

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet**

Beall-Air (Additional Documentation)
Name of Property Jefferson County, West Virginia
County and State 73001914
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.

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

7/7/2023

Signature of Certifying Official/Title:

Date of Action

West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office

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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Section number 1

Beall-Air was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on August 17, 1973. Section 1 of the nomination lists one “common name,” “Beall-Air,” and one “and/or historic” name, “Washington, Colonel Lewis, House.” Sections 7 and 8 refer to the resource as “Beall-Air.” In 2022, the Beallair Community Conservancy Inc. (BCC) contacted the West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office requesting that the spelling of the property be changed to “Beallair,” removing the hyphen. This Additional Documentation seeks to clarify that the primary or “Historic name” under Section 1 should be “Beallair,” while “Beall-Air” and “Washington, Colonel Lewis, House” be designated under Section 1 as “Other names.”

Documentation provided by the BCC confirms that “Beallair” is the original spelling of the property. The earliest reference to the name is in a land deed made between Thomas Beall and Robert and Sarah Lucas on November 22, 1805, which refers to a “Thomas Beall tract known by the name Beallair.”¹ On January 16, 1845, Col. Lewis Washington advertised the sale of his estate in the *Virginia Free Press*, in which he spells the name “Beallair.”² Washington advertised the sale once again, using the same spelling, in the July 3, 1845 issue of the *National Intelligencer*.

The earliest known use of the spelling “Beall-Air” was in 1853, when the *Virginia Free Press* ran an article announcing Lewis Washington’s sale of the property to an individual from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania (the sale may not have been finalized, as Washington continued to live there until his death in 1871).³ The hyphen may have been added to aid in the name’s pronunciation.

The property has been spelled “Beallair” in more contemporary references. It was used by Don and Mary Jo Kennard, owners of the property between 1980-2004.⁴ The 2011 book *Uncommon Vernacular: The Early Houses of Jefferson County, West Virginia, 1735-1835* by John C. Allen, Jr. uses this spelling. In 2004, the Wormald Corporation purchased the property and redeveloped part of the farmland into a private residential neighborhood. Both Wormald and the BCC (established to own and operate the property) use the spelling “Beallair.”

¹ Land Deed, reference number CT503_19051122, Berkeley County Historical Society, Martinsburg, WV.

² “Beallair at Private Sale,” *Virginia Free Press*, January 16, 1845.

³ “Beall-Air Sold,” *Virginia Free Press*, September 29, 1853.

⁴ William DeRoche, email to Cody Straley, September 29, 2022.