

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Toll House (Watkins Ferry)

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Route 11 near Potomac River

Note: The building is so close to the Route 11 that it must be on the right of way making the State of WV (Hwy Dept.) owner.

US 11

CITY, TOWN
Martinsburg (Falling Waters)

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE
West Virginia

VICINITY OF
CODE
54

COUNTY
Berkeley

CODE
003

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Frank Mish

STREET & NUMBER

Maidstone-on-the Potomac

CITY, TOWN

Falling Waters, WV 25419

STATE

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 W-1, 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, WV 25401

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR
- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED

CHECK ONE

- ORIGINAL SITE
- MOVED
- DATE

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Small rectangular stone structure, roughly 17' front x 23' deep, with later frame additions. House abutts the road, and much of it is probably located within state right of way. Structure is one story with attic, gable roof parallel to street. The simple box cornice is obscured by new sheet tin roof. Flush raking cornices on gable ends. Front entrance door is typical two panel Greek Revival entrance, with 3 light transom above. Reveals are single panel each matching transom & door panels. Otherwise the frame is unadorned. One window is sse facade is without lintel and has simple beaded surround. All other windows have wooden lintels and unadorned surrounds. Some 6/6 sash, but most is 2/2, w/4 light sash in attic windows. Flue in one gable end, interior at ridge line, top seems to be brick replacement.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

- PREHISTORIC
 0-1499
 1500-1599
 1600-1699
 1700-1799
 1800-1899
 1900-
- ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
 ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
 AGRICULTURE
 ARCHITECTURE
 ART
 COMMERCE
 COMMUNICATIONS

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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Watkins Ferry toll house is significant for its outstanding architecture. It was an important part of Berkeley County's pre-Civil war transportation. It has a further significance as part of a transportation system which contributed to Berkeley County's commercial development.

In 1837 the turnpike company took over the old Watkins Ferry to Frederick Co. road and established it as a turnpike (toll road). Toll houses were built approximately every 5 miles, with three being constructed from Watkins Ferry to Martinsburg. This one originally built ca. 1837 is a sole survivor and is a classic example of a simple utilitarian structure.

Kemp Report

Berkeley Journal, 1977 Special Issue, p. 114, 115

Board of Public Works 1850, p. 51, 52, 53, 56, 57, 60, 61, 66

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 A.

QUADRANGLE NAME Williamsport

UTM REFERENCES

QUADRANGLE SCALE

A 18 256170 4386720

B

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

100 ft. on each side of the toll house.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

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

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

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

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

R-8-300A
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Watkins Ferry Toll House

CONTINUATION SHEET

ITEM NUMBER 10 PAGE

VBD: 100 ft. on each side of the toll house, but in front only to the northwest edge of the highway pavement.



39°37'30" 488 486 487 485
410 000 FEET (W. VA.)
2 460 000 FEET (W. VA.) 2550000E
50' 357 358 359
5463 III NE
MASON-DIXON

House
Atkins Ferry