

HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

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

(Staff Use Only)

File No:
Theme(s):
Neg No(s):
USGS Quad:
UTM Ref:
See Item #6

DISTRICT . SITE BUILDING STRUCTURE . OBJECT

- 1. NAME(S) historic/common: Cunningham-Hevener House
(South Branch N. RA)
- 2. LOCATION street/road: US Route 220
city/town: Upper Tract
(incorporated/unincorporated)
- 3. USE/FUNCTION present: Private Residence
original: Private Residence
- 4. OWNER/ADDRESS present: John Dyer Hevener
Upper Tract
original: William H. Cunningham

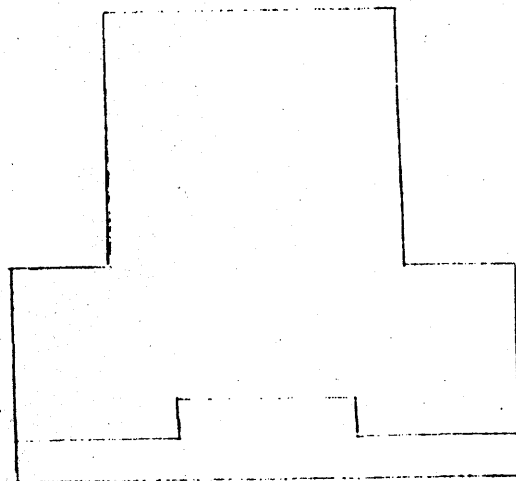
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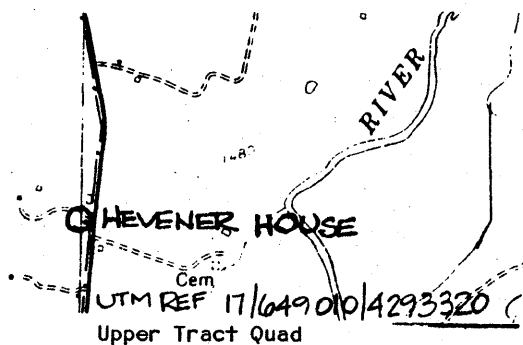
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5. PHOTO/SKETCH OF:

7. PLAN (include approx. dimensions):



6. LOCALE/ENVIRONMENT (map)



8. (A.) ACREAGE (approx):

less than 1 acre

(B.) VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The nominated area is enclosed by a rectangle 100' wide on the east and west sides and 200' long on the north and south. The property's east boundary is along the west side of US Rte. 220, to include the house and its immediate grounds.

Survey Region: _____
Planning District: _____
N/A

COUNTY: Pendleton County

PROPERTY NAME: Hevener House

9. DESCRIPTION (clarify as appropriate):

<p>a. <u>Exterior Fabric</u></p> <p>stone _____</p> <p>brick <u>X</u> _____</p> <p>concrete _____</p> <p>stucco _____</p> <p>weatherboard _____</p> <p>clapboard _____</p> <p>board & batten _____</p> <p>shingle _____</p> <p>other _____</p>	<p>b. <u>Structural System</u></p> <p>masonry <u>X</u> _____</p> <p>frame _____</p> <p>log _____</p> <p>metal _____</p> <p>other _____</p> <p>foundation <u>stone</u> _____</p>	<p>c. <u>Roofing Material</u></p> <p>wood _____</p> <p>metal <u>standing seam</u> _____</p> <p>slate _____</p> <p>tile _____</p> <p>asphalt _____</p> <p>composition _____</p> <p>other _____</p>
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<p>d. <u>Associated Structures (use/type):</u></p> <p>outbuildings <u>none</u> _____</p> <p>dependencies <u>None</u> _____</p> <p>other <u>N/A</u> _____</p>	<p>e. <u>Integrity (include dates):</u></p> <p>original site/relocated _____</p> <p>alterations <u>None</u> _____</p> <p>additions <u>None</u> _____</p>
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<p>f. <u>Condition:</u></p> <p>excellent <u>X</u> _____</p> <p>good _____</p> <p>fair _____</p> <p>deteriorated _____</p> <p>abandoned _____</p>	<p>g. <u>Threats:</u></p> <p>None</p>
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10. SIGNIFICANCE (use attachment sheet if necessary):

a. Architect/Builder/Engineer: _____

b. Style/Period: Italian Villa
Ca. 1880

c. Date(s): _____

This house, a large brick structure with projecting gabled pavillions at the front elevation and a low pitched roof with a wide frieze and brackets is characteristic of the Italian Villa style as expressed in the South Branch Valley. It is a restrained and simple version of the style, but the prominent features, the low pitched roof, brackets and broad frieze show influence of the Italian Villa style. As such the house is significant as an example of a prosperous rural residence from the late 19th century in the South Branch Valley.

11. BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Adapted from survey documentation compiled by Nan Stevens, Region VIII Planning and Development Council, Petersburg, WV. 1983

12. FORM PREPARED BY Paula S. Reed DATE September 1984

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ATTACHMENT TO HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

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4. Mr. John Dyer Hevener
Route 3, Box 4
Upper Tract, WV 26866

(#10. Significance, continued)

It is a stylish building for its time and one that reflects a degree of sophistication on the part of the builder/designer. Located near the village of Upper Tract, the house is located in an area of fairly level fertile bottom land where there is a collection of prosperous farms.

The Cunningham-Hevener House is the most significant Italianate-style dwelling in the Upper Tract area of Pendleton County. Built for one William H. Cunningham, the house features many of the hallmarks of the Italianate style including low profile gabled roofs, bracketed eaves and a broken plane or setback achieved by the construction of two forward-facing wings that create a "U"-shaped plan. A 19th-century classical-style one-story porch runs across the entire front elevation of the house.

The Upper Tract region of Pendleton County is important as one of the earliest areas of settlement of Pendleton County. The Robert Green survey permitted settlement as early as 1752. Several years later lands were parceled out to Cunninghams, Hinkles, Mosers, Petersons and Fishers.

11. Morton, Oren F. A History of Pendleton County, West Virginia. Franklin, West Virginia, 1910, p. 491.