

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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 Carter Farm

and/or common "Everbreeze"

2. Location

street & number Boggs Hill Road, R.D. #4 N/A not for publication

city, town Wheeling Vic. X vicinity of ~~Wheeling~~

state West Virginia code 54 county Ohio code 069

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Harlan P. Carter, II

street & number R.D. #4

city, town Wheeling X vicinity of state West Virginia 26003

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Ohio County Courthouse

street & number 12th and Chapline Streets

city, town Wheeling state West Virginia 26003

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

|   |                                       |   |   |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>Condition</b>                              |                                       | <b>Check one</b>                            | <b>Check one</b>                                  |
| <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 _____         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair                 | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed    |   |   |

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Carter Farm, or "Everbreeze" as it has been known for a century and a half, is situated on top of the ridge of Boggs Hill, commanding a majestic view of the Ohio River country in the vicinity of Wheeling, Ohio County, West Virginia. The Farm consists of the principal residence, along with seven supporting structures.

The principal structure of the farm is the Carter family residence, constructed in 1848-52. It consists of five rooms (not including the entrance foyer and an enclosed porch) on the first floor and five rooms on the second, or top-half, story. The masonry residence is an unusually significant rural example of Greek Revival architecture in the Ohio River Valley. The story and a half square edifice, with hipped roof, exhibits refined detailing and excellent proportions. Reflecting the classic symmetry of the Greek Revival are the evenly spaced double hung windows of the first story, knee windows which pierce the broad frieze of the upper half story, and a centrally placed entrance way with rectangular overlight and sidelights. A Victorian-era porch was replaced in 1946 with the present one-story entrance portico which replicates, in most respects, the original 1852 portico. The 1852 portico had paired columns where the 1946 portico's columns are singular. Accenting the horizontal quality of the house is a belt course encircling the house above which the knee windows are situated. Another horizontal complement is the dentilated cornice which forms an upper line.

Typical of interior Greek Revival refinements are plain architrave trim of windows and doors and a delicate open string stair which rises to the second floor in a half spiral. The hardwood continuous rail and attenuated balusters evidence their original finish. All but 25 panes (which were broken in a violent wind storm in 1934) in the windows of the house are original. Gas lighting was installed in 1906, and three of these gas lights in the house are still functional. Ceiling rosettes grace both front parlors on the first level.

Of the other dependent structures on the farm, the most significant is the one story, gabled roof masonry slave quarters, contemporary with the residence, which are the only extant slave quarters in Ohio County. A masonry, out door detached kitchen stands adjacent to the slave quarters, and is also contemporary with the residence. Another structure of significance is the "Wool House", which was built in 1819 and therefore pre-dates the principal residence. There is a large two and a half story barn that, while quite striking architecturally, was built in 1948. A modern garage and two wooden farm buildings complete the inventory of the Carter Farm.

"Everbreeze", so named for the winds that nearly always sweep over this hilltop farm, stands as a pristine West Virginia example of rural Greek Revival architecture and a property of significance to Ohio County and the Ohio River Valley.

# 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture  | <input type="checkbox"/> economics                         | <input type="checkbox"/> literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> sculpture                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> education                         | <input type="checkbox"/> military               | <input type="checkbox"/> social/<br>humanitarian                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering                       | <input type="checkbox"/> music                  | <input type="checkbox"/> theater                                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy             | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-                | <input type="checkbox"/> communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> industry                          | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)<br>Local History |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> invention               |  |   |  |

**Specific dates** 1796; 1848-52 **Builder/Architect** D.W. Gibson, Builder

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

"Everbreeze", located at the summit of a ridge on Boggs Hill Road near Wheeling, Ohio County, West Virginia, is significant as the oldest continuously operated single family farm in Ohio County (and one of the oldest such in West Virginia),<sup>1</sup> as home to a family prominent in the history of Ohio County,<sup>2</sup> and as a significant example of Greek Revival architecture in Ohio County.<sup>3</sup>

EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. The Carter family came to Ohio County in 1796, only twenty years after its formation, and acquired the 400 acre farm along the ridge of Boggs Hill near the Ohio River. The family constructed a log dwelling to use as a residence and, over the years, other log and wood buildings arose on the property to accommodate the ever increasing agricultural activities. The "Wool House", a log building constructed in 1819, is the oldest standing structure on the farm.

By the 1840's the Carter family's fortunes had risen to the point where Richard Carter could begin construction, in 1848, of the handsome Greek Revival residence that is still the Carter family seat. The house was completed in 1852, much of the work being done by D.W. Gibson, a Wheeling master carpenter. The adjacent slave quarters, still extant, was constructed in the same period and is of a similar style. They are the only existing slave quarters in Ohio County. Over the years the Carter family continued to prosper. While some members of the family went into other professions over the years, "Everbreeze" continued to be the seat of a Carter family worked farm. It is presently the home of Harlan Carter II, the fourth generation descended from the original Carter settler, and he continues to operate it as a farm. This is certainly the oldest continuously operated farm by a single family in Ohio County, and one of the oldest such in the entire state of West Virginia.

2. As stated in section 1, the Carter family inhabits and works the oldest continuously operated farm in Ohio County. This alone would suffice to vouch for their status as a significant family in Ohio County annals. Several members of the Carter family of "Everbreeze" have also achieved a degree of prominence beyond the confines of the farm. Richard Carter, the 2nd head of the family at the farm, was quite prominent in Ohio County affairs and it was a sign of his prosperity that he constructed the fine Greek Revival-style residence that remains the focus of the farm.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property three acres

Quadrangle name Wheeling, W.Va.-Ohio

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

### UMT References

A 1 7 5 2 9 2 3 0 4 4 3 7 1 4 0  
 Zone Easting Northing

B           
 Zone Easting Northing

C         

D         

E         

F         

G         

H         

**Verbal boundary description and justification** Beginning at a point on Parkview Road (also referred to as Boggs Hill Road) where a private driveway meets the road, following the south edge of that private driveway 400 feet to the east to a point behind the barn at the top of a large ravine, thence in a line northward along the top edge of the ravine for 200 feet,

### 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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Historic Preservation Unit

organization W.Va. Dept. of Culture and History date June 8, 1983  
The Cultural Center

street & number Capitol Complex telephone 304/348-0240

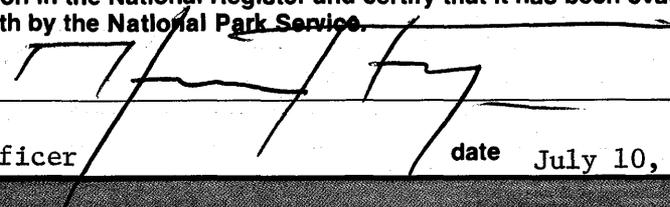
city or town Charleston state West Virginia 25305

# 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 

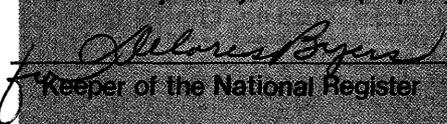
title State Historic Preservation Officer date July 10, 1983

For NPS use only

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

Entered in the  
 National Register

date 8/6/83

  
 Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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John T. Carter I, born at "Everbreeze", became one of Ohio County's most prominent physicians, serving as Physician-in-charge at Cincinnati's Good Samaritan Hospital, assistant superintendent at Boston Hospital, and, later, as one of Ohio County's leading physicians, constructing a home in Triadelphia that was said by historian Cranmer to be "the best residence in Triadelphia".

Another John T. Carter, member of the same family, was one of Ohio County's leading bankers, serving as vice president of the State Bank and Trust Company and, later, as vice president of the Farmers National Bank in nearby Claysville, Pennsylvania. A civic minded man, he also served as deputy sheriff of Ohio County, as Mayor of Triadelphia, and as a member of the West Virginia House of Delegates, 1929-1931. While in the House of Delegates he served as chairman of the Committee on Banks and Corporations.

3. Sitting atop Boggs Hill and commanding an expansive view of the Ohio River Valley, "Everbreeze" is a significant example of Greek Revival residential architecture in a rural environment. Such residences are rare in this locality, and "Everbreeze", in its pristine, mountain top setting, is looked upon as a local architectural landmark of outstanding significance.

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#10 Verbal boundary description:

thence in a line westward approximately 300 feet to Parkview Road, thence south along the eastern right-of-way of said Road for 400 feet to the point of origin, encompassing the main residence and all supporting structures.