United States Department of the Interior National Park Service
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property
   DR. JOHN C. IRONS RESIDENCE

   historic name: Dr. John C. Irons Residence
   other name/site number: Dr. S.G. Moore Home

2. Location
   street & number: 116 Second Street
   city/town: Elkins
   state: West Virginia
   county: Randolph
   code: 083
   zip code: 26241

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

   As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally.

   See continuation sheet.

   [Signature of Certifying Official]
   10/8/98
   Date

   State or Federal agency and bureau
   Date

   In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.
   (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

   [Signature of Certifying Official/Title]
   Date

   State or Federal agency and bureau
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4. National Park Service Certification

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

5. Classification

Ownership of Property:  Category of Property
(Read as many boxes as apply)  (Check only one box)

____ private  ____ building(s)
____ public-local  ____ district
____ public-State  ____ site
____ public-Federal  ____ structure

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing  Noncontributing  buildings  sites  structures  objects

Total

Name of related multiple property listing  N/A
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register  0
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6. Function or Use

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7. Description

Architectural Classification: LATE VICTORIAN Italianate

Materials

Foundation: Brick
Walls: Drop wood siding
Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Narrative Description
See Continuation Sheet

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria
(Mark "X" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

_____ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

_x_ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

_x_ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

_____ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.
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Criteria Considerations  
(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.) 

Property is:  
_____ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.  
_____ B removed from its original location.  
_____ C a birthplace or grave.  
_____ D a cemetery.  
_____ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.  
_____ F a commemorative property.  
_____ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance  
(Enter categories from instructions)  
Medical  
Politics/Government  
Architecture

Period of Significance  
1889-1911

Significant Dates  
1889

Significant Person  
(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)  
Irons, Dr. John C.

Cultural Affiliation  
N/A

Architect/Builder  
Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance  
(See continuation sheets.)
9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography
(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of Repository: ____________________________________________

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: Less than one acre

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone Easting Northing Elkins Quad Map

Verbal Boundary Description

Lot # 170, Block 23. Lot size 40' x 150' 

Boundary Justification

The boundaries reflect the legal description as recorded in the deed books, Randolph County Courthouse.
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11. Form Prepared By

Name/Title: Eleanor Gay, with
Organization: Katherine Jourdan, WV SHPO Date: April 28, 1998
Street & Number: 1900 Kanawha Blvd East Telephone: 304/558-0220
City or Town: Charleston State: WV Zip: 25305-0300

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

Name: Eleanor Gay
Street & Number: 116 Second Street Telephone: 304/636-7254
City or Town: Elkins State: WV Zip: 26241
Located near Elkins' downtown commercial district, Dr. John C. Irons' home is on the east side of Second Street on a rectangular lot. Trees line this side city street and carriage steps once stood at the curb of the home.

The two story Italianate home has drop wood siding, brick foundation and a T-shape plan with rear one story addition. The home has a low pitched gable end to the side with a two story projecting angled bay. The bay was added c. 1911 and has 1/1 double-hung wood sash windows. A porch is recessed and has Doric wooden columns. The windows and doors on the home have angled wooden window hoods and 2/2 double-hung sash openings. The hoods and side blocks have a pierced design. The front doorway has a transom, while the door has a large center pane of glass with a bead trim. Above and below the glass are small panels, a lower square panel has a wreath design.

The rear of the home has triple windows on the first and second floor. The kitchen was extended a few feet during the rehabilitation of the home in 1995 with a one story low gable roof. The original two pane round arch door was retained as was the second floor storage area above the kitchen. The home has no basement, but rests on a brick foundation.

The interior has a central hall plan with spindle rail and landing. The home has wooden wainscoting on the first floor walls and wooden floors throughout the home. The hall doors on the first floor have interior transoms, and there are French doors between the two parlors. The rear parlor has built-in cupboards. The dining room has a fireplace with the mantel having a cutaway design.

The second floor has three bedrooms, bath, and steps from the landing lead to the storage room which has shelves around the perimeter. The doors have the cross four panel design, and a few have the original decorative hinges. The home has several early light fixtures with dropped multiple lights or single wall sconces.

On the rear of the property is a noncontributing garage built in 1995. The building is one story, single bay, wood siding with a gable asphalt roof.

The home is a simple but gracious Italianate design, with original exterior and interior features. Although altered in 1911 with the angled bay, new porch posts, and French interior doors, the home reflects a late nineteenth century/turn of the century residence. The extension of the kitchen on the rear of the home was only by a few feet and has not significantly altered the rear of the building.
The Irons Residence is significant under Criterion B for its association with Dr. John C. Irons, and his contributions under Medicine and Politics/Government. The property is also significant under Criterion C and Architecture, representing a well crafted Italianate home in Elkins. The period of significance is 1889 to 1911, when the home was owned by the Irons family.

The City of Elkins was a laid out by Senator Henry Gassaway Davis and his associates as a planned community in the late 1880s. Linked to Davis’ industrial and commercial enterprises, the city was established to provide a link in getting the natural resources out of the area, and to be a center for the railroad. The city was incorporated in 1890 with Dr. John Colvin Irons as its first mayor.

Irons had moved to Elkins to practice medicine in 1888. He arrived with a group of mature business and professional men who came to cast their lot with the new city. They were active with the development of the city and became known as the 89ers. Many of them built beautiful homes along the avenues to show evidence of their success. In 1889, Dr. Irons purchased the lot on Second Street from Senator Davis and built his home in the Italianate style.

The two-story frame home has a small narrow front porch and front gable end to the side. The exterior is simple, but has pierced window hoods and an elaborate front entrance door. The interior has a central hall with the side rooms also having wainscoting. In various rooms are built-in cupboards, period lighting and a pierced fireplace mantel in the dining room.

Dr. Irons was born in 1852 in Monroe County. He graduated from the Hospital College of Medicine of Central University of Louisville, KY. He filled the position of Mayor for three terms during the 1890s. As the first mayor he was heavily involved in the initial organization of the town following its incorporation. He was also a member of the committee on public policy and legislation of the state body in 1906.

As a town doctor, Dr. Irons had an active practice out of his home. The hall may have served as a waiting area with his office in the front room. Locally he also served as president of the district school board and the City Board of Health. He was the first president of the Tri-County Medical Society. Irons was also a member of the state and national medical associations during the late 19th and early 20th century.

The Irons family left the Elkins area about 1911, before later returning to the city. Irons stayed active in local affairs until his death in 1931. The home was the under the ownership of another doctor, Dr. Solomon G. Moore until 1961. Moore also had his medical office in the home using the rear room. The home then passed to Moore’s daughter before being purchased by the current owners in the 1990s.
The home was the first residence of Dr. John Irons and his family following his move to Elkins as one of the original 89ers. A businessman with a busy medical practice, Irons also found time to serve the new and growing community of Elkins. As the first mayor, he undoubtedly faced many logistical problems following the town’s incorporation in 1890. His Italianate home has had slight alterations, but the details and materials are original.
(NPS Form 10-900)

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Town: Elkins, WV
County: Randolph County

Photographer: Paul Garnett
Date: April 1998

Negatives: Eleanor Gay

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Elkins, Randolph Co., WV

First Floor Plan

- Provide temporary and permanent support for existing area before
- Minimum (Gulf A 4-1/2"

- Family
  - Water main
  - Disconnect (if needed)
  - Support beam
  - Connect (if needed)
  - Fill-in openings
  - New materials
  - New wiring/insulation
  - Provide outlets in walls, etc.

- Hall
  - Entrance
  - Exit entrance
  - Hall entry

- Porch
  - Front porch
  - Rear porch

Scale 1:100