

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM
FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:

Washington, D.C.

COUNTY:

District of Columbia

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ENTRY DATE

NOV 2 1973

1. NAME

COMMON:

Godey Lime Kilns

AND/OR HISTORIC:

Washington Lime Kilns

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway at 27th and L Streets, N.W.

CITY OR TOWN:

Washington, D.C.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Congressman
Walter E. Fauntroy, D.C.

STATE:

District of Columbia

CODE

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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☐ District	☐ Building	☒ Public	Public Acquisition:	☐ Occupied	Yes:
☐ Site	☒ Structure	☐ Private	☐ In Process	☒ Unoccupied	☐ Restricted
☐ Object		☐ Both	☐ Being Considered	☐ Preservation work in progress	☒ Unrestricted
☐ No					
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
☐ Agricultural	☐ Government	☐ Park	☐ Transportation	☐ Comments	
☐ Commercial	☐ Industrial	☐ Private Residence	☐ Other (Specify)		
☐ Educational	☐ Military	☐ Religious	Historic exhibit		
☐ Entertainment	☐ Museum	☐ Scientific			

4. AGENCY

Department of the Interior, National Park Service

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

National Capital Parks

STREET AND NUMBER:

1100 Ohio Drive, S.W.

CITY OR TOWN:

Washington, D.C.

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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY:

1965

☒ Federal☐ State☐ County☐ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

1st Street and Independence Avenue, S.E.

CITY OR TOWN:

Washington, D.C.

STATE:

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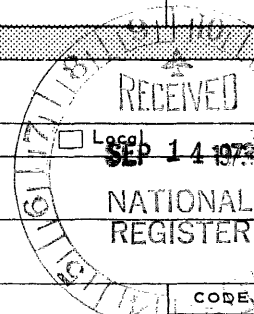
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

☐ Excellent☒ Good☐ Fair☐ Deteriorated☐ Ruins☐ Unexposed

(Check One)

☒ Altered☐ Unaltered

(Check One)

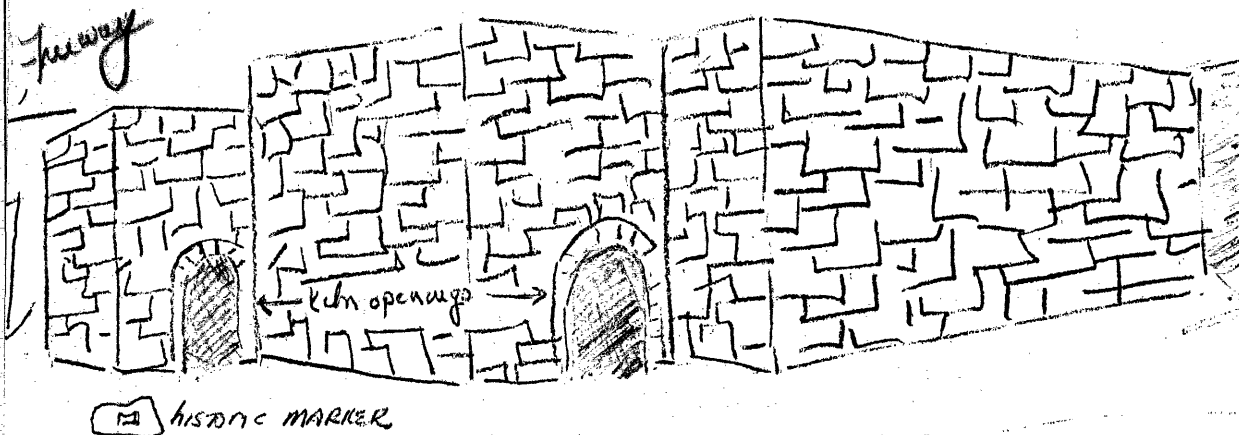
☐ Moved☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The remains of the Godey Lime Kilns are on a site dominated by two access ramps to the Whitehurst Freeway which, in one corner of the structure, are immediately overhead.

A remnant of the original lime kilns was restored in 1967 by the National Park Service. The highest remaining segment of the walls stands approximately 16 to 18 feet high. Made of stone, the structure is shaped roughly as delineated below, with brick arched openings located on both sides of the structure arms projecting towards Rock Creek Parkway.

Manufacture and sale of lime at this site was conducted from 1864 to 1907. At the peak of development, the kilns consisted of four oven structures and an assortment of wooden sheds and structures built up around them. The entire operation was perched on the edge of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. By the 1960's the entire location had changed with the end of the Canal's use and its termination several hundred yards from the kilns. All wooden structures disappeared after the 1907 disbanding of operations at the site, and two of the four ovens were removed to make room for the highway ramps leading from the Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway to the Whitehurst Freeway. As a result of this work the grade elevation was raised about five feet and the main fire doors for the two remaining ovens were covered over.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☐ 18th Century☐ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1864

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Aboriginal☐ Education☐ Political☐ Urban Planning☐ Prehistoric☐ Engineering☐ Religion/Phi-☐ Other (Specify)☐ Historic☒ Industry

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☐ Agriculture☐ Invention☐ Science☐ Architecture☐ Landscape☐ Sculpture☐ Art

Architecture

☐ Social/Human-☒ Commerce☐ Literature

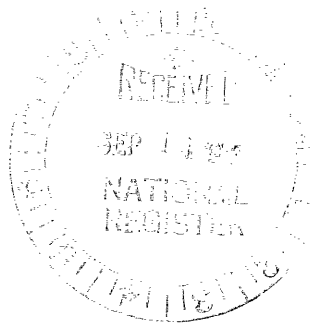
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☐ Communications☐ Military☐ Theater☐ Conservation☐ Music☐ Transportation

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Godey Lime Kilns were an important part of the thriving mid-19th Century commercial life of Georgetown. The manufacture and sale of lime at this site was conducted from 1864 to 1907. The lime industry can be traced back as far as 1830 in the Washington area, and William H. Godey started his lime business in another location in about 1858 and moved to the present kilns in 1864; the address was then known as 27th and L Streets, N.W. Godey was in partnership with John A. Rheim in 1865 and 1866, and then he was on his own until his death in 1873. After Godey's death his family continued to operate the kilns. In 1897 the business was taken over by John McL. Dodson who operated the kilns until 1907, when the kilns were closed.

Today, the Godey Lime Kilns are in a state of partial restoration, this work having been completed by January 1, 1967.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington City Directory, 1884, Washington, D.C.

Historic American Buildings Survey, 1965, Donald Myer, Washington, D.C.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES
DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY

CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "
NE	° ' "	° ' "
SE	° ' "	° ' "
SW	° ' "	° ' "

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LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES
DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY
OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES

LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds
38° 54' 24"	77° 03' 23"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Helen Dillon, Historian		DATE: February 27, 1972
BUSINESS ADDRESS: National Park Service, National Capital Parks		
STREET AND NUMBER: 1100 Ohio Drive, S.W.		PHONE: 426-6957
CITY OR TOWN: Washington	STATE: District of Columbia	CODE: 11

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

State Liaison Officer recommendation:

- ☒ Yes
☐ No
☐ None

James B. Park
 State Liaison Officer Signature

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Liaison Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The recommended level of significance is ☐ National ☐ State ☐ Local

Russ Dickenson 6-21-73
 Federal Representative Signature Date
Dir, Nat Cap Parks
 Title

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest A. Connolly
 Associate Director, Professional Services
 NOV 2 1973

Date

ATTEST:

W. H. H. H. H.
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 10-30-73

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