

HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION UNIT  
DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE & HISTORY  
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CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA 25305

File No: 79  
Theme(s):  
Neg No(s):  
USGS Quad: Charleston West, W.Va.  
TMN Ref: 17/444300/4243320

DISTRICT, SITE, BUILDING, STRUCTURE, OBJECT

1. NAME(S), historic/common: "Stoneleigh"; Ward, Charles E.-Payne, Ruffner, House

2. LOCATION, street/road: 909 Ridgeway Road

city/town: Charleston  
(incorporated/unincorporated)

3. USE/FUNCTION, present: residence

(public/private, restricted)

original: residence

4. OWNER/ADDRESS, present: Ruffner Payne (address above)

(public/private)

original: Charles E. Ward

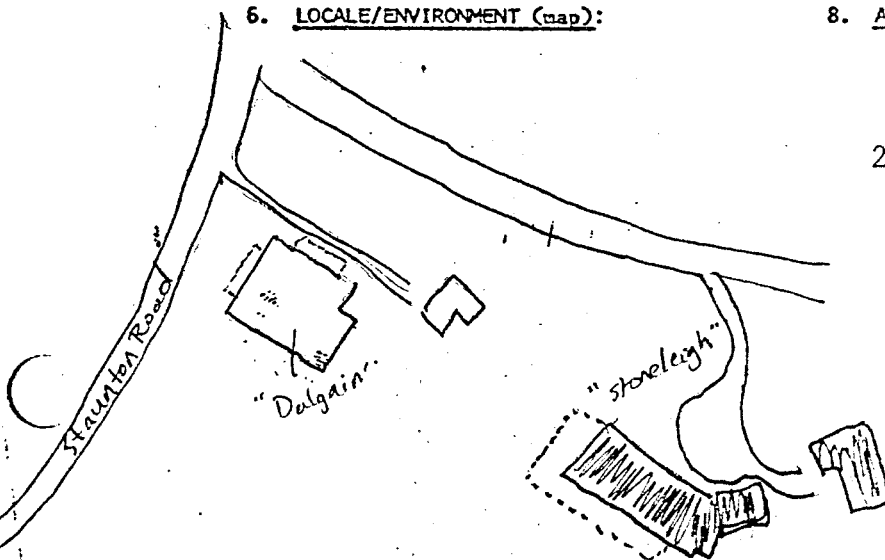
5. PHOTO/SKETCH OF:

7. PLAN (include approx. dimensions):

6. LOCALE/ENVIRONMENT (map):

8. ACREAGE (approx):

2 1/2 acres



COUNTY: KANAWHA  
Survey Region: \_\_\_\_\_  
Planning District: \_\_\_\_\_

9. DESCRIPTION (clarify as appropriate):

a. Exterior Fabric

stone X  
 brick \_\_\_\_\_  
 concrete \_\_\_\_\_  
 stucco \_\_\_\_\_  
 weatharboard \_\_\_\_\_  
 clapboard \_\_\_\_\_  
 board & batten \_\_\_\_\_  
 shingle \_\_\_\_\_  
 other \_\_\_\_\_

b. Structural System

masonry X  
 frame \_\_\_\_\_  
 log \_\_\_\_\_  
 metal \_\_\_\_\_  
 other \_\_\_\_\_  
 foundation \_\_\_\_\_  
 stone \_\_\_\_\_

c. Roofing Material

wood \_\_\_\_\_  
 metal \_\_\_\_\_  
 slate X  
 tile \_\_\_\_\_  
 asphalt \_\_\_\_\_  
 composition \_\_\_\_\_  
 other \_\_\_\_\_

d. Associated Structures (use/type):

outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_  
 garage, apartment \_\_\_\_\_  
 dependencies \_\_\_\_\_  
 other \_\_\_\_\_

e. Integrity (include dates):

original site/relocated \_\_\_\_\_  
 alterations NONE  
 additions NONE

f. Condition:

excellent X  
 good \_\_\_\_\_  
 fair \_\_\_\_\_  
 deteriorated \_\_\_\_\_  
 abandoned \_\_\_\_\_

g. Threats:

NONE

10. SIGNIFICANCE (use additional sheet if necessary):

- a. Architect/Builder/Engineer:  
Dennison  
 b. Style/Period: Eclectic  
English Style  
 c. Date(s): 1917

"Stoneleigh" is a notable house as the residence of Charles E. Ward, a leading West Virginia industrialist in the early twentieth century, and as an outstanding structure designed by eminent architect Dennison.

Charles E. Ward incorporated Ward Engineering Works in 1907. (It had been founded by his father, Charles Ward, earlier) Under the young Ward's direction, the firm, through contract with the governments of the United States and foreign countries, established itself as a leading manufacturer and innovator in river and coastal ships.

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11. BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Tipton, J.C. Charleston and Its Resources. Issued under auspices Charleston Business and Industrial Association, 1898.

Interview with Brook McCabe, July 7, 1983

12. FORM PREPARED BY Alice Carter; DATE Sept. 30, 1983

a. Address 4011 Kanawha Ave, Charleston WV 25304

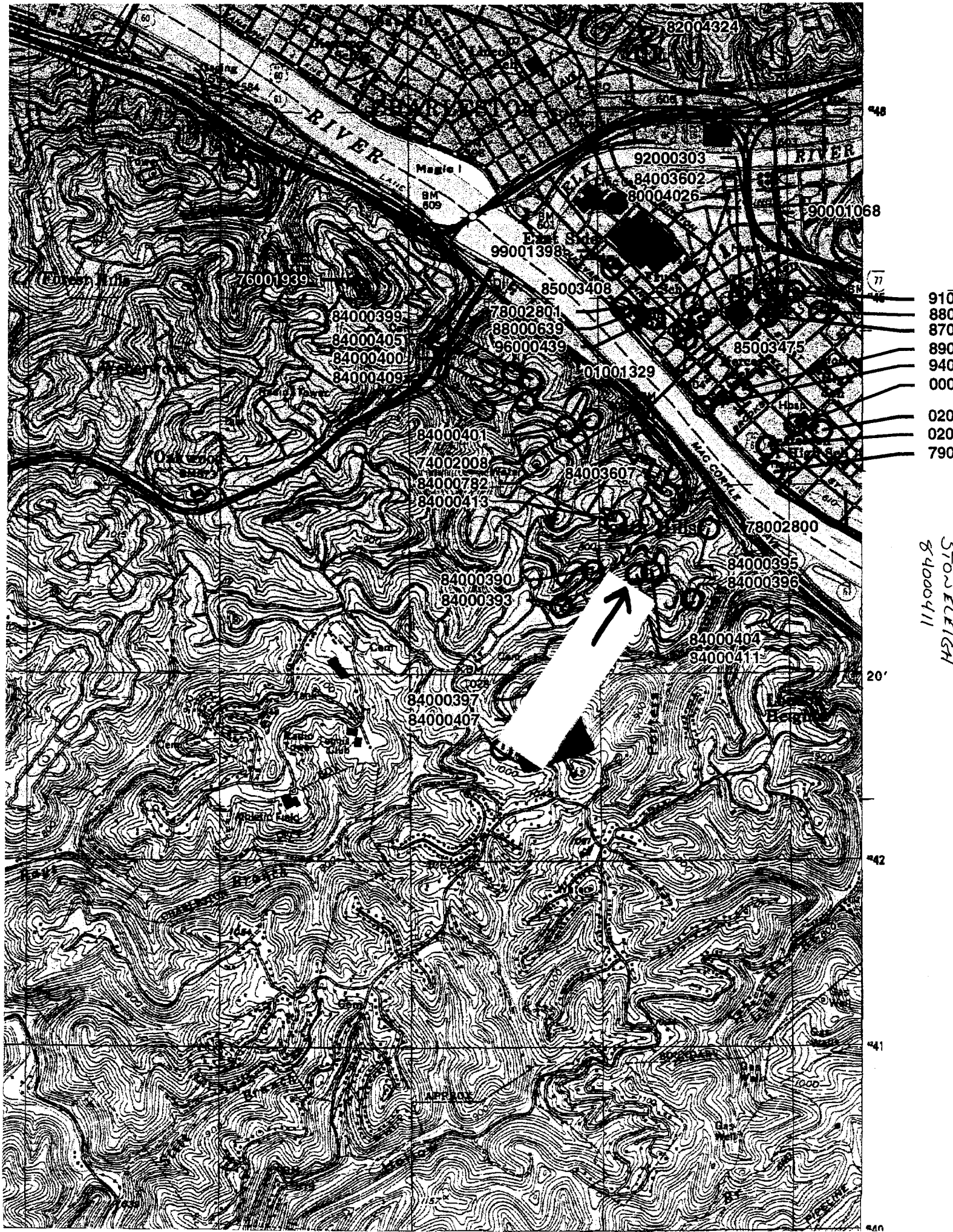
b. Organization \_\_\_\_\_

"Stoneleigh"; Ward-Payne House  
909 Ridgeway Road

Dennison was the architect of several significant buildings in Charleston. Four houses in South Hills are designed by him. With "Stoneleigh", Dennison has elaborated on an English Manor theme. Voussoirs and lintels are built into the stonework over the windows and entrance. There are a variety of window types; 8/8 sash, casement dormer windows, gothic landing windows and lunettes. The main entrance has leaded sidelights and fanlight and is sheltered by an arched gabled hood.

13. Verbal Boundary Description.

"Stoneleigh" sits on a 2½ acre rectangle that is bordered on the north by Staunton Road and is partially bisected by a private drive.



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