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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 02000251 Date Listed: 3/20/2002

<u>Jonas & Maria Lov</u>	<u>isa Erickson Farmstead</u>	Thurston	<u>WA</u>
Property Name		County	State

<u>Agriculture in Thurston County, MPS</u> Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

🖌 Signature/of the Keeper

3/20/02

Date of Action

Amended Items in Nomination:

Description:

The siding material on the *Outhouse*, *Tractor Shed*, and *Garage* is horizontal siding not vertical siding.

U. S. G. S. Map:

The U. S. G. S. map has been revised to correctly locate the nominated property based on the sketch maps and legal description provided with the nomination. The correct U. T. M. Coordinates are:

1.	10	488640	5182400
2.	10	488640	5182000
3.	10	487860	5182000
4.	10	487860	5182400

These revisions were confirmed with the WA SHPO staff.

DISTRIBUTION:

National Register property file Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)



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 *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. 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 entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name	Jonas and Maria Lovisa Ericl	kson Farmstead		·
other names/site number				
2. Location				
street & number	13121 Independence Road	SW	not for	publication
city or town	Rochester		vicinity	,
state Washington	code WA <u>county Thurston</u>		<u>code 067</u>	zip code 98579
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3. State/Federal Agency Certification

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Signature of certifying official

State or Federal agency and bureau

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

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

X 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:) _____

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5. Classification			
Ownership of Property	Category of Property	No. of Resources	s within Property
X private	<u>x</u> building(s)	contributing	noncontributing
_ public-local	_ district	<u>11</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
_ public-State	_ site	_	sites
_ public-Federal	_ structure	<u> 1 </u>	structures
	_ object		objects
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Agriculture in Thurston County:	First Settlement to 1951	N/A	<u> </u>
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7. Description			
Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instruction	ons	Materials (Enter categories from instru	uctions.)
Late Victorian		foundation <u>Concrete</u>	
Vernacular		walls <u>Wood: Weatherboard</u>	<u></u>
		roof <u>Metal/wood shake</u> other	

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

See attached.

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Property Name Jonas and Maria Lovisa Erickson Farmstead

County and State Thurston, Washington

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- X 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.
- <u>X</u> 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.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

- ___ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ___ B removed from its original location.
- ___ C a birthplace or a 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.)	Period of Significance	Significant Dates
Agriculture	<u>1897-1951</u>	1897 (purchase date)
Architecture		
	Cultural Affiliation Swede/Finn	
	Swede/Filli	
Significant Persons:	Architect/Builder	
	Erickson Family Members	

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.) See attached.

9. Major Bibliographical References (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.) See attached. Previous documentation on file (NPS): Primary location of additional data: previously determined too individual listing State Historic Preservation Office (36 CFR 67) has been requested Other State agency previously determined eligible by the National Register Federal agency previously determined eligible by the National Register Federal agency recorded by Historic American Buildings Other recorded by Historic American Engineering	Property Name <u>Jonas and Maria Lovisa Erickson Farmstead</u>	_
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

Site:

The Erickson Farmstead is located in the far southwest corner of Thurston County, Washington. The upland portion of the farmstead rises from Independence Road and continues upland to a forested hillside. The farmstead buildings are located in the lower upland area west of the Independence Road in a large rectangular configuration. The property, which is bisected by Independence Road, has wetland areas, which extend west of the roadway towards the Chehalis River. The farmstead has a collection of buildings extending from the roadway to the upland area. The barnyard was not initially graveled so the garage and equipment structures were built adjacent to the roadway to keep equipment and vehicles out of the often muddy farmyard. The other buildings to protect them from fire. The farmstead area and adjacent fields are currently delineated by barbed wire and woven wire fencing. These spaces were originally delineated by split cedar fences until the 1920s as seen in historic photographs.

House (Contributing):

The house is set midway up the entrance roadway in the midst of a historic orchard and garden area. The house is a large one and one-half story, cross-gabled, T-shaped structure built ca. 1895. The house has a front gable roofline which has an over-hanging gable and wide eaves supported by brackets. The house is clad with drop siding. There are double-hung windows on the main house with decorative upper mullions, which probably date to the 1930s renovation of the house. The windows have somewhat simplified surrounds, altered from the more ornate 19th century surrounds probably in the 1930s. There are newer picture windows on the west and south sides of the house which date from the 1950s.

The front of the house features a steeply gabled center section with a single window on the second floor. There is a gable-roof one-story porch extending from the front center entry which has a slightly arched lower frieze with dentils and is supported by plain posts. These posts have replaced the double posts from an earlier period. The rear of the house is a long one-and-one-half story section which has gable roof dormers on either side midway along this section. At some point in the early 20th century, open porches on either side of the rear section were enclosed to form the solid walls which are extant on the rear section. There is a side entry on the west rear of the house which opens into a newer breezeway connecting the house with the adjacent woodshed. The house has a newer standing-seam metal roof.



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Woodshed, Egg Shop, and Summer Kitchen (Contributing):

Just to the east of the main house and currently attached to it by a newer breezeway, is a large, one-and one-half story rectangular structure with a steep gabled roof. It is similarly clad to that of the main house with drop siding. The building appears to be a contemporary of the house, dating from the 19th century. It has a small separate room on the first floor which was used at various times as an egg shop for cleaning and candling eggs for sale, as a summer kitchen and as a hired man's lodgings. This section is only roughed in with vertical board walls and wood floor. The other part of the building is used as a woodshed and garage. The upper loft area is used as storage.

Granary (Contributing):

Just to the south of the main house is a small granary which dates from 1917. It is a small gabled roofed structure clad with vertical boards. There is an entry on the south end of the building. The interior retains the original separated sections for various grains including the winnowing equipment. There is an open shed roof extension on the side of the building. The building has a standing-seam metal roof. Crops stored here included wheat and oats, which were principally used as feed grains.

Gas Shed (Non-Contributing):

Adjacent to the granary is a gas shed which models on that was removed some years earlier.

Barn (Contributing):

Just south of the granary is the large barn which dates from the 1902-05 period. It is a large gable roofed, rectangular structure with pent roof sections on the east and west sides, which are the narrow ends. The interior is made from hand-hewn beams and pole supports. The building is clad with vertical boards and has a cedar shake roof. There are small, square, multi-pane windows encircling the structure. The center of the north side of the barn has the wide door opening. It is believed that the west end extension of the barn dates from some years after the original structure. The interior of the barn still has hay mows and remnants of stanchions from the dairy farming period of the farm.

There are also stalls in the barn to accommodate the eight to ten work horses that were on the farm until the late 1940s.

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Silo (Contributing):

On the southeast corner of the barn is a large, round, concrete block metal silo with a domed. metal top. The silo is fabricated from riveted metal panels. It dates from the 1945-1946 and was used to create silage from grass grown on the property for dairy feed. The silo is 15 feet in diameter and 50 feet tall.

Milk House (Contributing):

Adjacent to and on the northwest corner of the barn is small brick and concrete milk house which was built in the early 1940s. The structure was built by a family member who had brick laving skills. The rectangular structure has a higher center monitor-shaped section on the roof for venting. It has small multi-pane windows on the sides. The concrete interior has the original cooling trough for milk cans.

Chicken House (Contributing):

Just west and north of the barn is the long, narrow chicken house. The south section was built in 1935 and the north section in 1928. It is a wooden structure with a gabled roof with each section measuring approximately 20 by 60 feet. The center entry has a small projecting gabled center section. The metal roof has two monitor-type raised vents. The building has vertical board cladding and is encircled by small multi-pane windows. The interior is currently open space with wood floors. It is built on sloping ground to accommodate manure removal from the underside of the building.

Brooder House (Contributing):

North of the chicken house is the brooder house, which was used for raising chicks. It is a gableroofed structure with a right projecting smaller gable entry area. It is clad with drop siding and has a metal roof.

Spring House (Contributing Structure):

On the hillside just east of the farmstead area is a spring house where the original water supply was located. It is a large wooden box structure which is covered to prevent debris from entering the water supply. A tile pipe allowed the water to flow to the house.

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Outhouse (Contributing):

Fronting the chicken house and brooder house is a small gable roofed out house which has vertical cladding and wood shingle roof. Although outhouses were always part of the farmyard, this structure dates from the 1920s. The outhouse has been moved several times around the barnyard.

Tractor Shed (Contributing):

As you enter the farmstead from Independence Road, the tractor shed which dates from 1922 is tucked into the hillside. It is a long rectangular, gable-roofed structure, clad with vertical boards with a newer metal roof. It has three, large, hinged doors to accommodate farm equipment.

Garage (Contributing):

Across Independence Road from the sloping driveway is a small gable roof garage with three bays. It has a metal roof and is clad with vertical boards.

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Statement of Significance:

Located on a rise adjacent to and above the Chehalis River in the southwestern corner of Thurston County, the Erickson Farmstead is historically significant for its direct association to the settlement of Thurston County and the ethnic traditions of the Finns and Swedes who settled in the region in the 19th century. As such the property is significant under Criterion A for it is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history. Additionally the Farmstead is also significant under Criterion C as an intact farmstead which illustrates the development of a "cut-over" or previously forested farm through varying economic and technological changes as outlined in the Multiple Property Documentation form, "<u>Agriculture in Thurston County, First Settlement to 1951</u>."

Jonas Eriksson (Erickson), a Swede-Finn, was born in Finland in 1853 and married Maria Lovisa Henriksdotter from a nearby village. Jonas came to the U.S. in 1889 and initially worked in Arizona on the railroad for five years.¹ His wife and son, Jonas Alfred, who was then 18 years old, joined Jonas in 1895. Jonas and his family came to the Independence area most likely to join others from their homeland who had already settled in the region. The couple first lived adjacent to the nominated farm and in 1897 purchased the original 80 acres of the nominated farm from Sarah, B. F. and Ida Whitelock and Lillie B. and Samuel Daniel for \$1200.² They enlarged the farm over the years to 180 acres purchasing 20 acres, located nearby from another family member around 1911-1912 and then 80 acres of logged-over high land east of the current farm boundaries in the 1930s. The subject property currently encompasses approximately 80 acres which runs east to west from the upland section to the Chehalis River. In 1986, an 80 acre parcel was sold.

Upon their purchase of the farm, the Erickson's slowly cleared the land of trees and stumps to eventually grow hay and feed grains. All of the land was initially heavily forested and was slowly cleared through mechanical methods, explosives, and burning. Over the years the family engaged in the production of various agricultural specialties including poultry, eggs and dairy. Other crops included potatoes on cleared ground and fruits including apples, pears, cherries and walnuts.

The house and adjacent wood shed were reportedly on the property when the Erickson's purchased the parcel in 1897. With expanded acreage from clearing the ground, the farmstead took shape under the Erickson's with the construction of a new barn in the early 20th century, construction of the granary in 1917, an outhouse (the current structure dates from 1920), and

¹ Information for this nomination was researched by Richard Erickson, descendant of Jonas and Maria Lovisa Erickson. His sources are summarized in the bibliography section. He primarily used interviews and family resources in the United States and Finland to compile a family and farm history which is the basis for the information used here.

² Volume 41 of Thurston County Deeds, page 182.

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construction of a chicken house in 1928 which was expanded in 1935. A tractor shed was built in 1922 and enlarged in 1941-42. The brick milk house was built in the early 1940's and a silo was added in 1945. All of these buildings are all extant today. An earlier barn, small chicken house, milk house, dynamite shed and blacksmith shop have been torn down.

The Erickson's milked about 25 cows at the high point of their dairying operation, and raised chickens (700 or more were in the chicken house at one time), sold eggs, and grew hay and grain for livestock. They also logged part of the property for income as part of clearing the land for farming. The family marketed their milk through a dairy cooperative in a nearby town. The milk was put into cans and kept cool with spring water and eventually well water. As market conditions changed, they expanded the chicken house, built a brooder house and added a more modern milk house and silo.

Horses were the main source of power for the farm into the late 1940s although the Erickson's purchased a Fordson tractor in 1923 and subsequently purchased other mechanized equipment.

Jonas and Maria Lovisa Erickson were active in the community as charter members of the Swedish Lutheran Church in Independence organized in 1902. Members of Jonas and Maria Lovisa's families also joined them in the Rochester area. They were and continue to be active in the church as it moved from Independence into the Rochester community.

Jonas and Maria Lovisa deeded their farm to their son Alfred and his wife Margaret in 1935. Alfred had married Margaret Forsman in 1912. As was often typical of the day, they lived on the farm with Alfred's parents. Together, Alfred and Margaret had six children-Leroy, Gladys, Carl, Edward, Mildred and Donald.

The Erickson's were well respected in Independence, operating their farm and participating in the local school district affairs. They also assisted their friends and neighbors by sharing labor and lending money when necessary. For example, members of the Independence Community often shared threshing and other harvesting duties.

The house is remembered as a stopping off point for many visitors and salesmen. The downstairs bedroom was called the "Preacher's Room" and a bedroom upstairs with called the "Peddler's Room," which accommodated traveling salesmen.

In 1923 the house was wired for electricity. It is reasonable to assume that at this time the c 1895 home was also "Craftsmanized" with the addition of six-over one Craftsman style windows and tapered porch columns. In 1937 a remodeling added indoor plumbing and additional bedrooms. In the 1950's a few of the windows on the west and north façade were changed to picture windows which were popular at the time.

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The Jonas and Maria Lovisa Erickson Farmstead is eligible for the National Register under the registration requirements as defined in the "<u>Agriculture in Thurston County, First Settlement to</u> <u>1951</u>" Multiple Property Documentation form.

The property significant under Criterion A for it is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of the agricultural history of Thurston County. Additionally the Farmstead is also significant under Criterion C as an intact example of a farmstead which illustrates the development of a "cut-over" lands.

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Bibliography

Information compiled by Richard Erickson in "Erickson Family History, From Esse, Finland to Independence Washington, 500 Years of History," unpublished manuscript, 1996.

On-site visit and interviews with Richard Erickson.

Much of the information came from individual interviews and discussions with family members that were born and raised on the farm. Most of the interviews occurred over the period of 1985 – 1998. These resources included:

Leroy Erickson (1913 - 1999) and Ruby Erickson (1917 -); moved to Anacortes, WA in 1940

Gladys Erickson (Carlson) (1915) and Floyd Carlson (1923); live in Olympia, WA

Ed Erickson (1918); lived on the farm his entire life; currently resides in Centralia, WA

Mildred Erickson (1927); lives in Olympia, WA

Don Erickson (1930); lives in Olympia, WA

Other interviews included:

Florence Forsman (England) (1913 -), niece of Maria Lovisa Henriksdotter; born and raised in Rochester, WA; lives in Federal Way, WA

Henry Sundquist (1924 – 1998) and Alice Sudndquist (1923 -); Ytteresse, Finland; they own the farm in Finland where Maria Lovisa was born and raised before coming to the U.S.; this farm has been in the family for nearly 500 years.

Ann Sofi Sundquist (Gadnass) (1968 -); Ytteresse, Finland

Carl Erstrom (1906-1992) and Sylvia Erstrom (1916); live in Rochester; Dick Erickson's uncle and aunt; born, raised and farmed near the Erickson family farm

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Bibliography (cont'd)

Additional sources of information:

Visits to Jakobstad and Ytteresse/Esse, Finland by Dick and Nancy Erickson in 1987 and 1993.

Photos from the farm and various family members

Thurston County records

Documents from the farm, such as passports

Letters and postcards

Regional maps

Newspaper articles

Preparation for 'Centennial Celebration' of Erickson farm in 1997

Descendants of Jonas Erickson and Maria Lovisa Henriksdotter:

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Verbal Boundary Description

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

The south half of the southwest quarter of Section 11 of Township 15 of Range 4W of the Willamette Meridian as described in parcel # 14511330100 of Thurston County, Washington.

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

The nomination encompasses the current approx. 80 acres which makes up the existing farmstead. Additionally the 80 acres is part of the original homesteaded Erickson land.

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Jonas & Maria Lovisa Erickson Farmstead Thurston County/Washington Shanna Stevenson September, 2001 Thurston Regional Planning Council Farmhouse Front (North) Facade

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Jonas & Maria Lovisa Erickson Farmstead Thurston County/Washington Shanna Stevenson September, 2001 Thurston Regional Planning Council Farmhouse West Facade

Photograph #3

Jonas & Maria Lovisa Erickson Farmstead Thurston County/Washington Shanna Stevenson September, 2001 Thurston Regional Planning Council Tractor Shed North Facade

Photograph #4

Jonas & Maria Lovisa Erickson Farmstead Thurston County/Washington Shanna Stevenson September, 2001 Thurston Regional Planning Council Garage East Facade

Photograph #5

Jonas & Maria Lovisa Erickson Farmstead Thurston County/Washington Shanna Stevenson September, 2001 Thurston Regional Planning Council Brooder House East Facade

Photograph #6

Jonas & Maria Lovisa Erickson Farmstead Thurston County/Washington Shanna Stevenson September, 2001 Thurston Regional Planning Council **Granary West Facade**

Photograph #7

Jonas & Maria Lovisa Erickson Farmstead Thurston County/Washington Shanna Stevenson September, 2001 Thurston Regional Planning Council Woodshed, Eggshop and Summer Kitchen South Façade

Photograph #8

Jonas & Maria Lovisa Erickson Farmstead Thurston County/Washington Shanna Stevenson September, 2001 Thurston Regional Planning Council Milk House, Silo and Barn Northwest Facade

Photograph #9

Jonas & Maria Lovisa Erickson Farmstead Thurston County/Washington Shanna Stevenson September, 2001 Thurston Regional Planning Council Chicken House East Facade

Photograph #10

Jonas & Maria Lovisa Erickson Farmstead Thurston County/Washington Shanna Stevenson September, 2001 Thurston Regional Planning Council Outhouse East Facade











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