### NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

**NAME**  
Teter Myers French House  
AND/OR COMMON  
Peter Sperow House  

**LOCATION**  
STREET & NUMBER  
Lot of CR 3 and CR 1  
CITY, TOWN  
Hedgesville  
VICINITY OF  
Georgetown  
STATE  
West Virginia  
CODE  
54  
COUNTY  
Berkeley  
CODE  
003  

**CLASSIFICATION**  
- CATEGORY  
- DISTRICT  
- BUILDING(S)  
- STRUCTURE  
- SITE  
- OBJECT  
- OWNERSHIP  
- PUBLIC  
- PRIVATE  
- BOTH  
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION  
- IN PROCESS  
- BEING CONSIDERED  
- STATUS  
- OCCUPIED  
- UNOCCUPIED  
- WORK IN PROGRESS  
- ACCESSIBLE  
- YES: RESTRICTED  
- YES: UNRESTRICTED  
- NO  
- PRESENT USE  
- AGRICULTURE  
- COMMERCIAL  
- EDUCATIONAL  
- ENTERTAINMENT  
- GOVERNMENT  
- INDUSTRIAL  
- MILITARY  
- MUSEUM  
- PARK  
- RELIGIOUS  
- SCIENTIFIC  
- TRANSPORTATION  
- OTHER:  

**OWNER OF PROPERTY**  
NAME  
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Dirling  
STREET & NUMBER  
CITY, TOWN  
Hedgesville, W 25427  
VICTINITY OF  
STATE  

**LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**  
COURTHOUSE  
Berkeley County  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
STREET & NUMBER  
CITY, TOWN  
Martinsburg, W 25401  
STATE  

**REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**  
TITLE  
K-12, Berkeley County Historical Society & Berkeley County Historical Landmarks Commission Survey  
DATE  
1973-78  
FEDERAL  
STATE  
COUNTY  
LOCAL  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS  
Berkeley County Courthouse  
CITY, TOWN  
Martinsburg, W 25401  
STATE
DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
GOOD
FAIR

DETERIORATED
RUINS
UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

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CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
MOVED
DATE

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

rick, two story front, three rear, deck on hip roof topped by closed belvedere with racketed cornice and narrow horizontal windows. Brick on front set in double Flemish bond headers above each other in staggered pattern, sides in 5/8 common, cornice in brick, tepped 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 arching reveals. Benches present on sides, seemingly built for porch, beautiful sawn wood ballustrade, matched by ballustrade on rear two story porch under extension of lipped 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, 1/2 brick, rectangular, end chimney at eaves, 2 entrances to front, entrance throughilkhead to rear. Necessary, brick with shed roof, trap door for cleaning to rear, tubs beneath two holers, good condition. Remnant of early wooden paling fence adjacent to necessary. Mechanical bond in necessary. Corncrib, lath crib on one side with wagon ripe 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. Unk barn. Site excellent, on hillside with unimpeded views in all directions. Preponderance of original material and complete survival of complex. Stylistically the house stands alone among all those viewed in the county.
### SIGNIFICANCE

#### PERIOD

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#### AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

- Community Planning
- Conservation
- Economics
- Education
- Engineering
- Exploration/Settlement
- Industry
- Invention
- Landscape Architecture
- Law
- Literature
- Military
- Music
- Philosophy
- Politics/Government
- Religion
- Science
- Sculpture
- Social/Humanitarian
- Theater
- Transportation
- Other (Specify)

#### SPECIFIC DATES

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#### 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 great 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.
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.
**MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

**GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 4.8

UTM REFERENCES

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**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**

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**FORM PREPARED BY**

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

ORGANIZATION: President, Berkeley County Historical Society

Chairman, Berkeley County Historical and Landmarks Commission

STREET & NUMBER: Route 3, Box 79

CITY OR TOWN: Martinsburg, WV 25401

**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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST: __________ DATE: __________

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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Continuation Sheet

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.

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.