side of Prices Fork Road and the east side of Thomas Lane. Each parcel has a single primary contributing building. Prices Fork Elementary School was built in 1950 to serve not only the small, rural Prices Fork community, located a few miles south of Blacksburg, but also a number of nearby communities in northwest Montgomery County. The sprawling one-story, flat-roof masonry school building is an excellent example of mid 20th-century public school architecture and possesses a high level of historic integrity. The building was appended on the west end with a matching one-story section during the 1950s, and again in the early 1960s with a one-story south wing built off of the east end of the original building. The single dwellings at 4261 and 4267 Prices Fork Road, built in 1953 and 1940, respectively, are good examples of variations of a common mid-20th-century house form, generally referred to as the Cape Cod form, with minimal Colonial Revival detailing, and both possess a relatively high level of historic integrity. There are no contributing secondary resources within the expansion area. One shed stands behind the house at 4261 Prices Fork Road. It is identified as non-contributing to the historic district as it was constructed beyond the period of significance and is not associated with the district's area of significance.

Narrative Description

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Prices Fork Elementary School

1950 Contributing building - 1

Prices Fork Elementary School is centrally located in the Prices Fork community, on the south side of Prices Fork Road. Built in 1950 to serve the small, rural Prices Fork community located a few miles south of Blacksburg, it is a one-story brick-clad masonry building with a flat roof and minimal detailing in the streamlined Moderne style of the mid-20th century. The building was appended on the west end with a matching one-story section during the 1950s, and again in the early 1960s with a one-story south wing built off of the east end of the original building. The wing meets the main block at a right angle to form an overall L shape, but the wing is set back about 10 feet from the main block's front wall. The principal entrance is near the northeast corner of the main block, with glazed, metal folding doors inset 3-4 feet from the outer front wall plane. Above the doors is a two-light transom. To the right (west) of the doorway, the name "PRICES FORK SCHOOL" is applied in individual mounted aluminum letters. A single door on the east elevation, near the front corner of the building, has a flat, cantilevered awning that is consistent with the period of construction and the Moderne style of architecture. The school's window openings have robust aluminum sash divided into 15 lights: 3 vertical columns of 5 lights; 12 lights: 2 columns of 6 lights, or 21 lights: 3 columns of 7 lights. The 21-light windows are found only on the east wing's east elevation, while the wing's front elevation consists of a nearly uninterrupted plain brick wall with only a louvered vent; in contrast to the main block, which has several large windows across the front. Both wings have the same materials and design features, including the brick veneer, laid in a 5-course Flemish variant bond pattern consisting of one Flemish course to every five stretcher courses. The header bricks in the Flemish courses are darkened to simulate the glazed headers often seen in 18th century brickwork. This brick bond pattern is very common in Virginia public schools built between 1920 and 1950. The school's low parapet walls are covered with sheet-metal coping, painted white. Tennis courts and ball fields are located behind the school. Prices Fork Elementary School is an excellent example of mid 20th-century public school architecture and possesses a high level of historic integrity.

Note: Six impermanent modular structures that were located behind the school, shown on the accompanying aerial view entitled "Prices Fork Historic District Boundary Expansion, 2014, Montgomery County, Virginia, 060-0224," were removed from the property in late 2013. They did not contribute to the significance of the historic district. More recent aerial photographs are not currently available.

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House, 4261 Prices Fork Road

1953 Contributing building – 1 Non-contributing building – 1

The house at 4261 Prices Fork Road is located toward the west end of the Prices Fork community, immediately west of Prices Fork Elementary School, on the south side of Prices Fork Road. The house, built in 1953, is a 1.5-story, asbestosshingle-clad frame building with a steep side-gable roof and minimal Colonial Revival detailing. It has a symmetrical 3-bay facade with central entry surrounded by pilasters and entablature. The wooden front door has six lights at the top with two vertical recessed panels below. The roof is clad with asphalt architectural shingles. Two front-gabled dormers with 6/6 sash appear on the front of the roof. On the west side of the main block is a slightly shorter wing, which matches the main block and appears to be part of the original construction. A brick exterior chimney is located on the east end of the house, on the north side of the roof ridge. Behind the chimney, a carport roof is attached to the east elevation of the house's main block. The rear elevation of the main block has a 3-bay shed dormer and a deep, one-story, 4-bay, shed-roofed porch. The house is a good example of a common mid 20th-century form and possesses a high level of historic integrity. A frame shed built in the late 20th century is situated behind the house. It is identified as a non-contributing building chiefly because of its recent vintage.

060-0224-0014 House, 4267 Prices Fork Road

1940 Contributing building - 1

The house at 4267 Prices Fork Road is located toward the west end of the Prices Fork community, on the south side of Prices Fork Road; at the southeast corner of Prices Fork Road and Thomas Lane (Rt. 737). The house, built in 1940, is a 1.5-story, vinyl-siding-clad frame building with a steep side-gable roof and minimal Colonial Revival detailing. It has a symmetrical 3-bay facade with central entry sheltered by a front-gable pedimented awning that is supported by large angle brackets to either side of the doorway. The wooden front door has six lights at the top with two vertical recessed panels below. Wide, 5-over-1 sash flank the front door, which is reached by a set of 4 concrete steps. The roof is clad with asphalt architectural shingles. Two front-gabled dormers with 3-over-1 sash appear on the front of the roof. A stone-faced exterior chimney is centered on the east end of the house, and a brick interior end chimney flue emerges at the west end of the roof. The rear elevation of the main block has a 3-bay shed dormer and a deep, one-story, 4-bay, shed-roofed porch. The rear elevation has a one-story shed-roofed porch and a single, central dormer. The house is a good example of a common mid-20th-century form and possesses a relatively high level of historic integrity.

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8. Stat	ement of Significance	
(Mark "x	able National Register Criteria " in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property anal Register listing.)	Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions.) Architecture
A	Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.	Activectore
В	Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.	
x 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.	Period of Significance 1871 - 1953
D	Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.	Significant Dates
	a Considerations " in all the boxes that apply.)	Significant Person (Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)
A		n/a
В	removed from its original location.	Cultural Affiliation n/a
c	a birthplace or grave.	
_ D	a cemetery.	Analaite et/Duillelan
E	a reconstructed building, object, or structure.	Architect/Builder unknown
F	a commemorative property.	
G	less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·

Period of Significance (justification)

The original period of significance, as stated in the 1988 Prices Fork Historic District nomination, began in 1871 and ended in 1940 in observation of the generally acknowledged 50-year cutoff for registered properties. The historic district's 2014 expansion area includes contributing resources dating from 1940 to 1953. The period of significance, 1871 to 1953,

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encompasses the span of time in which all contributing resources within the historic district were constructed and in which the district achieved significance under Criterion C.

Criteria Considerations (explanation, if necessary)

N/A

Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance and applicable criteria.)

The existing Prices Fork Historic District, listed on the National Register in 1991, remains eligible under Criterion C in the area of Architecture as "a group of well-preserved structures depicting the growth of a town at an important fork in a turnpike from the late nineteenth century into the early twentieth century." The Prices Fork Elementary School, built in 1950, and two neighboring houses built in 1940 and 1953 are associated with this historic pattern of development and are, in their own right, good examples of their respective architectural forms. These three resources were part of the cohesive village of Prices Fork during the period of significance, which spans from 1871 to 1953. The expanded district boundaries now encompass the Prices Fork community's historic core in its entirety.

Narrative Statement of Significance

Prices Fork Elementary School was erected in 1950 to serve not only the small, rural Prices Fork community, located a few miles south of Blacksburg, but also a number of nearby communities in northwest Montgomery County. It is an excellent example of mid 20th-century public school architecture and possesses a high level of historic integrity. The school was erected during a period of consolidation and modernization of Virginia's public schools. The state board of education had been using standardized plans for school construction since at least the 1930s. The Prices Fork Elementary School features many of the attributes typical of Virginia schools from the post-World War II era. Is streamlined Moderne design with a flat roof, bands of windows, and sprawling floor plan are character-defining features. The building retains much of its historic fabric, thereby conveying its historic association with a period and style of construction that proliferated during the prosperous postwar years.

The single dwellings at 4261 and 4267 Prices Fork Road, built in 1953 and 1940, respectively, are good examples of variations of a common mid-20th-century house form, the Cape Cod dwelling. Both possess a relatively high level of historic integrity and retain character-defining features of the Cape Cod type, including rectangular floor plans with side-gabled roofs, centered entries, brick chimneys, and gabled dormers. The fenestration pattern on the dwelling at 4267 Prices Fork Road is typical of pre-World War II dwellings, with symmetrically sized and arranged window openings on the first and second stories. The dwelling at 4261 Prices Ford Road, built in 193, incorporates a "picture window" on the primary façade, an element that became an iconic feature of post-World War II American dwellings. Although the two dwellings are of the same type, the variations in their design provide a tidy encapsulation of important evolutions in domestic design trends from the prewar to the postwar years.

Developmental history/additional historic context information (if appropriate)

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9. Major Bibli	iographical F	References			
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Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The existing and expanded district boundaries are indicated on the accompanying 1" to 200' scale aerial view entitled "Prices Fork Historic District Boundary Expansion, 2014, Montgomery County, Virginia, 060-0224."

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The expanded boundary encompasses only properties with contributing historic resources located in close proximity to, but outside of the original Prices Fork Historic District, listed in 1991. All potentially contributing resources are included within the expanded boundary. Six non-historic modular buildings located behind the school were removed in 2013.

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County and State	
date February 2014	
telephone <u>540-387-5443</u>	
state VA zip code 24153	

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

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. Key all photographs to this map.

- Continuation Sheets
- Additional items: (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

Photographs:

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map.

Name of Property:

Prices Fork Historic District boundary increase

City or Vicinity:

Blacksburg

County:

Montgomery County

State: Virginia

Photographer:

Michael J. Pulice

Date Photographed:

May 2012

Description of Photograph(s) and number:

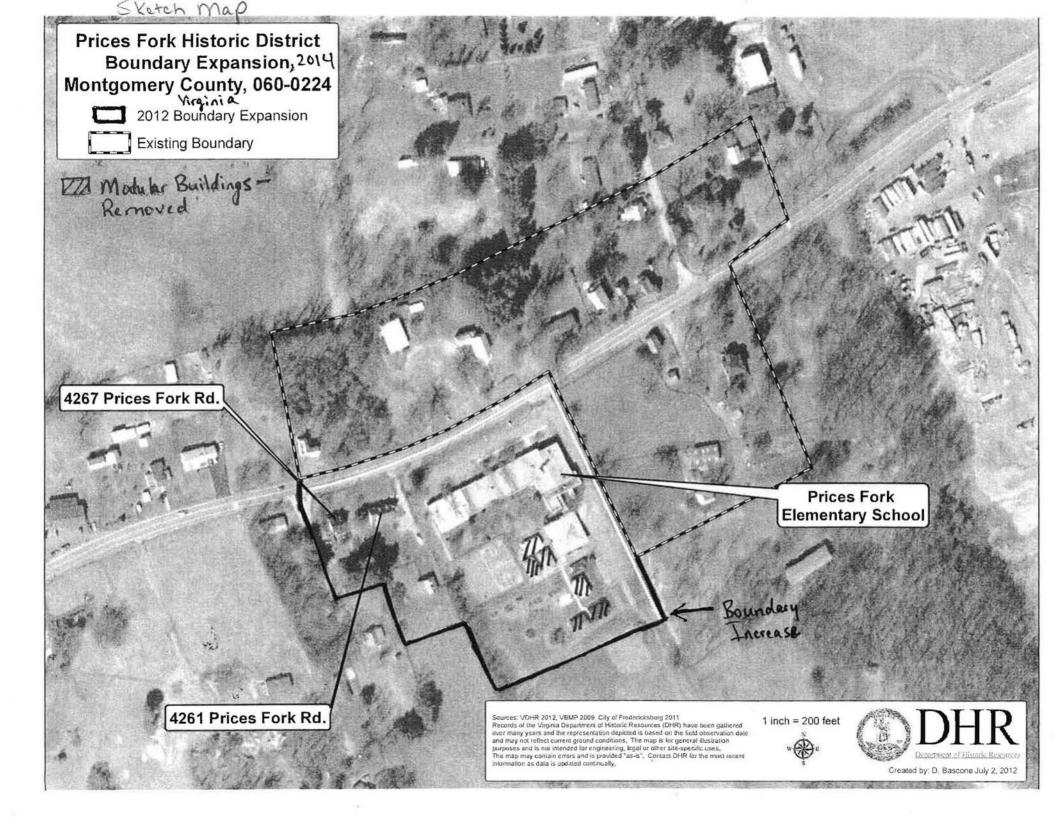
- 1 of 5. Prices Fork Elementary School, facing southwest.
- 2 of 5. Prices Fork Elementary School, facing east-northeast.
- 3 of 5. House, 4261 Prices Fork Road, facing southeast.
- 4 of 5. House, 4267 Prices Fork Road, facing south-southeast.
- 5 of 5. Left to right: Prices Fork Elementary School; House, 4261 Prices Fork Road; and House, 4267 Prices Fork Road; facing east.

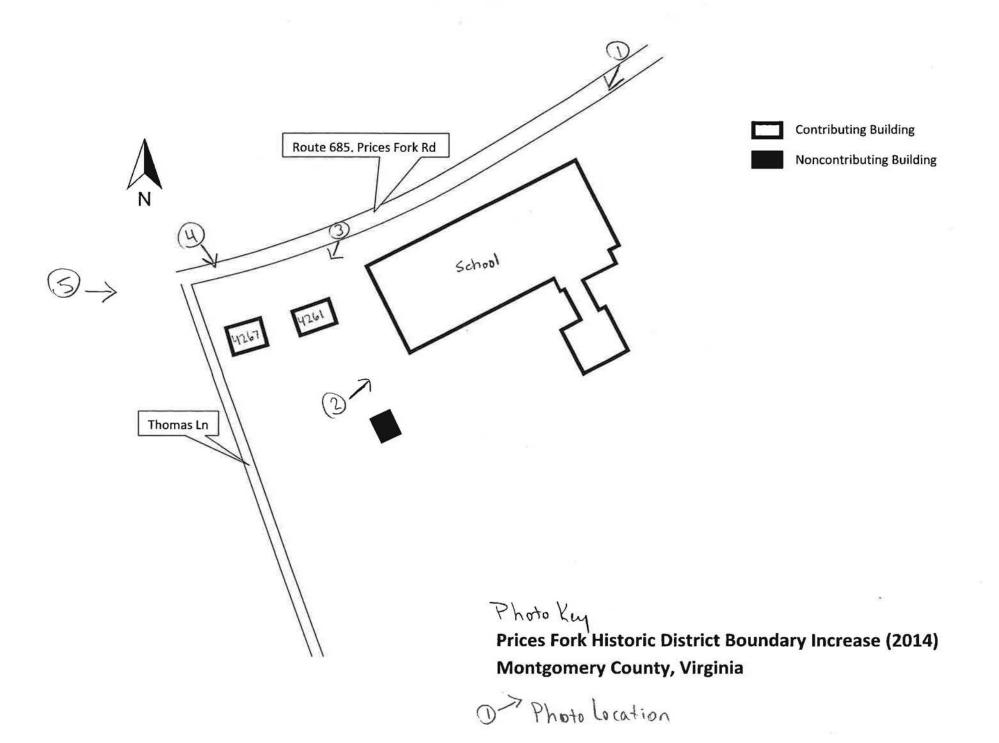
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Name of Property County and State		County and State		
Propert	y Owner:			
(Complete	this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)			
name Multiple				
street & number		telephone _		
city or to	wn	state	zip code	

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C.460 et seq.).

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Office of Planning and Performance Management. U.S. Dept. of the Interior, 1849 C. Street, NW, Washington, DC.















UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION
PROPERTY Prices Fork Historic District (Boundary Increase) NAME:
MULTIPLE NAME:
STATE & COUNTY: VIRGINIA, Montgomery
DATE RECEIVED: 7/09/14 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 8/04/14 DATE OF 16TH DAY: 8/19/14 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 8/25/14 DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:
REFERENCE NUMBER: 14000528
REASONS FOR REVIEW:
APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N
COMMENT WAIVER: N ACCEPTRETURNREJECT
ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:
Entered in The National Register of Historic Places
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REVIEWER DISCIPLINE
TELEPHONEDATE
DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

Mcdonald, Lena (DHR)

From:

Langan, Julie (DHR)

Sent:

Saturday, May 31, 2014 3:27 PM

To:

bennett.teates@comcast.net

Cc:

Pulice, Michael (DHR); Mcdonald, Lena (DHR)

Subject:

Expansion of Price's Fork Historical District

Attachments:

060-0224_Prices_Fork_HD_2012_BW_Map 2.pdf

Mr. Bennett:

Thank you very much for sharing with me your concerns regarding the proposed boundary for the expansion of the Price's Fork Historic District. I apologize for taking so long to reply to your inquiry.

While I understand your perspective, when preparing historic district nominations, DHR must comply with the guidelines of the National Park Service which in the case of determining appropriate boundaries instruct us to "Include all historic features of the property, but do not include buffer zones or acreage not directly contributing to the significance of the property." The school property included in the proposed boundary consists of one contributing building with three acres of land around it. The five back acres contain no resources, so it seems appropriate that Mike Pulice excluded them. Moreover, the boundary of the existing district was tightly drawn around resources and did not consistently follow parcel lines and/or include open areas without historic resources.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me or Mike Pulice. Again, many thanks for being in touch with me.

Julie V. Langan
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From: bennett [mailto:bennett.teates@comcast.net]

Sent: Tuesday, April 29, 2014 11:33 AM

To: Langan, Julie (DHR)
Cc: Pulice, Michael (DHR)

Subject: Expansion of Price's Fork Historical District

REF: Your Letter dated 14 April 2014, "Prices Fork Historic District Boundary Increase, Montgomery County"

Dear Ms. Langan,

The reference proposes an expanded boundary of the existing historic area in Price's Fork. It is my position that it does not include enough territory.

The proposed expansion only addresses the front 3 acres of the historic old Price's Fork School Property. The explanation has been given that this 3 acres is the only land that contains an historic building. While this is true, the entire 8-acre property has been the epicenter of Northwest Montgomery County for over a century and epitomizes the nature and character of the people and the area. My question is, "Should only the buildings on the Gettysburg or Manassas battle fields be declared historic and protected; or should the larger and undeveloped area be also protected?" (Clearly, the latter has always been the case.)



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July 2, 2014

Mr. Paul Loether
Chief, National Register of Historic Places and National Historic Landmarks Programs
National Park Service 2280
National Register of Historic Places
1201 "I" (Eye) Street, N.W.
Washington D.C. 20005

RE: George Washington Rader House, Botetourt County; Norfolk Auto Row Historic District, City of Norfolk; Pierce Street Historic District, City of Lynchburg; Prices Fork Historic District 2014 Boundary Increase, Montgomery County; Williamston-Woodland Historic District, City of Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mr. Loether:

The enclosed nominations, referenced above, are being submitted for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The nominations have been considered, and approved, by the State Review Board and the SHPO has recommended them for listing. Any letters of comment or objection have been copied at the end of the nomination material, along with any FPO notification letters.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. My direct phone line is 804-482-6439.

Sincerely,

Lena Sweeten McDonald National/State Register Historian

Enclosures