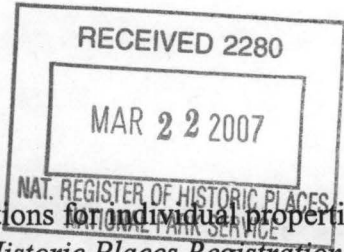


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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM**



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

**1. Name of Property**

historic name Fanckboner-Nichols Farmstead

other names/site number N/A

**2. Location**

street & number 5992 West VW Avenue not for publication N/A

city or town Prairie Ronde Township vicinity N/A

state Michigan code MI county Kalamazoo code 077

zip code 49087

**3. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant      nationally      statewide X locally. (     See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Brian D. [Signature] 3/19/07  
Signature of certifying official Date

Michigan SHPO  
State or Federal Agency or Tribal government

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In my opinion, the property        meets        does not meet the National Register criteria. (        See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting official/Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

**4. 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): \_\_\_\_\_

*Edson H. Beal*

*Edson H. Beal*

*5-2-07*

Signature of Keeper \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Action \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Classification**

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

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Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>3</u>	<u>      </u> buildings
<u>1</u>	<u>      </u> sites
<u>3</u>	<u>      </u> structures
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> objects
<u>7</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Category	Sub-category
<u>Domestic</u>	<u>Single Dwelling</u>
<u>Agriculture/Subsistence</u>	<u>Animal Facility</u>
<u>      </u>	<u>Agricultural Outbuilding</u>
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
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Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Category	Sub-category
<u>Vacant/Not in Use</u>	<u>      </u>
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
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**7. Description**

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Greek Revival

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone

roof Asphalt

walls Wood/weatherboard

other N/A

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Narrative Description (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 National Register listing)

- A Is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C 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.
- D Has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture \_\_\_\_\_

Exploration/Settlement \_\_\_\_\_

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Period of Significance c. 1840

Significant Dates N/A

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A \_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation N/A \_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_

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### Description

The Fanckboner-Nichols Farmstead comprises an approximately three-acre rectangular property that, located at the northeast corner of West VW Avenue and 10<sup>th</sup> Street, contains a house, barn, shop/garage building, and grain bin. It forms the southwest corner of the seventy-eight-acre Fanckboner-Nichols Farm, which has been owned by the same family since 1838. Constructed c. 1840, the farmhouse is a one-and-one-half-story Greek Revival building of the hall-and-parlor form with several additions. The exterior walls are finished with clapboard siding and the roof in tin and asphalt shingles. The foundation is of fieldstone and concrete with a brick chimney. The house is of heavy post-and-beam frame construction with hewn beams and pegged joints. Original features include back-to-back fireplaces facing into the two front rooms, the parlor one retaining its original walnut mantelpiece; a narrow enclosed staircase that, located behind the fireplaces, spirals its way to the second story; and paneled doors and architrave trim. Late nineteenth and early twentieth-century additions and alterations include a bay window on the house's east side, an enlarged front porch, and a bedroom added to the west side of a rear extension. The house faces south and is flanked on the front and side by seven old maple trees. A gambrel-roof barn east of the house and a shop/garage building to the house's northeast date from the very early twentieth century.

The Fanckboner-Nichols farm is located about one mile west of the northwest corner of the village of Schoolcraft in Prairie Ronde Township. It fronts for nearly a quarter mile south on West VW Avenue and west for nearly a half mile on 10<sup>th</sup> Street. The area is characterized by nearly level topography, and the country nearby is open farmland, with woods visible a mile to the west and a half mile to the east. The farm property is today a large open field, its edges marked in places by remnants of tree lines and by two surviving wooden corner posts. The farmhouse stands at the southwest corner of the L-shaped farm property near the VW/10<sup>th</sup> intersection, while the shed/garage stands to its immediate northeast and the barn, west-facing toward the house, well to the east, with the grain bin to its north.

### House

The house as originally built was a four-room I-house, with a low second story. The clapboarded exterior is finished with plain cornerboards rising to a broad frieze and classical cornices with returns. Two square-head double-hung windows flank the center entry on the house's front or south façade. Upstairs in front two small horizontal "eyebrow" windows rise through the frieze up to the underside of the eaves, while the gables contain small double-hung windows.

The house's original section contains a central front entry leading into a small hall that, in turn, provides access to the two downstairs rooms, a one-time kitchen/dining room to the east and a parlor (now a bedroom) on the west. A large chimney stack rises in the space directly behind (north of) the entry hall, and fireplaces open from it into both of the first-floor rooms (the part of the chimney above the roofline has been

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removed because of deterioration of the brickwork). The massive stack rests on square-hewn timbers that, in turn, rest directly on the ground a few feet below grade, the base being visible in the basement. Two bedrooms upstairs above the downstairs room are reached via a narrow enclosed staircase that, rising from the north end of the west side of the one-time kitchen, spirals up to a landing in the center west wall of the upstairs' east room.

Subsequent additions behind the house in the mid-nineteenth century and later have substantially increased the building's footprint. Additions thought to date from within a few years after the house's initial construction form a leanto extension across the back of the house and a one-story gable-roof wing extending north from the east part of the leanto. An early summer kitchen and woodshed extension at the north end of this wing was separated from the house around 1900 and moved a short distance away, but has since been demolished (the present three-post porch at the end of the shortened wing dates from the 1930s). Finally, a one-story side-gable-roof wing containing a bedroom was built to the west of the back part of the west wall of the original house/shed-roof addition in the very early twentieth century. Other exterior renovations have included the replacement of the original Greek Revival front entrance porch with its paired square-plan columns with a larger hip-roof structure displaying Late Victorian turned columns and the addition of a square-plan bay window on the east façade of the original house. Both alterations took place c. 1910. Aluminum siding installed over the wooden siding in the 1970s and wrought-iron porch supports that replaced the turned columns in the front porch were removed during 2005 and the house's exterior restored to its previous appearance.

#### **Workshop/Woodshed (early 1900s)**

Standing just northeast of the house, this long and narrow, gable-roof, one-story shed originally housed a concrete-floored workshop in the west half and woodshed, with dirt floor, at the east end. In 1947 the entire shed became a workshop, with the wall between the sections removed and a concrete floor installed in the east half. Today the shed houses a garage and workshop. The building is constructed with two-by-four framing twenty-four inches on center and clad in horizontal wood siding.

#### **Barn (early 1900s; Mr. Lockwood, contractor)**

Standing well east of the house and facing west toward it, the barn is a rectangular, gambrel-roof building constructed around 1900 after the original barn, which stood to the immediate north, burned. It stands on a low concrete foundation constructed around 1930 as part of repairs made after wind damage that resulted in a lean. The barn is framed with two-by-sixes and two-by-tens on twenty-four-inch centers but, following the windstorm, diagonal, inverted-V bracing built of two-by-twelve lumber was added. The roof framing is constructed without trusses: the rafters in each slope on each side are framed into two-by-ten-inch girts. The exterior is clad in its original vertical boarding except on the south side, where new wood siding was

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installed in 1990.

The interior is laid out with a central drive entered from the west (there is no door at the east end). Horse stalls once existed along the north side and cow stalls on the south, with a small sliding door near each end of the east wall to accommodate them. In the late 1940s, when the farm no longer used horses, the cows were moved to the north side, and the floor there finished in concrete, with a drainage trough. Both ends of the barn contain haylofts, and there is a hay door high up in the north end wall.

**Grain Bin (c. 1950; Butler Manufacturing Co.)**

A cylindrical metal grain bin, with conical roof, stands to the north of the present barn, where the original barn was located. A plaque above the door indicates it is a Butler product.

**Maples**

Seven of nine old maples that fronted the property near the house along both VW and 10<sup>th</sup> remain in place, although many are in poor condition.

**Pear Trees**

Two large pear trees, thought by the family to be about one hundred years old, stand on the property, one just east of the house, the other well to its northwest.

**Cistern**

A fieldstone cistern, with concrete surfacing applied over the stones, is located just east of the back end of the house. It has a 1930s concrete cap with manhole, all now capped with a steel plate.

**Windmill Site**

A concrete-lined well that formerly housed a pump – now covered with a steel plate – is located to the southeast of the cistern. A wood windmill that stood above is no longer present.

**Cabin Site**

Family tradition holds that the site of the first house on the property, a log cabin occupied while the present house was being built, is located in the plowed field northeast of the shed. Scattered rock and brick debris has been visible over the years. No archaeological investigation has been done.

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Architect/Builder N/A ; \_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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

- Previous documentation on file (NPS) None  
 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

Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

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**10. Geographical Data**

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

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
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2	_____	_____	_____	4	_____	_____

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.)

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### Significance

Prairie Ronde was the first place settled in Kalamazoo County, with the first settler on the prairie arriving in 1828. The Fanckboner-Nichols Farm was established in 1838 by William and Elizabeth Crose Fanckboner and their five children, who came to Prairie Ronde from near Belvidere, Warren County, New Jersey, the previous year. The family's c. 1840 farmhouse, along with later outbuildings, stand in a small farmstead area at one corner of the farm property. Still owned by Fanckboner descendants, the farmstead represents and illustrates the early settlement days at Prairie Ronde.

Prairie Ronde was an open prairie area that occupied much of the east part of Prairie Ronde Township and the west part of Schoolcraft Township, along with small areas to the north in Texas Township and to the south over the line in St. Joseph County, during the settlement era in the late 1820s and 30s. The 1880 county history described it as,

a broad and beautiful savanna, covered, at the date when its vicinity first became the abode of the white man, with a vesture of flowers that gave it almost fairy-like beauty. Its gentle swells and generally pleasing aspect, together with its excellent soil, - being a rich black loam, - captivated the pioneer beholder, and it is not to be wondered at that the first settler in the township or county should have made his home on its confines (p. 435).

Near its center, and on the line between Schoolcraft and Prairie Ronde townships, is what was once a fine grove of timber, containing about 300 acres, and known as the "Big Island," from the fact that it was the largest body of trees within the bounds of the prairie (p. 502).

Bazel Harrison, a Maryland native but most recently an Ohio resident, became the first settler in Prairie Ronde and Kalamazoo County, most likely in the fall of 1828. Settlement on the prairie proceeded quickly enough that a Prairie Ronde post office was established in 1830. Lucius Lyon platted the original part of the village of Schoolcraft, located "east of the Big Island, on Prairie Ronde," as the plat states (p. 519), in 1831. The first store opened that same year, and the Prairie Ronde post office was moved there in 1832. Brady Township, which then included what are now Prairie Ronde and Schoolcraft townships and several others, was created in 1830, and Prairie Ronde Township created from it in 1836. In 1842 the name of what was left of the original Brady Township was changed to Schoolcraft Township.

The Fanckboners were not among the first arrivals on the prairie but were clearly among the early generation of settlers here. Members of Mrs. Fanckboner's family, the Croses, also from Warren County, New Jersey, preceded them to Prairie Ronde, her brother, Jesse M. Crose, in 1835, and father, Christopher Crose, in 1836. They both settled near the future Fanckboner-Nichols Farm. Letters sent east by the newly settled Croses extolling the land for its richness - and low cost - reportedly persuaded the Fanckboners to come.

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The family stayed briefly with a brother-in-law north of Detroit while William Fanckboner traveled on foot to view Prairie Ronde. "Well satisfied with the country," according to the family account, Fanckboner brought his family there by covered wagon drawn by oxen, arriving August 5, 1837. The 1880 Kalamazoo County history states that Fanckboner "had come into the township in August of the same year [1837], and lived, while building a small frame house, with his wife's father, Christopher Crose..." (p. 445). This may be incorrect, since the Fanckboners did not purchase their farm until July 17, 1838, a year later. The farm stood in the open ground of the prairie west of the Big Island but a mile east of the prairie's west edge. Today some suggestion of this early physiography survives. The farm stands in an area of open farmland, but a mile east a large patch of woods survives at the location of the Big Island just beyond Schoolcraft's west edge, and off to the west a mile or so a fringe of woods marks what must have been the approximate west edge of the prairie.

Family tradition holds that the Fanckboners lived in a log cabin located northeast of the house for a short time until more permanent quarters – now the front section of the present house – were finished. Family members report having sighted bits of household debris, including pieces of brick, in a small area in the open fields a short distance northeast of the farmstead. They believe the original front section of the present house dates from the late 1830s or around 1840. The house itself, a simply detailed story-and-a-half hall-and-parlor-form building with massive central brick chimney stack and narrow, awkward staircase to the second-story rooms beneath the roof, supports this early a construction date. This c. 1840 house, expanded twice in the mid-nineteenth century and then again in the very early twentieth, retains much of its character as a pioneer-era building.

William Fanckboner (1803-81) and Elizabeth Crose (1807-88) were married in New Jersey in 1829. They raised a family of seven children, two of them born in this house, on the Prairie Ronde farm, and the parents lived out their lives there. Daughter Mary Elizabeth, known as Libbie (1854-1905), was married to Leroy Nichols (1851-1933), who also grew up in the Schoolcraft area, in 1875. Nichols, whose family came here from Hamilton, New York, in 1848 and took up a farm one mile east of the Fanckboner farm, was listed in the 1870 census as a farmhand on the Fanckboner farm.

After the deaths of William and Elizabeth Fanckboner, Libbie and Leroy Nichols bought out the other heirs to the property and continued to manage the farm, raising two daughters and a son, Harold. Libbie died at the farm in 1905, and Leroy continued to live there with son, Harold, and his daughter, Gertrude, and her husband, Millard Smith Roberts. Around 1900, when the original barn was struck by lightning and burned, Leroy Nichols had the present barn built. A local barn contractor named Lockwood built it. Several other still standing barns in the immediate vicinity are reportedly also the work of this same contractor.

Leroy subsequently married Emma Kellogg in 1912 and they lived on the farm until 1924, when they moved into Schoolcraft village. The farm was then rented out until 1938, when Harold and his wife, Lillian

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Fehlberg Nichols, moved there from Kalamazoo. They lived there, raising three children, until their deaths in 1989 and 2003, respectively. Harold Nichols actively farmed seventy-five acres until the early 1950s, growing corn, oats, and wheat. He also had milk cows, pigs, and chickens. During his occupation, the Butler grain bin was installed around 1950.

In more recent years farming was performed on a share basis with neighboring farmers. Today the farm fields are rented out and still used for farming. The farmland is not included in this nomination because it is today one large open field, with few surviving historic features.

William Nichols, son of Harold and Lillian, lived with his parents until 1971 when he purchased two acres at the southeast corner of the eighty-acre farm to build a house. The farmstead property included in this nomination is now owned by Harold and Lillian Nichols' children, William Nichols, Beverly Nichols Hamman, and Robert Nichols, the fourth generation of the family to own this property.

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**Verbal Boundary Description**

Part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 13, Township 4 South, Range 12 West. Beginning at NE corner of intersection of West VW Avenue and 10<sup>th</sup> Street, thence N 250 feet along 10<sup>th</sup>; thence east 500 feet; thence south 250 feet to West VW Avenue; thence west 500 feet to Point of Beginning.

**Boundary Justification**

The boundary is drawn to include the farmhouse, barn, shop/garage, and the area on which the original house is thought to have stood. The remainder of the farm property is excluded because it now retains few historic features and is mostly just open farm field.

Property Name/County/State Fanckboner-Nichols Farmstead, Kalamazoo Co., MI

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**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title Robert O. Christensen, National Register Coordinator

organization MI SHPO date Dec. 2006

street & number 702 W. Kalamazoo St. telephone 517/335-2719

city or town Lansing state MI zip code 48909-8240

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**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

**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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**Property Owner**

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

name Beverly Hamman, William Nichols, Robert Nichols

street & number 701 West Tinkham Avenue telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city or town Ludington state MI zip code 49431

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Fanckboner--Nichols Farmstead

MULTIPLE  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MICHIGAN, Kalamazoo

DATE RECEIVED: 3/22/07 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 4/06/07  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 4/21/07 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 5/05/07  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 07000387

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT 5.2.07 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in the  
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_

REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_ DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



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2. Prairie Ronde Township  
Kalamazoo County, Michigan

3. William Nichols

4. October, 2005

5. Beverly Hamman  
701 W. Tinkham  
Ludington, MI 49431

6. Southeast Facade  
Homestead, looking N.W.

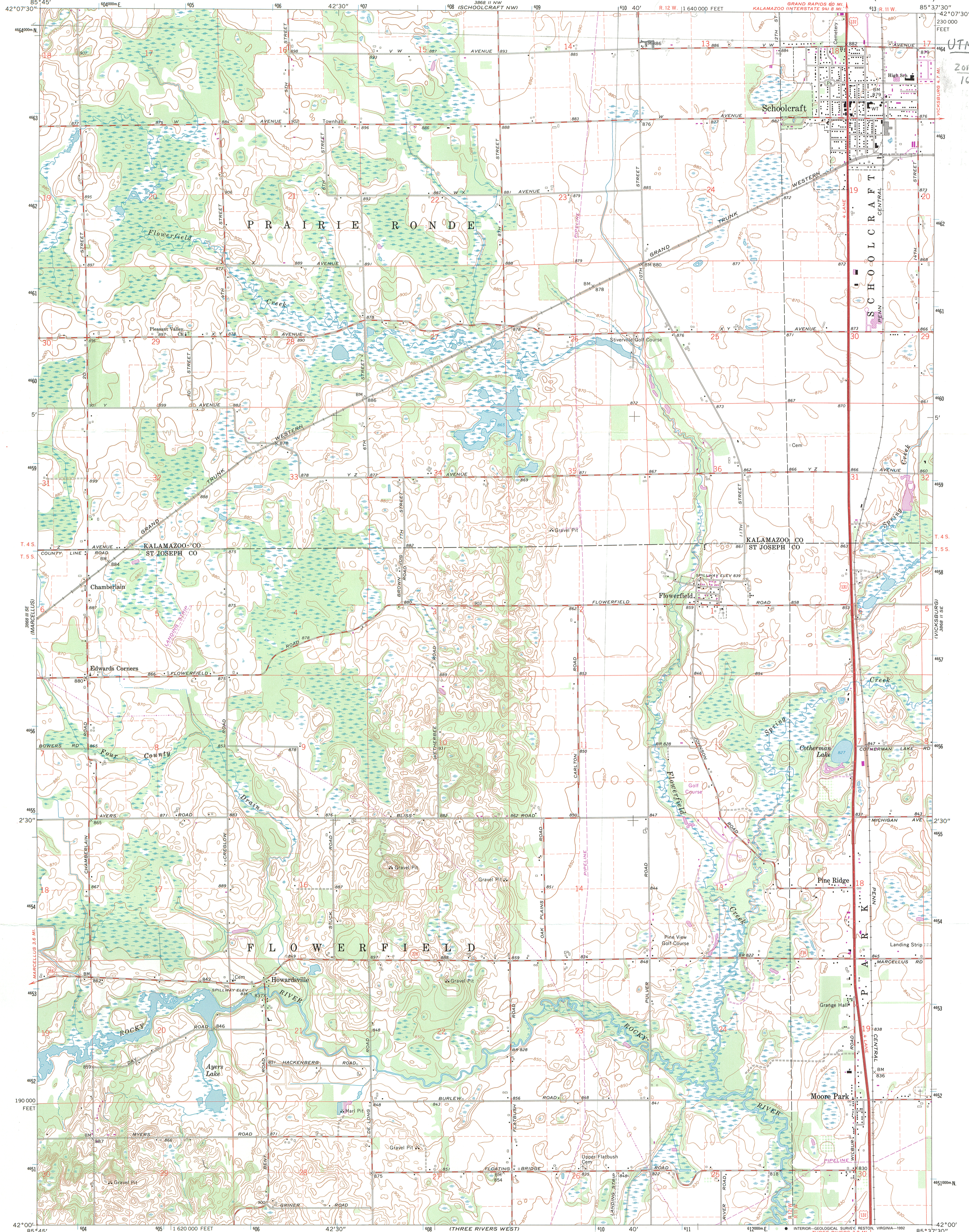
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Kalamazoo County, Michigan
3. William Nichols
4. October 2005
5. Beverly Hamman  
701 W. Tinkham  
Ludington, MI 49431
6. South side of Farmstead  
looking north
7. #2

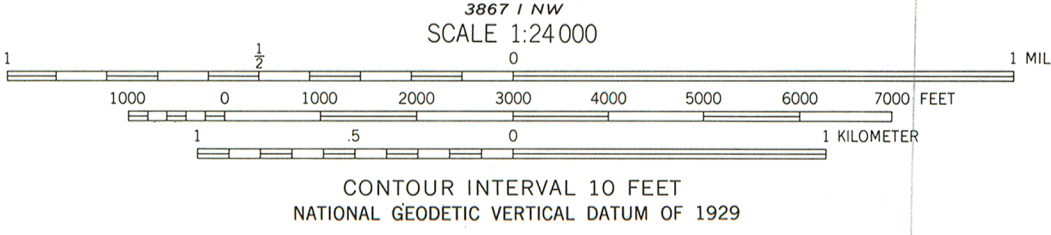
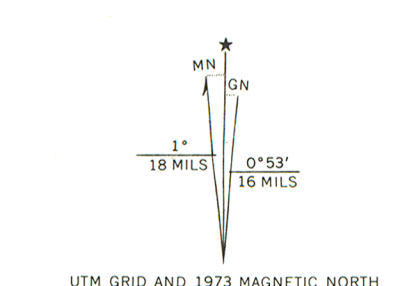


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6. Looking southeast at  
northside of homestead
7. #3



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Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1965. Field checked 1967  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Michigan coordinate system, south zone  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 16, shown in blue  
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is uncheckd  
Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs taken 1973. This information not field checked



ROAD CLASSIFICATION  
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———  
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———  
U. S. Route ——— State Route ———

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The difference between 1927 North American Datum and North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83) for 7.5-minute intersections is given in USGS Bulletin 1875. The NAD 83 is shown by dashed corner ticks

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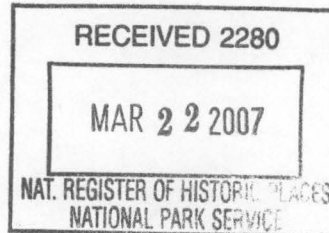


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February 7, 2007

Ms. Janet Matthews, Keeper  
National Register of Historic Places  
National Park Service  
1201 Eye Street, NW, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Matthews:

Enclosed are National Register nomination materials for the Fanckboner-Nichols Farmstead in Kalamazoo County, Michigan. This property is being submitted for listing in the National Register. No written comments concerning this nomination were submitted to us prior to the submission of the nomination to you.

Questions concerning this nomination should be addressed to Robert O. Christensen, National Register coordinator, by phone at 517/335-2719 or by e-mail at [Christensenro@michigan.gov](mailto:Christensenro@michigan.gov).

Sincerely yours,

Brian D. Conway  
State Historic Preservation Officer

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