

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: Bowers House *(South Branch NFA)*
- 2. LOCATION street/road: Brandywine - Sugar Grove Road
city/town: Sugar Grove
(incorporated/unincorporated)
- 3. USE/FUNCTION present: Residence
original: Residence
- 4. OWNER/ADDRESS present: William H. Bowers
Sugar Grove
original: Not Known
- 5. PHOTO/SKETCH OF:

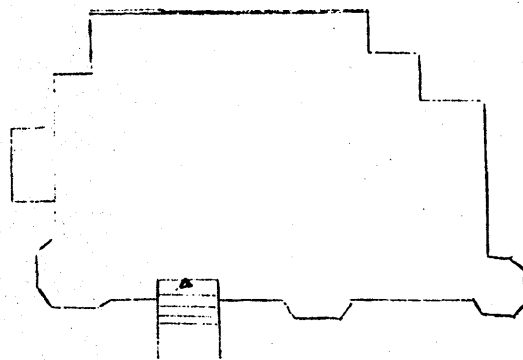
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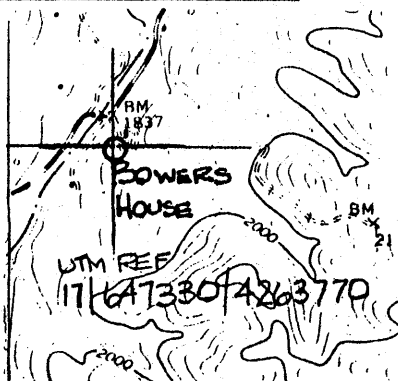
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- 7. PLAN (include approx. dimensions):



- 6. LOCALE/ENVIRONMENT (map)

Sugar Grove Quad



- 8. (A.) ACREAGE (approx):

less than 1 acre

- (B.) VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The nominated area is enclosed within a 100 x 100 foot square with its east boundary along the west edge of the road in front of the house to include the house and its immediate grounds.

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

PROPERTY NAME: Bowers House

ATTACHMENT TO HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

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1. Name(s) Historic/Common: Bowers' House

4. Mr. William H. Bowers
General Delivery
Sugar Grove, WV 26815

(#10. Significance, continued)

Pendleton County forms the highest and southermost part of the South Branch Valley. Generally, the landscape is rugged and sloping with relatively little level, fertile land. As a result, outside of the larger towns, most dwellings are small subsistence level frame or log buildings, reflecting the inability of the land to support large prosperous farms.

This large and sophisticated house with its elaborate Queen Anne detailing is unusual among the dwelling stock of Pendleton County, located outside of the towns. It is a stylistically refined structure showing numerous Queen Anne design features including two assymetrical polyagonal towers, contrasting wood siding placed in a herringbone pattern, projecting gables and bays and large brackets set off with contrasting color schemes.

11. Pendleton County Deed Book 84, p. 108; 38, p. 370. County Court of Pendleton County, West Virginia.

9. DESCRIPTION (clarify as appropriate):

a. Exterior Fabric

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

b. Structural System

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

c. Roofing Material

wood (shingles on tower)
 metal standing seam
 slate _____
 tile _____
 asphalt _____
 composition _____
 other _____

d. Associated Structures (use/type):

outbuildings None

 dependencies None

 other None

e. Integrity (include dates):

original site/relocated enclosed side
and rear porches
 alterations _____

 additions small shed additions

f. Condition:

excellent X
 good _____
 fair _____
 deteriorated _____
 abandoned _____

g. Threats:

None

10. SIGNIFICANCE (use attachment sheet if necessary):

a. Architect/Builder/Engineer:

b. Style/Period: Queen Anne

c. Date(s): c. 1898

This house is considered to be an excellent example of rural Queen Anne architecture of the South Branch Valley, dating from the turn of the century period.

11. BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Adapted from survey documentation for Pendleton County, prepared by Nan Stevens, Region VIII Planning and Development Council, Petersburg, WV. 1983
 Pendleton Co. Land Records, Book 84, page 108; Book 38, page 370.

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