**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**
**INVENTORY – NOMINATION FORM**

*(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)*

### 1. NAME

- **COMMON:** Andrew Seagle Farm
- **AND/OR HISTORIC:**

### 2. LOCATION

- **STREET AND NUMBER:** S.R. 1205, 0.9 mi. northwest of junction with S.R. 1113
- **CITY OR TOWN:** Vale vicinity
- **STATE:** North Carolina
  - **CODE:** 37
  - **COUNTY:** Lincoln
  - **CODE:** 109
- **CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:** Ninth
- **ADDRESS:** The Hon. James G. Martin

### 3. CLASSIFICATION

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**PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate):**
- Mrs. Irene Seagle

### 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

- **OWNER'S NAME:** Mrs. Irene Seagle
- **STREET AND NUMBER:** Route 1
- **CITY OR TOWN:** Vale
  - **STATE:** North Carolina
  - **CODE:** 37

### 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

- **COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:** Lincoln County Courthouse
- **CITY OR TOWN:** Lincolnton
  - **STATE:** North Carolina
  - **CODE:** 37

### 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

- **TITLE OF SURVEY:**
- **DATE OF SURVEY:**
- **DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:**
- **STREET AND NUMBER:**
- **CITY OR TOWN:**
  - **STATE:**
  - **CODE:**
The Andrew Seagle Farm is a group of several farm buildings of simple, functional design. The complex consists of a mid-nineteenth century frame dwelling; a log smokehouse with "V" notching to its south side; a brick bake oven just beyond that; and several other buildings arranged in a square to the rear of the house. Beginning to the southwest of the house, first is the log (V notched) original dwelling with a log storage building, with dovetailed notching, to its west. Next is a twentieth century utility shed with a double pen, partially log barn forming the western base of the square, also with dovetailed notching. To the rear of the barn is another log building moved from a nearby farm some time ago. It has primarily square notching. The northern boundary of the square, starting at the barn, consists of two similar, dovetailed log storage buildings (one said to have served as a blacksmith shop), and the third building on this side is a frame garage used to store the family buggy. In the front yard of the house is a hollowed out bowl-shaped stone, about a foot square with a pipe draining from the bottom to one side; it is said to have been used for rendering tar and pitch from pine wood. The Seagle family has kept many of the tools used in earlier times on the farm such as cooking utensils, tools and forms for shoe making, and molding planes used to construct the house, as well as a handmade flax comb with a dovetailed cover dated 1889.

Perhaps the most distinctive feature of the farm is the bake oven. The oven, sitting on a stone base which is approximately 4 by 5 by 1 foot, is dome shaped with the center being about 3 feet high. The dome is brick and is stuccoed on the exterior. The front (west) side is bricked up to the height of the dome with an arched opening about a foot high giving access to the oven interior. The rear has a brick pier at each corner, also the height of the dome; the wooden framing for a protective gable roof rests on these piers and the front brick wall. A chimney on the rear of the oven, not quite the height of the dome, allows smoke to exit vertically to the rear through a small opening one brick wide. The oven is used by first building a fire inside and allowing the fire to burn down. The oven is cleaned of ashes and the bread is then inserted to bake in the retained heat from the oven.

The frame farm house was built in two sections, both having three bays and being one room deep and two stories high. Both sections appear to be nearly contemporary but the north portion is said to be the oldest and has a dated brick in its Flemish bond exterior end chimney with 1860 inscribed. This section has a central entrance flanked by windows with six-over-six sash. (The same sash as is found throughout.) The interior of this section has a door with two vertical panels as well as doors with four raised panels. The mantel is an unornamented post and lintel one. The walls of this room have spatter paint said to be about 100 years old. The other portion differs on the exterior in that it has a central chimney and the door is in the last bay to the south. A one-story shed porch runs the length of the main facade. A one-story kitchen wing extends west from the south portion of the house. The house is said to have been built by Seagle with the help of his relatives and neighbors. The house and entire complex speaks of a no-nonsense approach to building with an eye to utility, independence and function. The house was expanded to meet growing needs, not to accommodate fashion, but this was accomplished in a neat, well-crafted manner. There is an order to the complex that speaks of German origins.
The Andrew Seagle Farm is a remarkably complete and intact grouping of farm buildings—many of them log—that reflect the unpretentious, self-sufficient character of the small farmers, most like Seagle of German origins, who settled northern Lincoln County. The mid-nineteenth century dwelling, barn, smokehouse, storage buildings, and—of particular interest—the "beehive oven" compose a well-preserved and representative nineteenth century small farm complex.

The Seagle Family Farm's present dwelling house was built by Andrew Seagle about 1860 on land acquired in 1854 and 1857 from his father and from Maxwell Warlick, both Lincoln County farmers. Whether any structure existed on the site before that time is uncertain; the log dwelling there is said to predate the larger house.

Andrew Seagle was born in Lincoln County on September 27, 1828, one of eleven children of John and Barbara Seagle. He was married to Annie E. Havner (later Heavner) on April 2, 1856, and became the father of two sons and a daughter. He enlisted in Company I, Eleventh Regiment North Carolina Troops, on March 1, 1862, but it is not known how long he served. He owned no slaves before the Civil War and remained a small farmer throughout his life.

Agricultural census data suggest that Seagle probably never cultivated more than about forty acres of land at any given time, apparently preferring to leave most of it in a fallow state. Furthermore, Seagle's total landholdings never exceeded 182 acres between 1860 and 1880, making his modest farming operation highly representative of those conducted by the vast majority of North Carolina's post-Civil War landowners, most of whom owned no more than about 200 acres of land at any time. Seagle never served in any public office or otherwise distinguished himself, possibly because of his inability to read or write.

Andrew Seagle died intestate on March 18, 1903. Several weeks later his widow and heirs conveyed their interest in the 22 3/4-acre homeplace tract to Seagle's younger son David, who in return pledged the "use and occupation" of a portion of the dwelling to his mother during her lifetime.

David Seagle died intestate on November 28, 1923. Two years later his
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widow and other heirs conveyed their interest in his estate to his son Russell Seagle, in exchange for Russell's covenant to "care for and support his mother, as long as she shall live..." Russell Seagle died on December 10, 1958, and was survived by his wife, Irene Setzer Seagle, the present owner of the property.
**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**


Lincoln County Records, Lincoln County Courthouse, Lincolnton, North Carolina (Subgroups: Deeds, Wills).

Lincoln County Records, Division of Archives and History, Raleigh, North Carolina (Subgroups: Deeds, Wills, Marriage Records).

Moore, John W. Roster of North Carolina Troops in the War between the States. Raleigh: (State of North Carolina), 4 volumes, 1882, I.

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 9.9 acres

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: Research by Robert Topkins, survey specialist; architectural description by Charles G. Suttlemeyer, Jr., survey specialist

ORGANIZATION: Division of Archives and History

ADDRESS: 109 East Jones Street

CITY OR TOWN: Raleigh

STATE: North Carolina

**12. STATE LIASON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National [ ] State [ ] Local [x]

Name: Robert E. Stipe

Title: State Historic Preservation Officer

Date: 29 January 1975

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

Director, Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register
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Seagle, Irene S., to C. Greer Suttlemyre, n.d. Survey Unit, Historic Sites Section, Division of Archives and History.


U.S. Works Projects Administration. Pre-1914 Graves Index: North Carolina, State Archives, Division of Archives and History, Raleigh.