United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in How to Complete National Register Forms
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic
Jacob VanDoren House

and or common
"Allen Dale"

2. Location

From the intersection of West Virginia Secondary Route #45/3 (Files
Crossroads) & #40, .1 mile southwest to driveway.

street & number

city, town
Martinsburg

x vicinity of
congressional district

state West Virginia
code 54

3. Classification

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4. Owner of Property

name
Mrs. Henry F. Weaver

street & number
Allen Dale, Route #3, Box 45

city, town
Martinsburg

x vicinity of

state West Virginia

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.
Berkeley County Courthouse

street & number
100 West King Street

city, town
Martinsburg

state West Virginia

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Meridian 4 Berkeley County Historic Landmarks Commission Survey

has this property been determined eligible? x yes no

date 1973 - 1983

federal state county local

depository for survey records
Berkeley County Courthouse

city, town Martinsburg

state West Virginia
Located in the vicinity of Winebrenners Crossroad, a small community of perhaps a dozen houses, "Allen Dale" is situated at the end of a three-quarter mile private drive on a hill with a good view of the surrounding countryside. The front façade is towards the Blue Ridge Mountains in the east.

A Greek Revival dwelling house, nearly square, it measures forty-nine feet (49') across by forty-four feet (44') deep. Constructed ca. 1830 of stuccoed stone on a high foundation, the three bay, two and one-half story house has a hip roof with balustraded deck and four inside end chimneys. The roof has single, pedimented dormers, both front and rear, with that on the front having sidelights with columnettes. Ionic columns on bases support the hip roof of the one story, one bay entrance porch. The heavy, extra wide entrance door with sterling silver box lock (aged to a nice patina) has a transom with sidelights of tracery set in panelled reveals, all on a worn marble sill. The two rear first floor windows also have sidelights, and all double hung sash windows are 6/6. The exterior of "Allen Dale" typifies a mildly elegant form of Greek Revival architecture.

The plan of "Allen Dale" is central hall, one room each side, but the hall is "L" shaped, so the rear two rooms comprise a double parlor connected by tall, panelled double doors. The entrance section of the hall is separated from the stair hall by an archway set on fluted Doric columns. The four flight oval open-well stairs reaches the third floor and has only a single starting newel.

There are ten fireplaces. The basement contains two; one of these has an iron crane. The other eight are in the eight rooms of the first and second floors. These eight mantels are all very similar. Each has a long, single-panelled frieze set on columned pilasters. Those on the second floor are Doric whereas those on the first floor are Ionic with egg-and-dart molding between the volutes. The dining room fireplace is flanked by two-tiered, double-door cupboards.

Doors are six panel with Carpenters box locks. All windows on the first and second floors are set over panels and within splayed and panelled reveals. The symmetrically molded trim has rosette corner blocks. Ceilings are 12' 4" on the first floor and 10' 8" on the second floor.
8. Significance

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Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

"Allen Dale" is significant for its historic associations with the VanDoren family who were very active in Berkeley County in the early 1800's.

Jacob VanDoren inherited a tract of land which he named "Allendale" from his grandfather, Jacob VanDerveer, in the late 1700's. VanDoren I was a Captain in the New Jersey Militia during the Revolutionary War, and afterward moved his family to Berkeley County. His son, VanDoren II, was very active in local affairs serving as Berkeley County Bridge Commissioner, County Court Justice, Clerk of the County Court, and a delegate for the Whig party. He built the present Greek Revival house between 1830 and 1836, replacing an earlier house built in 1813 by his father. VanDoren III also became involved in community affairs serving on the Martinsburg Market House Committee, as a Town Trustee, on the Library Board, as Berkeley County Deputy Sheriff, and as Sheriff. Family businesses included agriculture, insurance, and a dry goods store. There are many references in the Martinsburg Gazette covering the careers of the VanDorens and their various commercial advertisements.

"Allen Dale" was sold in 1856 by Jacob VanDoren III.

Architecturally, "Allen Dale" is significant as an example of Greek Revival architecture as expressed in scale, proportion and design.

The exterior typifies the classical but plain cubic form of Greek Revival architecture. It is virtually devoid of trim except for the Ionic columns of the portico, the transom and sidelights of the entrance door, and the three windows with sidelights. The front especially is nicely balanced with sidelighted fenestration on three levels, representative of good planning and design.

The interior is not fancy but impressive. Features contributing to this impressiveness include the hall archway, rather sweeping four flight staircase, drawing room doors, window treatments, and tall ceilings. These give the house a spacious and elegant feeling. A rather sophisticated feature is that all the mantels on the first floor use the Ionic motif whereas a lower order, Doric, is used on the second.
9. Major Bibliographical References
DAR Patriot Index, page 599, Constitution Hall, Washington, D.C.
Martinsburg Gazette, on microfilm at the Martinsburg-Berkeley Co. Library, 1824 thru 1854.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 2 acres
Quadrangle name Martinsburg, WV
Quadrangle scale 1 : 24,000

UMT References
A 1,8 Zone Easting 2,5.1 12.10 Northing 4,3,6,7,9,3.0
B Zone Easting Northing
C ____________________________
D ____________________________
E ____________________________
F ____________________________
G ____________________________

Verbal boundary description and justification
Beginning at the lane 130' southeast of the house, thence west 240', thence north 240', thence east 140', thence north 300', thence including the lane east 100', thence south 540' to the beginning (see map).

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Frances D. Ruth - Chairperson
organization Berkeley County Historic Landmarks Commission
date September 30, 1983
street & number Route #2, Box 320
telephone (301) 754 - 7097
city or town Martinsburg
state West Virginia

code

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

   national   state X local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title Commissioner, WV Department of Culture and History
date November 18, 1983

For HCRS use only: I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

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Keeper of the National Register

Attest: ____________________________

Chief of Registration
Martinsburg Quadrangle

Area 2 acres

Berkeley County, West Virginia

JACOB VandOREN HOUSE

SCALE 1 : 7,920

Copied September 1983 from photo AGS-40-23, Nov 23, 1937 by Galtjo L. Geertsema
Jacob Van Doren House
"Allen Dale"

W. Va. Route 40 and
County Route 45/3
(Files Crossroads),
Martinsburg vicinity,
Berkeley County,
West Virginia

Martinsburg, W. Va.
U.S. G.S. Quadrangle
U.T.M. Coordinates
18/25/220/4367930