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Form 10-300 (Rev. 6-72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

STATE	Virginia
COUNTY	Rockingham
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON: John K. Beery Farm

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: .2 miles east of Route 42, south of Edom.

CITY OR TOWN: CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Seventh; J. Kenneth Robinson

STATE: Virginia CODE: 51 COUNTY: Rockingham CODE: 165

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input checked="" 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) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: ~~Mr. Paul Stevens~~ Mr. William Pond

STREET AND NUMBER: ~~3452 Southwest 16th Ave~~ 2013 Windsor Rd.

CITY OR TOWN: ~~Miami~~ Harrisonburg, VA. STATE: Florida CODE: 12

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Rockingham County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Harrisonburg STATE: Virginia CODE: 51

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory

DATE OF SURVEY: 1958 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: D. C. CODE: 11

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Beery Farm complex consists of nearly a dozen structures clustered at the base of a steep hill near the junction of Buttermilk and Linville Creeks. The irregular terrain protects the complex from modern intrusion on nearby State route 42.

The rectangular five-bay two-story house is fifty feet long and eighteen feet wide, and has a one-story, three-bay wing to the east. The foundations and walls are random rubble limestone. A long one-story late-nineteenth century porch supported by plain piers with simple brackets and a sawn balustrade runs along the front of the house. A similar one-bay porch shelters a rear door. An interior stone chimney occurs at either end of the main block and at the east end of the wing. The windows and doors have simple molded frames; the wooden double-hung windows have late-nineteenth century two-over-two sash. The house retains a few of its original chevron paneled doors. The gable roofs have a nonoriginal sawn cornice resembling widely spaced dentils ornamenting the eaves of the main block and the wing.

The house has a center hall plan with two rooms with corner fireplaces to the west and a large room to the east. The fireplace in the east room has a carved limestone lintel and a mantel with fluted pilasters, paneled frieze and broad shelf. The walls are plastered and have baseboards and chair rails. The east wing has two doors leading to the exterior. A movable partition which divides the wing space into two rooms may be pushed back to make one large room used as a Mennonite meeting room. A small flight of stairs descends from this room to a tunnel running the entire length of the building and emerging at the west end. This passage leads to a small root cellar at the western extremity.

The most impressive outbuilding is a rare stone bank barn with slotted ends. The end openings appear as slots on the exterior, but widen to provide some light and ventilation on the interior. Three walls are of random rubble limestone; the fourth side is of horizontal siding. The barn is supported by massive hewn timber framing. This structure is one of the few ante-bellum barns surviving in the county.

Northeast of the house is a one-room, one-story random rubble limestone loom house with an interior end chimney. The random rubble limestone single-bay spring house is south of the main house. A tall metal windmill is adjacent to the spring house. At the southwest corner of the complex is a two-room, one-story random rubble building with a massive exterior chimney, and two entrances. This structure probably served as a wash house and kitchen. Several other later outbuildings are of wood, including a granary, sheds, an outhouse and other assorted necessary farm buildings. A stone mounting block remains in front of the house.

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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)

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Beery Farm comprises one of the most picturesque and complete early nineteenth century rural homesteads of the Valley of Virginia. Nestled in a secluded vale in the beautiful Linville Creek area of Rockingham County, the nearly one dozen household and farm-supporting structures express the self-sufficiency of the early Valley settlers. Unlike the Tidewater planters, the Valley farmers of Pennsylvania origin generally had few servants or slaves and ran their farms and households with the help of their family. As a result, the house, outbuildings, barn, granary and sheds were all arranged in a single convenient grouping typified by the Beery Farm complex.

The impressive limestone bank barn is one of the handful of antebellum barns in the region to escape destruction by the troops of General Philip Sheridan. The dwelling house has particular architectural interest as a result of its blending of Scotch-Irish and German building traditions. The Scotch-Irish influence is seen in the plan and the placement of the chimneys, while the German influence is evident in the fine stonework and decorative details. An unusual feature is a special wing often used for religious services.

The Beery family was originally from Switzerland and settled in Adams County, Pennsylvania around 1736. They migrated to Rockingham County some fifty years later. John K. Beery built the present house and outbuildings in 1838-39 on land purchased by his father in 1796. The Beerys were strict Mennonites, belonging to a branch who opposed the use of church buildings for religious services. The meeting room in the east wing of the house served a large congregation of Mennonites for a number of years.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Terrell, I. L. Old Houses in Rockingham County, 1750-1850.
 McClure press, Verona, Virginia, 1970, Page 101.

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				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	38°	31'	20"	78°	51'	47"	0		
NE	38°	31'	20"	78°	51'	11"			
SE	38°	30'	45"	78°	51'	11"			
SW	38°	30'	45"	78°	51'	47"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 120 acres.

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 I. L. Terrell

ORGANIZATION: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission DATE: May, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:
 Room 1116, Ninth Street Office Building

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond STATE: Virginia CODE: 51

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name _____
 Junius R. Fishburne, Jr., Director
 Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
 Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

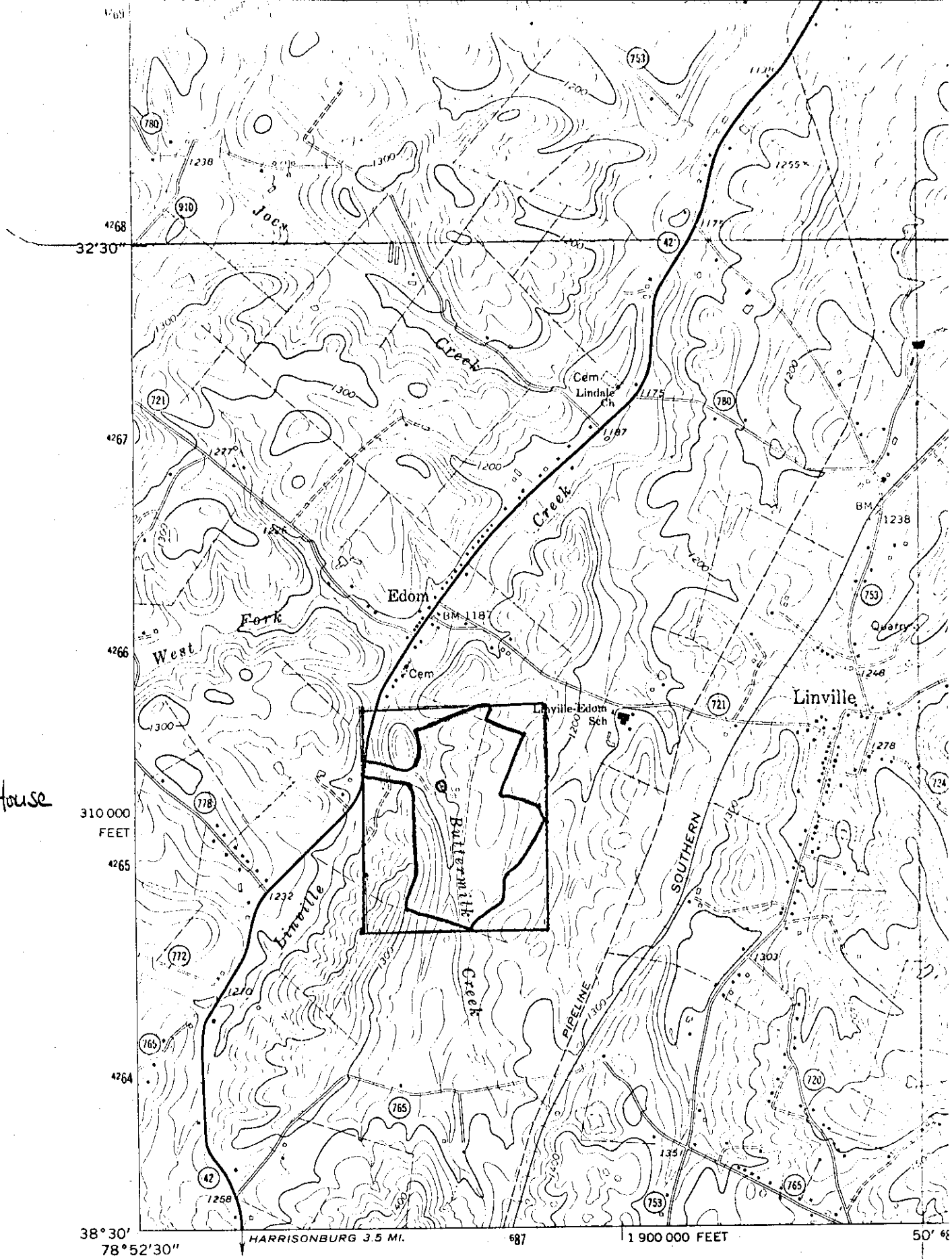
ATTEST:

 Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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Beery House



(BRIDGEWATER)
5260 IV NW

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
 Control by USGS and USC&GS
 Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
 photographs taken 1965. Field checked 1967
 Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
 10,000-foot grid based on Virginia coordinate system, north zone
 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,

