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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

1. Name of Property

historic name: Cottrell House

other name/site number: _____

2. Location

street & number: 500 Waites Corner Road

not for publication: N/A

city/town: South Kingstown

vicinity: N/A

state: RI

county: Washington

code: 009

zip code: 02892

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: private

Category of Property: building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	sites
<u> </u>	<u>1</u>	structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	objects
<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: NA

Name of related multiple property listing: Single-family Houses in R.I., 1636-present, see especially pp. SK 1-12

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7. Description

Architectural Classification:

FEDERAL

Other Description: _____

Materials: foundation STONE roof ASPHALT
walls WOOD: weatherboard other _____
SYNTHETICS: vinyl

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

X See continuation sheet.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: locally

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): _____

Areas of Significance: ARCHITECTURE

Period(s) of Significance: ca. 1790 _____

Significant Dates: ca. 1790 _____

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: _____

Architect/Builder: Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

X See continuation sheet.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) 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 # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: 73 acres

UTM References:	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing	
A	<u>19</u>	<u>285750</u>	<u>4596500</u>	B	<u>19</u>	<u>285850</u>	<u>4596340</u>
C	<u>19</u>	<u>286190</u>	<u>4596180</u>	D	<u>19</u>	<u>285900</u>	<u>4595640</u>
E	<u>19</u>	<u>285540</u>	<u>4596030</u>				

See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: See continuation sheet.

Boundary Justification: See continuation sheet.

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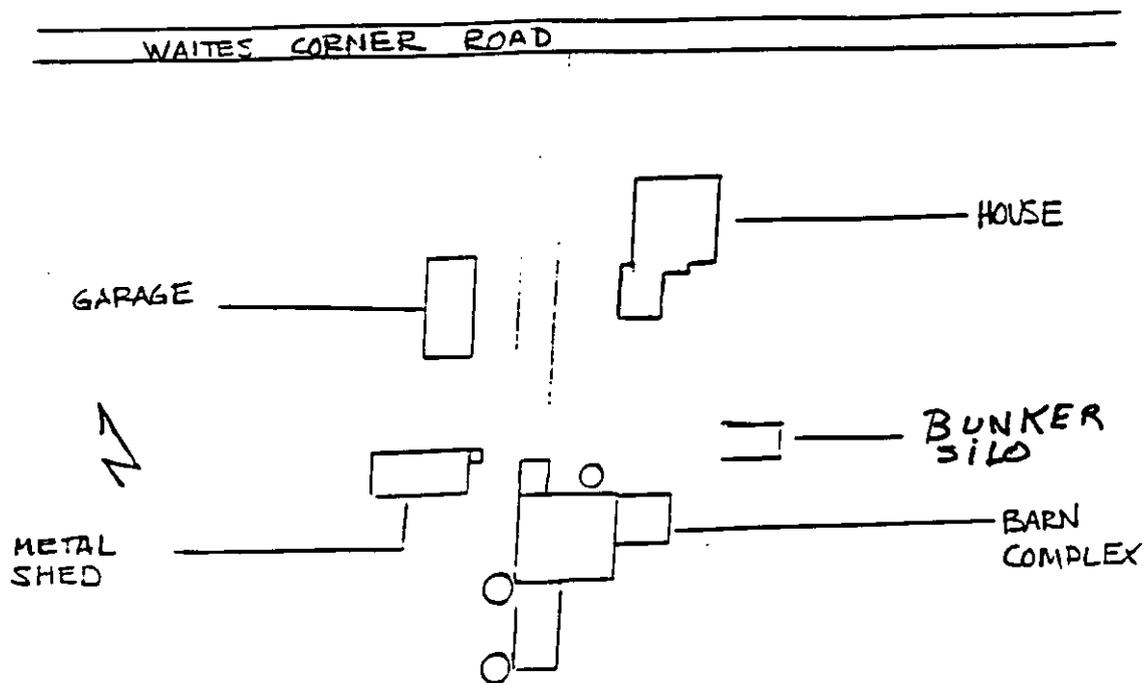
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Description

The Cottrell House is set in a large working farm on Waites Corner Road in West Kingstown, a part of South Kingstown. The nominated property includes a late 18th-century farmhouse and barn (contributing), two late 20th-century outbuildings (non-contributing), and a concrete-walled bunker silo (non-contributing structure). The house and barn, which face northeast, are set back from the road and surrounded on the other three sides by agricultural fields. The farmhouse is a 5-by-3 bay, 2-1/2-story, flank-gable, brick center-chimney, Federal-style house with a 2-by-2 bay, 2-story, end-gable ell attached to the rear. The foundation is rough-cut stone and the walls are covered in vinyl siding (1965), although presumably the original wood clapboard is intact underneath. The wood cornice, eaves, and returns remain intact. The roof is covered in asphalt shingles. A stone-paved area and a large granite step lead to the center entrance. The 8-panel door is flanked by Doric pilasters and surmounted by a segmental fanlight and pediment embellished with modillions. This door surround is original to the house; however, it was removed at the turn of the 20th century for the addition of a front porch. Fortunately, the surround was salvaged and kept in the basement until it was returned to the facade in the 1930s when the porch was removed. A second, hipped-roof porch is still attached to the northwest elevation of the rear ell, although it was enclosed about the time the front porch was removed. The windows are 6/6 double-hung sash with simple wood surrounds in the main block of the house. The windows in the rear ell are 2/1 double-hung sash, while those in the enclosed porch are 6/2, all with similar surrounds. A rectangular bay window projection with 6/6 windows was added in the 1920s at the intersection of the main block of the house and the rear ell.

The interior room configuration is a slightly modernized version of the standard Rhode Island five-room plan with a turn of the 20th-century ell attached to the rear (southwest). The center entrance and stair hall lead to a former parlor (now bedroom) on the left and a dining room on the right. The three rooms across the back are, from left to right, a bedroom, and a sitting room with a large fireplace and beehive oven, and a kitchen and bathroom. All of the original fireplaces remain with the exception of the one in the dining room which has been removed. The front rooms have Federal-style mantelpieces, with decorative fluting and eared architrave molding. The large fireplaces in the rear center room have more utilitarian mantelpieces, with minimal decoration. Original finishes, including cased corner posts, are also visible. The ell contains a study, and pantry and laundry areas. The second floor follows a similar plan to first floor, including a duplicate kitchen that was added in 1959. The

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iron hinges and door latches, as well as the wide floor boards, on the second floor are all original to the house. Half of the attic has been finished as an additional bedroom.

The barn complex is located to the rear (southwest) of the house. The main barn is 2-1/2 stories, with a corrugated sheet metal, flank-gable roof. The barn is probably contemporaneous to the house but was renovated in the 1970s. The facade (northeast) and southeast elevation have wood vertical siding, although the rest of the building is covered in wood shingles. The sliding-barn-door main entrance is centered on the facade (northeast), with a hay door located above. Three smaller buildings are attached to the main barn. A 3-by-2 bay, 1-1/2-story, shingled, flank-gable calf barn, contemporaneous to the barn, is attached to the southeast end of the barn. A 10-by-3 bay, shingled, end-gable cow barn was added to the rear elevation of the barn in the 1940s. A 1-by-2 bay, 1-story, end-gable, concrete shed was probably added to the facade of the barn at the northwest end in the late 20th century. In addition, three silos are associated with the barn, one near the entrance and two on the northwest elevation of the cow barn.

There is also a large modern shed (non-contributing) located near but not connected to the north corner of the barn. This side-gable structure used for storage has three sheet-metal walls with the fourth (rear) open to the air. In addition, a bunker silo (non-contributing) with three concrete walls is located south of the house.

The 4-bay garage (non-contributing) located to the northwest of the house was constructed in 1990. The walls are sheathed in wood vertical siding and the side gable roof is covered in asphalt shingles. The four garage door openings have modern roll-top doors.

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Photographs

3. Photographer: The Public Archaeology Laboratory, Inc.
4. Date: August 10, 1995
5. Negative: RIHP&HC, 150 Benefit Street, Providence, RI 02903

6. View southwest of facade.
7. Photo #1

6. View north of rear elevation.
7. Photo #2

6. Interior view of original kitchen fireplace.
7. Photo #3

6. Interior view of fireplace.
7. Photo #4

6. View west of barn complex.
7. Photo #5

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Significance

The Cottrell House (c. 1790, architect/builder unknown) is significant as a typical example of the residential architecture of its era.

The town of South Kingstown was settled primarily in the eighteenth century and over eighty of the houses built in that century survive. One of the most common house forms from the period is the 2 1/2-story, flank-gable house, with a center chimney, five-bay facade, and center entrance. Constructed of heavy timbers, such houses are commonly arranged on a five-room plan oriented around their massive center chimneys. The exterior ornament of such houses is usually confined to the central entrance.

The Cottrell House reflects this period of architecture in most particulars. It is an unusually well preserved example of a once-common type, and demonstrates in its form, plan, materials, detailing and ornament the construction and appearance of the house built by South Kingstown's relatively prosperous mid-rank farmers of the late eighteenth century.

The Cottrell House is now covered with vinyl siding which has been in place for about thirty years. The vinyl, while it unfortunately obscures the original wall cover of wood weatherboards and alters the visual character of the house, only moderately affects the integrity of the house. The original clapboards remain in place beneath their covering.

The Cottrell House sits in the midst of one of South Kingstown's last working farms, and the property contains several farming structures as well as the house. The Cottrell House is here nominated for the quality and character of the architecture of the house (under Criterion C), but this should not be understood to mean that this is the property's only significance. It is more than likely that the Cottrell farm is also eligible (under Criterion A) for its ability to demonstrate and exemplify the appearance and function of a agrarian complex constructed over the course of two centuries and still in use as a farm. It appears likely that the Cottrell farm may also have significance in demonstrating at least partially one of the important patterns of settlement of the southern Rhode Island region, in the use by its owners of the rich soils of the coastal plain. It may be that the Cottrell farm is also eligible for the value of its underground resources. While there has as yet been no testing of the farm archeological potential, there is always some probability that an historic farm may be able to yield important information about the past

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(Criterion D). These additional areas of possible significance may be documented in the future.

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Geographical Data

Verbal Boundary Description:

The nominated property boundaries are defined as South Kingstown Assessor's Plat 14, Lot 65.

Boundary Justification:

The boundaries conform to a single assessor's lot associated with the property, encompassing the house, its outbuildings and some of its fields.



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Cottrell Homestead

Washington County

South Kingstown, R.I.

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 B 19 285850 4596340
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 South Kingston, RI

