1 NAME

Edgewood

AND/OR COMMON
John Boyd House

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN
Bunker Hill

STATE
West Virginia

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP
PRIVATE

STATUS
UNOCCUPIED

PRESENT USE
COMMERCIAL

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Mr. Wilkie W. Hunt

STREET & NUMBER
541 Courtfield Avenue

CITY, TOWN
Winchester

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE
Berkeley County

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Martinsburg, W. Va.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
G-13, Berkeley County Historical Society & Berkeley County Historical Landmarks Commission Survey

DATE
1973-78

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
Berkeley County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN
Martinsburg, W. Va.
Just at the south edge of the village of Bunker Hill. Turn west off U. S. Route 11 at Pettigrew Monument onto private drive.
DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

CHECK ONE

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X EXCELLENT

-_UNALTERED

X ORIGINAL SITE

GOOD

-_ALTERED

MOVED DATE

FAIR

-_RUINS

-_UNEXPOSED

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Edgewood is an elegant five bay brick house with gable roof built in the Greek Revival period. The front is constructed in Flemish bond and has six over six double sash windows with brick flat arches. A semi-elliptical transom is over the paneled entrance door with sidelights. The one story, one bay entrance porch was moved here from a house of the same age that was being demolished in Winchester, Virginia.

There is an ell on the house that was built as the kitchen on the ground floor and a bedroom with closest flanking the chimney on the second floor. The ell has been extended by the addition of a two story, two room section. This was constructed in the Victorian period and, at the same time, three large Victorian peaked dormers and a three bay porch were added to the front. The present owner has removed the dormers and porch and restored its period appearance.

The interior of the house contains many notable features. On the ground floor, there are four nearly identical mantles all of which have a paneled frieze with corner blocks on small round columns. There were four fireplaces on the second floor but these have all been closed and the mantles removed. All the trim on the ground floor is symmetrically molded with corner blocks and paneled jamb, Several fine built-in cupboards and closets are in the house, one of which was probably taken from another room and moved to its present position as it covers a now filled-in window. The stairs reaches the attic level in four flights with decorative brackets on the step ends.

Five years ago a brick garage was added at the west end of the house.
Edgewood is significant for its architecture and Civil War history. Built in 1839 by General Elisha Boyd for his son John, an old letter which has come down through the Boyd family, which was written by Gen. Elisha Boyd's younger daughter to her married sister in 1839, discusses the completion of the house and that they will soon be moving in. The letter states the house has 4 rooms plus kitchen and pantry on the first floor. About 20 years later a room 10' long was added to the kitchen.

Edgewood was the manor house to a 1,400 acre plantation that General Boyd amassed on Mill Creek. Brick for the house was made at his own brick plant which he had located on Mill Creek. Edgewood also is significant as a historic site. Near the present house stood the log cabin (so tradition says) of Revolutionary War Major Andrew Wagonner who rode with General George Washington. Wagonner's daughter married Gen. Boyd after Wagonner's death. Boyd bought the interest in Wagonner's plantation and acquired other land to form the plantation.

During the Civil War, (in 1863) General Pettigrew was shot at Falling Waters. He was taken by wagon to Edgewood and died in the upstairs bedroom. A large monument to General Pettigrew was erected along U. S. 11 at the lane entrance to Edgewood.

Another important incident that took place at Edgewood during the Civil War: John Boyd, Jr., who was with the South, had come home for a visit. One of the colored slaves who did not like him told the Union troops he was there. The soldiers came to the house in search of John Boyd, Jr. There was a trap door in the front parlor room which still remains today. He was not hiding there but in a big closet upstairs. He was captured and taken to Winchester, Va., tried and ordered to be hung. Through the efforts of Mrs. Dandridge, daughter of President Zacharia Taylor, John Boyd's life was saved within minutes of his scheduled execution.

A further significant fact: During the Civil War General Stonewall Jackson camped on the lawn. It is valuable both as a historic Civil War camp site and for Civil War artifacts. Reports have been made that there was a tunnel in the backyard running from the house to the barn. This has not been located. It could be a valuable archeology site.

The house went out of the Boyd family after the Civil War. The next owner kept the house in repair though it went through a couple of negligent owners. The house has handsomely restored in the past few years by its present owner.

A small log slave cabin west of the house is included.
MAGOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES
War of the Rebellion, Series 1, Vol. 46, Part 2, page 130
I Rode With Stonewall by Henry Kyd Douglas
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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA
ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 4 A

UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning 50 ft. W of the railroad and 50 ft. S of the lane, thence W parallel to the
same 800 ft. including the slave cabin, thence S 250 ft. thence E 800 ft. thence
200 ft. to the beginning.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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STATE

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DATE