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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: The Feay Inn

other name/site number: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street & number: 9 Burkham Court

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Wheeling

vicinity: N/A

state: WV county: Ohio

code: 069

zip code: 26003

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: private

Category of Property: building

Number of Resources within Property:

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

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic and Architectural Resources along the National Road in Ohio County, West Virginia

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4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this

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

meets

does not meet

the National Register Criteria. See continuation sheet.

*William C. Laman*

*6/4/92*

Signature of Certifying Official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property

meets

does not meet

the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

Date

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

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):

*Patrick Andrews*

*2/11/93*

Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

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6. Function or Use  
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Historic: Domestic	Sub: Hotel
_____	_____
Current : Domestic	Sub: Single dwelling
_____	_____
_____	_____

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7. Description  
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Architectural Classification:

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Other Description: I-house

Materials: foundation Sandstone	roof Asphalt
walls Stone	other _____
	_____

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

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8. Statement of Significance  
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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: locally.

Applicable National Register Criteria: A and C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: Transportation  
Architecture

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Period(s) of Significance: 1811

Significant Dates: 1811

Significant Person(s): N/A

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Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.  
X See continuation sheet.

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9. Major Bibliographical References
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See continuation sheet. X

Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A

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 -- Specify Repository: N/A

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10. Geographical Data
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Acreeage of Property: less than one acre

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing
17 530410 4433010

Verbal Boundary Description: X See continuation sheet.

Lots No. 44 and 42 in Wheeling, West Virginia, as shown in Plat Book No. 2, page 95, Office of the County Clerk, Ohio County, West Virginia, more particularly bounded and described as follows: beginning at a point in

Boundary Justification: X See continuation sheet.

The nominated property constitutes the lot historically associated with the inn.

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11. Form Prepared By
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Organization: Division of Culture & History Date: 20 April 1992
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City or Town: Wheeling State:WV ZIP: 26003

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Located near the bridge crossing Little Wheeling Creek as the National Road enters Wheeling's eastern city limits is the c. 1811 Feay Inn. Built as an inn to take advantage of the National Road the highway was soon diverted to the opposite side of the creek, bypassing its door.

The inn lies on the south side of Burkham Court approximately 120 yards west of the old stone S-bridge, and 100 yards west of the present 1934 steel truss bridge at the junction of Peters Run Road and the National Road. The building's north facade is approximately eight feet from the curb with three trees spaced along the sidewalk. There is an empty grassed side yard to the east with a evergreen tree. A house is on the next lot to the west, about fifteen feet away. To the south is a long yard stretching to Little Wheeling Creek. The building is on a wide flood plain of the creek. A noncontributing modern garage is on the rear lot with the drive entering from the east side.

Constructed of fieldstone the I-house style of the inn is early folk with later Italianate details. The two and a half story building has three bays on each floor of the north facade facing Burkham Court. This north facade is actually the rear of the old inn. The center bay is slightly off center to the right with the door on the first floor. The door has a large center pane of glass. There is a metal shed awning over the doorway. The windows are all 1/1 double-hung with a slight projecting hood moulding. There are two end chimneys on the gable roof. Under the eaves are a later Italianate alteration to the house of paired decorative brackets, and dentils on the wide fascia board.

The east side has a hipped enclosed porch added on the first floor with multiple 1/1 double-hung windows on three sides and a multilight door on the north side. There are two windows on the second floor, and two openings on the first floor. The gable end has a eave return.

The south facade was built to be the front of the inn, facing where the National Road originally passed between the inn and Little Wheeling Creek. This facade has three bays on each floor with a center door on the first floor. A wooden open porch is on the first floor with wood shingles on the low railing wall and paired brackets under the eave over each of the four support posts.

The west facade has a single window to the right end on the first floor, two windows on the second floor and a single window to the right side of the attic level. This facade also has a gable end with eave returns.

The Feay house is the only complete fieldstone building on the National Road in Ohio County. The architecture is typical of early folk dwellings made by local builders and is suggestive of fieldstone building traditions popular in Pennsylvania. Constructed as an inn the thick stone walls have a high integrity as a early building designed to be a business investment on the National Road.

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The Feay Inn is being nominated under National Register Criteria A and C. This stone building was built as an inn five years after the original surveyed route of the National Road was completed to Wheeling in 1806. Approximately six years later, in 1817, two stone bridges were built diverting the highway to the other side of Little Wheeling Creek and thus bypassing the inn.

George Feay first purchased 150 acres in Ohio County from William Shepherd in 1801. He later acquired 148 acres on Little Wheeling Creek in 1805. This land had been part of a military land grant to David Shepherd in 1774 and was devised through a will to his heirs before being sold to Feay. The property included land on both sides of Peters Run Road.

According to local history George and a brother built the stone inn to take advantage of the traffic using the National Road which followed Little Wheeling Creek through Ohio County. Almost every mile of the National Road had some type of an inn or tavern that catered to the needs of travelers who passed through the county by the thousands.

Once the highway was diverted to the other side of the creek it is unclear how long the inn continued to operate. A deed from 1836, when the property was passed down in the family to Joseph Feay, uses a grist mill dam as a boundary point and mentions that a saw mill was bequeathed to other heirs. Obviously there were other nearby commercial operations taking advantage of the water power from the creek and the highway as a means to transport products to markets. A HISTORY OF THE PAN-HANDLE published in 1879 has a running description of improvements along the National Road as if someone was actually traveling east through Wheeling to Triadelphia. It lists the residence of Joseph Feay as one of the landmarks documenting that the inn had eventually become a residence.

After Joseph Feay's death in 1897 the property passed to his heirs which included Edmund and Sarah Roe. A city plat book shows the partition of the Feay farm into lots in October 1905. The lots were laid out to the north of the house along Peters Run Road. In 1910 the heirs sold the then 91.78 acres to Elzie Courtland Burkham and his wife, Cleopatra. The Burkham's had part of the property again partitioned into lots which is recorded on a city plat map dated September 1922. They immediately began selling lots and continued to do so for several years. The U-shape court with access to Peters Run Road to the east is now called Burkham Court. The Feay house had the rear door oriented to the court at that time.

The fieldstone architecture of the Feay Inn is rare in Ohio County. There are several instances where the front facade might be cut stone blocks with side fieldstone walls, but all the walls on the Feay building have irregular stone outlines. The I-house form is common to buildings constructed in the early part of the 1800's in Ohio County. The Italianate details of the brackets and dentils were added during Joseph Feay's

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ownership and the multipaned windows were probably modernized to 1/1 double-hung openings at that time.

The Feay Inn is an excellent example of a early stopping place for travelers on the National Road. The fieldstone construction is a unusual building style in Ohio County but one that took advantage of the plentiful stone at hand. The inn naturally shifted from a business to a residence as the heyday of the National Road declined and the original route was changed to the opposite side of the creek bed.

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Deed books, City-County Building, Office of the Clerk of Ohio County, Wheeling, West Virginia.

Plat Book 1A, page 128, October 3, 1905. City-County Building, Office of the Clerk of Ohio County, Wheeling, West Virginia.

Plat Book 2, page 34, September 20, 1905. City-County Building, Office of the Clerk of Ohio County, Wheeling, West Virginia.

Newton, J.H., G.G. Nichols, and A.G. Sprankle. History of the Panhandle; Being Historical Collections of the Counties of Ohio, Brooke, Marshall, and Hancock, West Virginia. Wheeling, West Virginia: J.A. Caldwell, 1879.

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Verbal Boundary Description

the southern edge of Avenue A, said point being located 285 feet east of the southeast corner of the intersection of Avenue A and Alley A; thence south, parallel to the eastern edge of Alley A, 245 feet to the northern edge of Wheeling Creek; thence east with the northern edge of Wheeling Creek east 93 feet, more or less, to a point; thence north, parallel with the eastern edge of Alley A, 255 feet to a point in the southern edge of Avenue A; thence west with the southern edge of Avenue A 92 61/100 feet to the place of beginning.