

Section 8, the Statement of Significance

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service / National Register of Historic Places Registration Form
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Name of Property _____

County and State _____

Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance and applicable criteria.)

General Steps for Writing the Statement of Significance
Refer to NPS guidance in the Bulletin: *How to Complete the*
National Register Registration Form

- I. INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH
 - A. Introduce or briefly describe the nominated property
 - B. State which Criteria and the Area of Significance are being used to nominate the property
 - C. Briefly state why the property meets the criteria
 - D. State the Period of Significance and why it is applicable

- II. OVERALL HISTORY
 - A. For each Area of Significance chosen provide an overview of that theme's history in the region or community
 1. what were the contributing factors that defined the Area of Significance for a given community or region

 - B. Provide a brief history of the community or region that the property is in
 1. how and when was the area settled
 2. what was and is the population of the area

- III. HISTORY OF THE NOMINATED PROPERTY
 - A. Provide a chronological history of the property

- IV. CONTEXT
 - A. Place the nominated property into the broader context of the overall history outlined above
 1. how does the property relate to or represent the broader pattern of history
 2. are there other buildings in the region that have been listed in the National Register for the same association
 3. are there other buildings that could be listed for the same association

- V. CONCLUSION
 - A. Conclude by briefly summarizing the significance of the property's role within the context of the chosen Criterion and Area of Significance

**** POINTS TO REMEMBER ****

1. The Statement of Significance is more than a history of the property.
2. The property has to be significant beyond just being "old."
3. Link the nominated property to the history/context. Describe how the property characterizes its important past.