

HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

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CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA 25305

(Staff Use Only)

File No: 3
Theme(s):
Neg No(s):
USCS Quad: Charleston West, W/Va.
UTM Refs: 17/444490/4243180

DISTRICT: .SITE: BUILDING .STRUCTURE: .OBJECT

- NAME(S), historic/common: "Briarwood"
R.H. Merrill House
- LOCATION, street/road: 1240 Staunton Road
city/town: Charleston
(incorporated/unincorporated)
- USE/FUNCTION, present: residence
original: residence
- OWNER/ADDRESS, present: John B. Merrill
(address above)
original: Rhuell H. Merrill
- PHOTO/SKETCH OF:

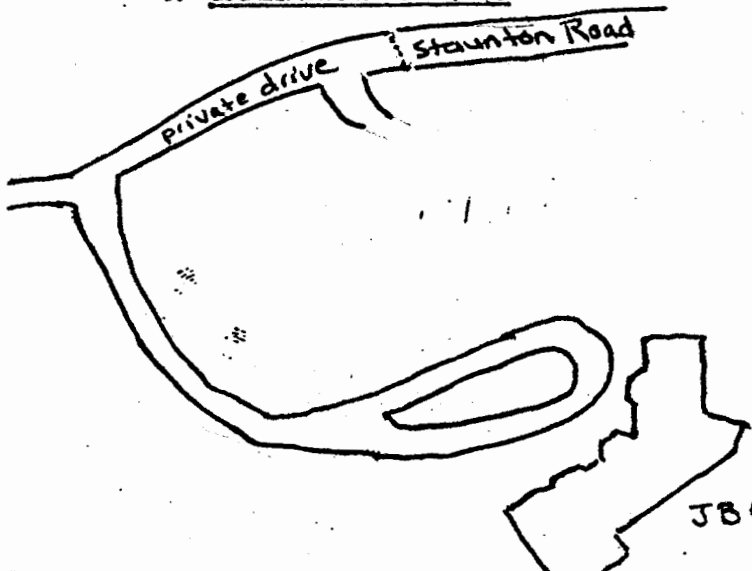
(public/private,
restricted)

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- PLAN (include approx. dimensions):

- LOCALE/ENVIRONMENT (map):

- ACREAGE (approx):



2 1/2 acres

COUNTY: KANAWHA
Survey Region: _____
Planning District: _____

9. DESCRIPTION (clarify as appropriate):

a. Exterior Fabric

stone _____
 brick X _____
 concrete _____
 stucco X _____
 weatherboard _____
 clapboard _____
 board & batten _____
 shingle _____
 other _____

b. Structural System

masonry X _____
 frame _____
 log _____
 metal _____
 other _____

 foundation _____

c. Roofing Material

wood _____
 metal _____
 slate X _____
 tile _____
 asphalt _____
 composition _____
 other _____

d. Associated Structures (use/type):

outbuildings _____
 Stable/garage _____
 dependencies _____

 other _____

e. Integrity (include dates):

original site/relocated _____
 alterations NONE _____

 additions NONE _____

f. Condition:

excellent X _____
 good _____
 fair _____
 deteriorated _____
 abandoned _____

g. Threats:

NONE EVIDENT

10. SIGNIFICANCE (use additional sheet if necessary):

a. Architect/Builder/Engineer:

Fred Crowthers

b. Style/Period:

English

c. Date(s):

Tudor
1922

"Brierwood" is an outstanding example of the work of well known architect Fred Crowthers. It is also significant as the home of Dr. Rhuell Hampton Merrill, the minister of the Kanawha Presbyterian Church from 1898 to 1907.

Fred Crowthers was an English born architect who worked in Charleston for several years before permanently establishing his business in Detroit, Michigan. He was the architect of the Manor Place Apartments, which are in Charleston's East End Historic District, on the National Register of Historic Places. He also designed the Barnes/

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

11. BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Brown, Jean M. A Brief History of Kanawha Presbyterian Church. 1947.

Interview with Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Merrill. June 29 1983.

12. FORM PREPARED BY Alice Carter, DATE Sept. 1983

a. Address 4011 Kanawha Ave., Charleston, WV 25304

b. Organization _____

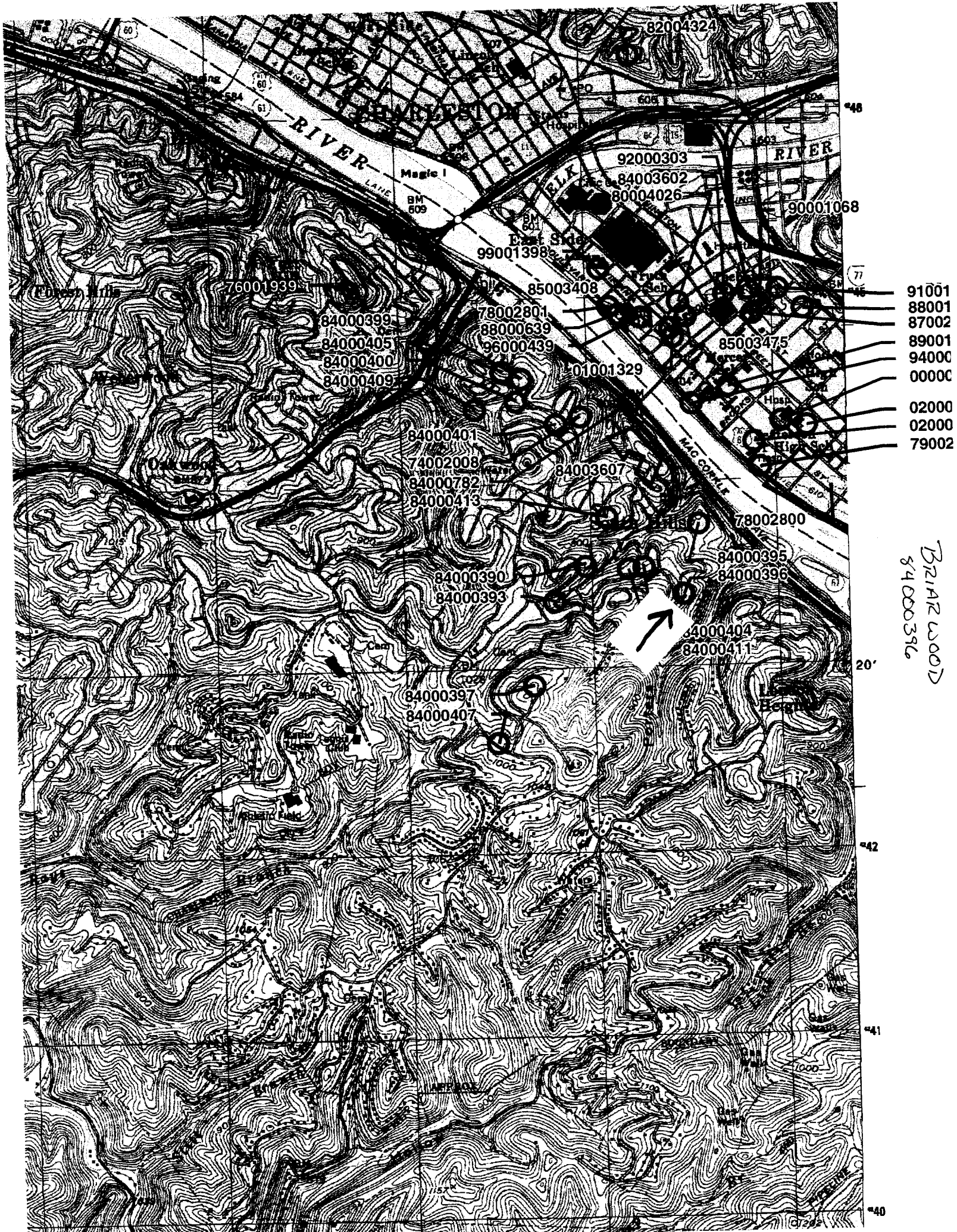
R.H. Merrill House

Wellford House in South Hills.

"Briarwood" is the most creative of Crowthers' buildings in Charleston. It is a romantic English Tudor style house marked by varying roof lines and asymmetrical massing.

13. Verbal Boundary Description.

Beginning at the southern intersection of Staunton Road and a private drive, thence in a line 400 feet northeast; thence 200 feet Southeast; thence 400 feet southwest to where Staunton Road terminates at a private road; thence 200 feet northwest to the point of beginning; encompassing approximately 2½ acres.



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BRIAR WOOD
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