

E-Blasts

*Electronic Blasts from the National Register of Historic Places (NPS – WASO), sharing news and information with the Historic Preservation Community
February 2018*

MARTY PERRY RETIRES

Longtime National Register Coordinator of the Kentucky Heritage Council Announces Retirement.

Martin (Marty) Perry, longtime National Register Coordinator for the Kentucky Heritage Council and well-known preservation professional, announced his retirement effective February 28, 2018. Marty was the National Register Coordinator for the Kentucky Heritage Council since 1988. Born in Hopkinsville, KY in western Kentucky. Mr. Perry moved with his parents to a number of Midwestern communities, settling eventually in north-central Ohio. Attending Bowling Green State University, Mr. Perry earned a B.A. (1982) and M.A. (1983), both in American Studies. Prior to joining the Heritage Council, Mr. Perry was the Architectural Historian for the State Historical Society of North Dakota, in Bismarck (1984-1988). He lives in Frankfort, Kentucky, and is the father of two teenagers, George (who will soon qualify to drive) and Callie (who wishes she were already in high school). Marty describes himself as a woodworker of middling skill, and at age 57, won Kentucky's Men's racquetball tournament in the A division.

Contact (before February 28 2018): marty.perry@ky.gov

SHPO CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

Friendly Reminder to Fully Complete Section 3 of National Register Forms

Please remember to fully complete Section 3 of all completed National Register nomination forms prior to forwarding them to the Keeper. The National Register reviewers at NPS often see SHPO/FPO signatures on forms that have not checked the required boxes in Section 3. These items represent important components of a nominating authority's official legal certification, and failure to complete can be grounds for return of a nomination. Recognizing that SHPOs are very busy, it may facilitate the certification process if state staff check the requisite boxes prior to signature, or revise the nomination forms to pre-select the standard nomination certification language.

For further information on this topic contact: Paul Lusignan (202) 354-2229 paul_lusignan@nps.gov

CHANGE IN NR PHOTO POLICY: CELL PHONES ALLOWED

Camera Phones Now Acceptable

The 2013 photo policy has been updated concerning the use of camera phones for taking pictures. In 2013, the National Register photo policy specified the minimally acceptable digital camera resolution as two megapixels. It also stated that camera phones were not acceptable. Camera phones have advanced considerably since that time, and the iPhone 7 and similar phones take photos at much greater resolution than did cell phones only five years ago. Consequently, the "no phone cameras" policy is no longer warranted, and this policy will be updated on our website.

For further information on the National Register Photo Policy, contact: Alexis Abernathy (202) 354-2236
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EDSON BEALL RETIRES FROM NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Edson Beall of the National Register Control Unit Bids Farewell

After 25 years of service Edson Beall announced his retirement from the National Register of Historic Places. February 16, 2018 will be Mr. Beall's last day. Alexis Abernathy, Reviewer for New York and Kansas, will replace Mr. Beall temporarily on the Control Unit until a permanent replacement is available. During his tenure Mr. Beall worked on renovating the Control Unit into one more reflective of the experience and skillset of its personnel. Mr. Beall holds a M.A. in Historic Preservation from the University of Maryland Graduate School and worked as a

Historic Site Surveyor for Hartford County, Maryland and the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission as a Historic Preservation Planner before working for the National Park Service. Informing the wider preservation community of his plans, Mr. Beall announced that he can still be contacted for National Register related questions at MrEd3344@gmail.com.

CHANGES TO THE HISTORIC REHABILITATION TAX CREDIT

Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Amended

Source: Brian Goeken, AICP, Chief, Technical Preservation Services, National Park Service, 2/2/2018

On December 27, 2017, Public Law No: 115-97 (Pub. L. 115-97) was enacted to amend the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Sec. 13402 of Pub. L. 115-97 modifies the 20% Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit and repeals the 10% Rehabilitation Tax Credit for non-historic buildings, as well as provides transition rules for both credits. These and other changes to the IRC may affect a taxpayer's ability to use the 20% Historic Tax Credit. The Text of Pub. L. 115-97 is available at www.congress.gov.

Applicants requesting historic preservation certifications by the National Park Service as well as others interested in the use of these tax credits, are strongly advised to consult an accountant, tax attorney, or other professional tax advisor, legal counsel, or the Internal Revenue Service regarding the changes to the IRC related to Pub. L. 115-97.

CERTIFICATION OF TAX CREDIT PART 1: CLEARER GUIDANCE ON CONTRIBUTING RESOURCES

What Constitutes a Contributing Resource in a Nominated Property

On February 1, 2018, Paul Loether, Chief of the National Register/National Historic Landmark Programs and Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places, sent out a *Letter Regarding Contributing Buildings* in response to recurring issues regarding certification of Tax Credit - part 1 applications for properties in historic districts. The Keeper's letter highlights the necessity for more detailed guidance related to contributing resources. New National Register submissions must stress the second condition for meeting the contributing status. Guidelines for the expected level of documentation necessary for new National Register submissions, or for additional documentation of previously listed properties, are found in the National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register Registration Form*. This bulletin provides a two-part definition for what constitutes a contributing resource in a nominated property. A contributing property is a contributing building, site, structure, or object adds to the historic associations, historic architectural qualities, or archeological values for which a property is significant because it was present during the period of significance, relates to the documented significance of the property, and possesses historic integrity or is capable of yielding important information about the period. The second definition states that a contributing property independently meets the National Register criteria (Identify contributing resources of this type and explain their significance in section 8)

GRANTS AND TRAINING

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Offers Internships

Source for ACHP interns and Native American Scholar fellowship: Archaeology E-Gram January 2018

Recruitment of ACHP interns for summer 2018 is underway! Last summer's four interns made valuable contributions to ACHP work. Internships at the ACHP are flexible and can be for the summer (8-12 weeks) or an alternative period of time, such as a quarter or a semester during the school year. Specific assignments will be developed based on the skills and interests of selected interns. Interns are volunteers, though a small stipend to help offset expenses will be provided. Projects can be tailored so that academic credit can be awarded. ACHP professional staff members supervise all interns.

A joint Smithsonian Institution-ACHP Cultural Heritage fellowship position was supported by the ACHP Foundation for the first time last fall. Michelle Clicker was the first fellow and studied Latino heritage and intangible history. The fellowship will continue to involve a research project focused on the intersection of historic places and museum collections in heritage education and interpretation.

A new Native American Scholar fellowship was funded by a generous gift to the ACHP Foundation. Annalisa Tripp, a member of the Karuk Tribe and part of their Cultural Resources staff will work at the ACHP until March.

Contact: Judy Rosenstein (jrodenstein@achp.gov) for more information, go to <http://www.achp.gov/Internships2018.pdf>

VERNACULAR ARCHITECTURE FORUM (VAF) HOSTS POTOMAC 2018 CONFERENCE

VAF Hosts Conference May 2-5 2018 in Old Town Alexandria, Virginia

The Vernacular Architecture Forum (VAF) is hosting A Shared Experience: Urban and Rural Experience on the Banks of the Potomac, a conference to be held May 2-5, 2018, at the Crowne Plaza, Old Town Alexandria, Virginia. For those interested in the program and registration, please go online to

<http://www.vernaculararchitectureforum.org/page-1821667>. The Vernacular Architecture Forum encourages and supports citizen efforts to protect our vernacular built heritage. The Vernacular Architecture Forum encourages and supports citizen efforts to protect our vernacular built heritage. The protection and preservation of our vernacular built heritage depends on good stewardship by property owners supported by sound government land use policies.

For more information contact: secretary@vafweb.org

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON PUBLIC HISTORY ANNUAL MEETING

Meeting to be Held April 18-21, 2018 at the Renaissance, in Las Vegas, Nevada

The National Council on Public History (NCPH) holds their annual meeting at the Renaissance, in Las Vegas, Nevada. Two questions are at the heart of this year's conference: Can public history help us envision a civic whole? What is public history's role in helping to build a community? On Wednesday, a discussion on *New Directions for National Register Nominations* will be given from 1:00-5:00 with **Jim Bertolini, Nevada State Historic Preservation Office, Jim Gabbert, National Park Service, National Register of Historic Places Program, and David Louter and Stephen R. Mark of the National Park Service**. The NCPH inspires public engagement with the past and serves the needs of practitioners in putting history to work in the world by building community among historians, expanding professional skills and tools, fostering critical reflection on historical practice, and publicly advocating for history and historians. Please go to <http://ncph.org/conference/2018-annual-meeting-2/> to find out more. For questions about the New Directions for National Register Nominations discussion **contact: James Gabbert (202) 354-2275** james_gabbert@nps.gov