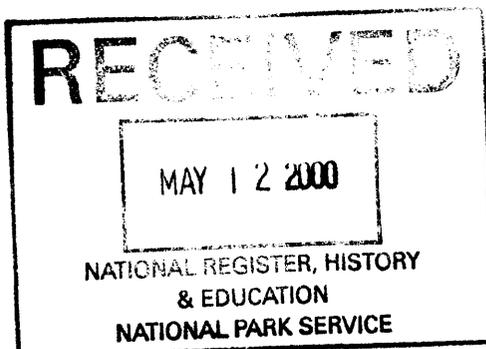


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1. Name of Property

historic name Needham, Enoch Gardner and Mary Caroline Koch, House

other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 12713 West Greenfield Avenue not for publication N/A

city or town City of New Berlin vicinity N/A

state Wisconsin code WI county Waukesha code 133 zip code 53151

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this  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  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Alicia L. ...  
Signature of certifying official/Title  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer-WI

May 4, 2000  
Date

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 certifying official/Title

Date

State or federal agency and bureau

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County and State

**4. National Park Service Certification**

I hereby certify that the property is:  
 entered in the National Register.  
    \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.  
 determined eligible for the  
    National Register.  
    \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.  
 determined not eligible for the  
    National Register.  
    \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.  
 removed from the National Register.  
 other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_  
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[Signature]  
Signature of the Keeper  
Ethan H. Ball      6-15-00  
Date of Action

**5. Classification**

Ownership of Property      Category of Property  
(check as many as apply)      (Check only one box)

private                       building(s)  
 public-local                 district  
 public-state                 site  
 public-federal               structure  
    object

Number of Resources within Property  
(Do not include listed resources in the count)

	Contributing	Noncontributing
buildings	1	2
sites	0	0
structures	0	0
objects	0	0
total	1	2

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

0

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions  
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Single dwelling  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Current Functions  
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Single dwelling  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**7. Description**

Architectural Classification  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Italianate  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Materials  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE  
walls STONE  
roof ASPHALT  
other WOOD

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**INTRODUCTION**

The Enoch Gardner Needham and Mary Caroline Koch Needham House is composed of a two-story, hip-roofed, Italianate main block and a small, side-gabled, frame addition. The main block is constructed of rock-faced, fieldstone ashlar and has a basement of the same materials. It was built by Enoch Gardner Needham in 1868.<sup>1</sup> The addition is finished with board-and-batten siding and sits on a poured concrete foundation. The appearance of the addition dates from the early 1940s, and was created by enlarging a circa 1908 summer kitchen.<sup>2</sup> It is noncontributing. The roofs are clad with asphalt shingles. Two noncontributing outbuildings stand southeast of the house. The first is a one-and-one-half-story, front-gabled, timber building, which is quite close to the house. Now a garage, this building was erected circa 1868 to serve as a woodshed, but has been altered with aluminum siding and enlarged openings. In 1991, the Johnsons had a second garage built south of the first.<sup>3</sup> It is also noncontributing. A circa 1868 well, now capped, and a pile of fieldstone leftover from the construction of the main block remain on site, but due to their insignificant size and scale were not counted in this nomination.

**DESCRIPTION**

The Needham House is located on the south side of West Greenfield Avenue in New Berlin Township. It sits on a large, wooded lot in a neighborhood of moderate-density, single-family residences, most of which appear to date from the mid-twentieth century.

The Needham House (see photos 1 and 2) was built in 1868. At the time, the Needham property was a working farm encompassing nearly 140 acres. Enoch Gardner Needham collected fieldstone from the farm. In the winter of 1867-68, he employed two masons to split and square the stone by hand. The house was erected during the following year. The walls are two feet thick.<sup>4</sup> The house faces north and measures 32 feet square, excluding the addition. The addition is attached to the west end of the south-facing facade and measures 14 feet square. This addition was created in the early 1940s by enlarging a circa 1908 summer kitchen.

The Needham House features a hip-roofed cupola finished with clapboards and trimmed with plain corner and cornice boards. A pair of round-arched windows appears on three sides of the cupola. Asphalt shingles cover the

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<sup>1</sup>Datestone.

<sup>2</sup>Thomas Johnson to Elizabeth L. Miller, personal communication, 30 December 1998.

<sup>3</sup>Thomas Johnson.

<sup>4</sup>Thomas Johnson.

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roofs of the cupola, main block and addition. Wood shingles were the original roofing material. The Needham House main block and addition have wood, double-hung sash, six-over-six windows with limestone lintels and sills. These date from the remodeling of the early 1940s. Originally, the house had wood, double-hung sash in a two-over-four configuration. Three-pane awning windows light the basement. A cream brick chimney rises on the east slope of the roof. A second chimney on the west slope of the roof probably was removed in the remodeling of the early 1940s. The main block is enriched with a limestone watertable and a simple cornice board.

The Needham House faces north. The north-facing facade is three bays wide, with a window on either side of the centrally-placed door (see photos 1 and 2). A small, hip-roofed porch dating from the early 1940s marks the front door. The porch has tripled square posts. A board set in the stone wall shows that the original porch extended across the facade. Three evenly-distributed windows appear at the second story.

The east-facing facade consists of the main block (to the north) and the addition (to the south). The main block is three bays wide, with a window on either side of the centrally-placed door (see photo 3). A small, hip-roofed porch shelters the door. The porch features square posts and dates from the early 1940s remodeling. Historical photos show no porch on this facade originally. A stone inscribed: "E. G. NEEDHAM 1868" is centered at the second story. A window appears on either side of the datestone. The addition is set back from the main block, minimizing its impact. The east-facing facade of the addition features an off-center door (at the north end) and a pair of windows.<sup>5</sup>

On the south-facing facade, the addition is attached to west end of the main block (see photo 3). A group of three windows appears on this facade of the addition. On the main block, two windows appear at the first story, east of the addition. There is one window at the second story.

The west-facing facade of the main block displays an irregular fenestration pattern, with three windows at the first story and two windows at the second story (see photo 5). On the addition, a pair of windows balance an off-center door.

On the interior, the first floor plan is intact, while the second floor plan has been altered (see sketch attached). The front door opens into the living room, which is located in the northwest corner of the main block. The dining room lies in the northeast corner. A straight, wood staircase separates the living room from the kitchen. A half-bath lies west of the kitchen. A small bedroom, now a den, is located in the southeast corner of the main block. Four bedrooms and one bathroom open off the central hallway on the second floor. The bathroom was created in the early 1940s by partitioning one large bedroom. A pull-down staircase in the second-floor ceiling provides interior access

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<sup>5</sup>Thomas Johnson.

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to the unfinished attic. Prior to the early 1940s, the attic was entered through the door on the south face of the cupola.<sup>6</sup>

The basement is unfinished but contains a large, deep cistern with stone walls. A brick wall divided the cistern into two compartments and acted as a filter for rainwater. A wood, tongue-in-groove deck resting on timbers that were built into the house's walls capped the cistern. The north wall was knocked out and the cistern filled in in 1973.<sup>7</sup>

The house's interior finishes primarily date from the remodeling of the early 1940s. At that time, the interior doorways on the first floor were made into Tudoresque archways. Narrow-board, hardwood floors replaced the original wood plank flooring throughout much of the house. New woodwork, doors and windows were installed. The house was wired for electricity. Plumbing was installed and one-and-one-half baths were created. The kitchen was provided with countertops and a new sink. Existing countertops and linoleum in the baths and kitchen date from 1973.<sup>8</sup> Carpeting covers the hardwood floors in the living room, dining room and den. The walls and ceilings are finished with plaster.

The addition houses a sun-porch. The plan is open. Finishes include linoleum, wood paneling and drywall.

The circa 1868 garage is a one-and-one-half-story, front-gabled, timber building. It originally served as a shed on the Needham farm. Aside from aluminum siding, the current appearance dates from the early 1940s.<sup>9</sup> Aluminum siding and a large garage-door opening have altered the shed such that it is now non-contributing. The 1991 garage is a one-story, side-gabled frame building. It is clad with aluminum siding and features two garage doors on the north-facing facade.

#### ALTERATIONS

The Needham House retains very good integrity. Exterior alterations are confined to replacement windows, a reduced front porch and new side porch, and the addition, all of which date from the early 1940s. The replacement windows are wood, multi-pane windows, which are compatible with the historic character from the house. The reduced front porch and new side porch represent a departure from the original appearance, but are outweighed by

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<sup>6</sup>Thomas Johnson.

<sup>7</sup>Thomas Johnson.

<sup>8</sup>Thomas Johnson.

<sup>9</sup>Thomas Johnson.

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the character of the hand-split, fieldstone construction. Further, the new porch is located on a secondary facade, is not visible from the street and so has little impact on the historic character of the house. The location of the addition on the south-facing (rear) facade and its small size minimize its impact. Taken together, the alterations do not compromise the historic integrity of the Needham House.

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

**8. Statement of Significance**

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

Areas of Significance  
(Enter categories from instructions.)

Architecture  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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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.

Period of Significance  
1868  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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.

Significant Dates  
1868  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information  
important in our prehistory or history

Significant Person  
(Complete if Criterion B is marked)  
N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Criteria Considerations  
(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.

Cultural Affiliation  
N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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B removed from its original location.

C a birthplace or grave.

D a cemetery.

Architect/Builder  
Needham, Enoch Gardner  
\_\_\_\_\_

E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.

F a commemorative property.

G less than 50 years of age achieved significance  
within the past 50 years.

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographic References**

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

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: SUMMARY

The Enoch Gardner Needham and Mary Caroline Koch Needham House is architecturally significant at the local level under Criterion C. It is an excellent and intact example of an Italianate residence, hand-crafted of local fieldstone. The period of significance coincides with the year of construction, 1868.

HISTORY OF WAUKESHA COUNTY AND ITS AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

The Needham House is located in the city of New Berlin in southeastern Waukesha County. The boundaries of the city coincide with the historical boundaries of New Berlin township, which was established in 1839. Originally called Mentor Township, the name was changed to New Berlin in 1840, to honor the birthplace of the area's first settler, Sidney Evans.<sup>10</sup> Evans had come to the area in 1836. A land sale held in 1839 attracted a large number of immigrants, most of whom were of German origin. Germans dominated in the county through the nineteenth century.<sup>11</sup>

The agricultural development of Waukesha County followed the typical settlement pattern. Pioneer farmers first worked to clear the land, while planting a few crops and keeping a small amount of livestock sufficient to carry their families through the winters. By the mid-1840s, Waukesha County farmers were moving into the next phase of agricultural development: cultivating cash crops. Between the mid-1840s and the Civil War, wheat was the leading cash crop in Waukesha County. In 1850, the county ranked sixth in the state in total number of bushels of wheat produced. Wheat production in Waukesha County increased through the 1850s as technological innovations in reapers and threshers combined with improved transportation when the Milwaukee and Mississippi Railroad extended a line into the county in 1851.<sup>12</sup>

During the Civil War, wheat production fell dramatically due to soil depletion, dry growing conditions, pest infestation and a lack of manpower. At the same time, a farmer in Waukesha County introduced hops cultivation to Wisconsin. Hops farming proved short-lived in Wisconsin. While prices soared in the mid-1860s due to pest

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<sup>10</sup>Theron W. Haight, editor, Memoirs of Waukesha County, (Madison, Wisconsin: Western Historical Association, 1907), pp. 319 and 768.

<sup>11</sup>History of Waukesha County, Wisconsin, (Chicago: Western Historical Company, 1880), p. 768.

<sup>12</sup>Martin C. Perkins, "The History of Agriculture in Waukesha County," Ellen D. Langill and Jean Penn Loerke, editors, From Farmland to Freeways: A History of Waukesha County, Wisconsin, (Waukesha: Waukesha County Historical Society, Inc., 1984), pp. 181-84.

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infestation in New York state, where the majority of hops were raised, New York soon recovered and hops production in Wisconsin slumped.<sup>13</sup>

Wool production and dairying replaced cash crop cultivation as the leading agricultural pursuits in Waukesha County during the 1870s. Both industries had begun in the 1850s. Demand for wool during the Civil War and the establishment of several woolen mills in Waukesha County stimulated wool production by county farmers. Wool production in Waukesha County peaked in the 1870s. By the turn of the century, it had been replaced by dairying, which was more profitable.<sup>14</sup>

In Waukesha County, dairying expanded beyond home consumption in the 1850s. By 1859, Waukesha County was fifth in the state in number of dairy cattle. After the Civil War, cheese factories were built in the county, further encouraging dairying. The advent of refrigerated train cars in the 1880s made the shipment of Wisconsin cheese to markets in the eastern U. S. possible and, by 1890, dairying was the most profitable agricultural endeavor in the state. A stock pavilion erected in Waukesha in 1918 attracted buyers from around the world and earned Waukesha County the nickname, "Cow County, USA." The number of farms in Waukesha peaked at 3,580 in 1925. Thereafter, the number of dairy farms declined, while the average farm size increased. Dairy production maintained its ascendancy in the county until after World War II. At that time, urban development began expanding into rural Waukesha County as farmland was sold for suburban residential development. Today, only a handful of dairy farms remain in business in the county.<sup>15</sup>

#### HISTORY OF THE NEEDHAM HOUSE

The history of the Needham property reflects the development of agriculture in Waukesha County in the nineteenth century and the transformation of the area from farmlands to suburbia in the twentieth century.

Enoch Gardner Needham (1817-1891) was born in Union, Connecticut and came to Wisconsin in 1840. That year, he bought a farm in Brookfield, Waukesha County. By deed dated 2 June 1842, Needham acquired the farm in New Berlin Township on which he would later build the house that is the subject of this nomination. Needham paid \$400 for the property. Needham boarded with a family in Brookfield for the next six years while he cleared the land. In

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<sup>13</sup>Martin C. Perkins, pp. 184-86.

<sup>14</sup>Martin C. Perkins, pp. 188-191.

<sup>15</sup>Martin C. Perkins, pp. 185-215.

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1849, he erected a log cabin just east of the existing house. On 10 January 1850, he married Mary Caroline Koch. Koch (1828-1906) was born in Artern, Germany and had immigrated to the U. S. in 1847.<sup>16</sup>

In 1860, Needham employed two farm laborers and kept five horses, four milk cows, 17 sheep and three swine. His produce that year mirrored the state of agriculture in Waukesha County in 1860. Needham produced 60 bushels of wheat, 150 bushels of indian corn, 150 bushels of oats, 80 pounds of wool, 40 bushels of potatoes, 100 pounds of butter, six tons of hay, 500 pounds of maple sugar, 20 gallons of molasses (made from wheat) and 100 pounds of honey.<sup>17</sup> Needham was also a truck farmer, producing fruits and vegetables and transporting them to Milwaukee. He also sold charcoal there, produced from trees cleared from his land and prepared in a stove on the first floor of the shed that stands southeast of the house. Later, Needham focused on dairying.<sup>18</sup>

In 1868, after 19 years in the log cabin, Needham built the existing house with stone gathered from his property. The Needhams had ten children, six of whom lived to adulthood. These were: Chloe Lina (born 1852), Mary Caroline (1854), Emma Louise (1857), Esther Amelia (1862), Julia Leonora (1866) and Anna Ophelia (1871). Only the youngest was born in the house.<sup>19</sup>

During the mid-nineteenth century, the Needhams owned most of the northeast quarter of Section 1 in New Berlin Township. Between 1873 and 1891, 20 acres at the south end of the property were sold to Andrew Cheney.<sup>20</sup> Enoch Needham died in 1891, leaving the farm to his widow. Following Mary Caroline Koch Needham's death in 1906, the property passed to the six surviving children. They sold just over 84 acres to Frank Conrad in 1911, retaining 35 acres including the house. Four of the sisters then quit-claimed their share of the property to the other two: Emma and Esther Needham. In 1919, Esther died and Emma Needham became sole owner. Emma lived in the house until her death in 1939. Her surviving sisters, Julia Johnson and Anna Needham, and one niece, Marie Johnson Mohrbacher, then inherited the property. They then sold all but 4.07 acres to Gander Brothers of

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<sup>16</sup>Needham Century Farm application, on file, State Historical Society of Wisconsin; Haight, p. 917.

<sup>17</sup>U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Eighth Census of the United States, 1860: Population, 3:88.

<sup>18</sup>Thomas Johnson.

<sup>19</sup>Needham Century Farm application.

<sup>20</sup>Atlas of Waukesha County, (Madison: Harrison and Warner, 1873); and Plat Book of Waukesha County, Wisconsin, (Minneapolis: C. W. Foote and J. W. Henion, 1891).

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Milwaukee.<sup>21</sup> Mohrbacher took title to the property following Anna Needham's death, later selling another 2.27 acres, leaving the property its current 1.8 acres. In 1973, Thomas and Shirley Johnson bought the property from Mrs. Mohrbacher. Thomas Johnson is the grandson of Julia Needham Johnson and he and his family still live in the house. Thus, the Needham House has been in the same family for 130 years.

### ARCHITECTURE

The Needham House is an excellent example of an Italianate residence and retains very good integrity. Its construction of fieldstone from the Needham farm makes it especially interesting.

The Italianate style was built in Wisconsin between about 1850 and 1880. The typical Italianate residence is two or three stories tall; has a low-pitched roof with wide eaves and decorative eave-brackets; tall, narrow windows; and may have a square cupola or tower. These houses nearly always have a front porch, although often these have been removed or altered. Small entry porches were most common and often had square, beveled porch posts.<sup>22</sup> The Needham House incorporates many Italianate features including: low-pitched, wide-eaved, hip roof; square cupola with round-arched windows; tall, narrow openings; and three-bay form.

In Wisconsin, Italianate houses can be built of frame, brick or stone. Fieldstone construction was employed by early settlers in Waukesha County to build fences, roads, houses, barns, silos, churches and commercial structures between about 1840 and 1870. Waukesha County fieldstone came in a variety of colors including red, brown, black and gray. The earliest structures were built with fieldstones just as they were found, with small stones set in abundant mortar filling in the gaps between the larger stones. Later, boulders were split and mortared with thinner joints.<sup>23</sup> The Needham House is of the latter type, constructed of fieldstone carefully split and squared by hand.

One other Italianate residence has been identified in the city of New Berlin. The house at 20155 West Barton Road (construction date unknown) is a two-story brick building. T-shaped in plan, it has a gable roof and simple cornice boards. Several of the first-floor openings have been enlarged, compromising this house's integrity. In contrast, the Needham House is a more fully-developed example of an Italianate residence and retains much better integrity.

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<sup>21</sup>Needham Century Farm application.

<sup>22</sup>Barbara Wyatt, editor, Cultural Resource Management in Wisconsin, (Madison: State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 1986), II:2-6; and Virginia McAlester and Lee McAlester, A Field Guide to American Houses, (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1991), pp. 210-213.

<sup>23</sup>Barbara Wyatt, II:4-6; and George W. Gunn, "Waukesha County Architecture." Langill and Loerke, p. 266.

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There is one other fieldstone house in the vicinity. It is a mid-to-late nineteenth century gabled-ell, located at the southwest corner of Gebhardt Road and Gebhardt Court in Greenfield Township, about two miles north of the Needham House. This house is more vernacular in appearance than the Needham House, and its integrity is not quite as good.

**CONCLUSION**

In conclusion, the Enoch Gardner Needham and Mary Caroline Koch Needham House is architecturally significant at the local level under Criterion C. It is an excellent and intact example of an Italianate residence, hand-crafted of local fieldstone.

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Name of Property

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Previous Documentation on File (NPS):  
 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

Primary location of additional data:  
 State Historic Preservation Office  
 Other state agency  
 Federal agency  
 Local government  
 University  
 Other  
Name of repository: State Historical Society of Wisconsin

recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_  
 recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of Property 2 acres

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	<u>1/6</u>	<u>4/1/2/6/3/0</u>	<u>4/7/6/2/9/7/0</u>	3	<u>1</u>	<u>1/1/1/1</u>	<u>1/1/1/1</u>
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2	<u>1</u>	<u>1/1/1/1</u>	<u>1/1/1/1</u>	4	<u>1</u>	<u>1/1/1/1</u>	<u>1/1/1/1</u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing

see continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

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

**Boundary Justification**

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

**11. Form Prepared By**

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organization Mead & Hunt date 22 November 1998  
street & number 6501 Watts Road telephone (608)273-6380  
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**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

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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.

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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**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

The Needham House is located in the NE1/4 of Section 1, T6N, R20E lying south of STH 59 (West Greenfield Avenue), described more particularly as follows: Commencing at the NE corner of the NE quarter section thence W 1021.65 feet to the point of beginning thence W 305.95 feet to the NE corner of the Ravine Woods Subdivision thence S 1 degree 18 minutes W for 205.0 feet thence E 311.41 feet thence N 0 degrees 13 minutes 17 seconds W for 205 feet to point of beginning. The parcel is rectangular, measures 205 feet along the east and west lot lines, ranges from 305 to 311 feet along the north and south lot lines and encompasses 1.8 acres.

**VERBAL BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION**

The boundaries of the Needham House enclose all the resources historically associated with the house, and coincide with the legal boundaries of the lot on which it sits.

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**PHOTOGRAPHS**

Photo 1 of 9  
Needham House  
New Berlin Township, Waukesha County, Wisconsin  
Photo by Elizabeth L. Miller, Mead & Hunt, December 1998  
Negative on file in the State Historical Society of Wisconsin  
View of the north-facing (front) facade, looking southwest.

For the photographs listed below, the information is the same as the above, except as noted:

Photo 2 of 9  
Closer view of north-facing (front) facade, looking west-southwest.

Photo 3 of 9  
View of the east-facing facade, looking northwest.

Photo 4 of 9  
View of the south-facing (rear) facade, looking northwest.

Photo 5 of 9  
View of the west-facing facade, looking northeast.

Photo 6 of 9  
View of east-facing facade of circa 1868 outbuilding, house in background, looking northwest

Photo 7 of 9  
View circa 1868 outbuilding, looking southwest.

Photo 8 of 9  
View of the 1991 garage, looking southwest.

Photo 9 of 9  
View of a comparison property, southwest corner Gebhardt Road and Gebhardt Court, looking west.

Needham House  
Name of Property

Waukesha County, Wisconsin  
County and State

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

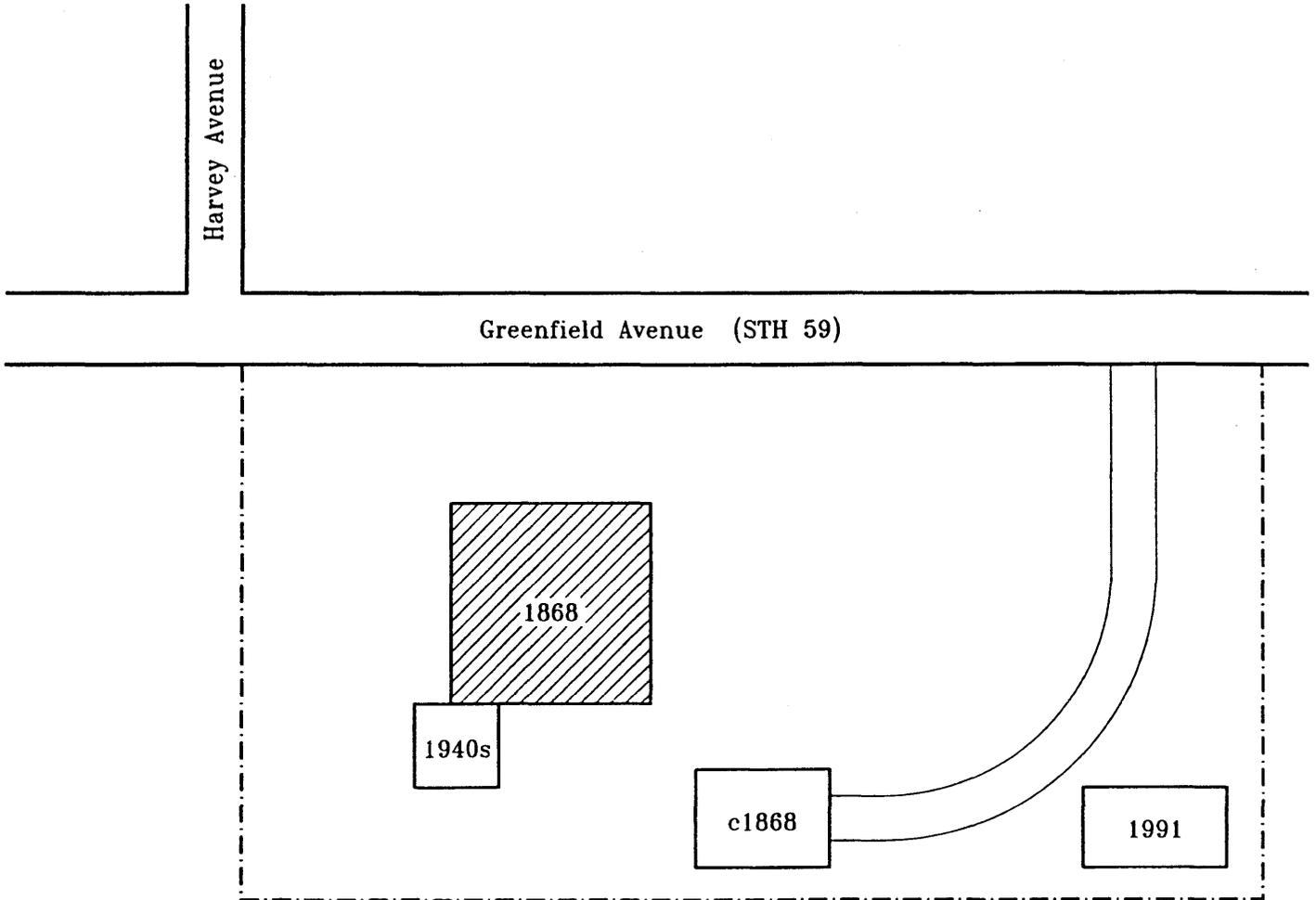
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street & number 12713 West Greenfield Avenue telephone (414)786-4469  
city or town New Berlin state WI zip code 53151

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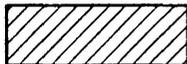
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# Enoch Gardner and Mary Caroline Koch Needham House

New Berlin, Waukesha County, Wisconsin



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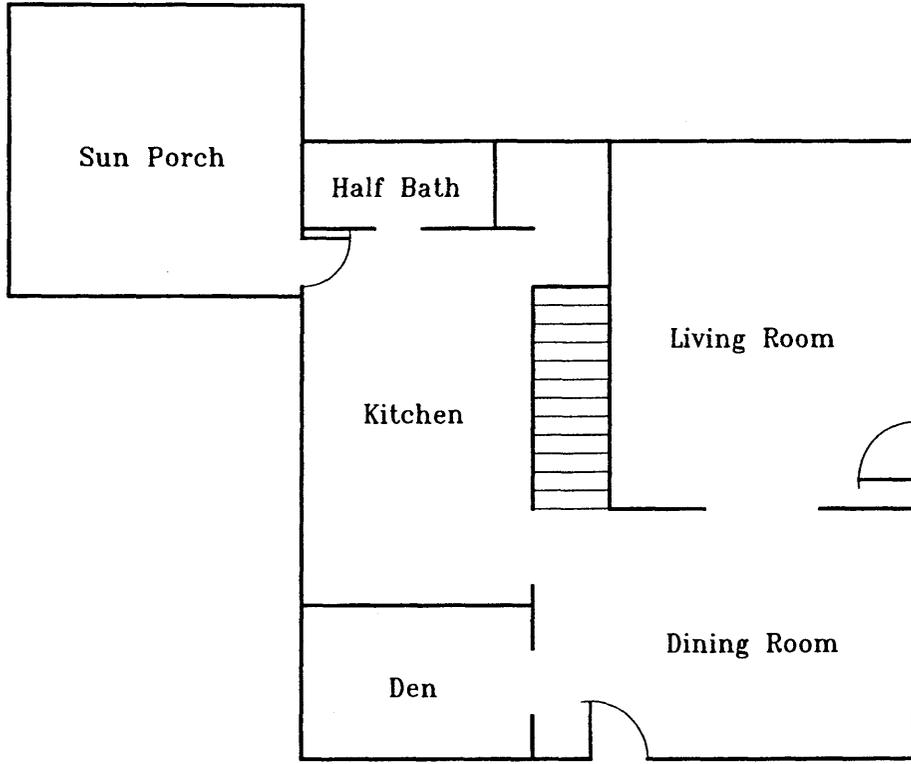
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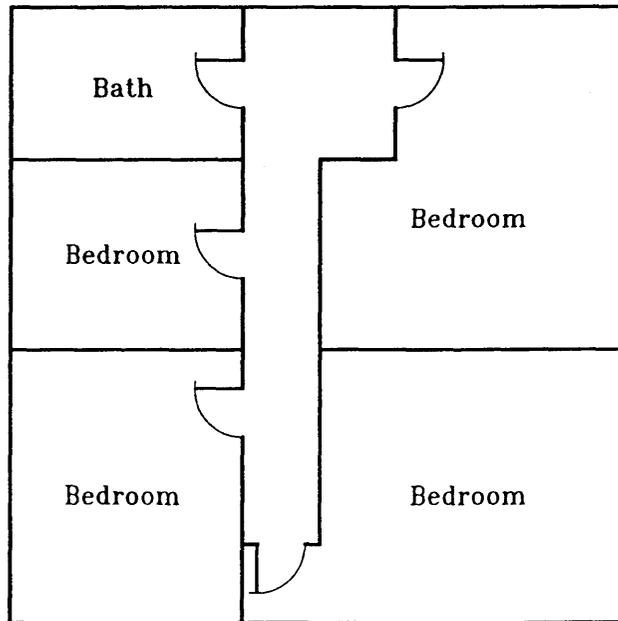
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New Berlin, Waukesha County, Wisconsin



First Floor



Second Floor