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Kathleen Kilpatrick  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
Department of Historic Resources  
2801 Kensington Avenue  
Richmond, VA 23221

Dear Ms. Kilpatrick:

In accordance with 36 CFR Part 63.2 (c), the National Park Service requests your concurrence with our determinations that a complex of five structures and an unrelated access road to a former industrial property, all located on the Chancellorsville Battlefield, Spotsylvania County, Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania County Battlefields Memorial National Military Park, are not eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

The structures are located on the Verna property at 9713 Plank Road (State Route 3). They were the subject of a reconnaissance level survey performed by Traceries in 2001, which concluded that three of the c. 1930-45 structures were "the only concrete structures of this design and form noted in the survey ... of Spotsylvania County." The park then arranged a site visit for Ethel Eaton and Susan Smead of your staff. Ms. Smead concluded that the property - meaning the improvements on the historic land - "does not appear to be NR eligible." John Ingle, the park's historic architecture adviser, "agree[s] ... that these buildings, while interesting are not of an architectural quality or 'distinction' to be deserving of Nat'l Register listing."

The Fairview Access Road is located along the south side of State Route 3, 2,500 feet west of its intersection with Route 610. This modern road cuts across the center of the Battlefield, passing within a few yards of the historic Chancellor Cemetery. It is an unsightly and confusing element in the cultural landscape.

As discussed by Ms. Eaton and park Cultural Resource Specialist Eric Mink on August 1, we are providing for your review Determinations of Eligibility (DOEs) in our usual format, prepared by Mr. Mink. The DOE package for the Verna property includes the 2001 survey findings and Ms. Smead's findings. Please sign and date the two cover sheets in the signature blocks provided, return them to this office (Attn: Clifford Tobias), and keep copies with the DOE packages for your files. If you need any additional information, please contact Mr. Mink at (540) -371-6416.

Sincerely,  
**Signed**

Marie Rust  
Regional Director

Enclosures

cc:  
Superintendent, Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania NMP (w/cs encls.)

# DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

PARK NAME, STATE: Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania County Battlefields Memorial National Military Park

STRUCTURE NAME(S): Verna Buildings

088-5128

PROPERTY/DISTRICT NAME: Chancellorsville Battlefield

LOCATION 9713 Plank Road

Town/City:

County: Spotsylvania

DATE BUILT: c1930-1945

IDLCS: N/A

PARK #:

## SIGNIFICANCE

National ☐

State & Regional ☐

Local ☐

## NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA:

A ☐

B ☐

C ☐

D ☐

These 20<sup>th</sup> century structures are not historically significant and do not possess architectural distinction. They are neither eligible for listing on the National Register nor contributing elements to either the battlefield or to any other historic site or district.

## DESCRIPTION

The Verna buildings are located next to one another along the northside of State Route 3, near its intersection with Route 621 on the Chancellorsville Battlefield. The five buildings are: 1) a two-story poured concrete dwelling with a flat roof ornamented by a four-sided parapet, also constructed of concrete and pedimented at the center and corners. The dwelling is built into the slope of a hill, so the north side elevation reads as a single story. 2) a one-story poured concrete chicken coop with a flat and pedimented roof, the south side of the building is open with two single entries and window openings. 3) a poured concrete workshop with a flat and pedimented roof, and like the dwelling it is built into the slope of a hill, so the east side elevation read as single story. 4) a wood frame garage with vertical board siding and standing seam metal roof. 5) a wood frame shed that has collapsed.

## National Park Service

## State Historic Preservation Office

## Comments

Individually Eligible ☐

Contributes to:

Property ☐

District ☐

Potential District ☐

Concur ☒

Not Eligible & Does Not

Contribute to Property/District ☒

Do Not

Concur ☐

Insufficiently Documented,

Treat as Eligible ☐

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