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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM
FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Washington, D.C.
COUNTY: District of Columbia
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1. NAME

COMMON: Godey Lime Kilns
AND/OR HISTORIC: Washington Lime Kilns

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway at 27th and L Streets, N.W.			
CITY OR TOWN: Washington, D.C.		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Congressman Walter E. Fauntroy, D.C.	
STATE: District of Columbia	CODE 11	COUNTY: District of Columbia	CODE 001

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Historic exhibit</u>

4. AGENCY

Department of the Interior, National Park Service			
REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable) National Capital Parks		STREET AND NUMBER: 1100 Ohio Drive, S.W.	
CITY OR TOWN: Washington, D.C.		STATE: District of Columbia	CODE 11

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: National Capital Parks			
STREET AND NUMBER: 1100 Ohio Drive, S.W.			
CITY OR TOWN: Washington, D.C.		STATE: District of Columbia	CODE 11

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey			
DATE OF SURVEY: 1965	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> County
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress			
STREET AND NUMBER: 1st Street and Independence Avenue, S.E.			
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

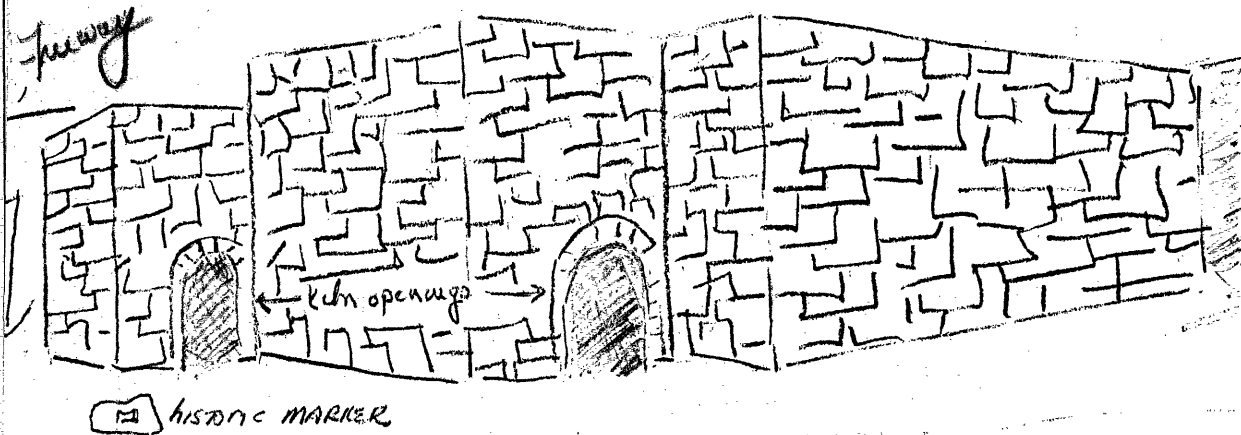
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The remains of the Godey Lime Kilns are on a site dominated by two access ramps to the Whitehurst Freeway which, in one corner of the structure, are immediately overhead.

A remnant of the original lime kilns was restored in 1967 by the National Park Service. The highest remaining segment of the walls stands approximately 16 to 18 feet high. Made of stone, the structure is shaped roughly as delineated below, with brick arched openings located on both sides of the structure arms projecting towards Rock Creek Parkway.

Manufacture and sale of lime at this site was conducted from 1864 to 1907. At the peak of development, the kilns consisted of four oven structures and an assortment of wooden sheds and structures built up around them. The entire operation was perched on the edge of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. By the 1960's the entire location had changed with the end of the Canal's use and its termination several hundred yards from the kilns. All wooden structures disappeared after the 1907 disbanding of operations at the site, and two of the four ovens were removed to make room for the highway ramps leading from the Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway to the Whitehurst Freeway. As a result of this work the grade elevation was raised about five feet and the main fire doors for the two remaining ovens were covered over.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1864

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

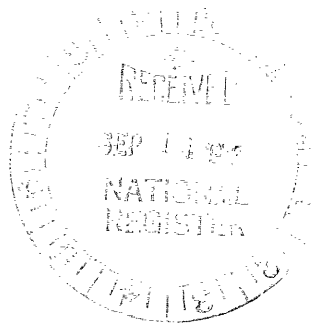
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Godey Lime Kilns were an important part of the thriving mid-19th Century commercial life of Georgetown. The manufacture and sale of lime at this site was conducted from 1864 to 1907. The lime industry can be traced back as far as 1830 in the Washington area, and William H. Godey started his lime business in another location in about 1858 and moved to the present kilns in 1864; the address was then known as 27th and L Streets, N.W. Godey was in partnership with John A. Rheim in 1865 and 1866, and then he was on his own until his death in 1873. After Godey's death his family continued to operate the kilns. In 1897 the business was taken over by John McL. Dodson who operated the kilns until 1907, when the kilns were closed.

Today, the Godey Lime Kilns are in a state of partial restoration, this work having been completed by January 1, 1967.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington City Directory, 1884, Washington, D.C.
 Historic American Buildings Survey, 1965, Donald Myer, Washington, D.C.

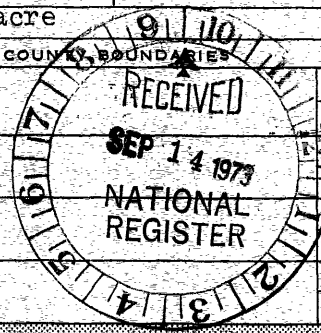
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
NW	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NE	0 0 0	0 0 0		38° 54' 24"	77° 03' 23"	
SE	0 0 0	0 0 0				
SW	0 0 0	0 0 0				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Helen Dillon, Historian
 DATE: February 27, 1972

BUSINESS ADDRESS: National Park Service, National Capital Parks

STREET AND NUMBER: 1100 Ohio Drive, S.W.
 PHONE: 426-6957

CITY OR TOWN: Washington
 STATE: District of Columbia
 CODE: 11

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION	NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION
State Liaison Officer recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> None <i>James S. Park</i> State Liaison Officer Signature	I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register. <i>Ernest A. Connelly</i> Associate Director, Professional Services NOV 2 1973
In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Liaison Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The recommended level of significance is <input type="checkbox"/> National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <i>Russ Dickenson</i> 6-21-73 Federal Representative Signature Date Dir, Nat Cap Parks Title	ATTEST: <i>[Signature]</i> Keeper of The National Register Date 10-30-73

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