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**United States Department of Interior
National Park Service**

**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 an 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 Spooner-Haight Farmstead (Additional Documentation)
other names/site number Haight, Nicholas, Farmstead

2. Location

street & number	2733 County Highway MM	N/A	not for publication
city or town	Fitchburg	N/A	vicinity
state Wisconsin	code WI	county Dane	code 025
			zip code 53711

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

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

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State Historic Preservation Office - Wisconsin
 State or Federal agency and bureau

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

Name of Property

County and State

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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.

See continuation sheet.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain:)

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Signature of the 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
- structure
- site
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

contributing	noncontributing
0	0 buildings
0	0 sites
0	0 structures
0	0 objects
0	0 total

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

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

4

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/single dwelling

Agriculture/storage

Agriculture/agricultural outbuilding

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/single dwelling

Vacant/not in use

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Greek Revival

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Limestone

walls Weatherboard

roof Asphalt

other Wood

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

Name of Property

County and State

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for the National Register listing.)

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

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or 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

Period of Significance

c1854-c1900

Significant Dates

1854-1855

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

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

9. Major Bibliographic References

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

Previous Documentation on File (National Park Service):

- 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:

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 5.5 acres

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

1	<u>16</u>	<u>306050</u>	<u>4763700</u>	3	<u>16</u>	<u>306240</u>	<u>4763600</u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
2	<u>16</u>	<u>306240</u>	<u>4763700</u>	4	<u>16</u>	<u>306130</u>	<u>4763610</u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing

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)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Peggy Veregin, National Register Coordinator	date	March 11, 2020
organization	State Historic Preservation Office	telephone	608.264.6501
street & number	816 State Street	zip code	53706
city or town	Madison	state	WI

Name of Property

County and State

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)

Property Owner

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

name/title	Michael Croft and Sonjia J. Short	date	May 22, 2023
organization		telephone	
street & number	2733 County Highway MM	zip code	53711
city or town	Fitchburg	state	WI

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Spooner-Haight Farmstead
(Additional Documentation)
Fitchburg, Dane County, Wisconsin

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Additional Documentation

The Nicholas Haight Farmstead was listed in the National Register of Historic Places 10/29/1993 (NRIS #93001162). This additional documentation is submitted to update the following:

1. Historic name of nominated property,
2. Address of nominated property,
3. Updated inventory, reflecting changes to the resource count.

The name and address change is explained in Section 8.

Since the farmstead was listed in 1993 one of the contributing agricultural outbuildings was destroyed by a violent storm. This storm in c2006 caused the collapse of the corn crib, which has since been cleared from the property. This additional documentation seeks to amend the inventory count from five contributing buildings to four contributing buildings. (While the original nomination miss-categorized the corn crib as a building instead of a structure, the correction of this label isn't necessary since the corn crib has now been demolished.)

Inventory

What follows is a complete list of all the resources on the farmstead. The original inventory is followed by the revised inventory.

Original Nomination (1993)					
	C/NC	Name	Type	Constructed	Style
1.	C	House	Building	1855	Greek Revival
2.	C	Smokehouse	Building	c1855-1860	Vernacular
3.	C	Barn	Building	c1855-1860	Vernacular
4.	C	Corn Crib	Building	c1860	Vernacular
5.	C	Granary	Building	c1855-1860	Vernacular
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The inventory is updated in Section 7.

1. Since the time of listing, the current owners (who are also the original nominating owners of the property) have conducted additional research which has confirmed that the original owners of the farmstead were the Spooner family, and as such, it is appropriate to amend the name of the nomination to recognize this ownership. This additional documentation seeks to change the name of the nomination from the Haight, Nicholas, Farmstead to the Spooner-Haight Farmstead. As explained in the original nomination (page 8_3), Edwin Spooner purchased the land that is the subject of this nomination in 1852, built the house by 1855, and had completed other farm improvements by 1860.

2. The site address has changed and is now 2733 County Highway MM. Historically, since c1854 through 1993, access to the property was from County Highway MM. Prior to 1993, previous owners terminated the driveway connection and moved it to Lacy Road. In approximately 2015, the current owners had the driveway relocated back to County Highway MM, and a new address established. This additional documentation seeks to change the address of the nominated property from Lacy Road to 2733 County Highway MM.

Substantiation for the property name change from the Nicholas Haight Farmstead to the Spooner-Haight Farmstead:

First and foremost, Edwin (and Sarah) Spooner (who purchased the unimproved acreage from land speculator John Catlin in 1852), were responsible for the earliest home construction on the property. While four later additions were, in fact, added to the original, Spooner-built block, the initial 1854-55, modestly Greek Revival-style, two-story block of the home continues to be readily discernable from the later additions made by the Haight family.

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While the Spooners were mentioned in the nomination (Section 8, Page 3); very little biographical information was included. Although Spooner family information still remains limited; a bit more can be found today. Edwin Spooner was born in 1805 in Massachusetts, the son of Clap and Mary (nee Church) Spooner. In 1831, Edwin wed Emaline Rider; they had three children, Alvah (b. 1834), Edwin (b. 1838; d. 1840) and Marion (b. 1839; d.?). Emaline died in June of 1840 and, less than a year later (May 1841), Edwin married Sarah Sisson of Willington, Connecticut. In 1852, following the purchase of the subject property, the Spooner family, which consisted of Edwin and Sarah's two sons, Edwin (b. 1842) and Marion (b. 1849), as well as Alvah, moved to present-day Fitchburg, Dane County, Wisconsin. At the time of their arrival, they settled near the crossroads community of Lake View, comprised largely of Yankees and Pennsylvanians and which included a post office and stagecoach stop (est. 1845).

The 1855 census records the Spooner family in Fitchburg, the household consisting of four males and one female. As of 1858, Edwin Spooner received second place for his sample of timothy seed at the Eighth Annual Fair of the Wisconsin State Agricultural Society, which was held at Madison. His son Alvah also received a second place but for his sample of seed corn. By 1860, the household had added a live-in servant and a farm hand, while son Alvah had married and had moved with his wife Emily elsewhere in Fitchburg. That same year, the cash value of the 160-acre farm (with 55 improved acres) was noted as \$4,000. Livestock, which was valued at \$380, included five horses, two cows and four other cattle. Crops raised included wheat, Indian corn, oats, Irish potatoes, buckwheat, and hay, while 200 pounds of butter was also produced. In 1867, the Spooners sold the farm and relocated to Taylor Falls, Chisago Co., Minnesota, where they are enumerated as of the 1870 census (along with son Marion and a niece, Mary). That same year, Edwin died and Sarah would eventually move back to Connecticut, where she was recorded as residing with her sister in 1880.

Although the Spooners resided on the farm for only fifteen years, they are considered to be among the earliest wave of settlers to Fitchburg, coming just five years after the township was formed in 1847 (at which time it was named Greenfield). The town name was changed to Fitchburg in 1853, one year after the Spooners settled there. In 2018-2019, an Architectural and Historical Resources Survey was completed in the City of Fitchburg, which was funded by the National Park Service. As a result of that survey, it was found that very few intact resources remain extant in Fitchburg that date to the early years of the town's settlement, of which the Spooner's circa 1854-55 home (the later additions, notwithstanding) stands as among those very few resources.

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UTM References, continued (unchanged from original nomination):

5. Z16 – E306130 - N4763510
6. Z16 – E306050 - N4763510

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Photographs

Property Name: Spooner-Haight Farmstead

Location: Fitchburg, Dane County, Wisconsin

Photographer: see photograph captions

Date of Photograph: see photograph captions

File Location: Wisconsin Historical Society, State Historic Preservation Office

Identification: WI_DaneCounty_Spooner-Haight Farmstead

Photograph 01. Documentation of the demolition of the corn crib. Appearance at the time of National Register listing in 1993, photograph by Joyce McKay; view southeast, north and west elevations.

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Photograph 02. Documentation of the demolition of the corn crib. Its current appearance with a photograph taken by Mike Croft in March 2020; view south.



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Figure 1. Updated Map of Spooner-Haight Farmstead resources.

