1. **NAME(S) historic/common**: Bowers House

2. **LOCATION street/road**: Brandywine - Sugar Grove Road  
   **city/town**: Sugar Grove  
   **(incorporated/unincorporated)**: (incorporated/unincorporated)

3. **USE/FUNCTION**  
   **present**: Residence  
   **original**: Residence

4. **OWNER/ADDRESS**  
   **present**: William H. Bowers  
   **Sugar Grove**  
   **original**: Not Known

5. **PHOTO/SKETCH OF**

6. **ACREAGE (approx)**  
   less than 1 acre

7. **PLAN (include approx dimensions)**

8. **(A) 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.
9. DESCRIPTION (clarify as appropriate):
   a. Exterior Fabric
      - stone
      - brick
      - concrete
      - stucco
      - weatherboard
      - clapboard
      - board & batten
      - shingle
      - other (German Siding)
   b. Structural System
      - masonry
      - frame
      - log
      - metal
      - other
   c. Roofing Material
      - wood (shingles on tower)
      - metal (standing seam)
      - slate
      - tile
      - asphalt
      - composition
      - other
   d. Associated Structures (use/type)
      - outbuildings: None
      - dependencies: None
      - other: None
   e. Integrity (include dates):
      - original site/relocated
      - enclosed side
      - and rear porches
      - alterations
      - additions: small shed additions
   f. Condition
      - excellent: X
      - good
      - fair
      - deteriorated
      - abandoned
   g. Threats
      - None

10. SIGNIFICANCE (use attachment sheet if necessary):
    This house is considered to be an excellent example of rural Queen Anne architecture of
    the South Branch Valley, dating from the turn of the century period.
    a. Architect/Builder/Engineer
    b. Style/Period: Queen Anne
    c. Date(s): c. 1893

11. BIBLIOGRAPHY
    Adapted from survey documentation for Pendleton County, prepared by Nan Stevens, Region VIII
    Planning and Development Council, Petersburg, WV, 1983

12. FORM PREPARED BY Paula S. Reed DATE September 1984
    a. Address 207 S. Potomac Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740
    c. Phone no. (301) 791-7980
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 subsistence 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 polygonal 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.