HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM:

HISTORIC PRESERVATION UNIT DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE & HISTORY THE CULTURAL CENTER CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA 25305

1 NAME(S) historic/common: Bowers House

2 <u>LOCATION</u> street/road: Brandywine - Sugar Grove Road

city/town: Sugar Grove

(incorporated/unincorporated)

3 USE/FUNCTION present: Residence

original: Residence

4. OWNER/ADDRESS present:

Willam H. Bowers

Sugar Grove

original: Not Known

5. PHOTO/SKETCH OF:

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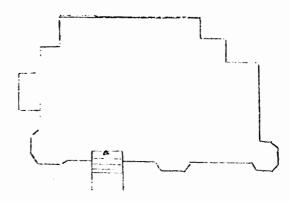
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7. PLAN (include approx. dimensions):



OCALE/ENVIRONMENT (map)

DOWERS HOUSE 17 47330 770

8. (A.) ACREAGE (approx).

less than I acre

(B.) VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The nominated area is enclosed within a 100 x 100 foot square with its east boundary along the west edge of the road in front of the house to include the house and its immediate grounds.

COUNTY Pendleton

Survey Region: N/A

Planning District: N/A

PROPERTY NAME Bowers House

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- 1. Name(s) Historic/Common: Bowers House
- 4. Mr. William H. Bowers General Delivery Sugar Grove, WV 26815

(#10. Significance, continued)

Pendleton County forms the highest and southermost part of the South Branch Valley. Generally, the landscape is rugged and sloping with relatively little level, fertile land. As a result, outside of the larger towns, most dwellings are small subsistance level frame or log buildings, reflecting the inability of the land to support large prosperous farms.

This large and sophisticated house with its elaborate Queen Anne detailing is unusual among the dwelling stock of Pendleton County, located outside of the towns. It is a stylistically refined structure showing numerous Queen Anne design features including two assymetrical polyagonal towers, contrasting wood siding placed in a herringbone pattern, projecting gables and bays and large brackets set off with contrasting color schemes.

11. Pendleton County Deed Book 84, p. 108; 38, p. 370. County Court of Pendleton County, West Virginia.

