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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Michigan	
COUNTY: Charlevoix	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	MAR 16 1972

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Feodar Protar Cabin

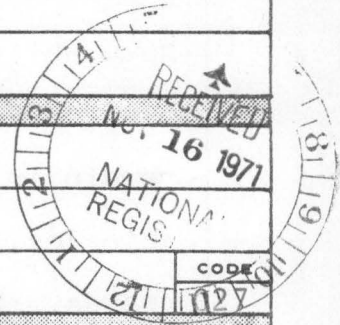
AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Slop Town Road

CITY OR TOWN:  
Peaine Township

STATE: Michigan CODE: 26 COUNTY: Charlevoix CODE: 1027



**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<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 <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

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**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
Mrs. Dora Amann

STREET AND NUMBER:  
East Pinehurst Road

CITY OR TOWN: New Paltz STATE: New York CODE:

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Registry of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Charlevoix County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN: Charlevoix STATE: Michigan CODE: 26

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Michigan Historical Commission Registered Local Site

DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Michigan Historical Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:  
208 North Capitol

CITY OR TOWN: Lansing STATE: Michigan CODE: 26

STATE: Michigan

COUNTY: Charlevoix

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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 Protar cabin is a one and one-half storey building measuring about 32 feet by 16 feet. Walls are of square hewn white pine logs flat notched at the corners. Narrow clapboards at one time covered all the exterior walls and still remain in a few locations. The roof is covered with wooden shingles, while the interior is panelled with vertical pine boards. Many of the simple interior furnishings were Protar's. After falling into disrepair for a number of years a new roof and porch were added in the summer of 1971.

A handful of log cabins on Beaver Island remain from the Strangite Mormon occupation in the late 1840s and early 1850s. This cabin was constructed, about 1860, by the Irish who moved onto the island after the Mormons were dispossessed. With the exception of the Mormon Print Shop, already on the National Register, the Protar cabin is the best preserved and most historic building on Beaver Island.

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**SIGNIFICANCE**

**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- Pre-Columbian |  16th Century |  18th Century |  20th Century  
 15th Century |  17th Century |  19th Century

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

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- |   |                                      |   |  |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| <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/Phi-            | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry    | osophy  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention   | <input type="checkbox"/> Science                  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture                | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | Architecture                         | <input checked="" 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**

Much of Feodar Protar's life is shrouded in mystery. His adopted son, writing a number of years ago, said that Protar was a "scion of the old Russian nobility." As a young man he was said to have been influenced by the writings of Leo Tolstoy and permitted to escape from Russia in lieu of serving a Siberian exile. He settled in Dresden where he had earlier attended the university. Upon the death of his wife about 1870 Protar left Europe for the United States and for a time toured with the noted Bohemian actress Fanny Janauschek. In 1882 Protar turned to a more settled life. He purchased a German-language newspaper in Rock Island, Illinois, which he operated until 1893 when he settled permanently on Beaver Island in upper Lake Michigan.

Protar's first visit to Beaver Island in 1887 was involuntary. A ship on which he was sailing was forced into St. James harbor by a violent storm. The Russian was immediately enchanted by this isolated area, and his first letter home described it as "the breeding place of whitefish and of Gallaghers, of peace and contentment." After summering there for five more years, Protar moved to Beaver Island and settled in a log

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Petoskey Evening News, March 9, 1925, p. 1.  
 Death certificate of Feodar Protar, March 4, 1925, copy in site survey files.  
 Kersh, Paul. "Feodar Protar, The Saint of Beaver Island." Michigan History, XXXIII (Winter, 1939).  
 Scott, Franklin W. Newspapers and Periodicals of Illinois, 1814-1879. Vol. VI: Collections of the Illinois State Historical Library. Springfield: The Trustees, 1919, p. 304.  
 Abstract of the Protar Property, copy in site survey files.

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES					
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "	45°	42'	12"	85°	33'	47"
NE	° ' "	° ' "						
SE	° ' "	° ' "						
SW	° ' "	° ' "						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 9 A.

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: William Lowery Research Historian

ORGANIZATION: Michigan Historical Commission DATE: Oct. 13, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER: 208 North Capitol

CITY OR TOWN: Lansing STATE: Michigan CODE: 26

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

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 Samuel A. Milstein

Title Deputy Director and SLO Dept. of Natural Resources

Date 11/10/71

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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

Ernest A. Connally  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

MAR 16 1972

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: William Milstein  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date FEB 7 1972



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cabin constructed by an Irish settler about 1860; he never again set foot on the mainland.

Realizing the extreme need of the islanders for medical attention, he began the study of this field and soon was a capable, if unlicensed, physician. Until his death in 1925 he provided free medical services and supplies, travelling around the island on the half-wild Indian pony he called, "Harry." Although cold and removed to outsiders, Protar was the best-liked and most respected member of Beaver Island's permanent community. A bronze tablet was erected on his grave in 1928. The inscription reads: "To our Heaven sent friend in need, Feodora Protar, who never failed us. In imperishable gratitude and adoration. His people of Beaver Island."



DUPLICATE

WASO Form - 177  
("R" June 1984)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

72000604

Protar, Feodar, Cabin  
Charlevoix Co, MI  
03/16/72

Working No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Fed. Reg. Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Due: \_\_\_\_\_  
Action:  ACCEPT \_\_\_\_\_  
 RETURN \_\_\_\_\_  
 REJECT \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

- 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:  technical corrections cited below  
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

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		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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

Project: Federal Capitol  
 Characteristic: 18th C  
 California

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_



NPS Number

March 16, 1972

Title:

Feodar Protar Cabin

Loc.

Charlevoix County, Mich

South side of Protar Cabin

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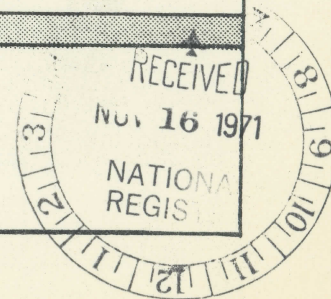
**PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM**

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

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Peaine Township			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Michigan	26	Charlevoix	027
<b>3. PHOTO REFERENCE</b>			
PHOTO CREDIT: Michigan Historical Commission			
DATE OF PHOTO: 1971			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Michigan Historical Commission			
<b>4. IDENTIFICATION</b>			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			
South side of Protar Cabin			

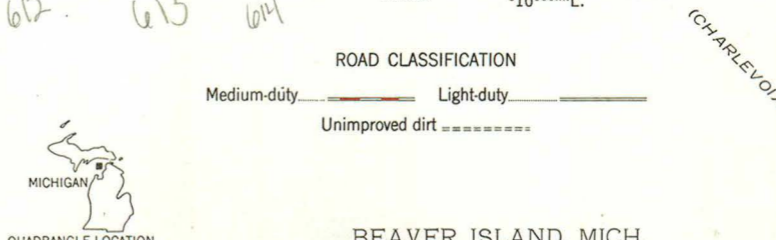
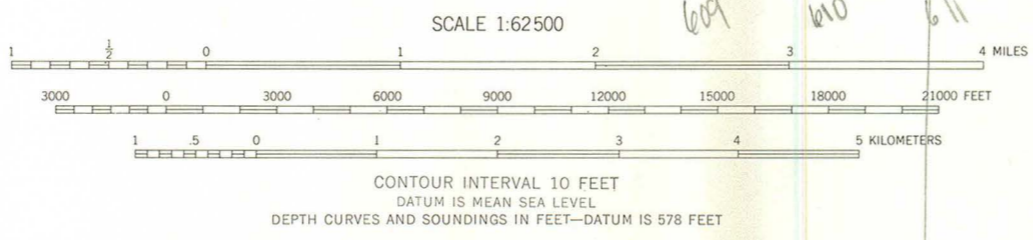
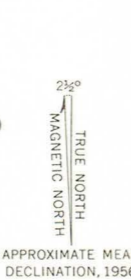


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Control by USGS, USC&GS, and U. S. Lake Survey  
Topography from aerial photographs by photogrammetric methods  
Aerial photographs taken 1954. Field check 1956  
Hydrography compiled from U. S. Lake Survey charts 704 and 706 (1957)  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Michigan coordinate system, central zone  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 16, shown in blue  
Dashed land lines indicate approximate locations



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.  
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

BEAVER ISLAND, MICH.  
N4530—W8530/15  
1956

BEAVER ISLAND QUADRANGLE  
MICHIGAN—CHARLEVOIX CO.  
15 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

85° 33' 47"

85° 31' 14"

45° 44' 47"

45° 42' 12"



Form 10-301  
(July 1969)

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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COMMON: Feodar Protar Cabin  
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: ~~Slop Town Road~~ On Beaver Island

CITY OR TOWN: ~~Peaine Township~~ St. James vic. (SW)

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Michigan	26	Charlevoix	027

3. MAP REFERENCE

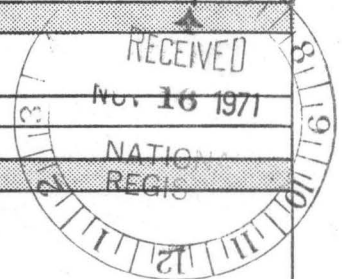
SOURCE:

SCALE:

DATE:

4. REQUIREMENTS

- TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS
1. Property boundaries where required.
  2. North arrow.
  3. Latitude and longitude reference.
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STATE OF MICHIGAN

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November 11, 1971



Mr. William J. Murtagh  
Keeper of the National Register  
Office of Archaeology & Historic Preservation  
National Park Service  
801 19th Street, N.W., Room 618  
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

Enclosed are four (4) sets of nomination forms for the National Register of Historic Sites, as follows:

1. Protar Cabin, Charlevoix County
2. Fix House, Monroe County
3. Indian Village, Wayne County
4. Bay View, Emmet County

These sites have been approved by the Historic Preservation Advisory Council and are herewith submitted for nomination to the National Register of Historic Sites by Samuel A. Milstein, the State Liaison Officer.

Sincerely,

Norman F. Smith, Chief  
Office of Planning Services  
and  
Chairman, Historic Preservation  
Task Force

NFS:JAB:glc

Enc.

cc: D. Chaput  
C. Cleland



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MICHIGAN

Date Entered MAR 16 1972

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Musgrove Evans House	Tecumseh Lenawee County
Stone Post Office	Jackson Jackson County
Holy Redeemer Church	Eagle Harbor Keweenaw County
Charlevoix City Park Site	Charlevoix Charlevoix County
Dixboro United Methodist Church	Dixboro Washtenaw County
Croswell (Governor Charles) House	Adrian Lenawee County
Protar (Feodar) Cabin	Peaine Township Charlevoix County
Lardner (Ring) House	Niles Berrien County
Reynolds Funeral Home (Hannah, Perry, House)	Traverse City Grand Traverse County

Also Notified

Hon. Philip A. Hart	State Liaison Officer
Hon. Robert F. Griffin	Mr. Samuel Milstein
Hon. Marvin L. Esch	Acting Deputy Director-Recreation
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HR  
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