

HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

HISTORIC PRESERVATION UNIT
DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE & HISTORY
THE CULTURAL CENTER
CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA 25305

(Staff Use Only)

File No:
Thems(s):
Neg No(s):
USGS Quad:
UTM Ref:
SEE ITEM #6

DISTRICT: SITE: BUILDING: STRUCTURE: OBJECT

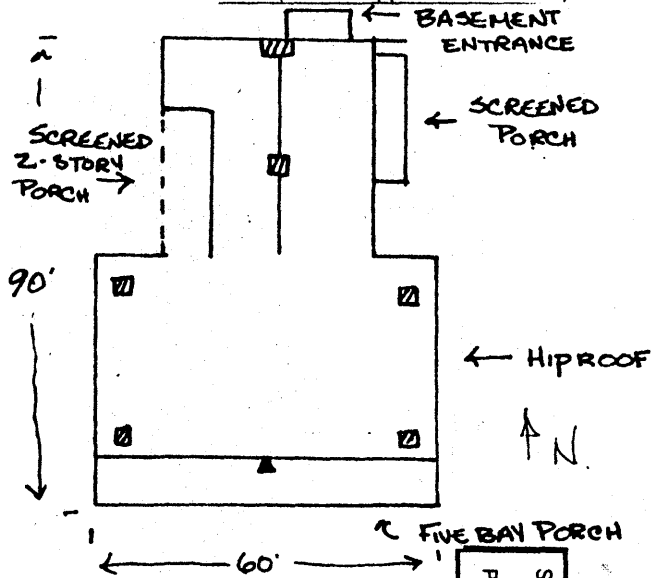
- 1. NAME(S) historic/common: The Meadows *Small Church WPA*
- 2. LOCATION street/road: E/S US Route 220
city/town: North of Moorefield VIC.
(incorporated/unincorporated)
- 3. USE/FUNCTION present: Private Residence/Agriculture
original: Private Residence/Agriculture
- 4. OWNER/ADDRESS present: George Halterman
Petersburg, WV
original: B. S. McNeill
Moorefield, WV
- 5. PHOTO/SKETCH OF:

(public/private restricted)

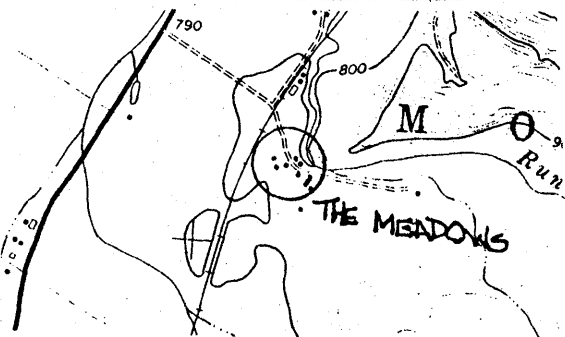
(public/private)

(phone no.)
not known

7. PLAN (include approx. dimensions):



6. LOCALE/ENVIRONMENT (map)



Moorefield Quad
UTM Ref: 17 676 840 4328080

8. (A.) ACREAGE (approx):

2 Acres

(B.) VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The complex is included within an area 1000' square to encompass all of the buildings. Beginning at a point on the east side of the B & O Railroad on the south side of the farm lane leading to the complex; then extending east 1000' and continuing to the place of beginning

COUNTY: Hardy
Survey Region: N/A
Planning District: N/A

PROPERTY NAME: The Meadows

9. DESCRIPTION (clarify as appropriate):

a. Exterior Fabric

stone _____
brick X _____
concrete _____
stucco _____
weatherboard _____
clapboard _____
board & batten _____
shingle _____
other _____

b. Structural System

masonry X _____
frame _____
log _____
metal _____
other _____
foundation stone _____

c. Roofing Material

wood _____
metal standing seam _____
slate _____
tile _____
asphalt _____
composition _____
other _____

d. Associated Structures (use/type):

outbuildings barns, sheds, various _____
agricultural structures _____
dependencies _____
other _____

e. Integrity (include dates):

original site/relocated original _____
alterations converted to two _____
apartments _____
additions front porch possibly _____
added ca. 1900. _____

f. Condition:

excellent X _____
good _____
fair _____
deteriorated _____
abandoned _____

g. Threats:

None

10. SIGNIFICANCE (use attachment sheet if necessary): This complex is primarily significant for its architecture.

a. Architect/Builder/Engineer: B.S. McNeill

b. Style/Period: Greek Revival

c. Date(s): Mid 19th century

The house is one of an important group of large substantial brick farm houses dating from the 19th century in the South Branch Valley. This house dating from the mid 19th century is an excellent example of the Greek Revival Style as expressed in the South Branch Valley. Important characteristics are the attenuated frieze with decorated vent windows, the low pitched hipped roof with "captains walk" and the entrance. The property is also associated with the locally prominent McNeill family. Period out buildings and barns are considered to be contributing members of this complex.

11. BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Adapted from survey documentation compiled by Nan Stevens, Region 8 Planning and Development Council, in 1981 for the West Virginia Department of Culture and History.

12. FORM PREPARED BY Paula S. Reed DATE 8/09/84

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ATTACHMENT TO HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

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(#10. Significance, continued)

In summary, the significance of this complex derives from its architecture as an excellent example of a locally prominent type. The South Branch Valley is said to have some of the best brick Greek Revival style architecture in the state. The house appears to have received relatively few alterations and this is a good example within this context. Secondly, the complex with its multiplicity of agricultural and domestic outbuildings is notable as a prosperous farm, farming being the major economic force in the South Branch Valley. Finally, on the local level, the association of this property with the prominent McNeill family is significant. The McNeills were prosperous land owners who during the Civil War were Confederate sympathizers, as were many families of the South Branch Valley. Members of the McNeill family and other confederates formed a group called "McNeill's Raiders" who sabotaged a number of Yankee troop movements in the area during the Civil War.

4. Mr. George Halterman
20 Grove Street
Petersburg, WV 26847

11. Deed Book 16, page 364, County Court of Hardy County, West Virginia

Contributing Resources, "The Meadows"
Moorefield vicinity, Hardy County, West Virginia

1. "The Meadows"
2. Principal Barn
3. Secondary Barn
4. Privy

