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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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**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 Peter Myers French House

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Peter Sperow House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Set of CR 3 and CR 1

CITY, TOWN

Hedgesville

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF Georgetown

STATE

West Virginia

CODE
54

COUNTY

Berkeley

CODE
003

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

_DISTRICT

_PUBLIC

 OCCUPIED

_AGRICULTURE

_MUSEUM

 BUILDING(S) PRIVATE

_UNOCCUPIED

_COMMERCIAL

_PARK

_STRUCTURE

_BOTH

_WORK IN PROGRESS

_EDUCATIONAL

 PRIVATE RESIDENCE

_SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

_ENTERTAINMENT

_RELIGIOUS

_OBJECT

_IN PROCESS

_YES: RESTRICTED

_GOVERNMENT

_SCIENTIFIC

_BEING CONSIDERED

 YES: UNRESTRICTED

_INDUSTRIAL

_TRANSPORTATION

_NO

_MILITARY

_OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mr. & Mrs. Donald Dirting

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Hedgesville, WV 25427

STATE

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, Berkeley County
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Martinsburg, WV 25401

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE H-11, Berkeley County Historical Society & Berkeley County Historical
Landmarks Commission Survey

DATE

1973-78

_FEDERAL _STATE COUNTY _LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Berkeley County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Martinsburg, WV 25401

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS | <input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

rick, two story front, three rear, deck on hip roof topped by closed belvedere with ricketed cornice and narrow horizontal windows. Brick on front set in double Flemish bond with headers above each other in staggered pattern, sides in 5/1 common, cornice in brick, topped above, then dentils of brick set vertically below projecting cushion brick. Round headed windows, with sash following opening 6/6. 1 bay porch with closed pediment, round-headed entrance with sidelights and roundheaded transom above. Four paneled door, with matching reveals. Benches present on sides, seemingly built for porch, beautiful sawn wooden ballustrade, matched by ballustrade on rear two story porch under extension of gabled roof. Brick chimneys at sides, parallel to side walls and continuation of building all, one front and one rear on each side. Shutters 2 panels of moveable louvers, round-headed. Stone foundation in front, brick with water table at sides. Wash house/root cellar, 1/1 brick, rectangular, end chimney at eaves, 2 entrances to front, entrance through side to rear. Necessary, brick with shed roof, trap door for cleaning to rear, tubs underneath two holer, good condition. Remnant of early wooden paling fence adjacent to necessary. Mechanical bond in necessary. Corncrib, lath crib on one side with wagon drive through to other side. Barn reveted into hillside, stone first floor, gable roof, antilevered to rear with dormers, frame board and batten, projecting forebays to front. Tank barn. Site excellent, on hillside with unimpeded views in all directions. Prevalence of original material and complete survival of complex. Stylistically the house stands alone among all those viewed in the county.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

| PERIOD | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES

1860

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

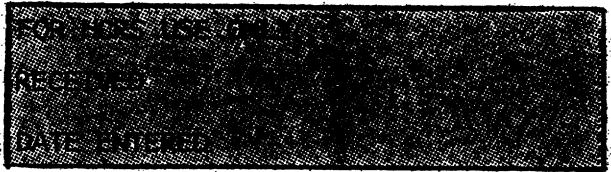
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Teter Myers French house is very significant for its period architecture and style. A further significance is its landscape and scenic view. It is situated on a hill. A view of the Spring Mill Complex is seen in the distance. With its boxwood path to the entrance of the house, it brings to mind a Southern plantation house. It has a further importance for economics. Teter French's grand father, John French, settled on an adjoining tract of land on Tullys Branch in 1771. Teter French built the house in 1860 just before the Civil War. After the War debts became so enormous Teter French sold his lovely mansion in 1876 and left Berkeley County.

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The property is very significant with its complex of original buildings. The main house built in the Greek Revival style is accented with early Victorian detailing. It maintains a formal, stately look from all sides. The full length two tier back porch is equalled by none in Berkeley County. The brick 1860 Combination Washhouse slave quarters with original bunks, root cellar and ice house is very significant and one of its kind in the County.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 4A

UTM REFERENCES

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| ZONE | | EASTING | | | | NORTHING | | | | | | | | |

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| ZONE | | EASTING | | | | NORTHING | | | | | | | | |

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Begin on road, run SE (100 ft. S of house) 600 ft NE 300 ft, NW 600 ft, SW along road 300 ft.

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

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
|-------|------|--------|------|
| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Don C. Wood, Genealogist, Historian, Historic Archeologist

ORGANIZATION President, Berkeley County Historical Society DATE

Chairman, Berkeley County Historical Landmarks Commission

STREET & NUMBER Route 3, Box 79 TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN Martinsburg, WV 25401 STATE

12 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

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION ATTEST:

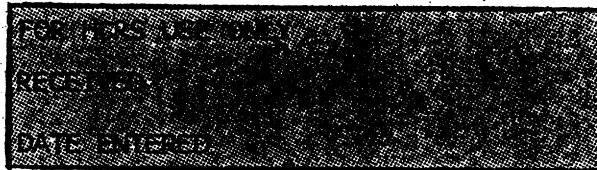
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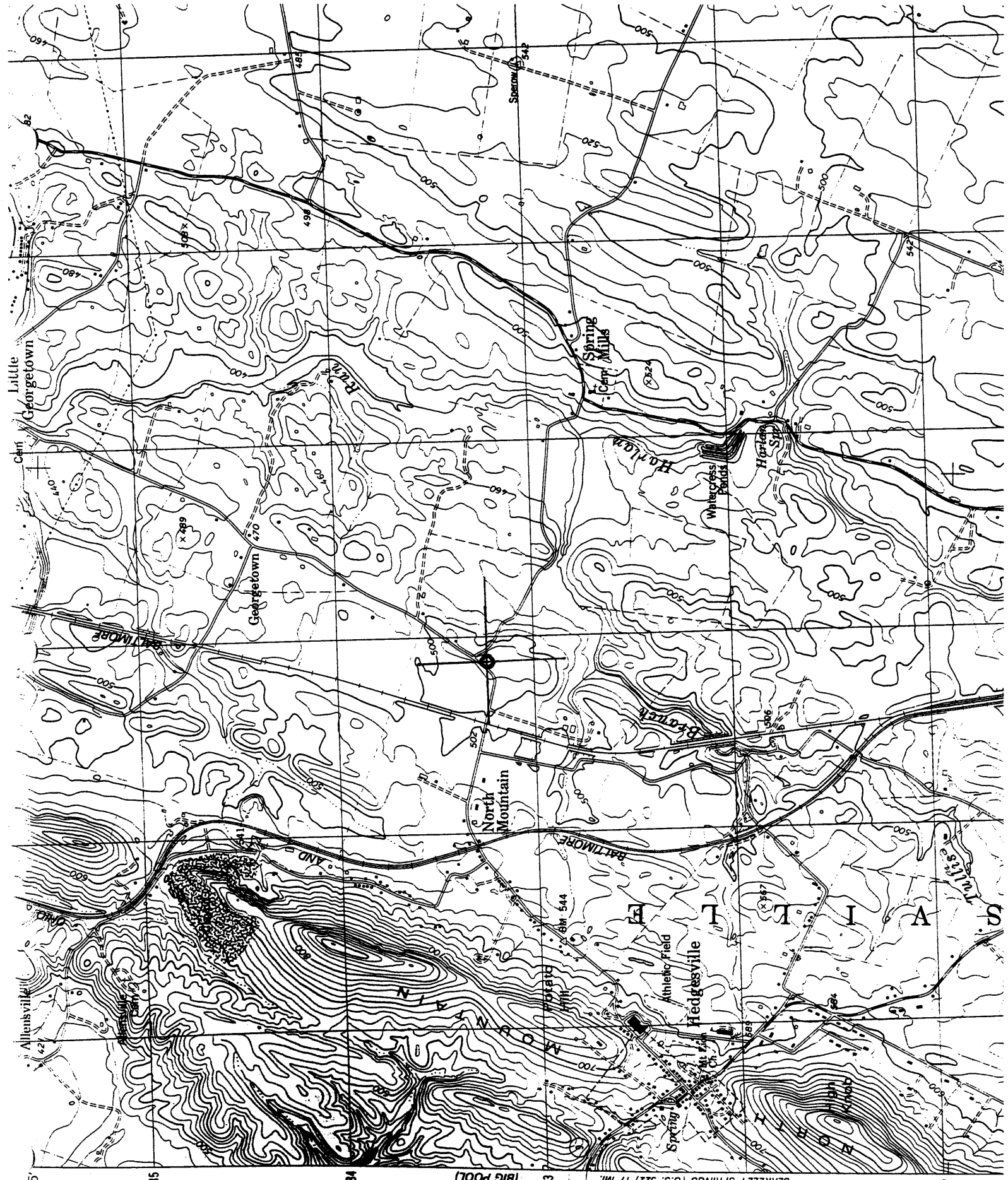
Quadrangle: Hedgesville

VBD: Beginning at a point on the road, 200 ft. W of the house, thence SE 600 ft.,
NE 300 ft., NW 300 ft., along the road SW 300 ft., to the beginning.

Item 2

On Route 1, second house north of intersection of Route 3 and Route 1. Turn off US11
onto Route 3 and follow to where it intersects with Route 1. Turn north onto Route 1
and go to second house.





eter Myers
ranch house
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Edgenville
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BERKELEY SPRINGS (U.S. 522) 17 MI.

S 5363 USE (BIG POOL)

32°30'

35°

58°45'

88°