

HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION UNIT
DEPARTMENT of CULTURE & HISTORY
SCIENCE & CULTURE CENTER
CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA 25305

File No: 17
Theme(s):
Neg No(s):
USGS Quad: Charleston West, WVA
UTM Ref: 17/44400/4993320

DISTRICT, SITE, BUILDING, STRUCTURE, OBJECT

- 1. NAME(S), historic/common: "Stoneleigh", Ward, Charles E. Payne, Ruffner, House
- 2. LOCATION, street/road: 909 Ridgeway Road,
city/town: Charleston
(incorporated/unincorporated)
- 3. USE/FUNCTION, present: residence
original: residence
- 4. OWNER/ADDRESS, present: Ruffner Payne (address above)
original: Charles E. Ward

(public/private, restricted)

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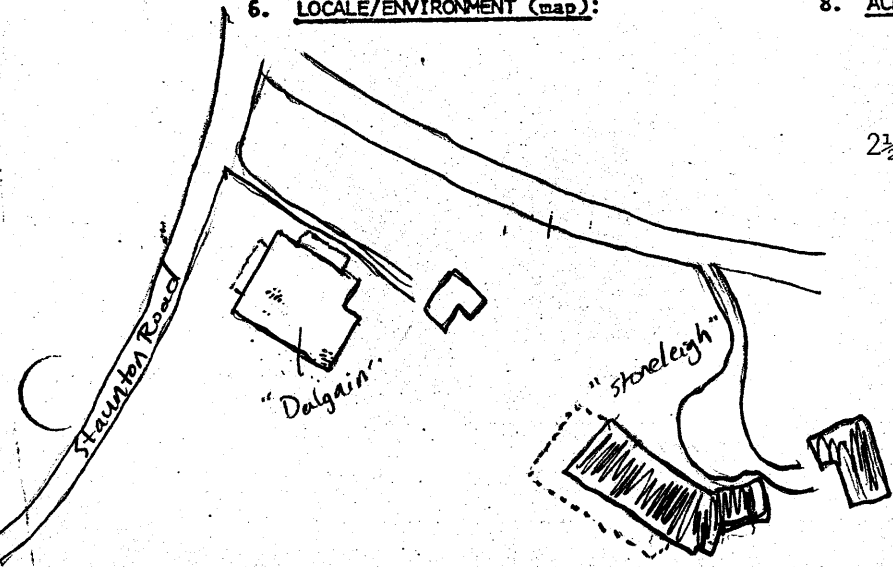
5. PHOTO/SKETCH OF:

7. PLAN (include approx. dimensions):

6. LOCALE/ENVIRONMENT (map):

8. ACREAGE (approx):

2 1/2 acres



COUNTY: KANAWHA
Survey Region: _____
Planning District: _____

9. DESCRIPTION (clarify as appropriate):

a. Exterior Fabric

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

b. Structural System

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

c. Roofing Material

wood _____
 metal _____
 slate X
 tile _____
 asphalt _____
 composition _____
 other _____

d. Associated Structures (use/type):

outbuildings _____
 garage, apartment _____
 dependencies _____
 other _____

e. Integrity (include dates):

original site/relocated _____
 alterations NONE
 additions NONE

f. Condition:

excellent X
 good _____
 fair _____
 deteriorated _____
 abandoned _____

g. Threats:

NONE

10. SIGNIFICANCE (use additional sheet if necessary):

- a. Architect/Builder/Engineer:
Dennison
 b. Style/Period: Eclectic
English Style
 c. Date(s): 1917

"Stonelèigh" is a notable house as the residence of Charles E. Ward, a leading West Virginia industrialist in the early twentieth century, and as an outstanding structure designed by eminent architect Dennison.

Charles E. Ward incorporated Ward Engineering Works in 1907. (It had been founded by his father, Charles Ward, earlier) Under the young Ward's direction, the firm, through contract with the governments of the United States and foreign countries, established itself as a leading manufacturer and innovator in river and coastal ships.

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11. BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Tipton, J.C. Charleston and Its Resources. Issued under auspices of Charleston Business and Industrial Association, 1898.

Interview with Brook McCabe, July 7, 1983

12. FORM PREPARED BY Alice Carter ; DATE Sept. 30, 1983

- a. Address 4011 Kanawha Ave. Charleston WV 25304
 b. Organization _____

"Stoneleigh"; Ward-Payne House
909 Ridgeway Road

Dennison was the architect of several significant buildings in Charleston. Four houses in South Hills are designed by him. With "Stoneleigh", Dennison has elaborated on an English Manor theme. Voussoirs and lintels are built into the stonework over the windows and entrance. There are a variety of window types; 8/8 sash, casement dormer windows, gothic landing windows and lunettes. The main entrance has leaded sidelights and fanlights and is sheltered by an arched gabled hood.

13. Verbal Boundary Description.

"Stoneleigh" sits on a 2½ acre rectangle that is bordered on the north by Staunton Road and is partially bisected by a private drive.

ATTACHMENT TO HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

HISTORIC PRESERVATION UNIT
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THE CULTURAL CENTER
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1. Name(s) Historic/Common: "Stoneleigh" (South Hills Multiple Resource Area)
Kanawha County
West Virginia

#7. See paragraph 3 of #10 (Significance) on original form.

"Stoneleigh" is the suburban estate of a Charleston industrialist whose architect designed a substantial two and a half-story period house in the English Romantic country style. The East facing central mass is flanked by one and a half-story wings, the southern of which turns at a slight angle in a southeasterly direction. The edifice is constructed of native uncoarsed rubble and features a medium pitched gabled roof covered in gray slate shingles which graduate in smaller to larger sizes from the roof ridge. Arched openings of the center bay have stone voussoirs, while flanking double-hung windows of the front elevation have prominent flat arches. Detailing, such as the use of occasional rock-faced stone elements in the stuccoed end-walls and end-gables recall English design elements. Tall chimneys and shed dormers are prominently featured in the southern wing.

The garage/dependency, with its stuccoed walls, dormered roof, and slate covered roof planes echo the design of the parent structure. The garage is placed inconspicuously to the south of "Stoneleigh", among abundant trees and shrubbery within a short walking distance of "Stoneleigh's" rear entrance. A curving path and a circular driveway provide a spacious entrance to the mansion. The house, grounds and dependency survive in a perfect state of preservation, a short distance over the ridge from Charleston's bustling core.

#13. Photographs Attached.

"Stoneleigh"

909 Ridgeway Road

Charleston, Kanawha County, West Virginia

South Hills MRA

Sketch Map

Kanawha County Assessor

15th Ward - 16; Lot No. 6, Map No. 4; 1965

1" = 100': scale

