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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 Ferrell-Holt House

and/or common "Kirkside"

2. Location

street & number 609 Jefferson Avenue _____ not for publication

city, town Moundsville N/A vicinity of

state West Virginia code 54 county Marshall code 051

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Simpson United Methodist Church

street & number Seventh and Morton Streets

city, town Moundsville _____ vicinity of state West Virginia

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Marshall County Courthouse

street & number Box 554

city, town Moundsville _____ state West Virginia

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Marshall County Historic Resources
Reconnaissance Survey has this property been determined eligible? _____ yes no

date August 30, 1986 _____ federal _____ state county _____ local

depository for survey records West Virginia Department of Culture and History

city, town Charleston _____ state West Virginia

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input 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 <u>N/A</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Italianate-style, nearly square "Kirkside" stands prominently on a corner lot facing Jefferson Street in Moundville, Marshall County; it is the only example of this architectural mode remaining in this section of the city and is one of, if not the, best surviving examples of the style in the entirety of Moundville.

The vertical character of the two story masonry house is the result in part of tall narrow window and door openings crowned with heavy moulded segmental heads. Also characteristic of period window detailing are the narrow, 2 over 2 double hung sash and heavy sills. The doorway, set right of center, is finished with deep, paneled reveals and a shallow segmental hood.

Symmetry of the house is accentuated by placement of paired brackets along the dentiled cornice, beneath the pronounced overhanging eaves. It is interesting to note the relationship of the bracket work with respect to spaces between the paired windows of the side elevations' second story.

Shallow roof planes in hipped configuration, echo another of the important features of Italianate architecture. A corbel capped brick chimney pierces the roof near the point of the two hips. The chimneys thus play an important visual role in defining the balanced character of the residence.

Along the entire west elevation was a one-story roofed kitchen addition that was built c.1945. This addition was the only alteration of the exterior and has been removed as part of a restoration program sponsored by the Simpson United Methodist Church, owners of the property.

Tall ceilinged rooms of the interior retain their original arrangement. Minor alterations, such as dropped ceilings in several rooms, are to be addressed through restoration plans of the owner. A delicately turned main staircase, with bulbous spindelworked balusters is the principal interior feature. The staircase also boasts delicate, though slightly bulbous newel posts.

The front entrance way is recessed from the wooden Italianate surround, and the front door is flanked by 5-lighted rectangular sidelights on each side and is surmounted by a rectangular multi-paned overlight. There is evidence on the front elevation of a one-story full length porch that it is believed was removed in the 1930's.

"Kirkside" is, then, a fine example of Italiante residential architecture, the best surviving example of that style in this Ohio River county seat.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion
___ 1400-1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science
___ 1500-1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	___ education	___ military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social/
___ 1700-1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ theater
___ 1900-	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ transportation
		___ invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
				Local History

Specific dates 1877 Builder/Architect Not Known

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Ferrell-Holt House, or "Kirkside", located on a corner lot at 609 Jefferson Avenue, in Moundsville, Marshall County, West Virginia, is significant as one of the few remaining and the best preserved example of Italianate residential architecture in Moundsville, the county seat.¹ It is also significant for its association with J. Howard Holt, one of the county's most prominent individuals in the late 19th and early 20th century.²

Explanatory Notes

1. "Kirkside", meaning "beside the church", is two story masonry residence constructed in 1877 in the Italianate style that was prevalent during the era. The house shows classical Italianate features in the use of shallow roof planes, with paired brackets placed along a dentilated cornice, heavily hooded window moulds over 2 over 2 windows, and a recessed doorway with elaborately carved wooden door surrounds. The only alteration to the original Italianate nature of the building was a single story kitchen addition on the west that was added in the 1940's. The addition was recently removed as part of a restoration program.

A recent county-wide historic resources survey (see Item 6) revealed that, while the Italianate was a popular style in the county during the mid-to-late 19th century, many examples have been lost or altered beyond recognition. The survey indicated that "Kirkside" is the best preserved of the few remaining in Marshall County's seat, as well as being the most stylistically intact.

2. "Kirkside" was constructed in 1877 by Richard Ferrell, a locally prominent dry goods wholesaler and merchant. However, the property is significant for its long and close association with J. Howard Holt, to whom Ferrell sold the property in 1890.

J. Howard Holt was born in 1858 into one of the state's most prominent families, one which has given the state a governor, United States senator, two supreme court justices, and numerous legislators. He removed to the Northern Panhandle as a young man and was admitted to the bar at Wheeling in 1884. Holt served as Commissioner of the County Court of Ohio County and of Marshall County, and later served as Commissioner of the Circuit Court. Holt became one of the leaders of the Prohibition

9. Major Bibliographical References

Historical Collections of Moundsville, West Virginia, Moundsville, W.Va.,
Marshall County Historical Society, 1946, compiled by J.H. Branfer
"Oral Interview with Rev. Paul Morton & Mrs. W.H. Beam", conducted by Bill
Wright, historian, Moundsville, W.Va., June 17, 1986

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property approx. .8 of an acre

Quadrangle name Moundsville, W.Va.-Ohio

Quadrangle scale 1":24,000'

UTM References

A

1	7	5	21	5	60	4	4	18	5	80
Zone		Easting				Northing				

B

Zone		Easting				Northing				

C

Zone		Easting				Northing				

D

Zone		Easting				Northing				

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H

Zone		Easting				Northing				

Verbal boundary description and justification

Beginning at a point at the southeast intersection of Jefferson Avenue and Seventh Street; thence in a line due north along the western side of Jefferson Avenue 200 feet to the southern edge of a paved parking lot;

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

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Historic Preservation Unit Historian

West Va. Dept. of Culture & History date December 6, 1986

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city or town Charleston state West Virginia 25305

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 December 8, 1986

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

Kathleen Andrews date 2/3/87
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: date

Chief of Registration

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Party in West Virginia and was a leader in the two attempts (the latter one successful) of 1896 and 1912 to have a Prohibitionist Amendment added to the West Virginia Constitution.

During his legal career, Holt was one of the leading attorneys at the West Virginia Bar. An ardent foe of capital punishment, he published numerous pamphlets against it, as well as authoring other works on jurisprudence, including Crime and Its Punishment and Crime: Its Causes, Its Effects, Its Prevention. He also gave freely of his time and talents in ministering to the legal needs of many inmates of the West Virginia Penitentiary (located on the same street as "Kirkside"). Holt was the defense counsel in what was probably West Virginia's most celebrated murder trial, that of Hollie Griffith in 1921. An ardent Methodist, Holt also authored a poem in 17 cantos entitled A Layman's Answer to Agnosticism.

After Holt's death, the property passed to the Simpson United Methodist Church, who gave the property its present appellation. It served as a parrish house for the church and later became the site of Moundsville's first community youth center. Presently vacant, plans are underway for its restoration.

The Ferrell-Holt House is, therefore, significant as one of Marshall County's best preserved examples of Italianate architecture, and for its association with one of the areas most prominent turn-of-the-century attorneys.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

West Virginia Heritage Encyclopedia, Vols. XI & XXV, Richwood, W.Va.,
Comstock Pub., 1972

10. Verbal Boundary description and justification

thence in a line due west 260 feet to the eastern side of a paved alley; thence in a line due south 200 feet along the eastern side of said alley to the northern side of Seventh Street; thence in a line 260 feet due east along the northern side of Seventh Street to the point of beginning, enclosing one city lot.