HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

HISTORIC PRESERVATION UNIT
DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE & HISTORY
THE CULTURAL CENTER
CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA 25305

1. NAME(S) historic/common: Hickory Hill

2. LOCATION street/road: N/S US Route 220
   city/town: East of Petersburg, WV
   (incorporated/unincorporated)

3. USE/FUNCTION present: Private Residency/Agriculture
   original: Private Residence/Agriculture

4. OWNER/ADDRESS present: Patricia Welton Garret and Judith Welton Feinberg
   original: Solomon Cunningham
   Moorefield, WV

5. PHOTO/SKETCH OF

7. PLAN (include approx. dimensions):

8. (A) ACREAGE (approx):
   3 1/2 Acres

(B) VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:
This farm complex is enclosed within a square approximately
1000' by 1000' to include all of the buildings. The square
begins at a point on the east side of US Route 220, opposite the north corner of the barn.
Hickory Hill

Patricia Welton Garrat
7201 Mockingbird Lane
Scottsdale, Arizona 85253

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Built in 1809, the house of the Hickory Hill complex is perhaps the best example of Federal Style architecture in the South Branch Valley. Following a traditional five bay, central entrance plan, the house displays notable federal features including Flemish bond brick work with original narrow mortar joints, pronounced flat arches above the windows and entrance trim featuring oval motifs, reeding and delicate dentiling. These features make the house outstanding not only within the South Branch Valley, but within the state itself where the Federal Style of architecture is not particularly well represented.

The outbuildings which contribute to the historic agricultural character of the complex are important for their contribution to the viability of the grouping. They are period structures and represent agricultural methods and practices of the 19th century. While West Virginia has a substantial number of log barns surviving, the one at Hickory Hill is particularly important because of its apparent age and its contribution to the prosperous farming complex illustrated by this grouping.

Historically, "Hickory Hill" is associated with the Cunningham and Welton names which are prominently tied to the earliest records of settlement of the South Branch Valley. The house was built by Solomon Cunningham, beginning in 1809, and passed into the hands of the Felix Welton family in 1873. The Cunningham name is mentioned among those of early South Branch Valley settlers who settled on lands belonging to Lord Fairfax. Welton's figure in local agricultural and political history.
DESCRIPTION (clarify as appropriate):

9. Exterior Fabric
   - stone
   - brick X Flemish bond facade
   - concrete
   - stucco
   - weatherboard
   - clapboard
   - board & batten
   - shingle
   - other

     Structural System
     - masonry X
     - frame
     - log
     - metal
     - other
     - foundation stone

   c. Roofing Material
     - wood metal standing seam
     - slate
     - tile
     - asphalt
     - composition
     - other

   d. Associated Structures (use/type):
     - outbuildings
     - log barn, smoke house
     - sheds and other domestic and agricultural buildings.
     - dependencies
     - attached dependencies
     - at each side of main block
     - other

   e. Integrity (include dates):
     - original site/relocated
     - original
     - alterations
     - minimal exterior alterations
     - additions
     - Two front porches appear to date from ca. 1900.

f. Condition:
   - excellent X
   - good
   - fair
   - deteriorated
   - abandoned

   g. Threats:
     - None

10. SIGNIFICANCE (use attachment sheet if necessary): This early 19th century farm complex is primarily significant for its architecture. The house is among the oldest of a group of large, substantial brick farmhouses dating from the 19th century in the South Branch Valley. The large log barn is not unique, but is a notable structure. The house has important features associated with the Federal style including the arched entrance way with its trim and the window heads.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

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12. a. Address 207 S. Potomac Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740
    c. Phone no (301) 791-7880
1. HICKORY HILL
2. LOG SMOKEHOUSE
3. LOG BARN
4. OAK TREE

North

U.S. ROUTE 220

1 INCH = 50 FT. APPROX.
HICKORY HILL, MOOREFIELD VICINITY, HARDY CO., W.VA.

1. *Hickory Hill* - Federal-style brick farm house, 1806
   (Contributing)

2. Log smokehouse - Turn-of-the-century (19th cent.)
   Log smokehouse (Contributing)

3. Log barn - 19th-century building made of
   native timber (Contributing)

4. Oak tree - 400-yr-old tree centered in the
   lawn in front of the main house forming
   natural setting and property's scenic asset