

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Downtown Martinsburg Historic District
Name of Property Berkeley, West Virginia
County and State 80004416
NR Reference Number

State/Federal Agency Certification

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

I hereby certify that this 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

9/13/2022

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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The purpose of this Additional Documentation submission is to clarify the contributing status of a house at 218 W. John Street, which was included in the Downtown Martinsburg Historic District listed in 1980. It also seeks to note the presence of a contributing structure in the backyard of the property not previously mentioned in the nomination.

218 W. John Street, owned by John F. Sprinkle at the time of the nomination, is listed on Page 12 in a section designated for "non-nominated" resources. On a color coded map included with the nomination, however, the property seems to be designated as a contributing resource. This Additional Documentation clarifies that the property at 218 W. John Street is in fact contributing to the Downtown Martinsburg Historic District.

The primary resource is a two-story brick Queen Anne style residence. It was built around 1916 and fits within the district's Period of Significance (1778-1930). The house retains a fair degree of historic architectural integrity. Notable features include the full-width porch, patterned wood shingles on the gabled dormer, an intact chimney, original oak wood flooring, original steam-fired furnace, and original one-over-one wood sash double-hung windows with a rope and weight system. There is ample integrity present for the resource to be considered contributing to the district.

This Additional Documentation also acknowledges the presence of an additional structure in the backyard of the residence. Located to the northeast of 218 W. John Street and obscured by a grove of trees, this resource appears to have been overlooked or not clearly identified in the original nomination. It is a two-story, wood frame structure, described in some property deeds as a shed. It may be a modest hall and parlor house. It notably has two separate doors on the front façade. Property deeds record the existence of this structure as early as 1870, but its construction may date earlier. It appears to fit within the district's Period of Significance. This building seems to retain many of its original features, such as the five-paneled wooden doors, four-over-four wood sash double hung windows, interlocking wood plank siding, a central brick chimney, and a stone foundation. A tin metal roof was installed in 2022 after the previous roof became too deteriorated. The gutters have also been replaced with galvanized round steel. Overall, the structure retains sufficient integrity to be considered a contributing resource.

Bibliography

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Photo Log

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Front facade of Queen Anne house
- Photo 2 of 4 WV_Berkeley County_Downtown Martinsburg Historic District (Additional Documentation)_0002
Front facade of small farmhouse
- Photo 3 of 4 WV_Berkeley County_Downtown Martinsburg Historic District (Additional Documentation)_0003
Left front facade of small farmhouse
- Photo 4 of 4 WV_Berkeley County_Downtown Martinsburg Historic District (Additional Documentation)_0004
Right front facade of small farmhouse

Figure Log

- Figure 1 of 2 WV_Berkeley County_Downtown Martinsburg Historic District (Additional Documentation)_0005
1935 Plat Drawing
- Figure 2 of 2 WV_Berkeley County_Downtown Martinsburg Historic District (Additional Documentation)_0006
1996 Plat Drawing