

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
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The Lewis Hall Mansion
Name of Property
Brooke, West Virginia
County and State
86001074
NR Reference Number

State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this X additional documentation ___ move ___ removal
___ name change (additional documentation) ___ other

meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

Susan M. Pierce

5/18/2021

Signature of Certifying Official/Title: Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

Date of Action

National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- ___ entered in the National Register
- ___ determined eligible for the National Register
- ___ determined not eligible for the National Register
- ___ removed from the National Register
- ___ additional documentation accepted
- ___ other (explain:) _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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This Additional Documentation seeks to provide additional landscape information and expand the number of contributing resources, from 1 to 3, to better reflect the historic nature of the property. The original 1986 nomination lists only the house as a contributing building. Two additional contributing structures fall within the National Register boundaries: the rough-stone retaining wall and balustraded terrace/walkway. Both structures fall within the Period of Significance (1850-1910) and contribute to the Landscape Architecture Area of Significance.

The Lewis Hall Mansion sits on approximately .889 acres, an area of land defined as Parcel 69 on Wellsburg District Tax Map 10. This tax parcel, which acts as the National Register boundary, is defined by heavy vegetation and trees to the north, a neighboring property to the east, a paved driveway to the south and Pleasant Avenue to the west. The Historic Resources of Pleasant Avenue MRA states that Pleasant Avenue conveys a “park-like setting” and it is these features, like the rough retaining walls, and plantings that contribute to the overall character of the street.¹

The mansion sits up above street level on the eastern side of Pleasant Avenue. After passing the two neighboring driveways to the south, you are met by four stone steps which begin the long stone pathway to the house. This path rises with the land and meanders its way up to the house, roughly parallel with Pleasant Avenue. The pathway rises for roughly 200 feet northward up the hill before turning east towards the front of the house. At this flecion of the path is an ornate, clay-colored, balustraded terrace typical of the early 20th century Italian influence in American landscape architecture², which was likely added to the path around the same time period as the existent portico built in 1910. The path then continues for roughly 40 feet after this turning point towards the building. Along Pleasant Avenue is a course rubble, gravity-type retaining wall that runs the length of the parcel. The wall is determined to be “coursed rubble” because it appears to have been as least partially shaped, the stones having an almost symmetrical appearance in places along the wall. The wall was likely built around the period of the house itself, being made of this roughly cut, local stone. Along both the retaining wall and the pathway is a plethora of domestic vegetation, which partially obscures the house from street view. The original nomination includes both this wall and the pathway in the last paragraph of its statement of significance:

Landscaping features on the Lewis Hall Mansion provide a vernacular, or local, treatment of spaces between the house and Pleasant Avenue. Plantings of trees, shrubbery, and flowers were arranged in a manner so as not to obtrude upon the axial view of the house along the front walkway. The house is thus the focal point with low growing plants and teller [sic] trees arranged to the periphery of the grounds.

¹ National Register of Historic Places, Historic Resources of Pleasant Avenue Multiple Resources Area, Wellsburg, Brooke County, West Virginia, National Register #64000962

² Favretti, Rudy J., and Joy Putnam Favretti. “American Landscape Design.” In *Landscapes and Gardens for Historic Buildings: A Handbook for Reproducing and Creating Authentic Landscape Settings*, 66–67. Nashville, TN: American Association for State and Local History, 1978.

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Integrity

The historic integrity of both the footpath and stone retaining wall are sound. Both structures are in their original locations. The wall is of vernacular design and made of local stone. The footpath is most likely newer than the stone retaining wall, being paved with concrete and featuring the Italianesque balustraded landing. These structures are found on the Lewis Hall property near Pleasant Avenue. The retaining wall is immediately neighboring the street and the path generally follows the wall, roughly 25 feet away for most of the length of the footpath before reaching the landing. Both the footpath and the wall provide a feeling of wealth and importance when looking up at both structures from the low street level that contributes nicely within the Multiple Resource Area.

Updated Contributing and Non-contributing Resources

Contributing Buildings:	1	Non-contributing Buildings:	0
Contributing Structures:	2	Non-contributing Structures:	0
Contributing Objects:	0	Non-contributing Objects:	0
Contributing Sites:	0	Non-contributing Sites:	0

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Photo 1: Facing east: The stone retaining wall along Pleasant Avenue. Higher up on the hill is the paved footpath leading up to the mansion. It features an ornate, balustrade along the landing, located roughly 40 feet west of the main entrance.

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Photo 2: Facing southeast: The northward continuation of the stone retaining wall from the previous photograph, showing the presence of this wall along the Pleasant Avenue side of the property.

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Photo 3: Facing northeast: The beginning of the paved footpath leading to the mansion from Pleasant Avenue. The path starts at the driveway, which is immediately south of the path and partially seen in the right of the photograph and runs north until reaching the balustraded landing (seen on the center-left), and then makes a sharp turn east towards the mansion.

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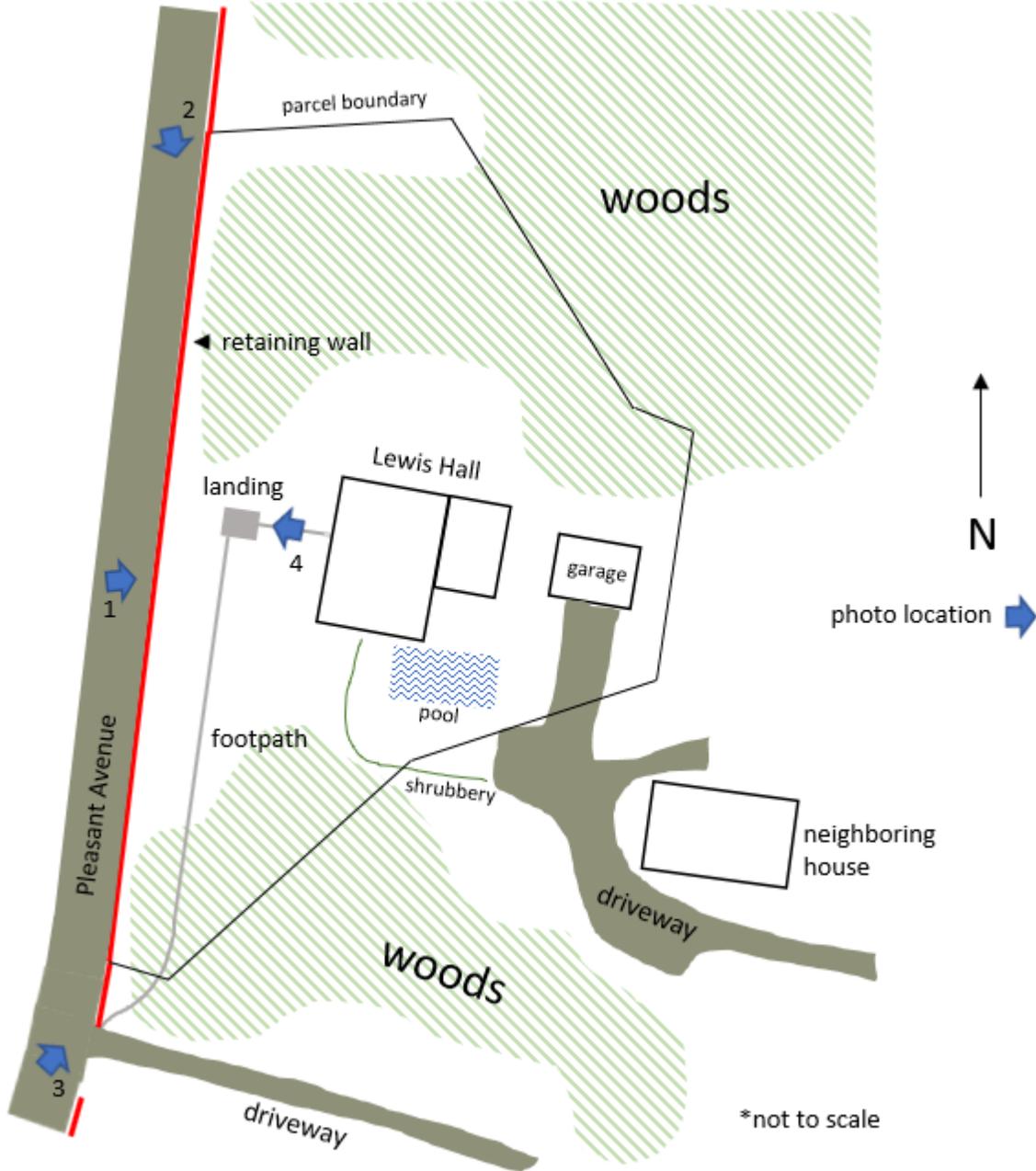


Photo 4: Facing west: The balustraded landing, partially concealed by vegetation.

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Sketch Map: Lewis Hall Mansion and surrounding contributing structures.