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Memorandum

To: Regional Director, Region Five

From: Chief Architect

Subject: Historic Structures Report, Part I - Slyder Farm Buildings, Gettysburg

The Historic Structures Report, Part I - Slyder Farm Buildings, Gettysburg National Military Park, has been reviewed by the interested Divisions in the Washington Office and is recommended for approval.

*Dick Sutton*

Dick Sutton  
Chief Architect

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Supt., Gettysburg

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April 30, 1959

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**Memorandum**

**To:** Superintendent, Gettysburg National Military Park

**From:** Regional Director

**Subject:** Historic Structures Report, Part I - Snyder Farm  
Buildings, Gettysburg NMP

This office concurs in the recommendations made in the subject report, specifically those presented in the Architectural Data Section prepared by Regional Architect Coryell.

(Sgd.) Daniel J. Tobin

Daniel J. Tobin  
Regional Director

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Region Five  
421 Walnut Street  
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April 21, 1959

**Memorandum**

**To:** Director  
**From:** Acting Regional Director  
**Subject:** Historic Structures Report, Part I - Slyder Farm  
Buildings, Gettysburg HHP

In accordance with the procedure outlined in FO-11-56,  
attached for your consideration is the subject report. By copy  
of this memorandum, we are forwarding a copy of the report to  
EODC for review and comment.

Please submit comments no later than May 1.

George A. Palmer  
Acting Regional Director

In duplicate

Attachments 2

Copy to: Supt., Gettysburg, w/copy of report  
Chief, EODC, w/copy of report

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
Gettysburg National Military Park  
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

December 19, 1958

Memorandum

To: Regional Director

From: Superintendent, Gettysburg NMP

Subject: Historic Buildings Reports, Part I, Miscellaneous Buildings,  
Gettysburg National Military Park

We are enclosing photographs of the Culp, Biggs, Slyder,  
and Alingel farm building groups made by Historian Tilberg for in-  
clusion in the report on these buildings. When Architect Bryell  
has completed cost estimates of the buildings to be repaired, we  
would like to have two copies each of the assembled reports.

James B. Myers  
Superintendent

In duplicate

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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Gettysburg National Military Park  
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

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Memorandum

To: Regional Director

From: Superintendent, Gettysburg NMP

Subject: Historic Buildings Report - Part I, Miscellaneous Buildings

We are enclosing four additional Historic Farm Building reports prepared by Historian Tilberg. The reports include historic as well as non-historic structures as suggested by Mr. Coryell in a telephone conversation with Assistant Superintendent Sollenberger on November 28.

Photographs of the farm building groups will be made with the return of suitable weather conditions.

We would like to have copies of the architectural sections to be prepared by Mr. Coryell for the eight farm building reports submitted.

*James B. Myers*  
James B. Myers  
Superintendent

In duplicate

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**APPROVAL SHEET**

**HISTORIC STRUCTURES REPORT  
PART I**

**J. SLYDER FARM BUILDINGS**

**Recommended:**

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**Director**

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**Regional Director**

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**Chief, EODC**

**Approved:**

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**Superintendent**

HISTORIC STRUCTURES REPORT - PART I

Gettysburg National Military Park  
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

J. Snyder Farm Buildings

Historic Farm Building Report  
J. Slyder Farm

Frederick Tilberg  
December 11, 1958

## The J. Snyder Farm Buildings

### 5. Administrative Data

- a. **Historic structures:** The Snyder house bears a date-stone of 1852. The barn structure of heavy beams tied with wooden pegs is believed to have been built about the same time. The hog pen and the west section of the summer kitchen are also of pre-war construction.

**Non-historic structures:** A wood shed (1890); east wing of the summer kitchen (1895); a brooder house and corn crib (1895); smoke house (1936); milk house (1937).

- b. The buildings are used by a tenant farmer. Since there is only a small land acreage, the outbuildings are used on a very limited scale.
- c. Funds are programmed for re-roofing the barn. Stabilization of the barn structure is urgent. Funds are scheduled also for re-roofing the hog pen and the summer kitchen. All three roofs should be shingled.
- d. Estimated cost: \$1990.

### 6. Historical Data

The J. Snyder farm buildings are located near Plum Run, midway between the Emmitsburg Road (U. S. Route 15) to the west and Big Round Top to the east, and approximately 300 yards southwest of Devil's Den. Early in the afternoon of July 2, advance Union positions were located in the vicinity of the Snyder buildings, Companies E and H, 2d Regiment, U. S. Sharpshooters, being stationed at the stone wall near the house, and Company D of the same organization to the west along Snyder Lane. At mid-afternoon, July 2, a major part of Gen. John B. Hood's Confederate division charged from its position on Snyder Ridge and the Emmitsburg Road across the Snyder farm, first driving back the Union Sharpshooters and then charging the Union positions on Little Round Top, at Devil's Den and the adjacent ridges and woods. At the close of this attack, in which the Union troops were driven from Devil's Den ridge but still held the key position on Little Round Top, the Confederate brigades commanded by Brig. Gen. E. M. Law and Brig. Gen. J. B. Robertson remained in the vicinity of the Snyder farm until the afternoon of July 3 when they withdrew to Snyder Ridge. Late on the afternoon of July 3, Brig. Gen. E. J. Farnsworth's cavalry brigade, in position on Bushman Hill

a quarter of a mile south of the Snyder buildings, charged over this ground in their unsuccessful attack on Law's and Robertson's brigades and Bachman's battery on Snyder Ridge.

#### The Snyder Farm Buildings

The Snyder house, erected in 1852 according to a date-stone, is a one and one-half story structure built of local, random size granite. The roof is shingled. A small lean-to frame structure at the east end, measuring 8' x 18' and built about 50 years ago, was remodeled for use as a bathroom and porch in 1957. A frame barn of heavy hewn log construction is located 50 yards south of the house. The structure needs reenforcement as indicated by the sway in the roof, and re-roofing with shingles. The combination hog pen-chicken house and pre-war section of the summer kitchen and the later addition to it should be shingled.

All of the post-war buildings are of frame construction and have galvanized iron or metal roofs.

## ARCHITECTURAL DATA

### SLYDER FARM

#### DESCRIPTION OF STRUCTURES

The Snyder Farm located approximately 300 yards southwest of Devil's Den consists of seven buildings of which three are pre-war construction.

A stone bearing the date of 1852 is generally considered to be the date of construction for the house. The house measuring 18 feet wide by 30 feet long is a one and one-half story structure built of native random stone. A frame porch and cold pantry was added to the east end about 1900. Present roof is wood shingles.

The barn measuring 35 feet wide by 56 feet long is of heavy hand hewn log construction with a corrugated metal roof. Log walls are covered with vertical boards butted and probably installed shortly after the barn was constructed in 1852.

A small frame hog pen with metal roof was built about 1852. A summer kitchen located about twenty feet northeast of the house is partially contemporary with the house. The west portion measuring 13 feet by 16 feet appears to be pre-war construction except that the roof has been raised. East section of the kitchen was built about 1895 and is used as a woodshed.

The west section contains the original fireplace and chimney. All other buildings are frame construction with metal roofs. Generally the small farm group presents a neat compact rural picture.

### PRESENT CONDITION OF FABRIC

Generally all structures are in a good state of repair except for the barn. The house was modernized on the interior during the 1958 fiscal year by installation of a bathroom, oil-fired forced hot water heating system, first floor framing reinforced and east porch enclosed.

The barn pale rafter roof framing has sagged causing a wavy roof line. This has caused leakage through the present metal roof. Walls of the barn appear to be in good condition.

The hog pen, summer kitchen and other structures are in good condition.

### ARCHITECTURAL INVESTIGATION REQUIRED

Further architectural investigation of the house and out-buildings, except barn, is not required. During period of proposed work, active architectural investigation should be made on the barn to determine the need for further restoration.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that metal tie rods be installed at plate line of barn walls to preclude further settlement of roof framing. Since a wavy roof line is part of the aging process of the structure, we do not propose a reconstruction to original lines except where necessary to maintain a tight roof.

All other structures are recommended for reroofing with hand-split wood shakes. Minor repairs to siding, window sash, trim, etc., will be accomplished by day labor.

View of the Slyder farm building group, excepting the barn. The house is in the center, the washhouse at the right and the hog-house at the left. The barn is located to the left of this view. The view is northwestward.



View of the Snyder house from the north. The post-war frame addition is at the left.

The Snyder barn as it appears from the northeast. The frame-work is pre-war, the siding entirely post-war. The roof is of galvanized tin.

