

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

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**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Henry J. Seibert II House

and or common "Seibert Villa"

2. Location

On north side of W.Va State Route #45, the Arden Road, one-and-a-half street & number miles west of intersection with Interstate #81 not for publication

city, town Martinsburg vicinity of

state West Virginia code 54 county Berkeley code 003

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name C.J. Seibert Orchard Company

street & number Route 1, Box 240

city, town Martinsburg vicinity of state West Virginia

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Berkeley County Courthouse

street & number 100 West King Street

city, town Martinsburg state West Virginia

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

T-95 Berkeley County Historic
title Landmarks Commission Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date July 1984 federal state county local

depository for survey records Berkeley County Courthouse

city, town Martinsburg state West Virginia

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Located on State Route #45, one-and-a-half miles west of the intersection with Interstate #81, the house is situated on the north side of the road, on a crest, in a well landscaped lawn with a lot of tall trees and shrubs.

"Seibert Villa" measures thirty-six feet wide by seventy-six feet long and is a two story, "L" shaped brick dwelling house with gable roofs, built in Flemish bond and common bond on a stone foundation with inside end chimneys. The front section is three bays wide and the ell is three bays deep. The one story, one bay, hip roofed original main entrance porch is period late Greek Revival. The three bay, one story, hip roofed porch on the west side was added ca. 1890. It is very pretty with chamfered posts and ornamental brackets. Windows are 6/6 double hung sash with brick flat arch lintels. Entrance doors are four-panel with four-light transoms. On the exterior, this is a classic late Greek Revival house of 1867.

The main entrance door opens into a double parlor connected by large panelled pocket doors. Both rooms have end fireplaces with period mantels having a decorative ogee frieze. The rooms complement each other nicely and the effect is spacious. The dining room and stair hall are behind the parlors. The dining room also has an ogee frieze mantel. In the hall is a sweeping four flight, oval, open-well staircase with single starting heavy-turned newel. There are two plain, round-in-section spindles per step and simple brackets decorate the step ends. The hand rail is mahogany. Second story mantels are plainer but maintain the ogee frieze motif.

In the ell is the country kitchen with winder stair, under-the-stair closet, and fireplace. This fireplace has a simple mantel with rounded corner shelf on brackets.

Original floors are throughout, the trim is architrave, and doors are four-panel. Door box locks with tortoiseshell knobs were made by the "R & E MFG Co. Pat. May 29, 1866."

In the side yard are two outbuildings. One is constructed of logs with a large stone chimney and was the kitchen to an early log house. It is sided and has corner boards, a 6/6 double hung sash window, and the original board-and-batten door. The other outbuilding is small and frame constructed and is of the same period as the brick house. Between the two is a flower garden.

Alterations include a two story, one bay, one-room-each-floor addition to the rear of the house ca. 1910. Constructed of brick and built in the correct proportions, it is virtually indistinguishable as an addition, on the exterior. It is located behind the rear chimney and extends the ell. The interior work is period 1910 and is very good.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1867

Builder Architect Henry J. Seibert II

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Henry J. Seibert II House is historically significant for its continual associations with the Seibert family and is architecturally significant for being an excellent example of transitional Greek Revival-Victorian architecture.

The farm was purchased by the Seiberts in 1848 and has been in the family for four generations and will continue to the present fifth generation. This continual inheritance has become very rare and there are only a few other such examples in the county. The passing of the family farm from generation to generation was mainly interrupted by the depression.

Wendel Seibert immigrated from Wolfesweiler, Germany, to Pennsylvania, and then came to Berkeley County ca. 1790. His grandson Henry J. Seibert I purchased the "Dry Land Farm" of ninety acres. Henry II inherited the farm and built the brick house ca. 1867 and changed the name to "Seibert Villa." Henry II also purchased an additional adjacent eighty acres in 1890. In 1910, the farm was willed to Charles J. Seibert and the present occupant is the widow of Henry J. Seibert III, Charles' son.

The Seiberts were prominent area farmers and orchardists. Charles J. Seibert resided at the farm his entire life (b. 1857). In addition to his agricultural work, he was instrumental in establishing the Y.M.C.A. in Martinsburg, was a board member of the Peoples Trust Company, was very active in the Liberty and Red Cross drives during WWI, and was a member of the board of trustees of Massanutten Military Academy in Woodstock, Virginia. His son Henry III was born at "Seibert Villa" in 1899 and continued the professional and community activities as established by his father. He was a member of the board of trustees of Massanutten for forty years and was inducted into the Academy Alumni Association Hall of Fame.

The brick used to build "Seibert Villa" was burned on the farm. This is a handsome house and is well maintained by a family that is proud of it. Situated on a curve of the Arden Road, it is unavoidably very visible. The exterior architecture is classical late Greek Revival whereas the interior expresses the transition to the ogee ornamentation of a later period. As expressed in the mantels and particularly fine oval, open-well stairway, the curvilinear influence is subtle, but definite.

The floor plan is unusual and is an adaptation of the earlier "U" floor plan where the hall is located between the two rear rooms of the main section, a style popular in the Federal period in Berkeley County. Because of the prominence of this staircase, it deserved and received greater space. Since the double parlors are in the front, the house has a distinctive spaciousness. Proportion, design, and workmanship are excellent. The house is significant as being an example of fine transitional Greek Revival-Victorian architecture.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Raymond Bell, "The Seibert Family," private publication, Washington, Pa. 1959.
Martinsburg Journal, July 23, 1932 and November 2, 1983.
Berkeley County Deed Book 16, p. 79; DB 158, p.459.
Berkeley County Land Books 1865, 1869, 1892.
Berkeley County Will Book 24, p. 474; Death Book 5, p. 204.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 1 acre

Quadrangle name Tablers Station

Quadrangle scale 1 : 24,000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification Beginning 100' SE of the house, thence along the Arden Road SW 100', thence NW 150', thence N 250', thence E 100', thence along the farm lane SSE 100' and ESE 130', thence SW 100' to the beginning (See map).

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
N/A			

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Frances D. Ruth, Administrator

organization Berkeley County Historic Landmarks Commission date September 30, 1984

street & number Route 2, Box 320 telephone (304) 75407097

city or town Martinsburg, state West Virginia

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

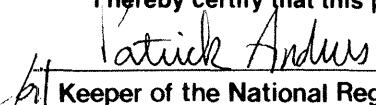
As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature 

title State Historic Preservation Officer date May 2, 1985

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

 Patrick Andrews date 7/8/85
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration

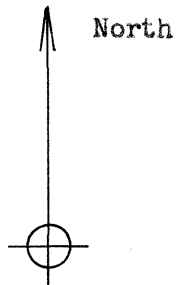
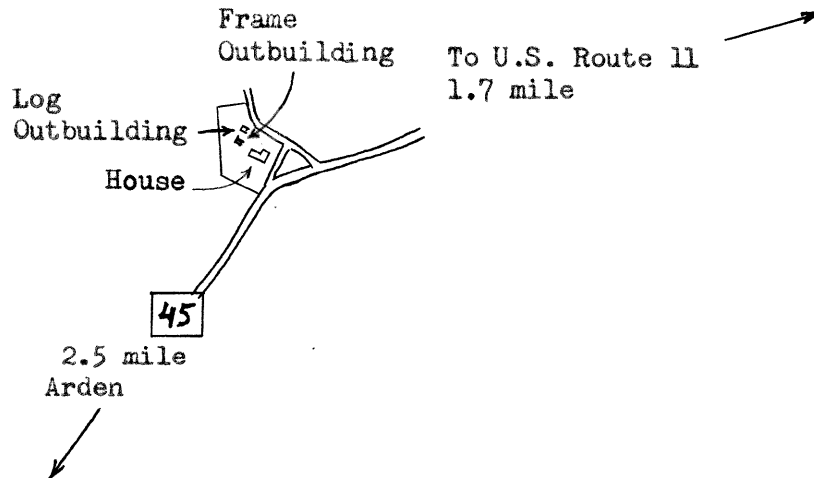
HENRY J. SEIBERT, II HOUSE

T-95

Area 1 acre

Berkeley County, West Virginia

Tablers Station Quadrangle



SCALE 1 : 7,920

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