

United States Department of the Interior National Park Service
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

===== RECEIVED =====
1. Name of Property
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JUN 7 1993

historic name: Brock Hotel
other name/site number: Brock House

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2. Location
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street & number: 1400 Webster Road not for publication: n/a
city/town: Summersville vicinity: n/a
state: West Virginia code: WV county: Nicholas code: 067 ZIP: 26651

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification
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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.)

William G. Barron
Signature of Certifying Official

5/25/93
Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

Date

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of Certifying Official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

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4. National Park Service Certification
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I, hereby certify that this property is:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> entered in the National Register ___ See continuation sheet.	<i>for</i> Signature of Keeper <u>Joseph M. Rapsley</u>	Date <u>7/9/93</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> determined eligible for the National Register ___ See continuation sheet.		
<input type="checkbox"/> determined not eligible for the National Register	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> removed from the National Register	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> other (explain): _____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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5. Classification
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Ownership of Property: (check as many boxes as apply)	Category of Property: (check only one box)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district
<input type="checkbox"/> public-state	<input type="checkbox"/> site
<input type="checkbox"/> public-federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure
	<input type="checkbox"/> object

NUMBER OF RESOURCES WITH PROPERTY
(do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	TOTAL

NAME OF RELATED MULTIPLE PROPERTY LISTING n/a
(enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTING RESOURCES PREVIOUSLY LISTED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER. 0

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6. Function or Use

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HISTORIC FUNCTIONS (enter categories from instructions) CURRENT FUNCTIONS (enter categories from instructions)

<u>Domestic (Hotel and Rooming House)</u>	<u>Domestic (Private residence)</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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7. Description

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ARCHITECTURAL CLASSIFICATION: (enter categories from instructions) MATERIALS (enter categories from instructions)

<u>Late Victorian - Queen Anne</u>	<u>foundation stone</u>
_____	<u>walls asbestos shingles</u>
_____	<u>roof asphalt</u>
	<u>other wood</u>
	<u>concrete</u>

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION
(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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8. Statement of Significance

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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

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CRITERIA CONSIDERATIONS
(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

property is: n/a

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

PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE
1890 - 1914

SIGNIFICANT DATES
n/a

SIGNIFICANT PERSON
(complete if criterion B is marked above)
n/a

CULTURAL AFFILIATION
n/a

ARCHITECT/BUILDER
Not Known

NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE
(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS): n/a

- 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 - repository name: _____

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreeage of Property: 1 acre - approximately

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing			Zone Easting Northing		
1	<u>17</u>	<u>513560</u>	<u>4237060</u>	2	_____
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone Easting Northing
3	_____	_____	_____	D	_____
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone Easting Northing See

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheets.)

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheets.)

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11. Form Prepared By

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name/title: Emogene Brock Perkins, property owner; Stacy Sone,
structural historian

organization: WVSHPO date: February 11, 1993

street & number: 1400 Webster Road telephone: 304-872-3664
or 304-558-0220 (WVSHPO)

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ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

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Submit the following items with the completed form:

CONTINUATION SHEETS

MAPS

- USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location
- 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)

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PROPERTY OWNER

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(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name: Emogene Brock Perkins

street & number: 1400 Webster Road telephone: 304-872-3664

city or town: Summersville state: WV ZIP: 26651

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CONTINUATION SHEET

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The Brock Hotel stands above State Route 41 at 1400 Webster Road in Summersville, the county seat of Nicholas County. The huge frame house occupies a large corner lot, nearly an acre in size, in the Brock Addition of the city where Webster Road and Daniel Street intersect. Because of its prominent location and commanding presence, the house is a widely recognized landmark in Nicholas County.

Finely carpentered details and solid, functional construction are the distinguishing qualities of the clapboard-sided Brock House (later covered with asbestos shingles). Utilitarian factors outweighed style in this small rural town where accommodations for courthouse business were scarce. The massing of the building is therefore tall and deep and the plan is suitable to the movement of traffic along central hallways and out onto broad, shady porches. These verandahs along with the high-pitched twin gables that dominate the entrance elevation, are the chief character-defining features of the house.

Each floor of the house is bisected by a spacious central hall, flanked on the first floors by parlors, and on the second and third floors by bedrooms. A rear hall running perpendicular to the central hall provides access to utility spaces and bedrooms on all three floors. There are twenty-one rooms in all, and each is provided with natural light from late 19th-century-style double-hung windows.

The nearly square house measures about 48 feet along the north (front) facade, and 40 feet along the sides. Both the north and east elevations are dominated by 1-story porches. Open and turned work provides a distinctive ornamental element in the porch columns that links the wood columns and unifies the rambling structure. Other sawn work details are found in the attic-level window cornice heads and in the apex of the porches' entrance gablets.

After a century of steady use, and with the wearing effect of many winters' strong winds, the Brock House evidences some deterioration and a few alterations. The porches, of wood construction and susceptible to rot, require major repair. The roofing is also in poor condition. The two major chimneys, located near the juncture of each massive cross gable, are not in sound condition. Despite these problems, and the installation during the 20th century of four bathrooms, alterations and interventions in The Brock House have not caused an integrity problem. The mid-20th century application of asbestos shingle left decorative window, porch, and eaves detailing intact. The sum of these changes has not seriously compromised the appearance or integrity of the Brock Hotel.

Dependency

A noncontributing, late frame garage stands to the south of the main house.

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Brock Hotel
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The Brock Hotel in Summersville, Nicholas County is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under criterion A for its local historical significance. Built ca. 1890 by Daniel Brock, the hotel was a prominent establishment in the busy county seat. The period of significance ranges from its construction date through ca. 1914 when it ceased to operate as a hotel and became a private residence.

Nicholas County was formed in 1818 out of portions of Kanawha, Randolph, and Greenbrier Counties. The Virginia Assembly appointed three commissioners immediately to choose a site for the county seat. The members selected thirty acres near the Gauley River and purchased the land from John Hamilton. They allotted one acre for the courthouse and jail and the rest of the property for the town that they named Summersville in honor of Judge Lewis Summers who introduced the bill to form the new county. The town, being the site of the county seat, prospered and was incorporated in 1860.

Daniel Brock, a successful businessman who once operated a ferry across the Gauley River, bought twenty-four acres of land along the Weston and Gauley Bridge Turnpike in Summersville. He built a hotel on the property that local residents claim may have been constructed from lumber salvaged from the Gauley River during a flood. The two-and-one-half story frame building originally held twenty-one rooms and accommodated guests who were in town when court was in session or those who were traveling along the turnpike. The hotel provided visitors with a comfortable place to stay and good meals in the dining room where there were three large tables. Hotel records and the register that the current owner still has indicate that it closed in 1914 although the family continued to live there and allowed an occasional overnight boarder.

An interesting aspect of the house is that it has always remained in the Brock family although the surrounding property was subdivided during the 1940s. Summersville continues to be a busy county seat and a hub of activity during the tourist season as visitors flock to recreational areas around the community. The old hotel stands as a reminder of the town's early years when the town centered around the county government.

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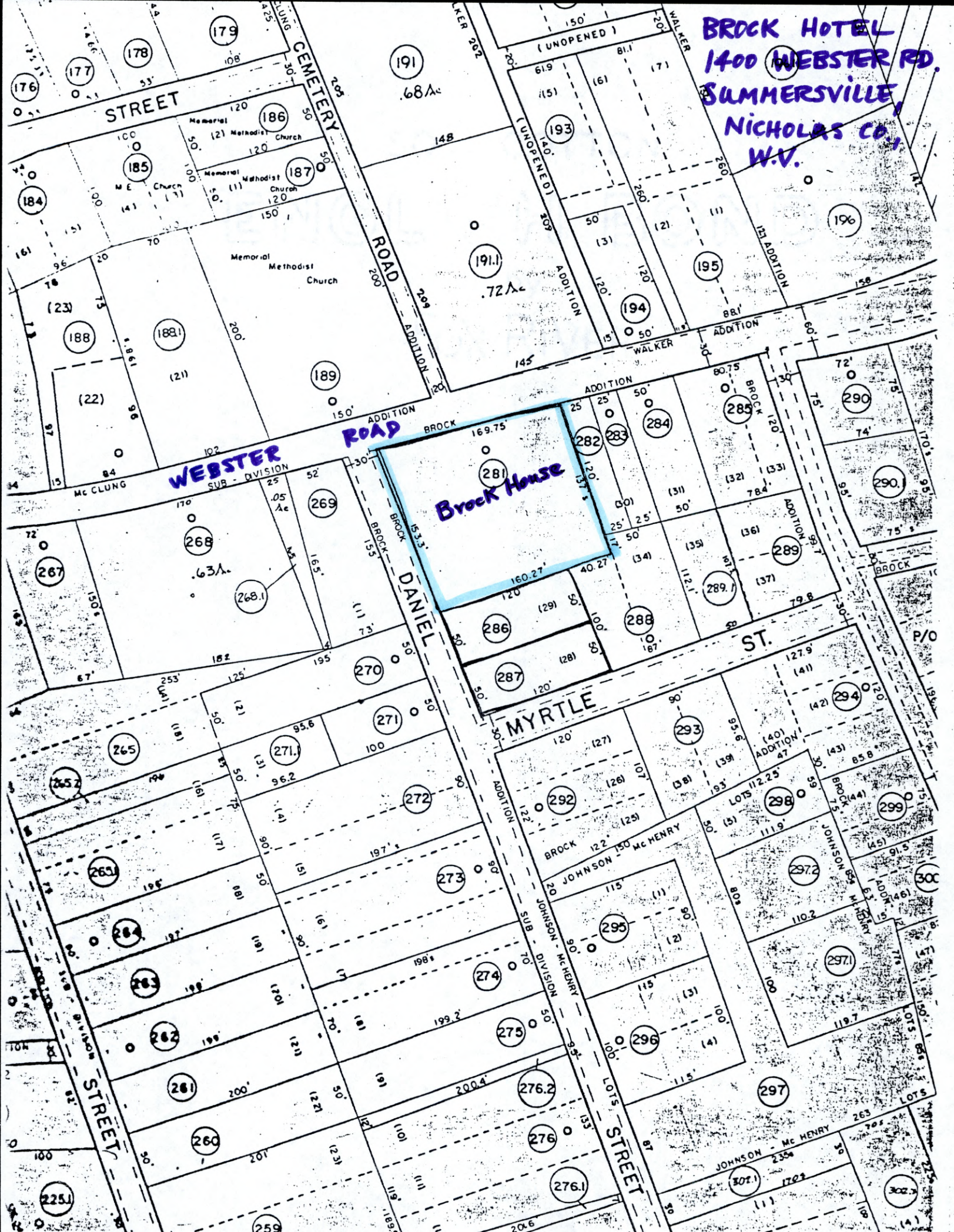
Verbal Boundary Description

The Brock House occupies parcel no. 281, corner of Webster Road and Daniel Street, measuring 153.3; by 160.27; by 137; by 169.75.

Boundary Justification

The nominated property includes the lot historically associated with the Brock House.

BROCK HOTEL
1400 WEBSTER RD.
SUMMERSVILLE,
NICHOLAS CO.,
W.V.



4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

Signature of Keeper
Bob Daise

Date of Action

1/7/03

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):

5. Classification

Ownership of Property:

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	1	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	1	TOTAL

Name of related multiple property listing _____ N/A

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0