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## TONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

Martinsburg WV 25401

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**INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM** DATE ENTERED SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS NAME Peter Hedges - Hedges-Robinson-Myers House HISTORIC AND/OR COMMON **超LOCATION** STREET & NUMBER On Rt. 3 just east of the railroad crossing. NOT FOR PUBLICATION CITY, TOWN CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT X VICINITY OF Spring Mills Hedgesville STATE CODE COUNTY CODE 54 West Virginia Berleley 003 CLASSIFICATION CATEGORY OWNERSHIP STATUS **PRESENT USE** DISTRICT . PUBLIC \_OCCUPIED AGRICULTURE - ...MUSEUM EUILDING(S) PRIVATE \_\_UNOCCUPIED \_\_COMMERCIAL \_\_\_PARK STRUCTURE BOTH \_\_WORK IN PROGRESS \_\_EDUCATIONAL \_\_PRIVATE RESIDENCE SITE **PUBLIC ACQUISITION ACCESSIBLE** \_\_ENTERTAINMENT - \_\_RELIGIOUS \_OBJECT LIN PROCESS \_\_YES: RESTRICTED \_\_GOVERNMENT -\_SCIENTIFIC BEING CONSIDERED YES: UNRESTRICTED JNDUSTRIAL \_\_JRANSPORTATION \_MILITARY \_OTHER: **GOWNER OF PROPERTY** NAME Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Dirting STREET & NUMBER Route 1, Box 226 STATE Hedgesville, WV 25427 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION Berkeley County COURTHOUSE. REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. STREET & NUMBER CITY, TOWN Martinsburg, WV 25401 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS TITLE H-59, Group B, Berkeley County Historical Society & Berkeley County Historical Landmarks Commission Survey DATE 1973-78 \_\_FEDERA. \_\_STATE \_\_COUNTY \_\_LOCAL JEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Berkeley County Courthouse CITY, TOWN STATE

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

early large log dwelling 46'3" x 28'3" had a kitchen 20'6" x 12'6" added about 1860 of sawed lumber. The whole house had weatherboarding put on around 1880 plus a new roof and attic windows as may be seen in pictures inclosed. On the west side of the house is a very old stone chimney which measures 9' across. 3'11" extends out from the outside wall of house making the chimney about 5' wide. Dating of the time the house was built is possible based on this very early chimney. It is believed the west side of the house was built about 1750. It is doubtful that the east end of the log house was built this early. It was probably built in the late 1700s. This house has been added to and changed through the years and the composite parts are an exhibit of the architectural history of the area. The main section of the house is two stories and 4 bays with a gable roof. A huge stone exterior chimney is on the west gable. This two bay section was built in the mid-1700s and is an early log house. In the late 1700s theeast two bay section was added. The gable end was destroyed by a fire and rebuilt of frame. All other walls are early log construction. The house was weatherboarded ca. 1880 when a small cross gable dormer was installed. A small two story early kitchen wing is attached as an ell tothe house. The chimney firebox is stone but the throat and neck are brick.

A stone smokehouse lh' x 12' located 6'5" from the house. Adjoining the smokehouse is an old slave quarters. There is also a large bank barn located approximately 150 yards from the house with a stone fence on the south side of the barn. The barn has a date of May 7, 1850 on the granary door. I do not believe the writing of the date to be original but from construction of the barn indications are it may have been built at this time. The lower stable section of the barn is of stone; the upper section of sawed boards. The barn with stone fence is very picturesque. The house is located on small hill facing the barn which is located on another hill. Between the house and parn is a spring and dairy house which has had many changes but may be included. Also located in the area is an old corn crib about 100 years old which may be included. Allo buildings except the spring/dairy house are in good condition.

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## TATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Peter Hedges Complex is significant for its early log house which shows an early type of architecture, built ca. 1760. It is significant for early settlement being a part of the land Peter Hedges purchased in 1738 on which he established a dwelling. The complex of buildings gives further representation by its slave cabin and ice house and barn. All of its buildings designate a farm unit from the 1760s to present day period. Its unusual arrangement of buildings gives a landscape view equal to no other farm unit in Berkeley County.

The Hedges-Robinson-Myers complex is significant as a farm complex which shows various architectural styles and the development of a farm from the 1760s to 1870s which has maintained its architectural significance. It has a representation of arly settlement. The large massive stone chimney 3' across on the west gable end of the house gives an appearance of 200 or so years. The front with its Victorian Gothic Revival architecture of the 1870-80 period. The antebellum days on here with the slave cabin, ice house, and barn, corn crib, spring and dairy house. With the stone fence around the barn yard and placement of buildings gives a very outstanding landscape equallyed by none in the Co unty developed it through the years. Peter Hedges I and II, Alexander Robinson and wife Ann Hedges, Aaron Myers descendant of the well-known early Teter Myers family.

Peter Hedges and his family had the land from the 1750s until 1799 when Alexander Robinson purchased the plantation. Alexander Robinson died in 1811. His family sold to Peter Riner in 1822 who sold in 1834 to Teter Ryers, Jr. who sold in 1845 to his son, Aaron Myers. After the death of Aaron H. Myers the value of the buildings in 1873 was \$1,500.00.



