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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

1. Name of Property	
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2. Location	
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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)	Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)			
✓ A Property is associated with events that have made significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.	ARCHITECTURE EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	a		
B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.	Period of Significance c.1742-c. 1900			
✓ 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.	Significant Dates c. 1742; 1813			
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B removed from its original location	Unknown			
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E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.				
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Location and Setting

Snodgrass Tavern (Boundary Increase_is located along Back Creek, a tributary of the Potomac River, on a rural tract in the Hedgesville District of northern Berkeley County. It lies north of Hedgesville Road (formerly Warm Springs Road), west of the unincorporated village of Hedgesville, in West Virginia's Eastern Panhandle. The nominated area includes the previously-listed tavern, a slave cemetery, a chicken coop, a timber frame smokehouse, a stone slave house, a small wood frame shed, a mobile home, and a substantial timber frame bank barn, all located in close proximity to the tavern. South of the tavern is a substantial stone retaining wall (Photo 1, 2, 5); the wall is an uncounted land-scape feature with respect to the resource count appearing in Section 5.

Description

Snodgrass Tavern (Boundary Increase) (Photos 1-20) encompasses a $2\frac{1}{2}$ -story eighteenth-century wood and stone tavern originally listed in the National Register in 1973; the boundary is being increased to include its associated dependencies. The nominated tract contains 205 acres, including agricultural fields presently and historically associated with the property. All resources except for the mobile home contribute to the character of the nominated tract. The property retains integrity and reflects the overall appearance which it possessed at the end of the period of significance.

Snodgrass Tavern

c. 1742 and after

1 previously-listed building

The previously-listed Snodgrass Tavern (Photo 2-4; Property 1 on the enclosed sketch map) anchors the nominated tract. It is a 2-story vernacular¹ building, c. 60' × 45', built in several stages after c. 1742. The earliest section is at the southeast corner of the existing building and is of log construction, two bays in width. As originally built, it measured approximately sixteen feet square.² Shortly thereafter, at an indeterminate date, a free-standing three-bay log section was constructed west of the first section; the two sections were eventually connected with a hallway, creating a side-passage

¹The term, "vernacular," when used in this context, conforms to the definition which appears in Ward Bucher's **Dictionary of Building Preservation**: "a building built without being designed by an architect or someone with similar formal training; often based on traditional or regional forms."

²Manuscript prepared by owner George W. Fuss, 1927, in the collection of the Berkeley County Historical Society, Martinsburg, West Virginia.

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house form.³ Prior to 1813, a 2-story sandstone addition was erected along the rear elevations of the earlier portions, which essentially completed the construction of the building.⁴ With the pre-1813 section, an attic was added and the roofs on the earlier sections were raised to their present height, differing slightly from one another in elevation. The roof is clad in asphalt shingles.

As it now exists, the tavern exhibits an asymmetrically-massed six-bay facade oriented to the south and penetrated by two doors accessing the interior. The door to the early connector includes sidelights and a transom, while that to the western addition does not. The rear (north) elevation (Photo 4) is four bays in width and a door on the east gable end of the stone addition accesses the kitchen. Fenestration is flat-topped, with historic wood sash intact, some with six-over-six-light configurations and others two-over-two. Four stone chimneys rise along the gable ends, corresponding to the tavern's distinct phases of construction. An early double-gallery porch extended across a portion of the facade; it was replaced late in the nineteenth century with the spacious veranda (Photo 3) which presently extends across the entire facade, supported by Eastlake-style turned posts and trimmed both with "sandwich" brackets and single-stage brackets.

Interior

The interior of the tavern (Photos 13-20) incorporates on the first story the original bar room (the present-day livingroom on the western section) and a smaller room (now the diningroom) on the east side, separated from each other by a stair hall in the connector (Photo 13). An open-string, straight-run stair leads from the hall to the second story, retaining the historic balustrade and newel. The c. 1813 stone section incorporates a kitchen, a downstairs bedroom, and a bathroom and laundry area. Original wood mantles are found in the bar room and in the parlor (Photos 14, 15) and a cooking fireplace is in the kitchen. The second story includes a broad hallway (Photo 16) along with several bedrooms (Photos17-19) with mantles and a bathroom, created from a bedroom c. 1920. A slight change of grade indicates the change between the oldest sections of the building. An enclosed straight-

³This progression suggests that the house likely assumed a "dogtrot" form at that time.

⁴The pre-1813 date was established by G. W. Fuss, grandfather of the present owner, in a letter in the collection of the Berkeley County Historical Society. The letter stated that Fuss had been told by Robert Snodgrass, whose recollection pre-dated 1813, that the stone section had been added by that date.

⁵Correspondence from owner to prepared of nomination, 2005.

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run stair accesses the unfinished attic (Photo 20).

But for the classically-derived mantles, the finishes of the tavern are modest. Historic wood floors have been retained as have baseboards, doors, and window and door surrounds. Walls are finished in plaster. Beyond the modernization of the kitchen and the addition of bathrooms and a laundry area, the plan, volumes, and finishes are only minimally altered.

The following additional properties are contained with the boundary-increase nomination, with numbering keyed to the accompanying sketch map:

2. Smokehouse 1894 1 contributing building

One-story wood smokehouse with a gable roof and gable-end orientation; chiseled into a paving stone in front of the smokehouse is the inscription, APR 4 1894, likely indicating the date of construction of building

3. Slave quarters c. 1742 and after 1 contributing building

Gable-roofed stone and wood building built in three phases which served as slave quarters for the Snodgrass property.

4. Machine shed/carriage house 1883 1 contributing building

Modest 2-story timber frame machine/shed/carriage house with a metal-clad gable roof and gable-end orientation; date is carved into the stone foundation

5. Mobile home c. 1970 1 non-contributing building

Modern mobile home, built outside the period of significance

6. Chicken coop 1940s 1 contributing building

Chicken coop of wood construction, built from materials salvaged from a summer cabin washed away in a 1942 flood; in deteriorated condition.

7. Slave cemetery c. 1742 and after 1 contributing site

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Unenclosed slave cemetery (Photo 9) which has the present appearance of a continuation of the pasture land south of the aforementioned bank barn. An undated West Virginia SHPO Cemetery Survey Form indicates that five headstone had been found but that other graves are thought to lie in close proximity. No gravestones are evident on the cultural landscape.

8. Bank barn c. 1870 1 contributing building

A substantial timber frame bank barn, c. $100' \times 40'$ (Photo 10, 11), built on a foundation of rock-faced cut stone. The barn has a laterally-oriented gable roof of metal and exhibits two outward-projecting shed-roofed feeding cribs on either side of the principal entrance on the north elevation. A hipped-roofed addition with an open side on the south elevation was built along the barn's east gable end at an indeterminate time and incorporates an open wagon shed and a corn crib. The forebay extending along the south elevation is supported by a series of six round logs set symmetrically between the extensions of the stone foundation.

9. Agricultural fields c. 1742 and after 1 contributing site

Agricultural fields historically associated with the property

Summarizing, the boundary increase nomination for the previously-listed Snodgrass Tavern involves the retention of the tavern and the addition of immediately adjacent historic dependencies, a slave cemetery, and historically-associated agricultural fields.

⁶Files of the West Virginia SHPO, Division of Culture and History Charleston, West Virginia.

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8. Significance

Snodgrass Tavern (Boundary Increase) is significant under National Register Criteria A and C. Under Criterion A, the property's importance lies in the area of *exploration/settlement*, as a mideighteenth-century tavern which served travelers traversing Warm Springs Road which led from Alexandria, Virginia, to the mineral springs at Bath, now known as Berkeley Springs, in neighboring Morgan County. Among the visitors to the tavern was George Washington. The property is also significant in the area of *agriculture*, as an eighteenth-century farmstead which developed as the region matured and which by the turn of the twentieth century included a substantial timber frame bank barn, a smokehouse, an early, pre-Emancipation slave house, and a slave cemetery. Architecturally, it is significant as an early log and sandstone building, characteristic of the building traditions of the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia and representing the maturing of the area in its own growth from a small log house to a substantial rural tavern. The Period of Significance begins c. 1742, the approximate date of construction of the earliest section of the tavern, and ends c. 1900, marking the approximate date of construction of the large veranda which extends across the facade of the tavern as well as several of the agricultural dependencies. As noted in Section 7, the property retains integrity.

In 1730, the Governing Council of the Virginia colony issued a directive that this section of the colony be settled. The area was at that time part of Spotsylvania County, but as settlers came west, a new county, Orange, was erected in 1734. Four years later Frederick County was formed. A 1751 survey housed at the Virginia State Library⁷ showed one John Ford to be living on the land which included the nominated tract. Ford apparently sold his right to the land to Stephen Rawlings; it is not clear who built the earliest sections of the tavern. It is known, however, that Rawlings' daughter, Susannah (1742-1820), married Revolutionary War veteran Robert Snodgrass (1742-1823)and that the Snodgrasses conducted a tavern here. The property was sometimes referred to as "Halfway House" since it lay midway between the county seat at Martinsburg and Berkeley Springs. George Washington is known to have stayed here on two occasions. His first documented visit occurred in 1750 while he was surveying for Lord Fairfax. His diary recorded a visit thirty years later when on September 5, 1784 he recorded, "dispatched my wagon (with the baggage) at daylight and at 7 o'clock followed it--bated at one Snodgrasses on Back Creek and dined there." Robert and Susannah Snodgrass operated the tavern here until 1801 when they sold their tavern and 248 acres to their son, Robert Snodgrass, Jr.

⁷Don C. Wood, "The Ownership of Snodgrass Tavern," *The Berkeley Journal*, 16 (1992), p. 63-67.

⁸John C. Fitzpatrick, ed. **The Diaries of George Washington** (Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co,)

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(1773-1830). The property appears as "Snodgrass Tavern" on Charles Varle's 1809 map of Frederick, Berkeley, and Jefferson Counties (Fig. 1). After the death of Robert Snodgrass, Jr. the tavern was inherited by his son, Joseph Evan Snodgrass (1813-1884).

The next Berkeley County map, prepared in 1820 (Fig. 2), shows the property again as "Snod-grass Tavern." In July, 1827, during Joseph Snodgrass' operation of the tavern, Secretary of State Henry Clay stayed at the historic hostelry. In 1839 Joseph Evan Snodgrass sold the tavern along with 248 acres and several other parcels to his brother-in-law, Hezekiah Hedges (1796-1847), whose family had founded the community of Hedgesville, east of the Snodgrass Tavern. Apparently Hedges encountered financial problems since he mortgaged the Snodgrass property and other holdings to Henry J. Seibert in 1843 and in 1856 the tavern was assigned to the Seiberts. The Seiberts, too, suffered financial reversals, perhaps in the wake of the Civil War, since in 1866 a Chancery commissioner ordered the tavern property to be sold. It was purchased by Frederick Fuss (1823-1881) who farmed the lands. In July, 1938, his grand-daughter Neva Fuss, opened a restaurant in the tavern, serving lunches and dinners (Fig. 3). At the time of the preparation of the nomination documents, the tavern was a single-family residence and remains in the ownership of descendants of Frederick Fuss.

The complex associated with the Snodgrass Tavern (Boundary Increase) clearly reflects the pattern of exploration and settlement in Berkeley County during the middle decades of the eighteenth century. The property's Criterion A significance for *agriculture* is established by its position as a farm-stead including both the tavern and associated agricultural dependencies and agricultural fields. These fields consisted of grazing pastures and also produced both fodder for farm animals and food for use by the tavern-keeper and his family. The custom of farming and tavernkeeping was common practice in early Berkeley County and is also seen in Miller Tavern, in the eastern reaches of the county; Miller Tavern is being nominated to the National Register concomitantly with the boundary increase for Snodgrass Tavern. Architecturally, the property ably represents vernacular building traditions in Berkeley County during this same period, in this case executed in both log and stone. While the Berkeley County landscape is dotted by significant deposits of limestone, Robert Snodgrass chose native sandstone to complete his house and to erect his slave quarters. The tavern and its associated dependencies are a collective reminder of the era when Berkeley County was only sparsely settled and George Washington and many others traveled Warm Springs Road, the popular thoroughfare leading to the mineral waters at what would become Berkeley Springs.

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10. Geographical Data

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Being that portion of the tract of land depicted on Berkeley County Assessment Maps as Hedgesville District Map No. 21, Parcel No. 4, lying north of Hedgesville Road (West Virginia Route 9), containing 205 acres.

JUSTIFICATION

The boundaries of this nomination consist of the tract immediately surrounding the nominated property. The lands south of Hedgesville Road which were historically associated with the subject property contain no historic properties, are in different ownership and are undergoing suburban development; they are not included within the nominated tract.

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PHOTOGRAPH LOG

All Photographs:

Snodgrass Tavern (Boundary Increase)

Berkeley County, West Virginia Photographer: David L. Taylor

Date: 2005

Negatives filed at: West Virginia SHPO

Charleston, West Virginia

- 1. View toward tavern from driveway, looking W, with slave quarters in foreground, followed by smokehouse and tavern
- 2. SE perspective of tavern,. Looking NW and showing distinct phases of construction evident in slope of roof; also showing stone wall in front of tavern
- 3. Veranda on tavern, likely added in late nineteenth century, looking NE
- 4. NE perspective of tavern, showing stone rear section added c. 1813, exterior stone chimney, etc.
- 5. Slave quarters, looking N
- 6. Smokehouse, looking E
- 7. Small barn and non-contributing mobile home, looking NE
- 8. Chicken coop, looking NE
- 9. View looking S across slave cemetery toward tavern
- 10. Bank barn, SW perspective looking NE and showing forebay supported by log posts
- 11. Bank barn, NE perspective looking SW

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12.	Bank barn, SE perspective looking NW
13.	Interior of tavern, stair hall, looking N
14.	Interior of tavern, barroom, looking E showing window and mantle
15.	Interior of tavern, parlor, looking W
16.	Interior of tavern, stair, looking down from second floor to first, view to the S
17.	Interior of tavern, typical bedroom, showing volumes, trim, etc., looking W
18.	Interior of tavern, bedroom showing mantle
19.	Interior of tavern, bedroom with exposed log rafters

Interior of tavern, attic, looking E, showing roof structure

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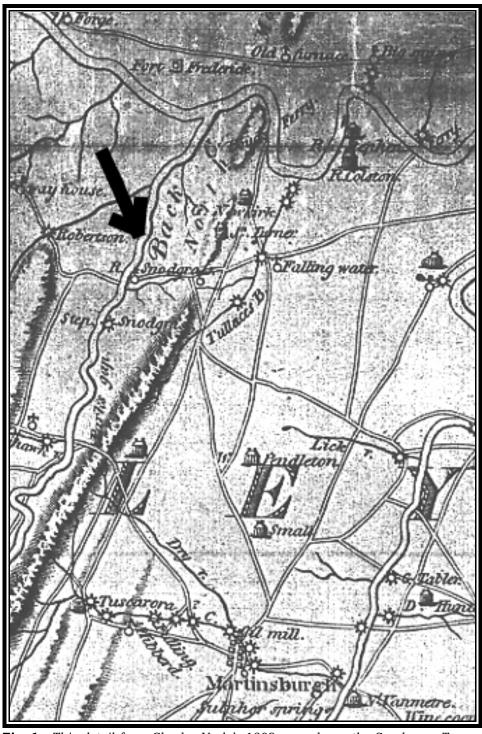


Fig. 1 This detail from Charles Varle's 1809 map shows the Snodgrass Tavern indicated by the superimposed arrow.

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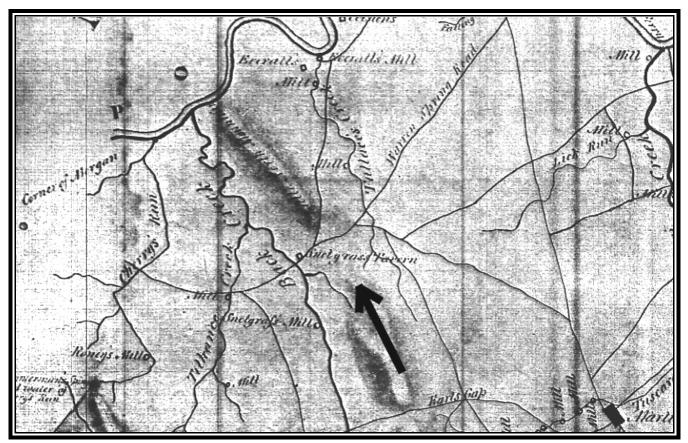


Fig. 2 At the time of the publication of this county map in 1820, the tavern was still in commercial use along Warm Spring Road. It is indicated by the superimposed arrow.

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Announcing...

THE OPENING OF

Snodgrass Tavern

JULY 3, 1938

Delicious Home Cooked Food

Cool, Attractive, Historic Surroundings

Sandwiches, Cold Drinks, Home-Made Ice Cream and Cake Served at Any Time

Parties a Specialty

Dinners and Luncheons by Reservation Only (Telephone Hedgesville 25F23 or write Miss Neva Fuss, Hedgesville, W. Va.)



SNODGRASS TAVERN

(Formerly used as a tavern under same name about 1760)

On Route 9, at Back Creek Bridge—
9 Miles West of Martinsburg, W. Va., 18 Miles East of Berkeley Springs, W. Va.,
24 Miles South of Hagerstown, Md.

Fig. 3 This card was developed for

the opening of the Snodgrass Tavern as a restaurant in the summer of 1938.

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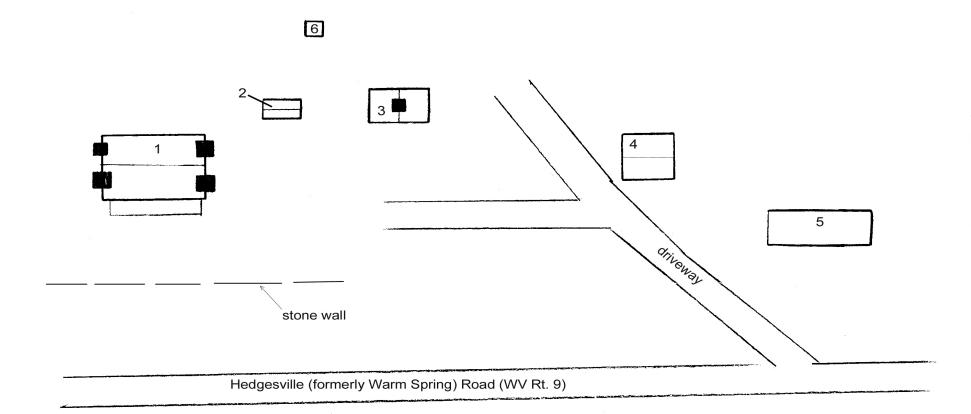
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 7. Slave cemetery
 8. Bank barn

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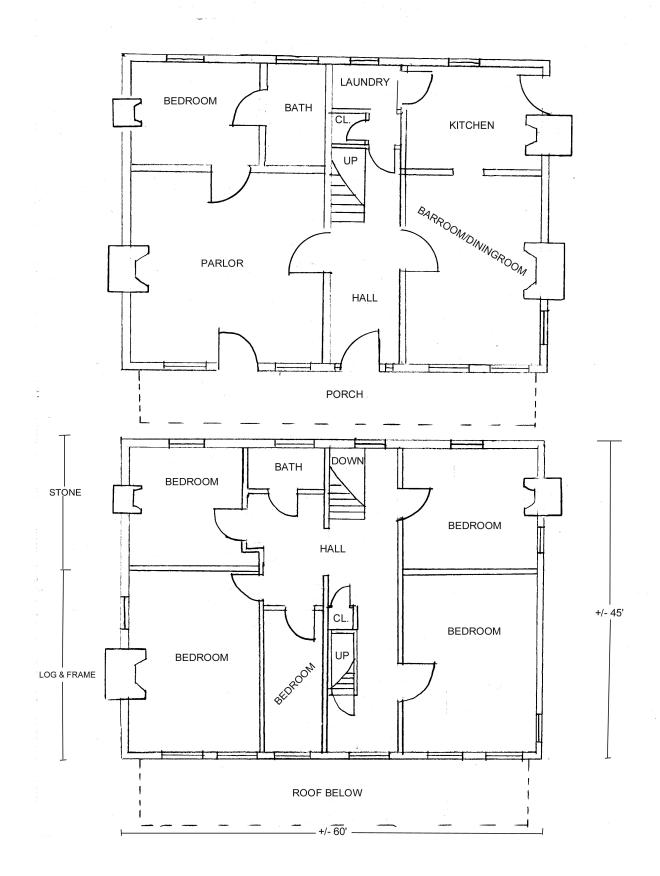


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Floor Plan of Tavern



Snodgrass Tavern (Boundary Increase)

SKETCH MAP

- 1 Tavern
- 2 Smokehouse
- 3 Slave quarters
- 4 Machine shed/carriage house
- 5 Mobile home
- 6 Chicken coop
- 7 Slave cemetery
- 8 Bank barn











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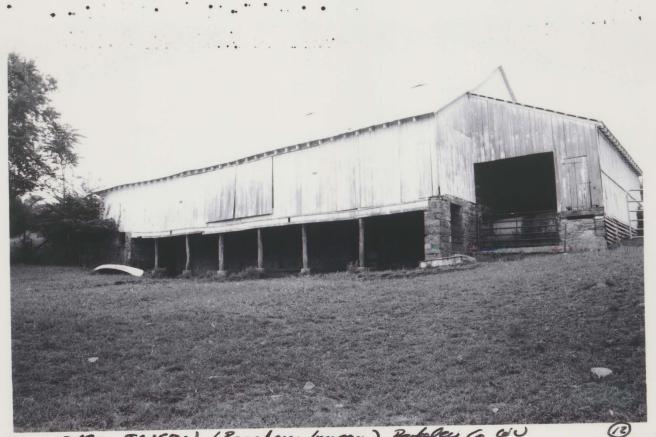
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