

Appendix D  
Reevaluation of Structures on  
Bock House Property

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# HISTORICAL STRUCTURE FORM FLORIDA MASTER SITE FILE

Consult Guide To Historical Structure Forms for detailed instructions

Site # 8OR7946

Recorder # 2

Recorder Date 2/16/11

Original ☐Update ☒

Site Name Paul Bock House Other Names

Project Name CRAS of the Wekiva Parkway

Historic Contexts Spanish-American War National Register Category Building

## LOCATION and IDENTIFICATION

Address 2626 Boch Road

Vicinity of S side of Boch Road, east of Plymouth-Sorrento Road

City Bay Ridge GV County Orange

Ownership Private-individual Subdivision Block # Lot #

## MAPPING

USGS Map SORRENTO Township 20S Range 28E Section 6

Quarter Qtr Qtr Irregular Section ☐ UTM Zone 17

Easting 445859 Northing 3183350 Land Grant Unknown

Latitude Longitude Plat or Other Map Aerial Photographs

## HISTORY

Architect/Builder Unknown Construction Date 1900 Circa ☒Alterations ☒ Date 1960s Type/Location N/front porch enclosed with jalousie windows, rear porch enclosed with plywood and metal windowsAdditions ☐ Date Type/LocationMoved ☐ Original Location

Use Original Private residence Use Present Private residence

## DESCRIPTION

Style Frame Vernacular Exterior Plan Rectangular Interior Plan Unknown Stories 2

Structural System Wood frame Exterior Fabric Drop siding

Foundation Piers Foundation Materials Unknown Foundation Infill N/A

No. of Porches 2 Locations/Features N/shed roof/full-width/jalousies; S/shed roof/full-width/jalousies and plywood

Main Entrance (stylistic details):

Outbldgs. ☒ Number 8 Nature/Location (Describe below)

various agricultural outbuildings, mobile home, carport

Roof Type Gable Roofing Materials 5V-Sheet metal

Secondary Structures ☐ Comments Not applicable LocationChimneys ☒ Number 2 Orientation East; West Location Wall Material BrickWood Windows ☒ Type DHS Light # 1/1Metal Windows ☐ Type Light #

Exterior Ornament cornerboards; exposed rafter tails; wood surrounds

Condition Fair Surroundings rural

Narrative (general, interior, landscape, context; 3 lines only)

This home retains many of its original architectural features and materials. Some outbuildings are present on the property. Please see continuation sheet for additional information.

Archaeological Remains Present ☐ FMSF Archaeological Site Form Completed (if yes, attach) ☐

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## RECORDER'S EVALUATION OF SITE

Individually Eligible for National Register? Yes ☒ No ☐ Likely, Need Information ☐ Insufficient Information ☐Potential Contributor to Nat. Reg. District? Yes ☐ No ☒ Likely, Need Information ☐ Insufficient Information ☐

## Areas of Significance

Local; Exploration/settlement; Architecture

## Summary of Significance

See Continuation Sheet

DHR USE ONLY		OFFICIAL EVALUATIONS		DHR USE ONLY	
NR DATE ____/____/____	KEEPER-NR ELIGIBILITY <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no			Date	____/____/____
DELIST DATE ____/____/____	SHPO-NR ELIGIBILITY: <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> potentially elig. <input type="checkbox"/> insufficient info			Date	____/____/____
	LOCAL DESIGNATION: _____			Date	____/____/____
	Local office _____				
National Register Criteria for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> a <input type="checkbox"/> b <input type="checkbox"/> c <input type="checkbox"/> d		(See National Register Bulletin 15, p. 2)			

## DOCUMENTATION

Research Methods Florida Site File for past architectural surveys; Florida Site File search; Tax records; Pedestrian

Bibliographic References Survey of Historic Architectural Resources of Orange County. Historic Properties Associates. 1995

Location of Negatives Janus Research Negative Numbers Roll 2532, #2, Facing SE

## RECORDER INFORMATION

Recorder Name Janus Research

Recorder Affiliation JANUS RESEARCH, 1107 North Ward Street, Tampa, Florida 33607 Telephone 813-636-8200

- REQUIRED:**
1. USGS 7.5' MAP WITH STRUCTURES PINPOINTED IN RED
  2. LARGE SCALE STREET OR PLAT MAP
  3. PHOTO OF MAIN FACADE, PREFERABLY B&W, AT LEAST 3x5

SITE NAME: Paul Bock House/2626 Boch Road

A. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF SITE

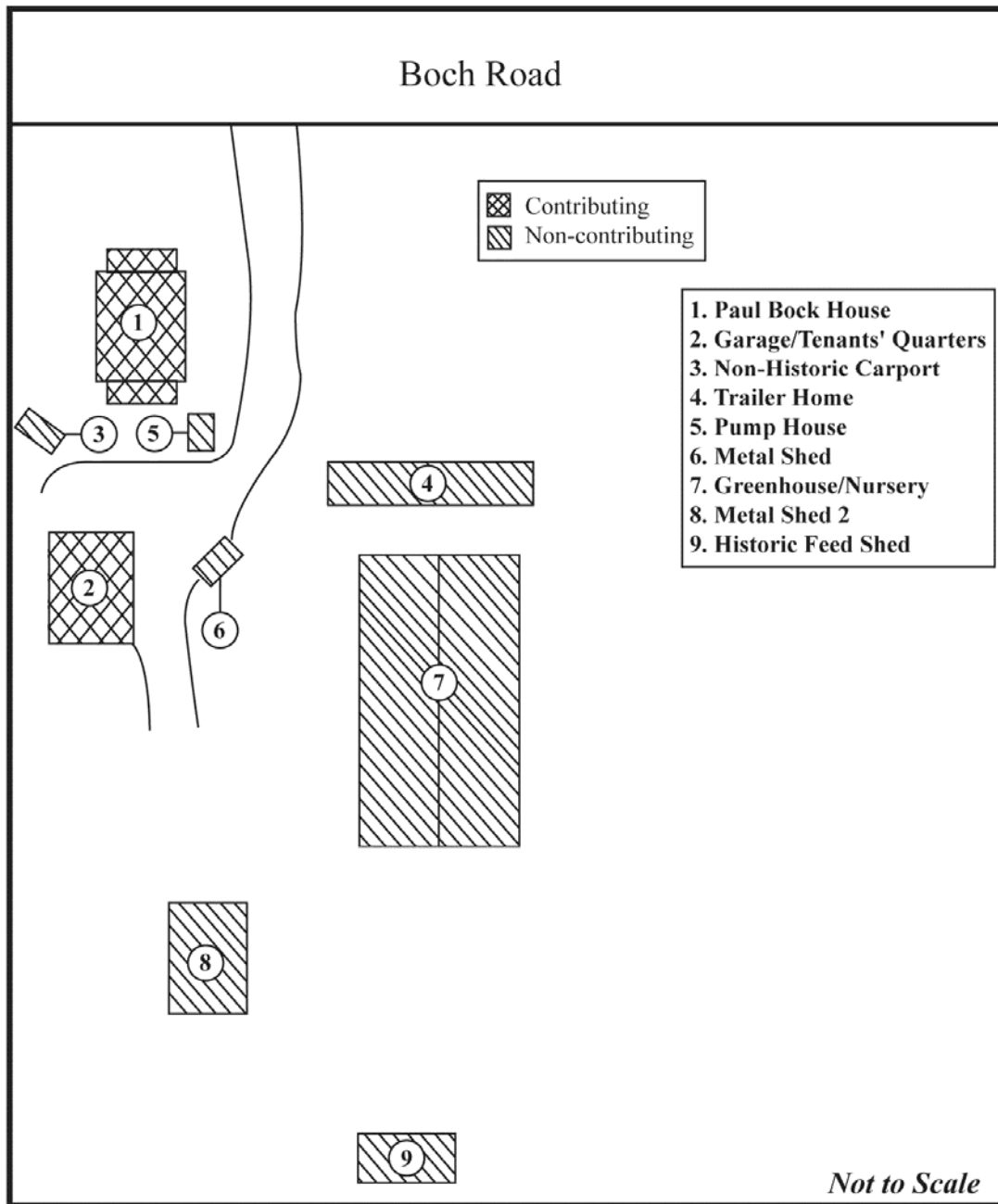
The Paul Bock House is two-and-a-half stories in height and topped by a front-facing gable roof clad in 5-V sheet metal. The wood frame structural system is clad with drop siding and rests on a brick pier foundation. A full-width, one-story porch is located on the front façade and has been enclosed with jalousie windows. This porch is topped by a shed roof covered in 5-V sheet metal. A second full-width, one-story porch is located on the rear façade and has been enclosed with a combination of plywood and metal windows. This porch is topped by a hipped roof covered with composition roll. The house retains all of its original windows, which are wood double-hung sash with one-over-one light configurations. The windows are paired on the front and rear façade and single on the side facades. The original screens are also present on most windows. There are two chimneys on the house; one on the east side and one on the west side. The west side chimney is located on the exterior wall and is constructed of brick covered in stucco. The chimney on the east side is also located on the exterior wall and was originally covered with stucco, but the stucco was removed when the chimney was rebuilt in the 1950s and never reapplied, leaving the brick exposed (Howell 2007). The house is simple and functional in design; the only exterior ornamentation being cornerboards, wood surrounds on the windows and doors, and exposed rafter tails. This private residence is still owned by the Bock family and remains in fair condition. The road the house is located on was named after Paul Bock, the owner of the property. The misspelling on the road name is attributed to a clerical error (Howell 2011).

A historic garage/tenants' quarters located behind the main house is considered contributing. This building has a wood frame structural system covered in wood shingles. It is topped by a front-oriented gable roof clad in 5-V sheet metal, which is the same material found on the roof of the Paul Bock House. The front portion of the building has a large, open garage area with no door attached to the bay. There are rooms built in the rear portion of the building that housed farmhands during the farm's peak of citrus production (Howell 2007). An historic, shed-roofed addition on the west is open on the front and clad with corrugated sheet metal on the side and back. Four wood 1/1 sash windows provide light to the back of the addition. The garage/tenants' quarters is in fair to deteriorated condition. Despite the roof having been built of the same material as that of the main house, this building is probably not contemporary to the construction of the circa 1900 house. It was most likely constructed in the 1920s when citrus production was in its heyday on the property and field hands would have been needed to tend the groves (Howell 2007). There was also an open top, wood water tower to provide water pressure to the house and the irrigation of the groves. However, this structure fell into disrepair and was removed in the early 1950s by the family of the current owner (Howell 2007). The building is currently used for storage (Howell 2011).

There are also six non-contributing structures on the property including a pump house, former feed shed, carport, trailer home, two metal sheds, and greenhouse. With the

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exception of the former feed shed, the outbuildings are located in close proximity to the Paul Bock House (Figure 1).



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## B. DISCUSSION OF SIGNIFICANCE

The property on which this house is sited was originally deeded to James P. Kerr in 1883 (FDEP 1883). Kerr was originally deeded the entire SW quarter of Section 6 of Township 20 South, Range 28 East. The property the house is located on was subdivided and parceled off in 1934 when the Kerr family transferred title of the land to the Whitola Company (Orange County Clerk of Courts 1934). According to records, the property was deeded to J.W. Richardson that same year. In 1951, the property was purchased by Texan Paul Bock, who continued to tend the citrus groves located on the land until freezes in the 1960s. The Bocks also raised chickens and Black Angus cattle on the property. The property remains in the Bock family and is owned by Paul Bock's daughter.

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The property has been owned and occupied by the same family since 1951, and there have been very few alterations to the house. The only visible modifications to the exterior of the house are the enclosed front and back porches. The Paul Bock House, therefore, conveys its original historic appearance and maintains much of its historic physical integrity.

Associated with one of the earliest settlers to the area, this house is believed to be one of the oldest buildings in the Bay Ridge area (Historic Properties Associates, 1995). Although the house reflects the simple Frame Vernacular style, turn-of-the-century buildings that are associated with the original settlers to the area are a rare and disappearing resource type. This particular building retains a majority of its historic physical integrity and maintains its original siding, massing, windows, and architectural details. Due to these factors, this house is considered potentially eligible for inclusion in the National Register on an individual basis under Criteria A and C in the areas of Local Exploration/Settlement and Architecture.

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C. HISTORY AND BIBLIOGRAPHY OF PAST WORK AT SITE

Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP)

Various Dates Tract book Records for Township 20 South, Range 28 East

Historic Property Associates, Inc.

1995 Survey of the Historic Architectural Resources of Orange County, Florida:  
Including all unincorporated areas and the cities of Belle Isle, Edgewood,  
Oakland, Ocoee, and Windermere. Copy on file, Janus Research, Tampa, Florida.

Howell, Adelpha

2007 Interview with Rob Taylor of Janus Research, Tampa, Florida, February 13.

Howell, Royce

2010 Personal communications with Julia Skowronski and Chris Berger. Note on file,  
Janus research, Tampa, Florida.

Orange County Clerk of Courts

Various Dates Deed records for 2626 Boch Road, Bay Ridge, Florida.

Shofner, Jerrell

1982 *History of Apopka and Northwest Orange County*. Apopka, Florida.

PHOTOGRAPH



SKETCH MAP

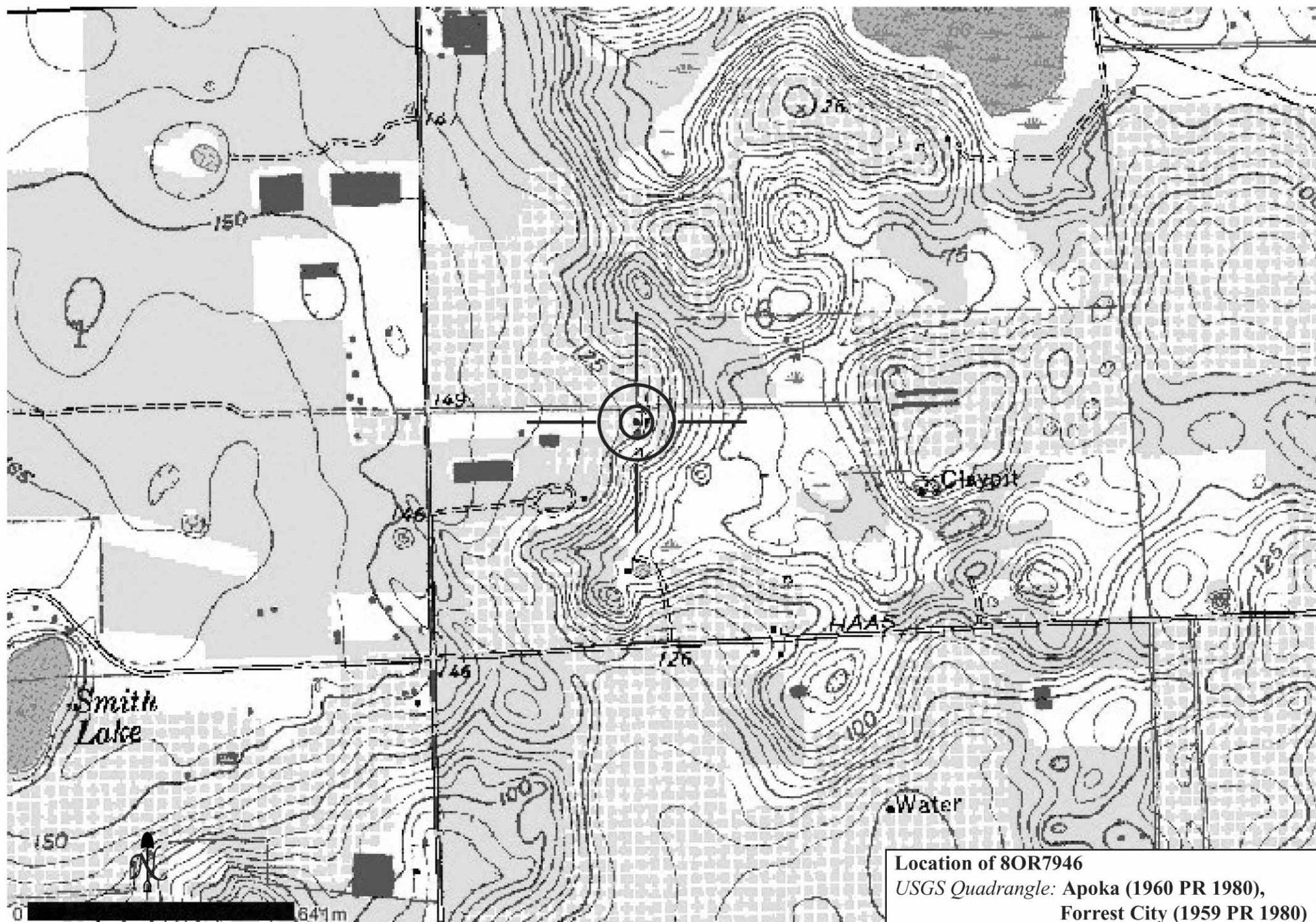
PLYMOUTH SORRENTO ROAD

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HAAS ROAD



# USGS QUADRANGLE MAP



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**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 any 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 Paul Bock House

other names/site number 8OR7946

**2. Location**

street & number 2626 Boch Road ☐ not for publication

city or town Apopka ☒ vicinity

state FLORIDA code FL county Orange code 95 zip code 32712

**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.)

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Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Florida State Historic Preservation Officer, Division of Historical Resources  
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.)

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Signature of certifying official/Title Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

**4. National Park Service Certification**

I hereby certify that the property is:

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

☐ 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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Paul Bock House  
Name of Property

Orange County, Florida  
County and State

## 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)

- ☒ buildings  
☐ district  
☐ site  
☐ structure  
☐ object

### Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include any previously listed resources in the count)

#### Contributing

#### Noncontributing

2	7	buildings
0	0	sites
0	5	structures
0	0	objects
2	7	total

### Name of related multiple property listings

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

N/A

### Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

## 6. Function or Use

### Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

DOMESTIC/secondary structure

### Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

DOMESTIC/trailer

AGRICULTURE/outbuilding

AGRICULTURE/horticultural facility

## 7. Description

### Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

OTHER/Cracker House

### Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation BRICK

walls WOOD/dropsiding

roof METAL/tin

other

### Narrative Description

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

## 8. Statement of Significance

### Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for 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

### Narrative Statement of Significance

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

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

### Bibliography

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

#### Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 36) 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

### Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT

ARCHITECTURE

### Period of Significance

1900-1963

### Significant Dates

circa 1900

### Significant Person

### Cultural Affiliation

### Architect/Builder

#### Primary location of additional data:

- ☐ State Historic Preservation Office
- ☐ Other State Agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Name of Repository

# \_\_\_\_\_

Paul Bock House  
Name of Property

Orange County, Florida  
County and State

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property ~14 acres

### UTM References

(Place additional references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone	Easting			Northing											
2															

3															
Zone	Easting			Northing											
4															

☐ 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 Amy Streelman, Robert J. Taylor Jr., and Julia Skowronski

organization Janus Research date 2/15/11

street & number 1107 N. Ward St., Tampa, FL 33607 telephone 813-636-8200

city or town Tampa state FL zip code 33607

### 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 Adelpha Howell

street & number 2626 Boch Road telephone

city or town Apopka state FL zip code 32712

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Paul Bock House  
Orange County, Florida  
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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**SETTING**

The Paul Bock House is located at 2626 Boch Road, on the south side of Boch Road, just east of Plymouth-Sorrento Road in Township 20 South, Range 28 East, Section 6, of the Sorrento USGS Quadrangle Map (1960 PR 1980). The house was built in what was historically referred to as the Bay Ridge area, which is about six miles northwest of Apopka, Orange County, Florida. The house is set on approximately 14 acres divided into a yard with assorted plantings and agricultural pasture land. The main house is set back approximately 75 feet from the road with eight outbuildings located behind it. These buildings include an historic, contributing garage/tenants' quarters and seven non-contributing buildings. Eight of the nine buildings are located on the front portion of the property. There is also a variety of purposely planted vegetation in that area. The rear portion of the parcel contains a field lined by a stand of trees to the north. Among the trees is a deteriorated, non-contributing historic shed.

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION**

The Paul Bock House is what is often characterized in Florida as a "Cracker" house. The term generally refers to the early Florida settlers and was coined because of the way the settlers cracked their own corn to make meal, which was the staple of their diet (Haase 1992, 10). Cracker architecture was unadorned in style and functional in form. The term "vernacular" has also come to be used in describing these houses in the sense they represent the regional language or dialect of architecture. The earliest Cracker houses in the mid-nineteenth century were commonly single pen structures with dirt floors. Over time, these Cracker houses became double-pen, saddlebag, and dog-trot houses.

By the early twentieth century, the central hallway of the Paul Bock House was enclosed; another set of rooms had been added to the back; and a second floor was included creating a four-square pattern of rooms similar to the plan of Georgian houses from the late eighteenth century. Although the interior of the Paul Bock House was inaccessible during field visits, the exterior shape and bay configuration of the house resembles the four-square pattern of the later Cracker houses. The circa 1900 construction date is also consistent with the early twentieth century construction period attributed to that form of construction.

The Paul Bock House is two-and-a-half stories in height and topped by a front-facing gable roof clad in 5-V sheet metal (Photograph 1). The wood frame structural system is clad with drop siding and rests on a brick pier foundation. A full-width, one-story porch is located on the front façade and has been enclosed with jalousie windows (Photograph 2). This porch is topped by a shed roof covered in 5-V sheet metal. A second full-width, one-story porch is located on the rear façade and has been enclosed with a combination of plywood and metal windows (Photograph 3). This porch is topped by a hipped roof covered with composition roll. The house retains all of its original windows, which are wood double-hung sash with one-over-one light configurations. The windows are paired on the front and rear façade and single on the side facades (Photograph 4). The original

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screens are also present on most windows. There are two chimneys on the house; one on the east side and one on the west side. The west side chimney is located on the exterior wall and is constructed of brick covered in stucco (Photograph 5). The chimney on the east side is also located on the exterior wall and was originally covered with stucco, but the stucco was removed when the chimney was rebuilt in the 1950s and never reapplied, leaving the brick exposed (Howell 2007). The house is simple and functional in design; the only exterior ornamentation being cornerboards, wood surrounds on the windows and doors, and exposed rafter tails. The house is in fair condition.

The property has been owned and occupied by the same family since 1951, and there have been very few alterations to the house (Photograph 6). The only visible modifications to the exterior of the house are the enclosed front and back porches. The Paul Bock House, therefore, conveys its original historic appearance and maintains much of its historic physical integrity.

A historic garage/tenants' quarters located behind the main house is considered contributing (Photograph 7). This building has a wood frame structural system covered in wood shingles. It is topped by a front-oriented gable roof clad in 5-V sheet metal, which is the same material found on the roof of the Paul Bock House. The front portion of the building has a large, open garage area with no door attached to the bay. There are rooms built in the rear portion of the building that housed farmhands during the farm's peak of citrus production (Howell 2007). An historic, shed-roofed addition on the west is open on the front and clad with corrugated sheet metal on the side and back. Four wood 1/1 sash windows provide light to the back of the addition. The garage/tenants' quarters is in fair to deteriorated condition. Despite the roof having been built of the same material as that of the main house, this building is probably not contemporary to the construction of the circa 1900 house. It was most likely constructed in the 1920s when citrus production was in its heyday on the property and field hands would have been needed to tend the groves (Howell 2007). There was also an open top, wood water tower to provide water pressure to the house and the irrigation of the groves. However, this structure fell into disrepair and was removed in the early 1950s by the family of the current owner (Howell 2007). The building is currently used for storage (Howell 2011).

There are also six non-contributing structures on the property including a pump house, former feed shed, carport, trailer home, two metal sheds, and greenhouse. With the exception of the former feed shed, the outbuildings are located in close proximity to the Paul Bock House.

The historic pump house is located directly southeast of the main house (Photograph 8). It is four-sided with a gable roof. This structure is clad in 5-V sheet metal on the walls and the roof; the roofing material is the same tin as that used on the main house and guest house (Howell 2011). It has jalousie windows and a wood door. The Bock family believes it was constructed in conjunction with the main house and garage/tenants' quarters because the same tin was used in the roof as the main house and guest house. However, as the family arrived approximately 50 years after the construction of the main house, this could not be independently verified. The

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siding, windows, and doors are all non-historic replacements, which gives the building a non-historic appearance. According to Howell, the building would originally have been either open or had wood siding. The building continues to serve as a pump house, and Mr. Howell says that it has a well pump, washing machine, and refrigerator inside (Howell 2011). Although this building is historic and may have been constructed concurrently with the main house, its substantial alterations lead to a non-historic appearance, and it is therefore not considered to be a contributing structure.

The historic former feed shed is located in the rear portion of the property in a stand of trees along a field (Photograph 9). The all-metal building has a flat roof and a wood frame structural system. There is a wood pen at the south end of the building. Built circa 1955, it was used as a storage building when the Bock family raised Black Angus cattle after World War II. The Bocks are no longer cattle ranchers, but others still graze bovines in the Bocks' pasture south of the former feed shed. The building's roof has partially collapsed, and it is in deteriorated condition. The former feed shed is a common type of building and lacking in architectural significance. Therefore, it is considered non-contributing to the property.

The site of the former orange packing house is located south of the Paul Bock House and was replaced by a metal shed in the 1980s that is now used for storage and to house chickens (Photograph 10). There are two sections of this building: the larger two bay, metal part to the north, and the enclosed corrugated Plexiglas-paneled part to the north. Inside the north section of the building is an inscription in a concrete slab that reads: "Ronald Richardson 7/1/44" (Photograph 11). The tin for the former orange packing house came from an historic chicken coop that was in the area. The non-contributing carport is located between the Paul Bock House and garage/tenants' quarters (Photograph 12). The modern trailer home is east of the main house along Boch Road (Photograph 13). There is a shed located across the driveway from the main house built in the 1980s that is partially enclosed with Plexiglas panels and is covered by a metal, shed roof (Photograph 14). The final non-contributing structure is a greenhouse/nursery located behind the trailer home. This structure consists of an extended semicircular frame covered in a partially transparent plastic that is of common design for the area (Photograph 15).

**SUMMARY**

Associated with one of the earliest settlers to the area, this house is believed to be the oldest building in the Bay Ridge area (Historic Properties Associates 1995). The house reflects the simple Vernacular style of a Florida "Cracker" house. Turn-of-the-century buildings of this type that are associated with the original settlers to the area are a rare and disappearing resource type. This particular building retains a majority of its historic physical integrity and maintains its original siding, massing, windows, and architectural details. Due to these factors, this house is considered eligible for inclusion in the *NRHP* on an individual basis under Criteria A and C in the areas of Local Exploration/Settlement and Architecture.

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**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Exploration/Settlement

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Property records and an on-site inspection of the house indicate the building was constructed circa 1900. Since the property was owned by the Kerr family until 1934, it can be deduced that the Paul Bock House was likely built by either James Kerr himself or a direct descendent. However, no building records have been located that confirm this. Research has revealed little information about James Kerr or the Kerr family other than they came from New England and were among the earliest 30 families in the Bay Ridge area in the 1880s (Shofner 1982:48). Kerr's profession is unknown, although citrus farming or other agricultural is probable. An historic aerial photograph from 1941 shows established groves surrounding the house (Photograph 16).

Architecture

The region of Orange County just north of the city of Apopka contains several of Florida's earliest agricultural communities. Communities that date from the turn-of-the-twentieth century located in this region include Tangerine, Plymouth, Bay Ridge, and Rock Springs (Historic Property Associates, Inc. 1995). Despite the rapid growth and development occurring in other sections of Orange County, this region has retained many of these early small settlements and remained predominantly agricultural. Much of the earliest architecture however has been lost. According to a survey done in 1995 by Historic Property Associates, only nine early twentieth-century buildings were recorded in this region, with the Paul Bock House being the oldest (Historic Property Associates, Inc. 1995).

Very few modifications are evident to the Paul Bock House; the roof shape, exterior siding, decorative features, majority of the windows, and massing have all remained unchanged since its construction date. The enclosure of the front and back porches are the only visible alterations to the exterior of the house, and the loss of physical integrity due to this modification is minimal. The historic setting of the house also remains intact; few non-

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historic houses have been constructed nearby (Photograph 17). In addition, the house has two historic outbuildings in close proximity, including the contributing garage/tenants' quarters. Although the citrus groves that surrounded the house in the early to mid-twentieth century are now gone, the land surrounding the house is still agricultural and is used for raising chickens, peacocks, and the cultivation of indoor and outdoor foliage.

The Paul Bock House is a rare surviving example of early Cracker architecture in the Bay Ridge area of Florida. Despite its recent decline in physical condition and the addition of non-historic outbuildings on the property, the Paul Bock House still conveys the historic character of an early Cracker farmstead.

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**GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary includes the entire land parcel currently associated with 2626 Boch Road. This is approximately 14 acres on the south side of Boch Road, east of Plymouth-Sorrento Road. As shown in Photographs 16 and 17.

Boundary Justification

The property currently contained in this parcel is the same that was subdivided off with the house in the Whitola Company's plat of 1934. The amount of land that may have been associated with the house before this date is unknown.

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1. Paul Bock House Front Facade
2. Orange County, Florida
3. February 2007
4. Janus Research
5. Rob Taylor
6. Facing South
7. Photograph 1 of 17

**Items 2 and 4 are the same for the remaining photographs except as noted otherwise**

1. Paul Bock House Front Porch
3. February 2007
5. Rob Taylor
6. Facing Southwest
7. Photograph 2 of 17

1. Paul Bock House Rear Porch
3. February 2007
5. Rob Taylor
6. Facing East
7. Photograph 3 of 17

1. Paul Bock House Rear Facade
3. February 2007
5. Rob Taylor
6. Facing North
7. Photograph 4 of 17

1. Paul Bock House West Facade
3. February 2007
5. Rob Taylor
6. Facing Northeast
7. Photograph 5 of 17

1. Paul Bock House Setting
3. February 2007

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- 5. Rob Taylor
- 6. Facing Southeast
- 7. Photograph 6 of 17

- 1. Garage/Tenants' Quarters
- 3. January 2011
- 5. Julia Skowronski
- 6. Facing Southwest
- 7. Photograph 7 of 17

- 1. Former Pump House
- 3. January 2011
- 5. Julia Skowronski
- 6. Facing Northwest
- 7. Photograph 8 of 17

- 1. Former Feed Shed
- 3. January 2011
- 5. Julia Skowronski
- 6. Facing Southwest
- 7. Photograph 9 of 12

- 1. Former Orange Packing House
- 3. January 2011
- 5. Julia Skowronski
- 6. Facing Southwest
- 7. Photograph 10 of 17

- 1. Inscription in Former Orange Packing House
- 3. January 2011
- 5. Julia Skowronski
- 6. N/A
- 7. Photograph 11 of 17

- 1. Carport
- 3. January 2011
- 5. Julia Skowronski
- 6. Facing West

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**7. Photograph 12 of 17**

1. Trailer Home
3. February 2007
5. Rob Taylor
6. Facing South
7. Photograph 13 of 17

1. Metal Shed
3. January 2011
5. Julia Skowronski
6. Facing Southeast
7. Photograph 14 of 17

1. Greenhouse
3. January 2011
5. Julia Skowronski
6. Facing Northeast
7. Photograph 15 of 17

1. Historic Aerial Photograph of Paul Bock House from 1941 with Boundaries Marked
3. 1941
4. Unknown
5. Unknown
6. N/A
7. Photograph 16 of 17

1. 2008 Aerial Photograph of Paul Bock House with Boundaries Marked
3. Unknown
4. Orange County Property Appraiser
5. Unknown
6. N/A
7. Photograph 17 of 17

**INVENTORY OF FIGURES**

Figure 1 of 1  
Paul Bock House Site Plan of Buildings (Not to Scale)

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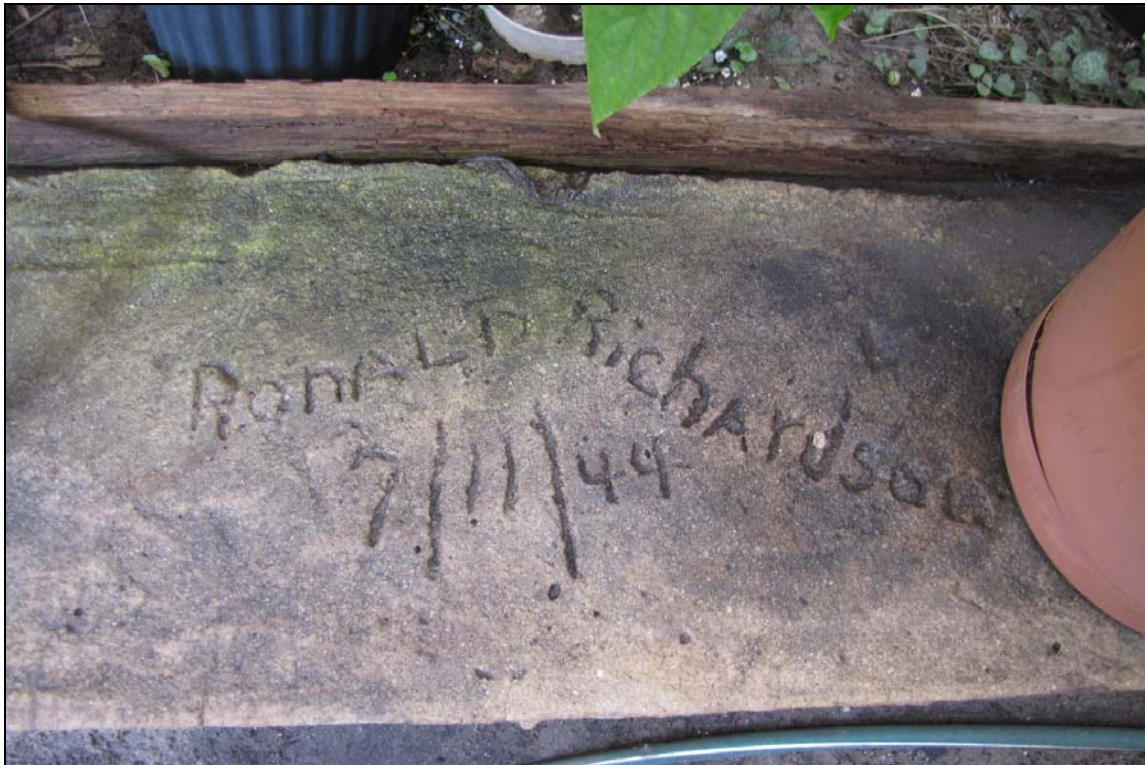
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**2008 Aerial Photograph,  
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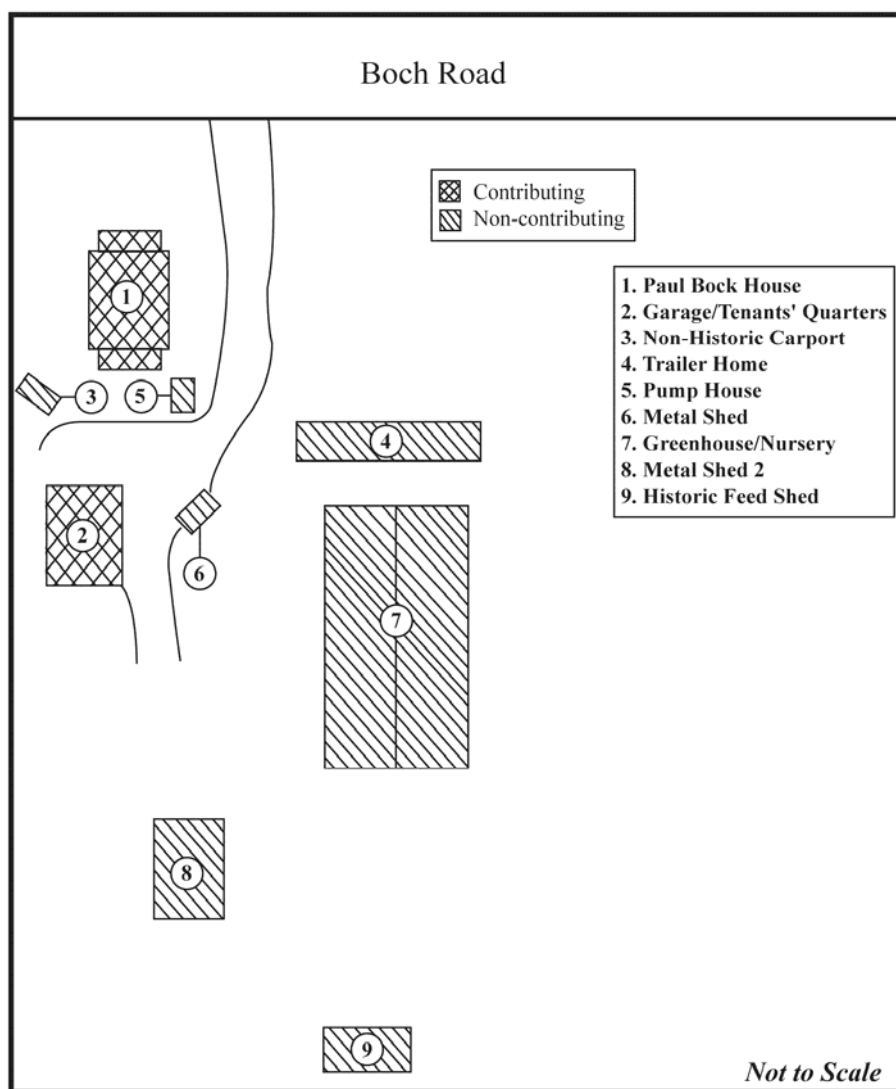


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