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United States Department of the Interior  
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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM**

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**1. Name of Property**

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historic name Marshall House  
other names/site number McNeil House

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**2. Location**

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street & number 1008 Ridge Avenue not for publication N/A  
city or town New Cumberland vicinity N/A  
state WV code 029 county Hancock zip code 26047

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**3. State/Federal Agency Certification**

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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this x nomination      request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property x meets      does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant      nationally      statewide x locally. (      See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Susan M. Pierce  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of certifying official

February 5, 2001  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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State or Federal agency and bureau

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Marshall/McNeil House

Hancock County, West Virginia

Name of Property

County and State

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**4. National Park Service Certification**

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I, hereby certify that this property is:

\_\_\_\_\_ entered in the National Register \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.  
\_\_\_\_\_ determined eligible for the \_\_\_\_\_  
National Register  
\_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.  
\_\_\_\_\_ determined not eligible for the \_\_\_\_\_  
National Register  
\_\_\_\_\_ removed from the National Register \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Keeper

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date  
of Action

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**5. Classification**

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Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

\_\_\_X\_\_\_ private  
\_\_\_ public-local  
\_\_\_ public-State  
\_\_\_ public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

\_\_\_X\_\_\_ building(s)  
\_\_\_ district  
\_\_\_ site  
\_\_\_ structure  
\_\_\_ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
_____	_____ sites
_____	_____ structures
_____	_____ objects
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) N/A

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Hancock County, West Virginia

County and State

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: SINGLE DWELLING

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: SINGLE DWELLING

## Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

LATE 19<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY: QUEEN ANNE

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone

roof Asphalt

walls Brick

other \_\_\_\_\_

Narrative Description (See continuation sheets)

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**8. Statement of Significance**

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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- ☐ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☒ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- ☐ a owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ b removed from its original location.
- ☐ c a birthplace or a grave.
- ☐ d a cemetery.
- ☐ e a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ f a commemorative property.
- ☐ g less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Politics/Government

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Period of Significance 1887-1934

Significant Dates 1887

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Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above) Oliver Marshall

Cultural Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

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Architect/Builder

Smith (first name unknown)

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Narrative Statement of Significance (See continuation sheets.)

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**  
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(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

\_\_\_ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.

\_\_\_ previously listed in the National Register

\_\_\_ previously determined eligible by the National Register

\_\_\_ designated a National Historic Landmark

\_\_\_ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Location of Additional Data

\_\_\_ State Historic Preservation Office

\_\_\_ Other State agency

\_\_\_ Federal agency

\_\_\_ Local government

\_\_\_ University

\_\_\_ Other

Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

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**10. Geographical Data**  
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Acreage of Property .8 acres

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

Weirton Quad Map, West Virginia - Ohio 7.5 minute, 1968, Rev. 1984

Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
17	533510	4482710			

X See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description See Sketch Map

Boundary Justification: Original boundary lines for property when purchased by Oliver Marshall in 1887.

Marshall/McNeil House

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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organization Granjean Research and Consulting date October 15, 2000

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city or town Morgantown state WV zip code 26505

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**Property Owner**

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(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Robert and Linda McNeil

street & number 1008 Ridge Avenue telephone (304) 564-4286

city or town New Cumberland state WV zip code 26047

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Marshall/McNeil House  
Hancock County, West Virginia

The Marshall/McNeil House is an elegant 19<sup>th</sup> century two and one half story Queen Anne style residence built in 1887 located on Ridge Avenue in New Cumberland, West Virginia overlooking the Ohio River. The house was built in 1887 by lawyer and West Virginia State Senator, Oliver Marshall. The Marshall/McNeil House has remained in the Marshall family since its construction. The house was built in 1887 by Oliver Marshall.

**Exterior**

The two and one half story, three bay brick residence has an asphalt roof and stone foundation. All windows are double-sash with limestone sills and lintels. Windows have interior wood shutters. Front gable roof end to right has three Queen Anne windows, decorative wood blocks in peak and a stringcourse under the eaves. There are double brackets at the corners. Gable has diamond lights. Brick sidewalk has the word "ETNA" imprinted in bricks.

**West (Front) Facade**

The front facade has 3 bays. There is a full porch with wood posts with spools and pierced wood block effect brackets. The porch has a shed roof with a left side pedimented gable with a fan effect over steps. The double front door has a transom with narrow Queen Anne window with colored lights in upper sash. The doors are heavily carved and there is the initial "M" carved on the bottom of each door. The interior single door has a cut glass zinc came window. There are paired windows to the right and above on second floor, with a single window on left.

**South Facade**

The south facade has four bays. There is an integral brick chimney with decorative brickwork. The southeast corner has a wooden porch with turned wood columns and decorative woodwork around the shed roof. The middle of the facade has a shallow, L-shaped section with a front gable roof that has decorative wood blocks in the peak and a first floor, hipped roof, bay window. The hipped roof on this elevation has original slate.



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**East Facade**

The east facade has two bays and an integral, decorative brick chimney. The east facade shares the southeast corner porch with south facade

**North Facade**

The north facade has four bays and an L-shaped middle section with a front gable roof. The peak of the roof has three one over one double-hung sash windows and decorative block woodwork. The first floor has small colored glass window on northwest side.

**Interior - First Floor**

The first floor has ornately carved, cherry, woodwork throughout. The entrance hall has an interior, beveled glass door. There is a wooden, carved staircase leading to the second floor. In addition, there is a second stairway in the kitchen. In the dining room there is a built in wood cabinet in the closet and an alcove with carved wood trim. Wood pocket doors frame the entrance to the living room. The living room, dining room, and library also contain ornately carved mantels surrounding the fireplace in each room. These rooms also have interior wood shutters.

**Interior - Second Floor**

The second floor contains five bedrooms and one bathroom. All rooms on this floor have wooden doors and transoms. The floors are hardwood. Over two of the bedroom doors the names of Oliver Marshall's children by his first wife, John and Olive, were etched into the transoms. There is a staircase leading to the finished attic.

**Interior - Attic**

The attic is finished and has hardwood floors. The attic was used mainly as a playroom for Oliver Marshall's children.

**Exterior - Garage/Storage Shed**

One bay, wood, garage/storage shed with front gable roof. c. 1955. Noncontributing.

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The Marshall House on historic Ridge Avenue was built by West Virginia State Senator Oliver Marshall in 1887. It qualifies under Criterion B because of Marshall's role in government and the political history of West Virginia. The Marshall House also qualifies under Criterion C as an example of late 19<sup>th</sup> Century Queen Anne architecture. The house has been owned by members of the Marshall family since its construction. The period of significance is 1887-1934 when it was the home of Senator Oliver Marshall.

**Historical Significance**

The Marshall House was built by West Virginia State Senator Oliver Marshall, a descendant of one of Hancock County's leading families. Oliver Marshall was born in Fairview, now New Manchester, on September 24, 1850. He was the great grandson of the pioneer Aaron Marshall, who came from east of the mountains, from somewhere in Virginia. He is thought to have been a soldier for Braddock and Washington in the famous campaign of 1755. About 1760 he came to what is now Hancock County, WV. His land was part of the Johnson Survey, granted in 1775, when Patrick Henry was governor of Virginia. The grant was for 7,000 acres, but when it was surveyed it measured 8,100 acres. Of this Aaron Marshall was assigned 205 acres at ten shillings an acre, payable in whiskey at five shillings a gallon, flour and other forms of currency of the day. Aaron Marshall had the fourth house on the tract. The original record of title is at Louisville, Kentucky. The town of Newell stands on part of the original grant. In his minutes George Washington mentions the waterfalls where his tract borders the Ohio River, but the land of Aaron Marshall was some five miles northeast from that stream.

Aaron Marshall continued to live on his Hancock County land until his death 1826. He was a Baptist and frequently preached in the Kings Creek area, where he is buried.

Aaron Marshall's son, John, was born in 1782 and died in 1859, spending his entire life in Hancock County. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

John Marshall's son, James G. Marshall, was born at old Fairview, Hancock County on November 21, 1826 and died October 6, 1902. He left the farm, did considerable surveying,

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became an attorney, and for twenty-four years was the prosecuting attorney of Hancock County. He was buried in the old Presbyterian churchyard at Fairview. His wife was Lavina Miller, daughter of John Miller and granddaughter of David Miller. David Miller settled on Tomlison Run, where he owned 400 acres, secured from Dorsey Pentecost, one of the two last judges who held court at Pittsburgh under the authority of the British crown. David had the first house in Gas Valley, and died in 1835, in his ninety-ninth year. His son, John, spent his life as a farmer at the old place, and his daughter, Lavina was born there. She died when about sixty years old. Her three children are: Oliver S., E.D. Marshall, an attorney at Santa Clara, CA, and Ila, who married Dr. J.W. Walton.

Oliver S. Marshall attended West Liberty Normal School and graduated from Bethany College in 1878. Marshall served as a trustee of that college for many years. From 1880 to 1885 Marshall was principal of the New Cumberland Grade School. In 1884 he was elected the Clerk of the County Court of Hancock County. He held this office until 1896 when he was elected to the West Virginia State Senate from the First Senatorial District. That same year he was admitted to the Hancock County bar. In 1892 Marshall served as a delegate to the Republican National Convention. Marshall served as President of the State Senate for the 1899 session.

During his term as President of the West Virginia Senate, Marshall presided over Senate proceedings that led to the passage of a variety of bills. Some of the issues that were decided by the Senate and the Legislature during Marshall's term as president were incorporation of West Virginia banks and savings institutions, establishing a procedure for West Virginia public institutions to report to the Legislature, and reorganizing the process for the Legislature to consider appropriations bills.

Marshall married Elizabeth Tarr on September 8, 1880. Elizabeth was the daughter of Campbell and Nancy Hammond Tarr. Campbell Tarr was one of the members of the Richmond Convention who withdrew when Virginia passed the ordinance of secession. Subsequently, Tarr became a leader in the West Virginia statehood movement.

In 1887, Oliver Marshall hired an architect named Smith to build a house on Ridge Avenue

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according to Marshall's specifications. The Queen Anne style home was constructed with bricks made in New Cumberland from local clay. The Marshall/McNeil house is the finest example of Queen Anne style architecture in New Cumberland.

Oliver and Elizabeth Marshall had two children, John and Olive. John graduated from Yale and West Virginia University and later practiced law in Parkersburg. After the death of Elizabeth, Marshall married Nora Householder in 1890. The Marshalls had three children: Edith, Edmond, and Virginia. Oliver Marshall died in 1934 at the age of 66. After his death, Marshall's daughter, Virginia Marshall, lived in the house and taught school in New Cumberland for forty years. She resided in the Marshall house until her death in 1997.

**Summary**

The Marshall/McNeil House is significant under Criterion B because it was the home of one of New Cumberland's leading politicians, Oliver Marshall. During his lifetime, Marshall served Hancock County as a teacher, lawyer, West Virginia State Senator, and President of the West Virginia Senate. The house was Oliver Marshall's home from the time it was built in 1887 till his death in 1934. The Marshall/McNeil House also qualifies under Criterion C as an excellent example of late 19<sup>th</sup> Century Queen Anne architecture.

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**Interviews**

Interview with Linda McNeil, current owner, by Jeanne Grimm and Christelle Venham, February 11, 2000.

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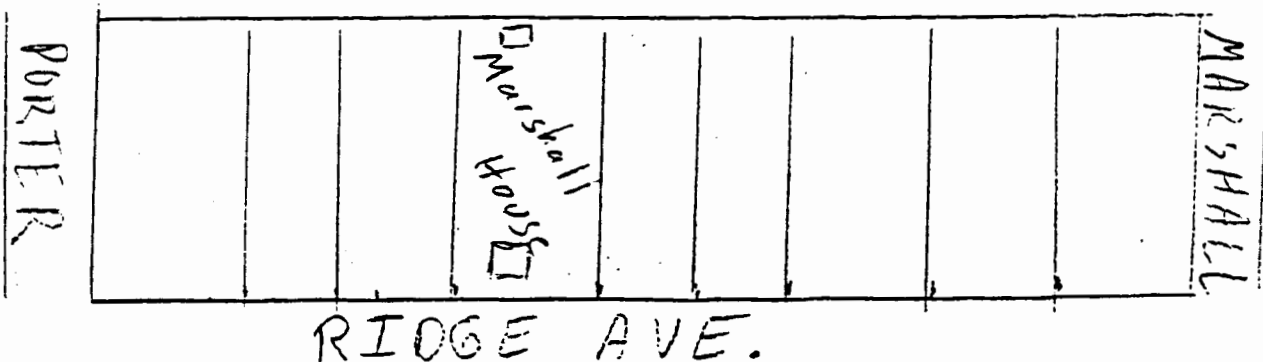
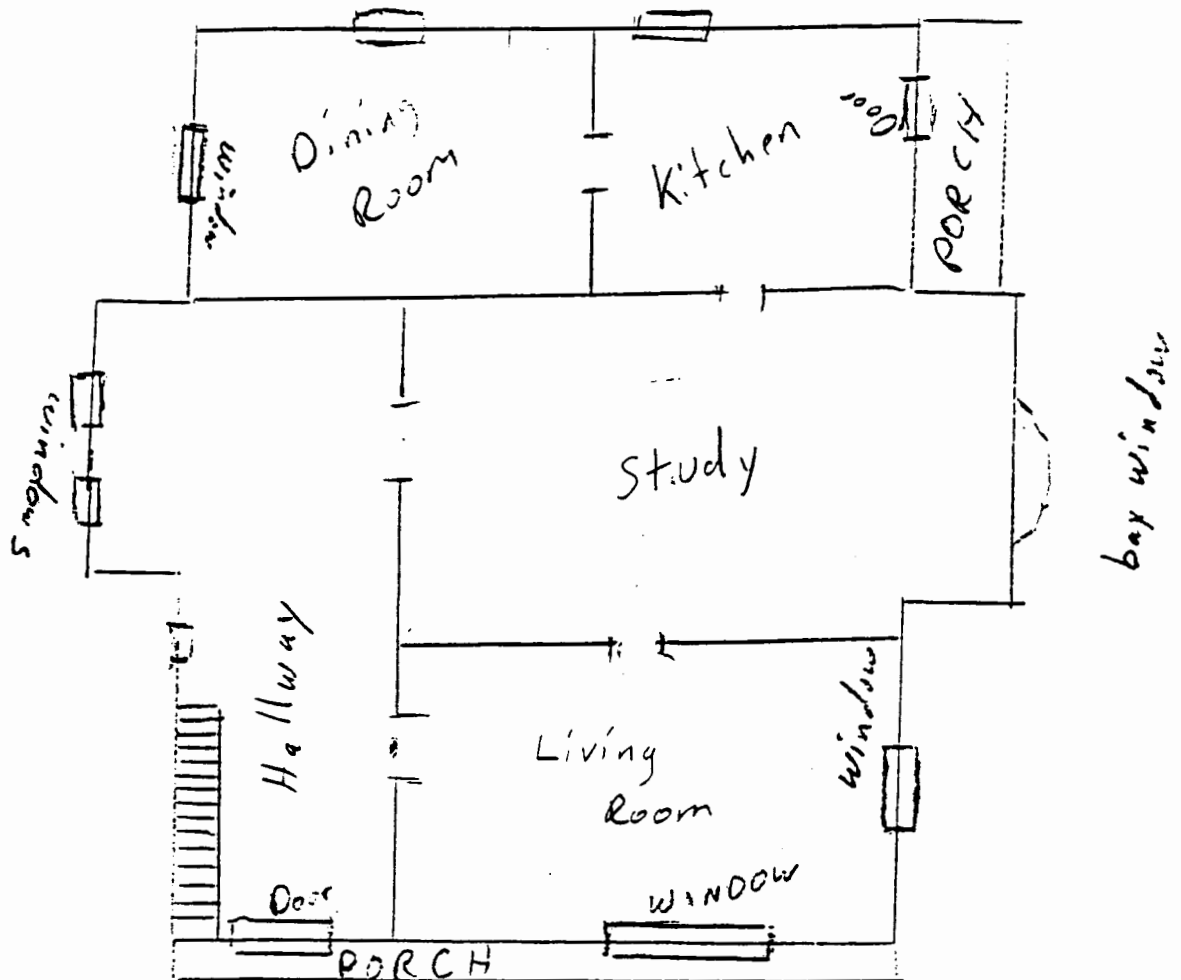
Photos taken February 11, 2000

1. Marshall House - West or front Facade - camera facing east. Neg. No. 2.
2. Marshall House - North Facade - camera facing south. Neg. No. 1.
3. Marshall House - South Facade - camera facing north. Neg. No. 3.
4. Marshall House - North Facade - Closeup of decorative woodwork in gable peak. Camera facing south. Neg. No. 4.
5. Marshall House - Beveled glass, interior front door - camera facing north. Neg. No. 5.
6. Marshall House - One of three carved wood fireplaces on first floor - camera facing west. Neg. No. 6.
7. Marshall House - Dining Room Alcove - camera facing southeast. Neg. No. 7.

# MARSHALL HOUSE

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1008 Ridge Avenue, New Cumberland, West Virginia

Neighborhood Map and First Floor Plan



4865 " SW  
(WELLSVILLE)

