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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM
FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Washington, D.C.
COUNTY:	District of Columbia
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	OCT 25 1973

1. NAME

COMMON:

Pierce Springhouse and ~~Pierce~~ Barn (Art Barn)

AND/OR HISTORIC:

Pierce Plantation

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

2400 block of Tilden Street, N.W.

CITY OR TOWN:

Washington

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Congressman
Walter E. Fauntroy, D.C.

STATE:

District of Columbia

CODE

11

COUNTY:

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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY
(Check One)

- ☐ District ☒ Building
☐ Site ☐ Structure
☐ Object

OWNERSHIP

- ☒ Public
☐ Private
☐ Both

Public Acquisition:

- ☐ In Process
☐ Being Considered

STATUS

- ☒ Occupied BARN
☒ Unoccupied
☐ Preservation work
in progress

ACCESSIBLE
TO THE PUBLIC

- Yes:
☒ Restricted BARN
☐ Unrestricted
☒ No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Agricultural ☐ Government ☒ Park ☐ Transportation
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Private Residence ☐ Other (Specify)
☒ Educational ☐ Military ☐ Religious
☐ Entertainment ☐ Museum ☐ Scientific

Comments

SEP 14 1973

4. AGENCY

Department of the Interior, National Park Service

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

National Capital Parks

STREET AND NUMBER:

1100 Ohio Drive, S.W.

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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

National Park Service survey in compliance with Executive Order # 11593

DATE OF SURVEY:

1972

☒ Federal

☐ State

☐ County

☐ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

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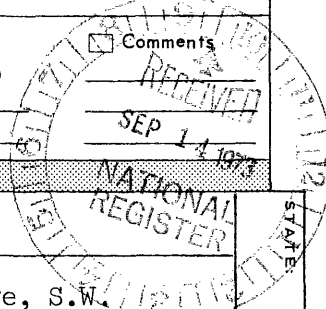
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COUNTY:

ENTRY NUMBER

DATE

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

☐ Excellent☒ Good☐ Fair☐ Deteriorated☐ Ruins☐ Unexposed

(Check One)

☒ Altered ☒ Barn ☒ Unaltered

(Check One)

☐ Moved ☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Pierce Springhouse is located in Rock Creek Park on the green median strip between the dual lanes of heavily used Tilden Street, N.W. The Springhouse is constructed of blue granite that was quarried locally at a nearby Broad Branch Quarry. The structure has two stories, with a brick chimney and a gabled wood shingled roof. The ground floor has three windows; the upper level has one window at either end of the building. The front and rear sides of the Springhouse are 15'2" wide and the side walls are 19'1" wide. The building of the Springhouse predated the erection of any other existing buildings at the former Pierce Plantation site.

The Pierce Barn is located in the same area of Rock Creek Park as the Springhouse and the mill. The barn is approximately 26' wide and 35' in depth and is constructed of blue granite that was quarried locally at the Broad Branch Road Quarry. The front wall of the barn facing Tilden Street is made of woodboards. The rear wall contains a single window on each of the three levels. The side wall facing Rock Creek contains four irregularly spaced windows two on each of the first two floors. The other side walls contain a total of six irregularly sized windows, three small windows located above the double barn door and the nearby main entry door. Three windows are located at the third floor just below the gabled roof. The roof is of gabled wood shingles with a single brick chimney.

The barn stands approximately 34' off heavily travelled Tilden Street, N.W. Immediately adjacent to the rear of the barn is a recently constructed comfort station, which was designed generally in keeping with the barn, and a 10 to 12 car parking lot.

The Pierce Barn was reopened in 1971 for use as an Art Barn with art classes and exhibits sponsored by the Associates of Artists Equity and the National Park Service. Some modifications were made to the interior of the barn to accomodate the artists. The basic design remained unchanged, but the roof was reshingled, doors were replaced, and random board was used to cover metal walls. Modern lighting and safety facilities and features were also installed at this time.

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8. 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)

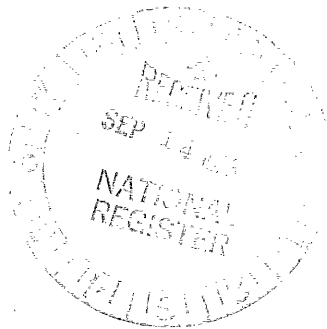
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---|--|--|
| ☐ Aboriginal | ☐ Education | ☐ Political | ☐ Urban Planning |
| ☐ Prehistoric | ☐ Engineering | ☐ Religion/Philosophy | ☐ Other (Specify) _____ |
| ☐ Historic | ☐ Industry | ☐ Science | _____ |
| ☒ Agriculture | ☐ Invention | ☐ Sculpture | _____ |
| ☐ Architecture | ☐ Landscape Architecture | ☐ Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| ☐ Art | ☐ Literature | ☐ Theater | _____ |
| ☒ Commerce | ☐ Military | ☐ Transportation | _____ |
| ☐ Communications | ☐ Music | | |
| ☐ Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Pierce Springhouse and Barn are part of the remains of the Isaac Pierce Plantation that during the early 1800's was a prosperous farm and grist mill operation. The Springhouse, used to cool milk and butter, was the first built, being constructed in 1801. The barn was one of several built by Pierce and its construction also predated the construction of the Mill, which is the focal point of the Plantation remains. But Isaac Pierce who built the mill was not a miller by trade but rather a farmer and a millwright. The mill was operated by a variety of neighboring millers, but the farm itself was worked by the Pierce family. The Pierce Plantation in its entirety is significant as an example of the social and economic history of the area.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

National Capital Parks files on the Pierce Mill Plantation and restoration, 1100 Ohio Drive, S.W. Washington, D.C.

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		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	38°	56'	27"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	SPRINGHOUSE		
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	38°	56'	26"
							77°	03'	13"
							77°	03'	09"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than 1 each/ART BARN

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: <u>Helen Dillon, Historian</u>		DATE: <u>November 27, 1972</u>
BUSINESS ADDRESS: <u>National Capital Parks</u>		
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>1100 Ohio Drive, S.W.</u>		PHONE: <u>426-6957</u>
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Washington</u>	STATE: <u>District of Columbia</u>	CODE: <u>11</u>

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

State Liaison Officer recommendation:

- ☒ Yes
☐ No
☐ None

[Signature]
 State Liaison Officer Signature

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Liaison Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The recommended level of significance is: ☐ National ☐ State ☐ Local

[Signature]
 Federal Representative Signature

6/11/73
 Date

Dir, Nat'l Capital Parks
 Title

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

[Signature]
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
 Associate Director, Professional Services
OCT 25 1973

Date

ATTEST:

[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

10.18.73
 Date

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT

Leo Schmittel

DATE

June, 1969

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National Capital Planning
Commission

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

View showing the front entrance to the Springhouse and its setting in Rock Creek Park from the Southeast.



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Principal southeast front and east side of Pierce Barn from the southeast

