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  
William G. Morgan House  

and/or common  
"Morgan Acres"  

2. Location  

On West Virginia Secondary Route #24, 0.3 mile south of its intersection with Secondary Route #26.  

street & number  

Bunker Hill  

vicinity of  

congressional district  

state  
West Virginia  

code 54  

county  
Berkeley  

code 003  

3. Classification  

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4. Owner of Property  

name  
Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand D. Perrone  

street & number  
Post Office Box 294  

city, town  
Bunker Hill  

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  
G-18 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
7. Description

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

"Morgan Acres" is situated at the end of a curving driveway in a large lawn, full of mature trees and shrubs, bisected by a small creek.

The two story, nine bay house is a long and narrow rectangular building, seventy-five feet by twenty-one feet (75' x 21'), consisting of a central block with side wing. It is constructed of brick in five row common bond on a stone foundation with inside end chimneys. The one story main entrance portico is three bays wide with a shed roof supported by Doric columns. A Chinese Chippendale transom is over the entrance door. A brick dentil cornice extends across the front and rear façades. Windows are 9/6 and 6/6 double hung sash with brick flat arches. The wing has a two-tiered recessed rear porch. Built ca. 1849, it is a handsome Greek Revival country dwelling house.

The plan of the house is central hall, one room each side and the wing is two rooms wide. The main stair rises in four flights around an open wall to the third story with simple scroll brackets on the step-ends. The four mantel pieces in this section are unusual and have a heavy geometric element. The mantel in the main parlor has a paneled frieze on like pilasters and an overmantel with pilasters that rest on the mantel shelf. The mantel in the dining room has a paneled frieze set between like pilasters with a shouldered overmantel. The flanking cupboards are not original. One of the two upstairs mantels has a heavy Greek Key motif on the frieze whereas the other has an ogee frieze. These mantels are unique in Berkeley County and are quite handsome. They are heavy, not delicate, and are very visible in their respective rooms. The two fireplaces in the wing have the more usual Tudor-arched frieze.

Door and window trim is symmetrically molded with corner blocks or beaded with a simple architrave trim. Doors are vertical panel with Carpenters locks.

A one story brick outbuilding is located in the yard just off the rear of the house. It has a heavy board-and-batten door and is contemporary with the main house.
8. Significance

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Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

"Morgan Acres", built ca. 1849, is significant for its historic associations with the Morgan family and because it is an uncommon example of vernacular Greek Revival architecture.

William G. Morgan was the great grandson of Morgan Morgan I, West Virginia's first recorded settler. The descendants of Morgan Morgan were very involved with the early settlement and development of Berkeley County and other areas of West Virginia, particularly Marion County and Monongalia County.

Morgan Morgan II was the only one of seven sons to remain in Berkeley County and his son, Morgan Morgan III, was the only one of three sons to remain; William G. Morgan was his third son. It is significant that each in turn owned the land where "Morgan Acres" is located as it was part of the original thousand acre land patent of Morgan Morgan I.

Traditionally, Morgan Morgan I built his first crude shelter in 1726 near the small stream on what is now the front lawn of "Morgan Acres". In 1924, a committee was appointed by the Governor to study the activities of Morgan Morgan and this date, 1726, and location were officially accepted.

"Morgan Acres" is significant for being an uncommon example of vernacular Greek Revival architecture and an excellent example of craftsmanship and design.

The layout is unusual. On the exterior, this long four-room plan interprets as an impressive two story, nine bay brick house under a long gable roof. The house has a definite visual effect and is the focal point of the expansive, pastoral lawn. William G. Morgan built the house to suit his wife, Mary Henshaw Morgan. Traditionally, Mrs. Morgan designed this long floor plan so that she could see in the parlor mirrors her servants at work in the kitchen.

The four bay south section of the brick house contains Tudor-arched mantels, enclosed stairs, and plain trim as compared to the main five bay north section with the four-flight, open-well staircase and elaborately designed wooden mantels. These mantels are important because they are so distinctive and suitable to the period so that it is clear that the builder had his own sense of design and what was wanted. The heavy Greek Key frieze of a second floor mantel is quite bold but definitely of the period, and the two mantels on the ground floor have panelled overmantels that relate so well to the mantel treatments that the effect is satisfying and interesting.

"Morgan Acres" is significant architecturally as being an excellent example of period architecture in Berkeley County and for its equally fine craftsmanship.

A small brick period outbuilding in the rear is included.
9. Major Bibliographical References


Balderson, W. L. Fort Prickett Frontier and Marion County. Published by the Marion County Bicentennial Committee: Marion County, West Virginia, 1976.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _2 acres_  
Quadrangle name _Inwood, WV_  
UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification: Beginning at the mouth of the lane, thence east along the north side of the lane 500', thence south along the east side of the lane 200', thence west 440', thence north along the east side of West Virginia Secondary Route #24 220' to the beginning (see map).

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

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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: (304) 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_  
- 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 HCRM:

Keeper:

Attest:

Chief:
Inwood Quadrangle
Area 2 acres

Berkeley County, West Virginia

SCALE 1:7,920

Copied September 1983 from photo AGS-90-37, 1938
by Galtjo L. Geertsema
William G. Morgan House
"Morgan Acres"

W.Va. Route 24, near intersection with W.Va. Route 26,
Bunker Hill vicinity, Berkeley County, West Virginia

Inwood, W.Va.
U.S.G.S. Quadrangle
U.T.M. Coordinates
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