

United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: PRICE, BUSHROD WASHINGTON, RESIDENCE

other name/site number: PRICE-BURLEY RESIDENCE

2. Location

street & number: 1803 VIRGINIA STREET

not for publication: N/A

city/town: MOUNDSVILLE

vicinity: N/A

state: WV county: MARSHALL code: 051 zip code: 26041

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: PRIVATE

Category of Property: BUILDING

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u>      </u> buildings
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> sites
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> structures
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> objects
<u>1</u>	<u>      </u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related property listing: N/A

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4. State/Federal Agency Certification

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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this

☒ nomination

☐ request for determination of eligibility

meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property

☒ meets

☐ does not meet

the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

*William G. Lauer*  
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Signature of Certifying Official

*9/27/95*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property

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☐ does not meet

the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of commenting or other official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

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Date

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5. National Park Service Certification

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I, hereby certify that this property is:

☐ entered in the National Register

☐ See continuation sheet.

☐ determined eligible for the

National Register

☐ See continuation sheet.

☐ determined not eligible for the

National Register

☐ removed from the National Register

☐ other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Keeper

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Action

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6. Function or Use

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Historic: DOMESTIC Sub: SINGLE DWELLING  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Current : DOMESTIC Sub: SINGLE DWELLING  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification:  
GREEK REVIVAL

Other Description: I-HOUSE PLAN

Materials: foundation SANDSTONE roof ASPHALT  
walls BRICK other \_\_\_\_\_

Describe present and historic physical appearance.  
X See continuation sheet

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8. Statement of Significance

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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in  
relation to other properties: LOCAL.

Applicable National Register Criteria: B, C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) : N/A

Areas of Significance: ARCHITECTURE  
POLITICS/GOVERNMENT  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period(s) of Significance: 1830-1860

Significant Dates: 1830s

Significant Person(s): PRICE, BUSHROD WASHINGTON

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: UNKNOWN  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

State significance of property, and justify criteria,  
considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.  
X See continuation sheet.



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The Bushrod Washington Price Residence is one of the earlier farmhouses on the eastern edge of Moundsville. This Greek Revival or I-House style residence sits perpendicular to the brick street on a slight rise. The front facade faces west, with the open ell of the L-shape plan open to the street. The house is constructed of a red brick which has been painted. The front facade has five bays with a center original door having a multi-light transom and sidelights. The window above the door has a three part opening with a center double-hung window, and side light openings, typical of Greek Revival structures. The other window openings, two to each side of the front door are all 6/6 lights with stone sills and lintels. The house has a wide entablature with paired brackets and cornice return. The roof is gable with asphalt shingles and end chimneys. Owner reports the house once had a slate roof and that the windows had wooden shutters. The foundation of the house is sandstone, with both dressed blocks and rough stones.

The south side of the home has a blank wall with the end chimney and a small porch off the rear ell. This flat roofed porch has wood posts, deck, small brackets at the cornice, and a wood lattice. A door leads out onto the porch with a window to each side and three on the second floor.

The east facade has a single window in the end of the gabled ell. A trap wooden door leads to the cellar. The porch on the north side of the ell has been altered, c. 1930s with a shed asbestos shingled extension over the original open porch on the first floor. The porch has three doors leading out, two from the ell and one from the front center hall, plus one window from the ell. The second floor has three openings. The rear of the front section of the house has two windows on each floor.

The house has no outbuildings or garage. There is a brick terrace on the south side from the 1930s, and terraced yard. Stone stepping stones lead from the front brick steps by the door to the side yard.

The interior of the house is in original condition with Greek Revival wood trim around the doors in the front rooms, and 10 inch high baseboards throughout the house. The brick walls are thick, and the wood doors have vertical panels. There are two fireplaces which are slate with metal coal covers, the other four mantels are wood. A fireplace on the second floor has green tile with human figures. The dining room has a simple trim, and the hardwood floor is from the 1930s. The basement has three full rooms and a crawl space under the front parlor., The Price home is a good

example of a 19th century farmhouse in Marshall County. The Greek Revival style residence is in excellent condition and retains all elements of this high style.

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The Bushrod Washington Price Residence is nominated under Criteria B for Bushrod W. Price, his contributions to local government and his representation as a State Delegate. The residence is also nominated under Criteria C for its architecture. The period of significance is from the time of the home's construction c. 1830 to the end of Bushrod's term of office, about 1860.

Bushrod Washington Price (1808-1903) was the oldest son of George Washington Price (1778-1820), a supervisor on the National Road between Washington, Pennsylvania and Wheeling. When George W. Price died in 1820, Bushrod went to live with his uncle, William Price (1783-1829) of Allegheny County, Maryland. William Price seems to have been a leader in the area of Maryland, for he was a Delegate from Allegheny County to the General Assembly of Maryland. In 1829, when William Price died, Bushrod married his cousin, Isabella Price (1815-1892), and moved to Ohio County, Virginia, in what was to become Moundsville, West Virginia.

Bushrod and Isabella Price had five children: Sarah, Lucy Cordelia, George Bushrod, Martha L., and Edward. Lucy Cordelia married James L. Burley in 1861, and appears to have been the mother and mother-in-law of the James Frank Burley and Margaret Burley who later inherited the property.

The house was on a farm when it was built by Bushrod Washington Price, in an area east of the settlement of Elizabethtown. There were two other farm residences on the same side of the area built about the same time, the Burley brick home on present-day First Street, and the Curtis Home, also brick, on present-day Third Street.

Since Bushrod was married and came to the Moundsville area in 1829, it would seem likely that the house was built some time in the 1830s. Records for that period are sketchy because this territory had been a part of the District of West Augusta, Virginia, until an act of the General Assembly created Ohio County, Virginia in 1776. When the dates are considered here, Bushrod was only 21 and Isabella 14 at the time of their settling in Moundsville. Bushrod was only 23 when he served on the Council of Trustees for the settlement of Elizabethtown (early Moundsville). Later he served as a delegate to the state legislature.

The first house in the area was built by Joseph Tomlinson at the site of the present Middle School on Tomlinson Avenue. He named the town Elizabethtown in honor of his wife. When Joseph Tomlinson died in 1825, his wife added a tract of land to the town. The town was incorporated by the Assembly of Virginia on February 17, 1830, and the government was in the hands of twelve trustees (similar to a mayor and council.)

The first trustees elected on the second Monday in May, 1830 were: Thomas E. List, President; S.P. Baker; Dr. Thomas McCormick; Joseph McLean; James McKean, David Nace; J.D. Roberts; Walter Gray; John Jefferson, Sr.; Thomas Nichols; Benjamin Cockayne; and B.W. Price.

Soon afterward, Simon Purdy purchased a tract of land near the Ohio River and in 1831 laid it out in lots. In 1832, this town was incorporated and the new town was named Moundsville. The two towns were

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called Upper and Lower towns. This situation existed until 1865, when they were consolidated into one town by an act of the legislature and named Moundsville. At that time the first mayor was elected, and the trusteeship dissolved.

At the same time that Elizabethtown and Moundsville were being developed, the citizens in the southern part of Ohio County became dissatisfied with the county court and the location of the county seat. One complaint was that official honors were not evenly distributed. A new seat was chosen for the county seat, Elizabethtown. The court, however, either refused or evaded compliance and the legislature was defied. An additional irritant was that the magistrates in Wheeling had been purposely meeting so early in the day that the magistrates from other parts of the county could not get there in time. On December 18, 1832, the citizens petitioned for appointment of commissioners to fix on a site for the courthouse of the county. On March 12, 1835, the General Assembly of Virginia created Marshall County, named in honor of John Marshall.

In 1852, when Bushrod Washington Price was elected to the House of Delegates, Marshall County was a part of Virginia, and this would have necessitated a long trip to Richmond, Virginia. His son-in-law, James L. Burley, later was elected to the Senate for the Second District in 1862 and again in 1867.

The residence of the Price's was probably the scene for political discussion on occasions when family and friends gathered. The house was located on its own lane with the front door being the focal point. The Greek Revival style of architecture was quite popular at the time of its construction in the 1830s. The substantial brick home, and wood interior are in excellent condition. Except for the later addition of an extra bedroom over the porch, the plan of the house remains the same.

After Bushrod's death the house eventually was passed down to his grandson, James L. Burley, and his wife Margaret. The property was sold in 1929, to George and Mildred Ericsson. By this time the farm had been subdivided (about 1911) into lots and the residence was located perpendicular to Virginia Street. Mildred Ericsson died in 1944, George William Ericsson owned the home. He married Dorothy Gosnell in 1946, and after George's death in 1948, Dorothy inherited the use of the residence for her lifetime. The property was subsequently inherited by Jean Ashcraft, in 1990.

The Bushrod Washington Price Residence is an excellent example of an 1830s Greek Revival home in Marshall County. The exterior and interior of the home express the original design of the home, with the 1930s additions being complementary.

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PHOTO INFORMATION

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ADDRESS: 1803 Virginia Street  
Moundsville  
Marshall County  
West Virginia

PHOTOGRAPHER: Katherine M. Jourdan

DATE OF PHOTOS: December 1994, June 1995

NEGATIVE: Northern Regional Office, WV SHPO

PHOTO 1 OF 3: View of west (front) facade  
Camera looking southeast

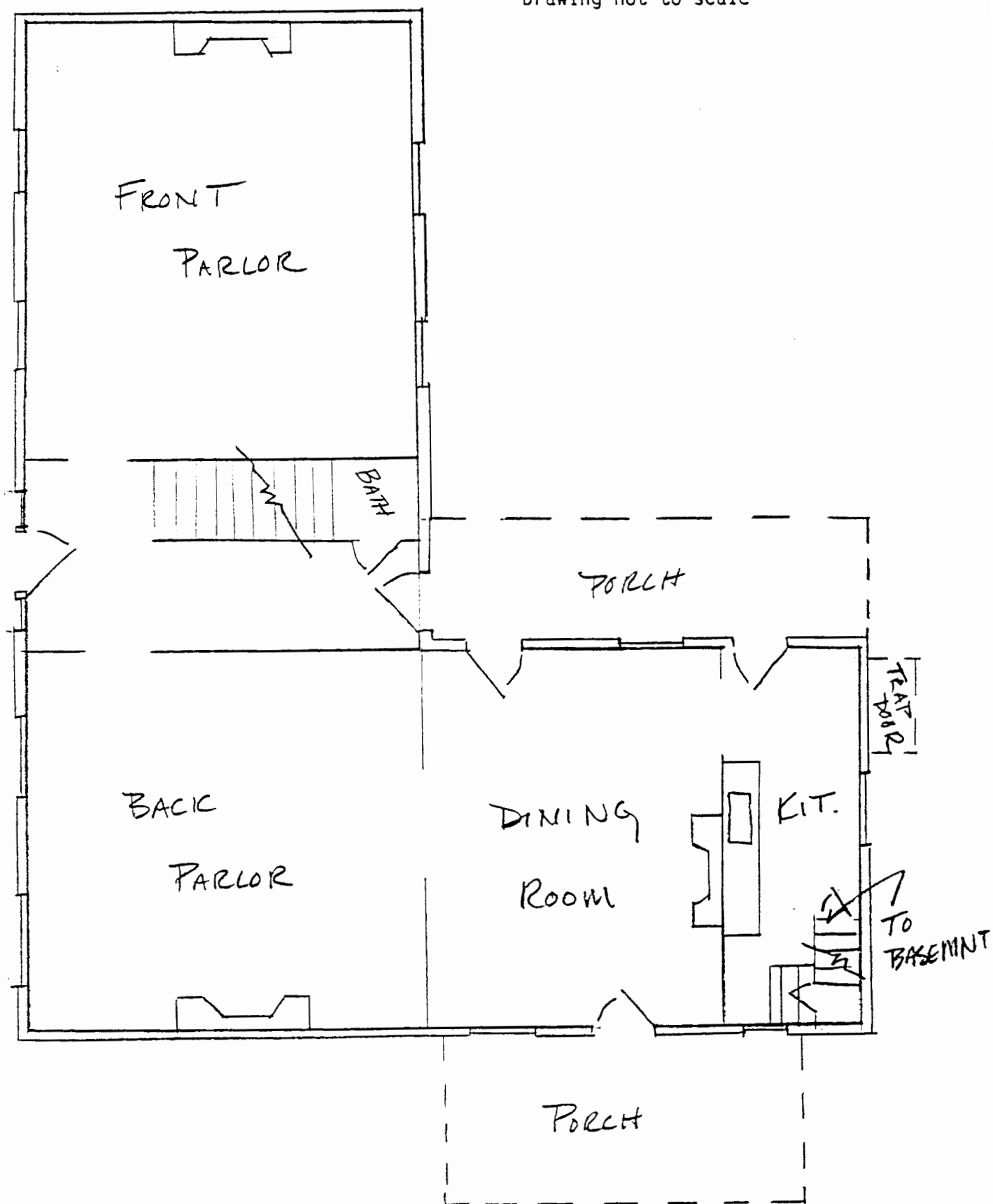
PHOTO 2 OF 3: View of south facade  
Camera looking northeast

PHOTO 3 OF 3: View of north facade  
Camera looking southwest

VIRGINIA STREET

FIRST FLOOR PLAN  
PRICE, BUSHROD WASHINGTON  
1803 Virginia Street  
Moundsville, WV Marshall Co.

Drawing not to scale



SKETCH - PHOTO MAP  
PRICE, BUSHROD WASHINGTON  
1803 Virginia Street  
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Tax Assessors Office



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