United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in How to Complete National Register Forms
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic  Beallmore  $7
and/or common  The William T., Jr., and June Booher Residence

2. Location

street & number  1500 Pleasant Avenue


city, town  Wellsburg

state  West Virginia  code  54  county  Brooke  code  009

3. Classification

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4. Owner of Property

name  William T. Booher, Jr., and June Booher.

street & number  1500 Pleasant Avenue

city, town  Wellsburg

state  West Virginia  26070

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.  Brooke County Court House

street & number  Main and Seventh Streets

city, town  Wellsburg  state  West Virginia  26070

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title  Pleasant Avenue Survey

has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date  Winter-Spring, 1985

federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records  Wellsburg Landmarks Commission

city, town  Wellsburg  state  West Virginia  26070
7. Description

Condition

- X excellent
- good
- fair

Check one

- deteriorated
- ruins
- unexposed

Check one

- unaltered
- altered

- original site
- moved

- date

N/A

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance  BEALLMORE

This fine mansion was built in 1907 in the High Style of the Neo-Classical and Neo-Colonial Revivals. Built of pressed, glazed, orange brick on a brick and stone foundation, this 2½-story house originally had a slate roof. After a fire several years ago, the original roof was replaced with black shingles. The hipped roof has low lines with a center platform. Of the seven gable dormers on the roof of this rectangular structure with ell, two are on the west front.

The windows are double-hung and double-glazed with thick plate glass. Each window has a splayed stone lintel.

The front of the house is dominated by a tetrastyle, 2-story portico with fluted Corinthian columns. On the first floor, the center bay contains a semi-elliptical arch with smooth stone voussoirs. The door is flanked by trebeated Ionic columns. Above the door is an elliptical fan light with tracery and on each side are massive sidelights with tracery. In the center bay on the second floor is a balcony supported by large console brackets decorated with acanthus leaf. The carriage-way is also supported by acanthus brackets. The glass doorway on the second floor also has sidelights and the entire entryway is surmounted by a broken, or a Swan's Neck Pediment.

Due to its location, Beallmore must be approached from the rear. The well-arranged and maintained plantings ensure the privacy of the Neo-Classical and Neo-Colonial mansion.

New floor plans of Beallmore are in the possession of the present owners, William T. Booher, Jr. and June M. Booher. The interior of the house was restored to its original condition and statement soon after they purchased the property in 1971. The limited alterations on the rear ell in no way are an intrusion on this structure and its park-like setting.

CONTRIBUTING AND NON-CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURES

Contributing Buildings  1
Non-Contributing Buildings  0

Total Contributing Resources 1
8. Significance

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Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Beallmore is significant because it is an unusually fine and well-preserved example of the Neo-Classical and Neo-Colonial periods. The best designed and built mansion in the Pleasant Avenue Area of Wellsburg, its classical lines complement and culminate the Greek Revival structures of this area as is appropriate to the historic resources of the area in which it is located and was built for Wiley Beall, an active banker and investor in Wellsburg.

The architects of the latter half of the 19th century were greatly influenced by the design principles of the Ecoles des Beaux-Arts in Paris. Elaborate designs which characterized this style soon evolved into the more refined architecture which characterize the Classical Revival of the 20th century. This style, especially fitted for large residences, was characteristically symmetrical. These buildings were often monumental in size and conception, with smooth stone surface. The use of large columns and pilasters was popular and Classical porticos were common supported by a series of columns. Greek forms of all kind appear frequently in this style. Often the Greek Revival style was mixed with Colonial Revival in America. Buildings in this style were symmetrical with a box-like shape. The central pedimented pavilion projected from the front of the building which sheltered a central door. On such buildings a hipped roof often incorporated a central pediment.

The foregoing paragraphs are found almost like a description of Beallmore. Many Greek Revival houses in northern West Virginia were grandly modified with porticos to suite either Neo-Classical or Neo-Colonial styles. See, for example, the Lewis Hall House in the proposed Pleasant Avenue Multiple Resources Area and Sandscreek in Wheeling, West Virginia. Beallmore is especially significant, not only because it is the best designed and built mansion in the proposed Pleasant Avenue Multiple Resources Area, but also because it is the best example in the region of the high style of the Neo-Classical and Neo-Colonial periods.

Beallmore was built for Wiley and Edith R. Beall in 1907. Mr. Beall was the heir of one of West Virginia's earliest families. His grandfather had played the key role in the transition of agriculture in northern West Virginia from grain production to sheep farming. His ancestor first introduced Merino sheep to the area.

Wiley Beall, like William H. Tarr and Lewis Hall, was active in banking and investment in Wellsburg. He owned and operated his own bank, the Commerce Bank of Wellsburg, until West Virginia's banking laws prohibited private ownership of banks. He remained an active investor throughout the rest of his life.
9. Major Bibliographical References
J.G. Jacob, Brooke County, Being A Record of Prominent Events, 1882.
J.H. Newton, History of the Panhandle of West Virginia, 1879.
Peter Boyd, History of the Northern West Virginia Panhandle, 1927.

10. Geographical Data
Acreage of nominated property: 0.700 acres
Quadrangle name: Steubenville, Ohio East
UTM References:

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Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification:
Brooke County Tax Maps, Wellsburg District Map #10, Parcel #53.
144' x 288' Irregular (see map)

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries:

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11. Form Prepared By
name/title: Dr. Hiram J. Lester, Project Director
organization: Historical Wellsburg, Inc.
date: 25 September 1985
street & number: The Hibernia
telephone: (304) 829-7941
city or town: Bethany
state: West Virginia
26032

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification
The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

   - national
   - state [X]
   - local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature:

title: State Historic Preservation Officer
date: 3-31-86

For NPS use only
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Keeper of the National Register

date

Chief of Registration

date
UTM:

PLEASANT AVE. M.R.A.
WELLSBURG, W.VA.

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#3. 17 533 370 44 58 160
#4. 17 533 380 44 58 050
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#6. 17 533 540 44 58 509
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#8. 17 533 470 44 58 120
#9. BROCKE CEMETERY

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B. 17 533 800 44 57 420
C. 17 533 500 44 59 270
D. 17 533 400 44 57 620

STUEBENVILLE EAST QUAD., W.VA.-OHIO

640000 FEET

MAPPED, EDITED, AND PUBLISHED BY THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
REVISED IN COOPERATION WITH STATE OF OHIO AGENCIES
CONTROL BY USGS, USC&GS, AND USCE
TOPOGRAPHY BY PHOTOGRAMMETRIC METHODS FROM AERIAL
PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN 1954. FIELD CHECKED 1958. REVISED
FROM AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN 1966. FIELD CHECKED 1968
POLYGONIC PROJECTION. 1927 NORTH AMERICAN DATUM
10,000-FOOT GRIDS BASED ON WEST VIRGINIA COORDINATE SYSTEM, NORTH ZONE,
Pennsylvania coordinate system, south zone and Ohio coordinate system,
north zone, 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 17, shown in blue.

Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked.
The state boundary as shown represents the approximate position of the
low water line as determined from U.S. Corps of Engineers Ohio River
charts, surveyed 1913, and supplementary information.
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown.
Ohio area lies within the Old Seven Ranges.
Land lines based on the Ohio River Base.