

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY  
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

HST-6 REV. 6/83

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106  
(203) 566-3005

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY			
Town No.:		Site No.:	
UTM 18	257180	4610120	
QUAD: Jewett City CT			
DISTRICT		IF NR, SPECIFY	
<input type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION	1. BUILDING NAME (Common) <b>Hopeville Pond Park House</b> (Historic) <b>Avery House</b>	
	2. TOWN/CITY <b>Griswold</b>	VILLAGE <b>Hopeville</b> COUNTY <b>New London 011</b>
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) <b>NE corner Park and Roode roads</b>	
	4. OWNER(S) <b>Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private	
	5. USE (Present) <b>Residential</b> (Historic) <b>Residential Offices (1930s)</b>	
	6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	7. STYLE OF BUILDING <b>Colonial</b> DATE OF CONSTRUCTION <b>ca. 1770</b>	
DESCRIPTION	8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding
	<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten	<input type="checkbox"/> Stucco
	<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Brick	<input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone
	<input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: _____	
	9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood frame	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Post and beam
<input type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry	<input type="checkbox"/> balloon	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel	
10. ROOF (Type)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable	<input type="checkbox"/> Flat	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Hip	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Round	
<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt	<input type="checkbox"/> Tin	
<input type="checkbox"/> Built up	<input type="checkbox"/> Slate	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tile	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	
11. NUMBER OF STORIES <b>2</b> APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS <b>20' x 40'</b>		
12. CONDITION (Structural) <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated		
(Exterior) <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated		
13. INTEGRITY (Location) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved		
WHEN? _____ (Alterations) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	IF YES, EXPLAIN <b>shingles, porch</b>	
14. RELATED BLDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES		
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Garage	
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house	<input type="checkbox"/> Shop <input type="checkbox"/> Garden	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) _____		
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT		
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood-land	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Rural	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site	<input type="checkbox"/> High building density	
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS		
<b>At intersection of two country roads. Stone property walls. Park maintenance area to the north.</b>		

(OVER)

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17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)  
 The dwelling at the northeast corner of Park and Roode roads is a frame two-story central-chimney Colonial built ca. 1770. Originally sheathed with clapboard, the house has a hewn overhang at the roof level. The central chimney is set on a massive stone base with a built-in root cellar. Although the traditional five-room plan on the first floor has been modified by the elimination of the keeping rooms and the kitchen fireplace, most of the original features survive, making the house more nearly complete than most of the other Colonial houses owned by DEP. Original architraves with ogee backbands are in place, as are many of the four-panel doors with wrought-iron latch hardware. Of particular significance are the paneled chimney walls in the front (see continuation sheet).

18. ARCHITECT: Unknown  
 BUILDER: Renovation: CCC

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE  
 Local histories date the Colonial house at Hopeville Pond from 1761, a date substantiated by the construction and interior woodwork. The roof features a hewn overhang, the last lingering expression of 17th-century quaintness to be visible on the exterior of Connecticut houses, according to J. Frederick Kelly. The interior paneling is the finest in any 18th-century house owned by DEP.  
 The property was acquired by the state in 1938 as part of the Federal Resettlement Administration's efforts to move farmers from submarginal lands to more productive acreage. The 1854 Baker map of New London County shows a Captain J. Avery residing in the house. A John Avery signed the 1815 petition for Griswold to separate from North Stonington, but it is not certain if the individuals are one and the same. By 1868 the house was occupied by H. Bennett. Once under state (see Cont. sheet)

SOURCES  
 Baker, William. Map of New London County. 1854.  
 Beers, F.W. Atlas of New London County. 1868.  
 Phillips, Daniel. Griswold-A History. The Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor Co. 1929.  
 Kelly, J.F. Early Domestic Architecture of Connecticut. New York: Dover Publications, Inc. 1952.

PHOTO	PHOTOGRAPHER	DATE	Place  Photograph  Here
	Mary E. McCahon	5/85	
VIEW	NEGATIVE ON FILE		
Exterior	CHC DEP 85:4/2-3,5/1		
COMPILED BY	NAME	DATE	
	Mary E. McCahon	6/85	
	ORGANIZATION	Connecticut Historical Commission	
	ADDRESS	59 S. Prospect Street Hartford, CT 06106	

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS  
 N/A

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE
- None known     Highways     Vandalism     Developers     Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Renewal     Private     Deterioration     Zoning     Explanation \_\_\_\_\_

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For Buildings and Structures

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chambers. Each is set with bolection molding around the fireplace and a shallow molded shelf above. The east room has one large overmantel panel while, two panels are used in the west chamber. A handsome corner cabinet with butterfly shelves is also located in the east room. The stairhall is wainscoted. Original flooring and mantels on the second level. The post and beam construction is exposed on the interior, with corner posts and exposed summer beams.

The garage/workshop set behind the house is believed to have been built by the CCCs. It has been enlarged and remodeled several times. Their work on the house, fortunately, was more sensitive than usual. They shingled the exterior and perhaps added the inappropriate porch.

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control, the house was rehabilitated by the CCCs as an office while they developed the 316-acre Hopeville Pond recreational area. It is now the park manager's residence. The village of Hopeville prospered during the middle of the 19th century from the wool cloth industry. A grist mill was operated on the pond from 1711 until it was destroyed by fire in 1908.

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification

The house is located in a 554-acre park. Included in the nomination is the structure situated in the center of a circle with a 400' radius which provides a representation of its historic setting.

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Item number 19 Date: August 21, 1986

Addendum: Connecticut State Park and Forest Depression-Era Federal Work Relief Programs  
Structures Thematic Resource

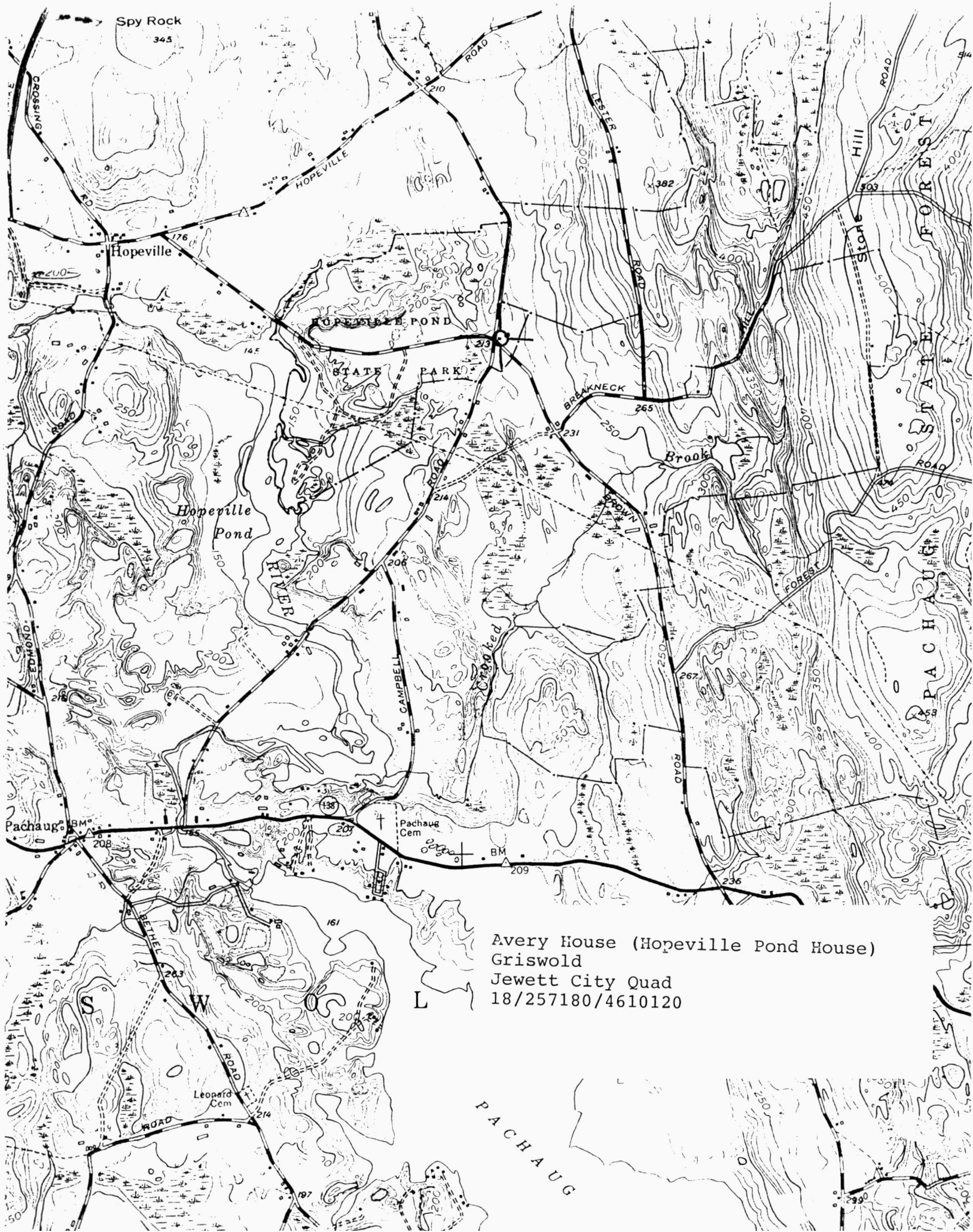
Griswold: Avery House

Acreage: 6.5 acres

Correction: Verbal Boundary Description and Justification

The house is located in a 554-acre park. Included in the nomination is the structure situated in the center of a circle with a 300' radius which provides a representation of its historic setting.

This correction has been made because it was determined that the reduction of acreage would adequately represent the historic setting of the subject property.



Avery House (Hopeville Pond House)  
Griswold  
Jewett City Quad  
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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

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Name Connecticut State Park and Forest Depression—Era Federal Work Relief  
State Hartford & other Counties, CT Programs Structural

\* Cover [Signature] 9/5/86  
Date/Signature

Nomination/Type of Review

1. American Legion Forest  
CCC Shelter

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

[Signature] 9-4-86

Attest

2. Avery House

Entered in the  
National Register

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3. Cream Hill Shelter

Entered in the  
National Register

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4. Massacoe Forest Pavilion

Entered in the  
National Register

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5. Natchaug Forest Lumber  
Shed

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National Register

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6. Oak Lodge

Entered in the  
National Register

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- 50 7. Paugnut Forest Administration  
Building

Substantive Review

\*Keeper

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8. Peoples Forest Museum

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

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9. Red Mountain Shelter

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

[Signature] 9/4/86

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10. Rocky Neck Pavilion

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National Register

for Keeper

[Signature] 9/4/86

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Avery House (Connecticut State Park and  
Forest Depression-Era Federal Work Relief  
Programs Structures TR)  
New London County  
CONNECTICUT

Working No. \_\_\_\_\_

Fed. Reg. Date: JUL 25 1986

Date Due: 8/21/86 9/8/86

Action:  ACCEPT 9-4-86

\_\_\_\_\_ RETURN \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ REJECT \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Entered in the  
National Register

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_

Discipline \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: 1 technical corrections cited below  
\_\_\_\_\_ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

7. Description

Condition

- excellent
- good
- fair
- deteriorated
- ruins
- unexposed

Check one

- unaltered
- altered

Check one

- original site
- moved date \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

**8. Significance**

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_ Builder/Architect \_\_\_\_\_  
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**X10. Geographical Data**

X Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_  
Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_  
X UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

*OTC*  
*Please provide acreage.*  
*A radius of 400' is more than 10 acres.*  
*Please provide 3 or more UTM reference points.*  
*See Correspondence 8/26/16*

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

**11. Form Prepared By**

**12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification**

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_\_ national      \_\_\_\_ state      \_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature \_\_\_\_\_

title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

**13. Other**

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

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