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United States Department of the Interior National Park Service  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Faber Double-Crib Barn  
other name/site number: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street & number: 1106 Route 21 not for publication: N/A  
city/town: Kenna vicinity: X  
state: West Virginia code: WV county: Jackson code: 035 zip code: 25248

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination \_\_\_ request for determination of eligibility 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. In my opinion, the property X meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant \_\_\_ nationally \_\_\_ statewide X locally. (\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.)

[Signature] \_\_\_\_\_ Date 7-21-05  
Susan M. Pierce, Deputy SHPO  
Troy Body

West Virginia Division of Culture and History  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property \_\_\_ meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria.  
(\_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of Certifying Official/Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

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**4. National Park Service Certification**

I, hereby certify that this property is:

Signature of Keeper Edson H. Ball Date of Action 9-7-05

- entered in the National Register  
See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register  
See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register

other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property:**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

**Category of Property:**  
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
<u>1</u>		TOTAL

Name of related multiple property listing N/A  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

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**6. Function or Use**

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**Historic Functions**

AGRICULTURE/storage=hay mow  
AGRICULTURE/animal facility=pen

**Current Functions**

AGRICULTURE/storage

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**7. Description**

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**Architectural Classification**

Other: double-crib barn

**Materials**

Foundation: Stone, concrete block

Walls: Logs

Roof: Tin

Other: Aluminum

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**Narrative Description**

(See continuation sheets)

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**8. Statement of Significance**

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**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "X" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

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**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.

B removed from its original location.

C a birthplace or grave.

D a cemetery.

E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.

F a commemorative property.

G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Areas of Significance**

Architecture

**Period of Significance**

1860

**Significant Dates**

1860

**Significant Person**

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

Hiram Faber

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(See continuation sheets)

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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**Bibliography**

(See continuation sheets)

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.  
 previously listed in the National Register  
 previously determined eligible by the National Register  
 designated a National Historic Landmark  
 recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_  
 recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office  
 Other State agency  
 Federal agency  
 Local government  
 University  
 Other

Name of Repository: \_\_\_\_\_

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**10. Geographical Data**

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Acreage of Property: less than one acre

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

Quad Map Name: Sissonville

Zone	Easting	Northing
<u>17</u>	<u>442040</u>	<u>4274660</u>

**Verbal Boundary Description**

(See continuation sheet)

**Boundary Justification**

(See continuation sheet)

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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Name/Title: Herbert and Leota Faber (property owners) with Erin Riebe (WV SHPO)

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: March 2005

Street & Number: 1106 Route 21 Telephone: (304) 988-9153

City or Town: Kenna State: WV ZIP: 25248

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**Property Owner**

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Name: Herbert and Leota Faber

Street & Number: 1106 Route 21 Telephone: (304)988-9153

City or Town: Kenna State: WV Zip: 25248

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**Introduction**

The Faber Barn is nestled in the rolling hills of rural Jackson County, West Virginia approximately four miles south of Kenna and 15 miles south of Ripley. The barn is situated approximately 100' to the west of State Route 21 (formerly the old Ripley-Charleston Turnpike and then U.S. Route 21). The left hand fork of Poca River runs approximately 25' to the rear or southwest elevation of the barn and Faber Hollow Creek runs parallel to the southeast elevation.

**Description**

The Faber Barn is an excellent example of a side-gable, double-crib log barn. Construction began in 1859 and was completed in 1860. The first floor has a pen at the north and south end of the barn, each measuring 22'x 22'. A 22' breezeway, originally with a thrashing floor, separates the two pens. The pens were constructed with white oak logs with the top log being 12" square yellow poplar. The 8" oak logs were originally 14" before being hewed on two sides for construction. Each pen has a door opening to the east where a lean-to addition was constructed with wood boards along the length of the barn. The pen on the northern end also has a door opening to the breezeway.

A stairway leads from the breezeway area of the northern pen to the second elevation. The area over each pen was used for hay mows and the center area for storage. In total, the barn measures 66' long. A 78' tin roof offers a 6' overhang on each end. The barn is supported by stone piers with the exception of the northwest elevation that is now supported by concrete block.

In 1918 a lean-to, pine shed was added to the west facade of the barn. It had a hay mow and cattle scales. In 1968 this shed was razed due to deterioration.

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**Statement of Significance**

The Faber Barn is eligible for listing in the National Register under *Criterion C: Architecture* as a locally significant and now rare example of double-crib log barn design in West Virginia. The barn has been in continuous use from 1860 until the present. The period of significance is 1860, the year the barn was constructed.

**History**

The Farber Barn was constructed by Hiram Faber who moved to the area from Augusta County, Virginia in 1843. Upon arrival, he purchased 200 acres of land from William and Sarah Fisher. In 1847 he purchased an additional 256 acres from H.O. Middleton for \$100.00 cash. Hiram lived in a log house at the mouth of what became to be known as Faber Hollow. Correspondence between Hiram and family in Faber's Mill, Virginia dates the construction of the barn to 1859-1860.

In 1870 Hiram's son John Faber took ownership of the property and ran the farm until 1921 when his son, H.T. Faber, took ownership until the early 1960s. H.T.'s son, Proctor, owned the property until 1968 when Herbert Faber, Hiram's great-great grandson, purchased the farm from Proctor. In 2005, Herbert Faber still owns the barn and farm.

**Significance**

In the early nineteenth century western Virginia began to see an increase in farming. By the Civil War, livestock in the area of current West Virginia was valued at 12 million dollars. There were approximately 63,000 individually owned farms covering 26 million acres. This expansion in farming brought with it the need for the construction of new barns to house stock, hay, and implements. Due to the abundance of timber in West Virginia farmers constructed their barns with log. The size of the barn depended on the needs of the individual farmer as well as the land. Large barns were not needed until the late nineteenth century, however, due to new technology and larger farms.

The construction of crib barns was most popular in the southern Appalachian and Ozark Mountain States of North Carolina, Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Arkansas. Crib barns were constructed with one, two, four, and sometimes six cribs. The double-crib barn has two cribs facing a central passageway following the same form which produced the dog-trot house from the log pen house. Second cribs were erected to share a common roof with the first crib that extended across a center breezeway.

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As demonstrated, the constructed of log crib barns was not rare in nineteenth-century western Virginia. Even so, their survival into the twenty-first century is rare. Because of their construction techniques, West Virginia's early and mid-nineteenth century log barns could have easily outlasted their later counterparts. However, these larger and more modern later barns often replaced the original crib log barns. One historian wrote in 1983 that "West Virginia log barns, once a measure of rural welfare in their unsophisticated splendor, are now on the brink of extinction." (Schultz, 44)

**Summary**

The Faber Barn has remained intact for nearly 150 years and remained in ownership of Faber descendants from the time it was constructed. The barn is in good condition with the exception of a few logs that have damage over the breezeway and a hay mow. This damage, nor the concrete blocks that support the northwest end of the barn, affect the resource's ability to convey its local significance.

Unlike many other similar resources this barn has survived several floods, years of weathering, and the need for larger, more sophisticated farm buildings. The barn remains one of the few excellent examples of the meticulous workmanship of our ancestors. The Faber Barn is the only known barn of this style and size in the Jackson County area and one of the few in West Virginia.

(NPS Form 10-900)

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**Verbal Boundary Description**

The boundary for the Faber Barn forms a rectangle around the building with the building situated toward the center. From a point north of the barn at the intersection of the property drive and State Route 21 the boundary extends southeast approximately 150' to the edge of Faber Hollow Creek. The boundary runs southwest along the creek approximately 120' to the banks of the left hand fork of the Poca River. The boundary runs northwest along Poca River for approximately 150' thence northeast approximately 120' along the private drive to the beginning point at State Route 21.

**Boundary Justification**

Originally, the boundary area was part of a 456 acre tract. Currently, the property owner retains approximately 6 acres of the original tract. Additional buildings associated with the same property are modern and were therefore excluded from the boundary.

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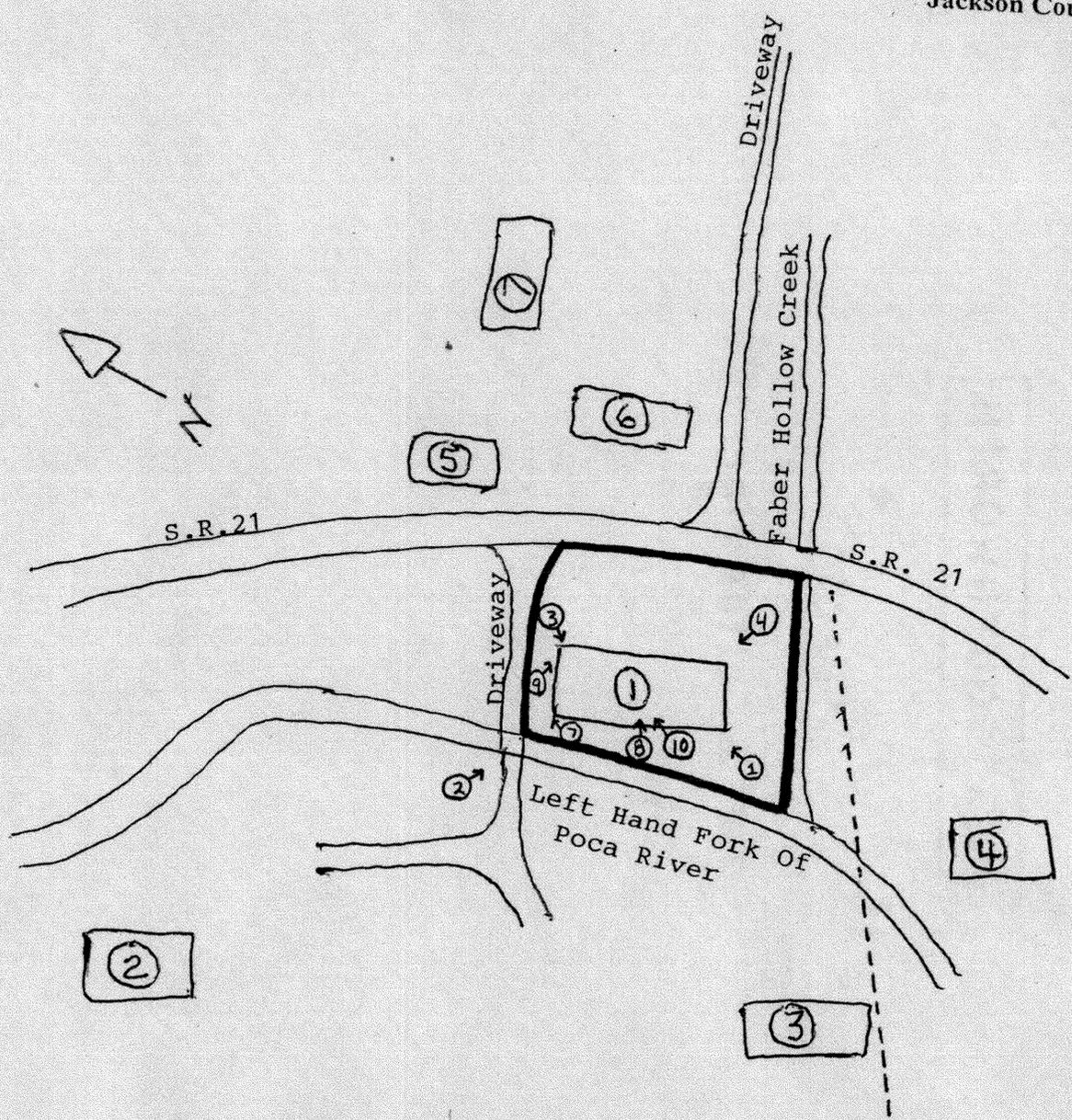
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Address:                1106 Route 21  
Town:                    Kenna, WV 25248  
County:                  Jackson

Photographer:        Herbert F. Faber  
Date:                    December, 2004  
Negatives:             WV SHPO, Charleston, WV

- Photo 1 of 10:        South and west elevations view facing north.  
Photo 2 of 10:        North and west elevations view facing east.  
Photo 3 of 10:        North and east elevations view facing south.  
Photo 4 of 10:        South and east elevations view facing west.  
Photo 5 of 10:        Upper hay mow opening.  
Photo 6 of 10:        Lower hay mow opening.  
Photo 7 of 10:        West corner of upper pen.  
Photo 8 of 10:        South breezeway corner.  
Photo 9 of 10:        North end of barn showing over hang.  
Photo 10 of 10:      East corner of barn.

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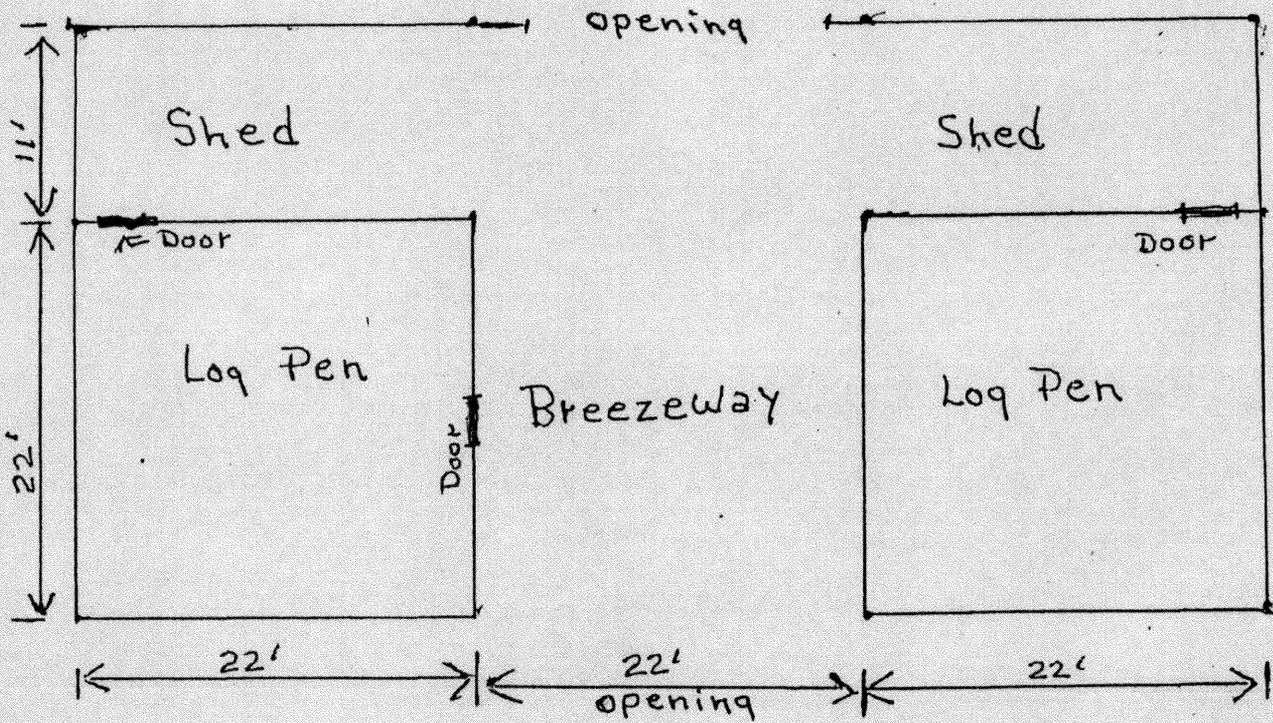
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- 2-Farm House
- 3-Shed
- 4-Modern House
- 5-Double-Wy.
- 6-Mobile HOME
- 7-Doublewide
- Boundary - - - - -
- National Register Boundary **—————**
- PhotosViews ① →



Not to Scale

Faber Double-Crib Barn  
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First Floor



Second Floor

