United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: FISCHER - LASCH FARMHOUSE

other name/site number: HILLWOOD DAIRY FARM

2. Location

street & number: 100 Waddles Run Road

city/town: Wheeling

county: Ohio

state: WV

code: 069

zip code: 26003

not for publication: N/A

vicinity: N/A

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

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Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related property listing: N/A
As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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 X meets — does not meet the National Register Criteria. — See continuation sheet.

Signature of Certifying Official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property — meets — does not meet the National Register criteria. — See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

Date

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this 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

— removed from the National Register

— other (explain): ___________

Signature of Keeper

Date of Action
6. Function or Use
Historic: Domestic Sub: Single Dwelling

Current: Domestic Sub: Single Dwelling

7. Description
Architectural Classification: Italianate

Other Description: I-house

Materials: foundation stone, walls brick, roof metal, other

Describe present and historic physical appearance. 
X See continuation sheet

8. Statement of Significance
Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: Local

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: Architecture

Period(s) of Significance: 1884

Significant Dates: 1884

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: N/A

State significance of property, and justify criteria, considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above. 
X See continuation sheet.
9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet. X

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
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 -- Specify Repository: ________________________________

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: Less than 3 acres

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal Boundary Description: X See continuation sheet.

Boundary Justification: X See continuation sheet.

11. Form Prepared By

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Organization: Northern Region, WV SHPO Date: 15 March 1995
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City or Town: Wheeling State: WV Zip: 26003

Property Owner

Name: Louis J. Lasch
Street & Number: RD 2, Box 313 Telephone: (304) 242-1975
City or Town: Triadelphia State: WV Zip: 26059
The Fischer - Lasch Farmhouse is located off Waddles Run Road in Ohio County, outside the Wheeling city limits. The property consists of a contributing 1884 farmhouse and a noncontributing 1948 dairy building. A wood plank bridge takes you across the run to the house situated on a slight bluff. The red brick Italianate house is two and a half stories high and five bays across the front. The form of the house is that of an I-house. The brick is a running bond across the front facade, and English bond, with seven stretcher rows per header row, on the two sides and rear. The brick is said to have been made on the property. There is a stone foundation, with dressed block and a slight water table on the front facade. The gable roof is composed of seamed metal.

The front or north facade has a center recessed entry with double doors and plain glass transom above. The wood moulding around the doors has panels on the recessed doorway and a projecting entablature on the lintel. The windows on the house are 2/2 lights with double-hung openings, and have stone lintels and sills. There are two windows to each side of the doorway and five across the second story. The home has a deep decorative entablature with paired brackets. The basement level has four windows across the front.

On the west facade there is an entrance door on the first floor with three windows on each floor, and two in the gable end. The gable ends of the house also have the decorative entablature, and eave returns. The east facade has a small shed porch with side room on the rear corner. On the south facade are three bays on each floor with the center rear door being altered for a bathroom window.

The interior is a basic four room plan with a center hall between the front two rooms. Each room has a fireplace with a wood mantel, except one second floor bedroom. The front parlor fireplace has a painted metal mantel. There is both a front and rear staircase with decorative trim along the run. All the interior woodwork seems to be intact with six panel doors, baseboards, door and window trim, including wood panels under the windows. The rear stairs leads to an angled landing with another set of stairs leading to the open third floor. This space has sloped ceilings on the two long ends and paired windows in the gables. A door leads to storage along the rear wall and access to the roof. The basement has three finished rooms, two rooms having stone walls, and the one rear room having concrete block. The basement is not excavated under the southwest corner.

The dairy building was not constructed until 1948, to replace the small building previously used. This building is considered noncontributing with concrete block walls in a rectangular plan, wood siding in the gable ends, and a metal roof. The building has multilight windows, with paired 6 light openings in the gable ends, and sliding metal doors for access.

The Fischer-Lasch Farmhouse is an excellent example of a late nineteenth century home built on a working farm, with attention to detail, and emulating a high style of architecture. The farmhouse retains its original features and materials.
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CONTINUATION SHEET

FISCHER - LASCH FARMHOUSE, WADDLES RUN ROAD, OHIO COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

The Fischer-Lasch Farmhouse, also known as Hillwood Dairy Farm, is sited along Waddles Run in Ohio County. The building is important under Criterion C for its architecture, which is an Italianate style with an I-house plan. The period of significance is the date of construction of the house in 1884 by the Fischer family.

In 1883, Henry Fischer purchased from Archibald Waddle 259 acres of land along Waddles Run in Ohio County. The site consisted of 10 or more acres along the small stream of water, plus the hillside and pasture land to the south, on top of the hill. By a year later, the large brick homestead had been built of brick fired on the property. The elegant Italianate farmhouse shows considerable attention to detail with a double door recessed entranceway with moulding, and bracketed entablature. The I-house form and floor plan are probably from an architectural plan book or other publication of the period.

The farm remained in the Fischer family after Henry's death in 1900, and was purchased by Jacob Lasch in 1932 for his son, John S. Lasch. John with his wife, Irene, and his two sons, Louis and Robert, operated Hillwood Dairy, acquiring the property by deed in 1939. The dairy began with cows from the Jacob Lasch homeplace, once in Elm Grove off East Cove Road, south of Route 88. The dairy's first product was selling fresh farm milk for eight cents a quart. But soon the dairy supplemented the milk from the farm by purchasing from other farmers. The dairy also began processing, pasteurizing, bottling and distributing. Hillwood Dairy made its own cottage cheese, sold whole milk, and egg nog seasonally. The dairy had its own retail route in Wheeling, and also sold items such as eggs, and bread to visitors in the nearby Oglebay tourist cabins.

The production was all done in a small building which once stood below the house near the run. Also on the farm at that time was a large barn, horse barn, and chicken house. These structures are no longer standing, being removed over a period of time. A new dairy building was constructed in 1948 to allow the dairy to expand into larger quarters. This concrete block building still remains but is considered noncontributing due to its age and materials.

Hillwood Dairy remained in operation until 1960, when it was one of the few small plants still operating. Part of the dairy's closing was that it was unable to keep up with the continually need to change the bottling of the milk from glass, to square cardboard cartons, to plastic jugs. As well as having to provide containers of different sizes, such as - half pint, pint, quart, and gallon. There had once been approximately 35 small dairys in the Wheeling area, who gradually sold out to larger firms, and Hillwood Dairy was one of these.

The Fischer-Lasch Farmhouse has withstood the changes around it over 110 years from farm, to dairy, to family residence. The exterior of the house retains its original materials and historic character with the 3/2 windows, decorative entablature and cornice, and fine wood doorway. The interior floor plan and materials remain intact with moulding, wood floors, and stairways. The homestead is an excellent example of one of Ohio County's rural farmhouses dating from the nineteenth century.

Deed and Will Books, City - County Building, Clerks Office, Wheeling, WV

Article, WHEELING NEWS-REGISTER, undated.

BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:
Begin at a point on Waddles Run Road at the northwest property line, thence east along Waddles Run Road for approximately 650 feet to the northeast corner of the property; thence south along the east boundary for approximately 150 feet to the southeast corner of the property; then west along the south property line for 700 feet crossing a small run and curving slightly to the north to the southwest corner of the property; thence north for approximately 150 feet to the beginning.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION:
The boundaries include the house and dairy building historically associated with the property.
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PHOTO INFORMATION

ADDRESS: 100 WADDLES RUN ROAD
Wheeling (Outside limits)
Ohio County
West Virginia

PHOTOGRAPHER: Louis J. Lasch

DATE OF PHOTOS: April 1995

NEGATIVE: Louis J. Lasch

PHOTO 1 OF 9: View of North Facade
Camera looking South

PHOTO 2 OF 9: View of West Facade
Camera looking East

PHOTO 3 OF 9: View of South Facade
Camera looking North

PHOTO 4 OF 9: View of East Facade
Camera looking West

PHOTO 5 OF 9: View of house from drive
Camera looking Southeast

PHOTO 6 OF 9: View of North Facade of Dairy Barn (noncontributing)
Camera looking South

PHOTO 7 OF 9: View of East Facade of Dairy Barn
Camera looking West

PHOTO 8 OF 9: View of South Facade of Dairy Barn
Camera looking Northeast

PHOTO 9 OF 9: View of West Facade of Dairy Barn
Camera looking East
Second Floor Plan
Fischer-Lasch Farmhouse
100 Kiddles Run Road
Wheeling, WV
Ohio Co.
Drawing Not to Scale