

**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

For HCRS use only  
received \_\_\_\_\_  
date entered \_\_\_\_\_

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**

street & number From the intersection of West Virginia Secondary Route #45/3 (Files Crossroads) & #40, .1 mile southwest to driveway. \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Martinsburg  vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ congressional district \_\_\_\_\_

state West Virginia code 54 county Berkeley code 003

**3. Classification**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Mrs. Henry F. Weaver

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

city, town Martinsburg  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 M-4 Berkeley County Historic Landmarks Commission Survey has this property been determined eligible?  yes \_\_\_ no

date 1973 - 1983 \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state  county \_\_\_ local

depository for survey records Berkeley County Courthouse

city, town Martinsburg state West Virginia

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates      1830                      Builder/Architect      Jacob VanDoren II

### 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

Fisher, E.V. and Thorne, E. "That Thy Days May Be Long" (a history of the VanDoren and Thorne families), privately compiled and typed, 1967. Copy in the possession of Mrs. Henry F. Weaver at "Allen Dale".  
 DAR Patriot Index, page 699, Constitution Hall, Washington, D.C.  
 Martinsburg Gazette, on microfilm at the Martinsburg-Berkeley Co. Library, 1824 thru 1854.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 2 acres

Quadrangle name Martinsburg, WV

Quadrangle scale 1 : 24,000

### UMT References

A 

1	8
---	---

2	5	1	2	1	0
---	---	---	---	---	---

4	3	6	7	9	3	0
---	---	---	---	---	---	---

  
 Zone Easting Northing

B 

--	--

--	--	--	--

--	--	--	--	--	--

  
 Zone Easting Northing

C 

--	--

--	--	--	--

--	--	--	--	--	--

D 

--	--

--	--	--	--

--	--	--	--	--	--

E 

--	--

--	--	--	--

--	--	--	--	--	--

F 

--	--

--	--	--	--

--	--	--	--	--	--

G 

--	--

--	--	--	--

--	--	--	--	--	--

H 

--	--

--	--	--	--

--	--	--	--	--	--

**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).

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	N/A	code	county	code
state	code	county	code	

## 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

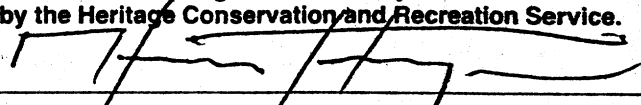
## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  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 HCERS use only**  
 I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register  
 date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Keeper of the National Register  
 Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chief of Registration

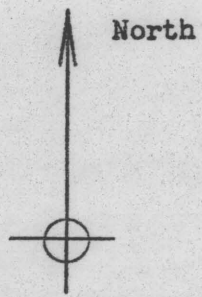
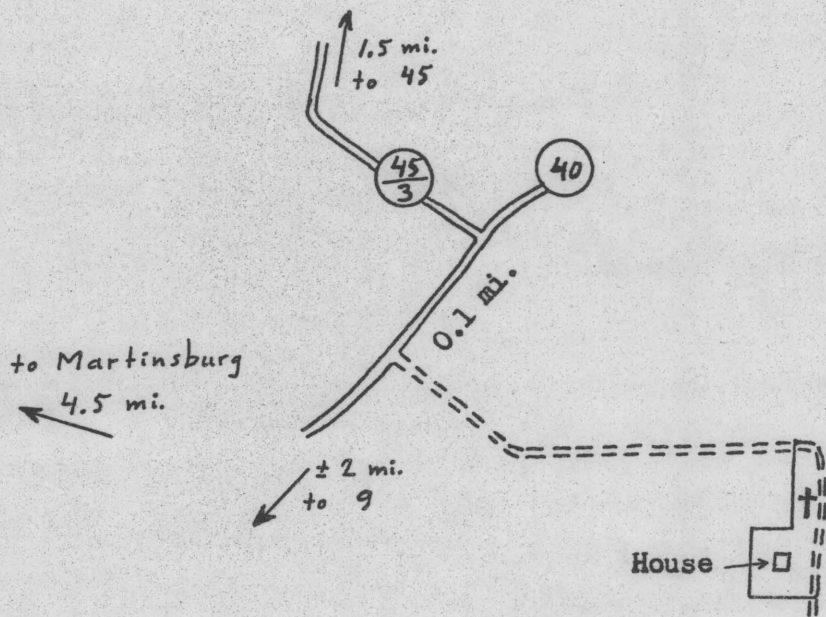
JACOB VanDOREN HOUSE

M-4

Martinsburg Quadrangle

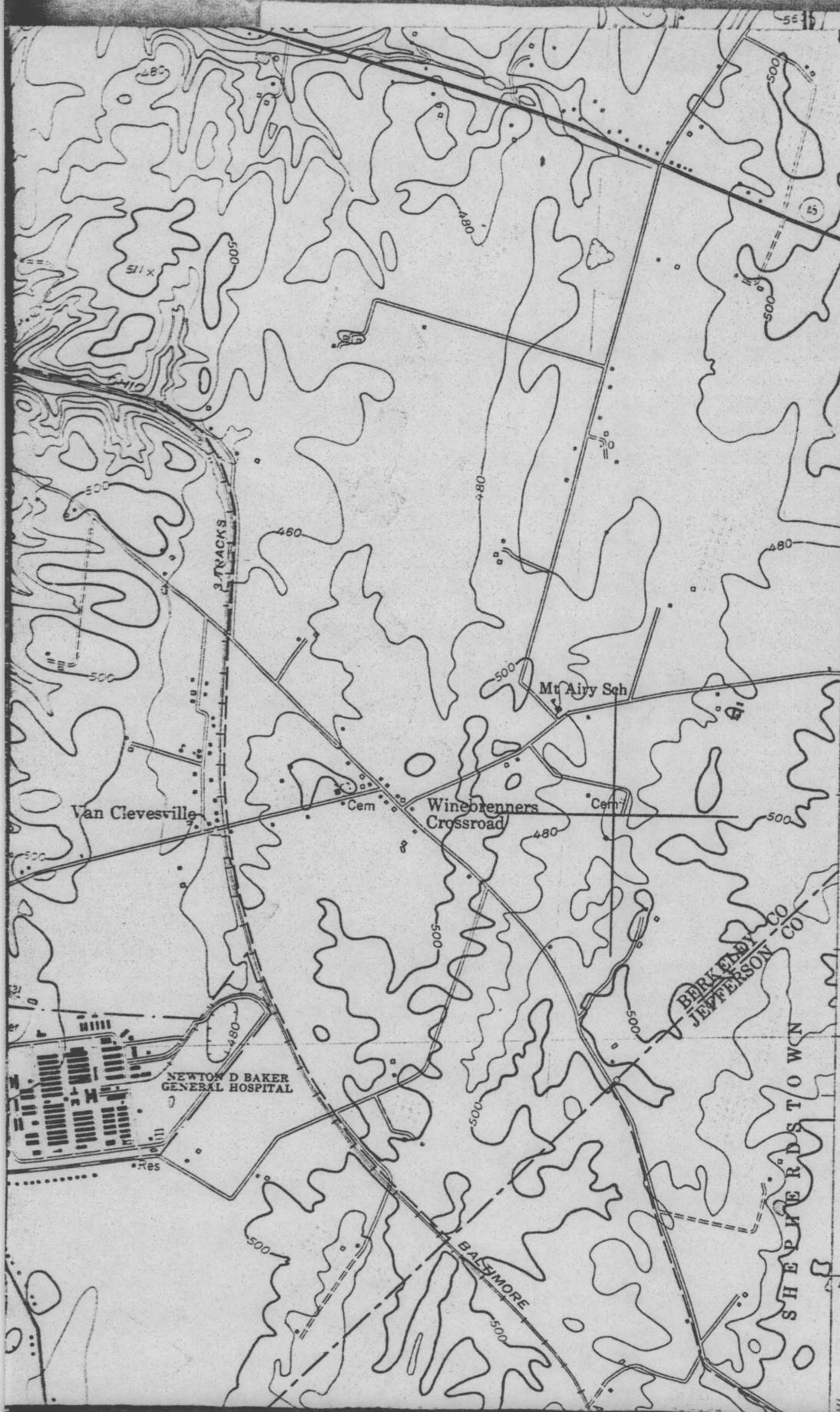
Berkeley County, West Virginia

Area 2 acres



SCALE 1 : 7,920

Copied September 1983 from  
photo AGS-40-23, Nov 23, 1937  
by Galtjo L. Geertsema



SHEPHERDSTOWN 3.8 MI.  
SHARPSBURG, MD. 7.6 MI.

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  
18/251220/4367930

(SHEPHERDSTOWN)  
5462 IV NE

4370

4368

4367

4366

MI.

