United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property
   historic name: Trump-Lilly Farmstead
   other names/site number: N/A

2. Location
   street & number: The property is located on both sides of N/A (not for publication
   city, town: State Route 26/3, about 2.5 miles from State Route 26
   state: West Virginia code: WV
   county: Raleigh/Summer code: 081/089
   zip code: N/A

3. Classification
   Ownership of Property
   □ private
   □ public-local
   □ public-State
   X public-Federal
   Category of Property
   □ building(s)
   X district
   □ site
   □ structure
   □ object
   Number of Resources within Property
   Contributing
   □ 7
   □ 1
   □ site
   Noncontributing
   □ buildings
   □ sites
   □ structures
   □ objects
   □ Total
   *The cultural landscape, including historic fencing.
   Name of related multiple property listing: N/A
   Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification
   As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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 □ meets □ does not meet the National Register criteria. □ See continuation sheet.
   Signature of certifying official: (Signature)
   Date: 9/24/90
   State or Federal agency and bureau: (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: (Signature)
   Date: 
   State or Federal agency and bureau: (State or Federal agency and bureau)

5. National Park Service Certification
   I, hereby certify that this property is:
   □ entered in the National Register. (Signature)
   Date: 11/8/90
   □ See continuation sheet.
   □ determined eligible for the National Register. (Signature)
   Date: 
   □ determined not eligible for the National Register.
   □ removed from the National Register.
   □ other, (explain:) (Signature)
   Date of Action: 
   Signature of the Keeper: (Signature)
   Date of Action: 
### 6. Function or Use

**Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)**
- Agricultural Subsistence:
  - Agricultural Outbuildings
- Domestic: Single Dwelling

**Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)**
- Work in Progress

### 7. Description

**Architectural Classification**
- Appalachian Frontier Vernacular

**Materials (enter categories from instructions)**
- Foundation: drylaid sandstone, log
- Walls: chestnut, weatherboard
- Roof: asphalt, wood, and tin
- Other: wood, stone

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

[See continuation sheet]
4. State/Federal Agency Certification

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 ___ 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

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5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

___ entered in the National Register ___ determined eligible for the National Register
See continuation sheet. 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: Agricultural Subsistence: Sub: 
agricultural outbuildings
Domestic: Single Dwelling
Current: Work in Progress Sub: 

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

- [ ] nationally
- [x] statewide
- [ ] locally

Applicable National Register Criteria

- [x] A
- [ ] B
- [ ] C
- [ ] D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)

- [ ] A
- [ ] B
- [ ] C
- [ ] D
- [ ] E
- [ ] F
- [ ] G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

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Significant Person

- [ ] N/A

Period of Significance

- [ ] c. 1873-1940

Significant Dates

- [ ] N/A

Cultural Affiliation

- [ ] N/A

Architect/Builder

- [ ] Richard Trump

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

See continuation sheet
9. Major Bibliographical References

McAlester, Virginia and Lee


Melnick, Robert Z.


Noble, Allen G.


Wills, Camille.


Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A

☐ 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 #

☐ See continuation sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 202

UTM References

A Zone 17 Easting 51019 Northing 727810

B Zone 17 Easting 51094 Northing 4127196

C Zone 17 Easting 508560 Northing 4127150

D Zone 17 Easting 508210 Northing 4127230

☐ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

☐ See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

☐ See continuation sheet

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☐ See continuation sheet
The Trump-Lilly Farmstead is a 202-acre former farm located on the bench level of the east side of Sewell Mountain, overlooking the New River, within the boundary of New River Gorge National River. The property slopes downward from the ridge line of Sewell Mountain; the central section has a slight to moderate slope, while the extreme eastern and western portions have a steep slope. The maximum elevation on the property is approximately 3,000 feet. About 30% of the property is open pasture land, and about 65% percent is woodland, with a moderate stand of hardwoods.

(The farm is accessed by a one-lane dirt and gravel road [State Secondary Route 26/3], which joins Route 26 at Brooklin, approximately 2.5 miles away. The road follows its original nineteenth century course through landscapes which have changed little since the nineteenth century. However, as this access road is not NPS property and not within the Park Boundary, it is not included in the nomination.)

The main house is a typical two-story southern farmhouse with a side-gabled roof. The roof was originally covered with wooden shakes, though at present it is overlaid with rolled asphalt roofing. A single well-constructed sandstone chimney is laid up against the northwest gabled wall. The farmhouse is one room deep, divided into two rooms downstairs and two rooms upstairs. An attached one-room, single-story kitchen is located off the southeast side of the house. Open porches are attached to both sides of the kitchen. The house is constructed of squared chestnut logs with half-dovetail corner notching. Presently the house is covered with poplar clapboard siding. The house has been sided twice, most recently in 1934. The sill logs rest on low drylaid stones randomly placed under the sills. There is a small cement block chimney flue in the kitchen which was constructed around World War I to replace a crumbling stone kitchen fireplace. The windows are irregularly placed. Double 6 x 6 sash windows are located on the first floor, while single 6 x 6 sash windows are located on the second floor. Two small 4 x 4 sash windows are located in the attic. Except for one pair of windows on the first floor, the house has original fenestration.
The farm yard is surrounded by a hand-riven oak picket fence. A vertical board shed is located northwest of the farmhouse. The shed was constructed around 1920 and served as a meat shed. Winter storage ground holes for apples and potatoes were located behind this structure. To the northwest of the house is a two-story granary built of squared chestnut logs with half-dovetail notching.

A spring house is located below the entrance road on the southeast side of the farmhouse. The spring house is in fair condition, needing some roof repairs. Adjacent to the spring house is a one-room board and batten shed constructed c. 1948. This structure served as a laundry shed. It is in good condition considering its light construction.

The main barn which housed the cattle and draft horses is located in the upper northwest field. The barn roof had collapsed due to the structural failure of the roof supports and top logs. During the spring of 1990 stored and rotted hay was removed, the log walls shored up, and the collapsed tin roof removed. A new tin roof on commercial trusses rests on new 8" X 8" posts that do not bear on any of the original logs. The sides of the barn have been straightened and held in place by 8"-diameter vertical posts that are cabled together, adding support to the walls of the structure. The building is now in stable condition.

The bank barn is similar in construction to the granary with room below the structure to shelter sheep. A round log sheep barn with saddle notching is located in the field directly below the farmhouse. The sheep barn is in fair condition, but the roof is sagging and in need of stabilization.

Both the upper and lower fields contain the remains of an apple orchard which originally yielded a dozen different varieties of apples. All of the farm fields are still enclosed with original worm chestnut rail, post and rail, and drylaid stone fencing.
The Trump-Lilly Farmstead qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places under (1) Criterion A, in that it is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad pattern of history (American frontier agriculture and vernacular architecture in the Appalachian region); and (2) Criterion C, in that it represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction.

The Trump-Lilly Farmstead is a frontier Appalachian farm which has been little altered since its development. The farm exemplifies an Appalachian frontier farmstead, with more than ninety percent of its original historic fabric intact. All the buildings and fences are original with no major modifications. There are no structures which could be considered non-contributing. The main house has original fenestration except for one pair of windows on the first floor. The original shake roofing is still intact, although it is now overlaid by rolled asphalt roofing.

The farmstead is a third generation property division of the Richmond family who originally settled the area in the eighteenth century. Jim Richmond deeded the property to his daughter Mary Richmond who married Richard Trump in the early 1870s. Over the next one hundred years ownership of the farm passed to Naaman Lilly, George Bennett, and back into the Lilly family. Oba Lilly was the last family member to live on the farm. In 1973 he sold the farm to David Rosenberg, who in 1988 sold the property to the National Park Service, as a component of New River Gorge National River.

Given this succession of owners from the early 1870s to the present, it is remarkable that only two of the original structures no longer exist. Except for these two small sheds, all the original architecture is preserved.

Living descendants who resided on the farm have provided accurate documentation of the traditional farming practices and farm life. The field patterns remain as they were in the early period of the farm, the size and configuration unchanged. The upslope area above the access road was used as a wood lot where the family harvested the chestnut-oak forest. The fields above and below the apple
orchard were rotated to grow hay and grain for the cattle, hogs, and draft horses. A farm garden, providing potatoes, onions, cabbage, beans, and turnips, was located adjacent to the present wash house. Plenty of small game was available to be added to the kitchen fare, such as rabbit, squirrel, and wild turkey.

The farm is one a few remaining southern West Virginia farmsteads which have not been adapted to modern farming. Although West Virginia's history has been dominated by small subsistence farms, very few remain with such historic integrity. Today the apple orchard still blooms as a reminder of the farm's subsistence heritage.

The farmstead has retained the original field and legal boundaries, and there are no modern visual intrusions nearby. The fields are delineated by original fencing, and the entire farm is accessed by a rural, dirt road. The historic landscape is intact and maintains its integrity. The Trump-Lilly Farmstead characterizes American frontier agriculture and architecture in the Appalachian region.

**Period of Significance**

The period of significance begins c. 1873 when the farmstead became a third generation property division of the Richmond family who originally settled in southern West Virginia in the eighteenth century. The farmstead was beginning to be developed when Jim Richmond deeded the property to his daughter Mary, who married Richard Trump in the early 1870s. Through the late 1930s a succession of families used the acreage for traditional farming practices and farm life, foregoing modern additions and adaptations. After this period the families diminished in size and the farm was never fully utilized as in the past. Although the laundry shed postdates the period of significance, it represents the later years of the farm's use, well prior to National Park Service ownership, and it is not out of character with the property.
Verbal Boundary Description

The Trump-Lilly Farmstead is an irregularly-shaped tract located in the Richmond District of Raleigh County, West Virginia. The property is located on both sides of State Secondary Route 26/3, approximately 2.5 miles from State Route 26. This tract is identified as 102-03, New River Gorge National River. The property is identified as Tax Map 18-30 and Tax Map 11-17, Richmond District, New River Hills. Although approximately 27 acres of the property appears to be located in the Jumping Branch District of Summers County, there is no assessment in Summers County listed under the present owner's name. The total area contained in this tract is approximately 202 acres.

Boundary Justification

The 202-acre Trump-Lilly Farmstead represents an intact cultural landscape enclosed within its original field and legal boundaries. The structures and fields are delineated by original fencing, and the entire farm is accessed by an original rural gravel road (the latter is not NPS property and is not included in the nomination).

The farmstead is a third generation property division of the Richmond family who originally settled the area in the 18th century. The boundaries of this farmstead encompass not only a surviving Appalachian subsistence farm but also the evolving social history of the region.
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Continuation Sheet

Trump-Lilly Farmstead, Raleigh/Summers Cos., WV

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11. Form partially rewritten and reformatted by

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using updated information supplied by Ronald Gibbs,
New River Gorge National River, Glen Jean, WV
1. Trump-Lilly Farm  
   Main Barn  
   Raleigh County, WV  
   Ronald Gibbs  
   August 1990  
   New River Gorge National River  
   W (Front) and S Sides  

2. Trump-Lilly Farm  
   Main Barn  
   Raleigh County, WV  
   Ronald Gibbs  
   August 1990  
   New River Gorge National River  
   E (Rear) and N Sides  

3. Trump-Lilly Farm  
   Granary  
   Raleigh County, WV  
   Leigh McGowan  
   August 1989  
   West Virginia SHPO  
   NW  

4. Trump-Lilly Farm  
   Main House  
   Raleigh County, WV  
   Leigh McGowan  
   August 1989  
   West Virginia SHPO  
   NW Wall  

5. Trump-Lilly Farm  
   Main House  
   Raleigh County, WV  
   Leigh McGowan  
   August 1989  
   West Virginia SHPO  
   SE  

6. Trump-Lilly Farm  
   Shed  
   Raleigh County, WV  
   Leigh McGowan  
   August 1989  
   West Virginia SHPO  
   NW  

7. Trump-Lilly Farm  
   Spring House  
   Raleigh County, WV  
   Leigh McGowan  
   August 1989  
   West Virginia SHPO  
   SE  

8. Trump-Lilly Farm  
   Meat Shed  
   Raleigh County, WV  
   Leigh McGowan  
   August 1989  
   West Virginia SHPO  
   NW  

9. Trump-Lilly Farm  
   Sheep Barn  
   Raleigh County, WV  
   Leigh McGowan  
   August 1989  
   West Virginia SHPO  
   E
TRUMP-LILLY FARM
NEW RIVER GORGE NAT. RIVER
STATE ROUTE 26/3
HINTON VIG.
RALEIGH-SUMMERS CO.
WEST VIRGINIA

BOUNDARY OF NOMINATED PROPERTY

Key:
Farmhouse 4+5
Barn 4 3
Pond 5
Shed 6

15 Ac.
32 Ac.
38 Ac. Colc.
16 Ac.
16 Ac.
Swimp-Hickey Farm
Main Barn
Raleigh Co.-WV
Ronald Gibbs
August 1920
New River Gorge Nat. River
W (Front) & S Sides

(1)
Trump Lily Farm
Main Barn
Redleigh Co., WV
Ronald Gibbs
August 1980
New River Gorge Nat. Ruins
E (Reef) & N Sides

2
Trump Lilly Farm
Econamy
Raleigh, N.C. 27607
August 1989
W.V.A. - SHPO

(3)
Trump Lilly Farm
Main House
Raleigh Co. WV.
Leigh McGowan
August 1989
W. Va. SHPO SE
Trump Lilly Farm
Shed
Raleigh Co., WV
Leigh McCormick
August 1989
W. Va. SHPO
WV
Trump Lilly Farm
Spring House
Leigh McCord
August 1969
W.Ra. SHPO
SE
Trump Lilly Farm
Meat Shed
Raleigh Co., WV
Leisl McCormick
August 1982 / WVA SHPO
Trump Lilly Farm
Sheep Barn
Raleigh Co, WV...to H. va
Lyle McCormack
August 1989
WVA SHPO