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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Toll House (Watkins Ferry)

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Note: The building is so close to the Route 11 that it must be on
Route 11 near Potomac River the right of way making the State of WV (Hwy Dept.) owner.

--- NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

CITY, TOWN Martinsburg (Falling Waters)

--- VICINITY OF

STATE West Virginia

CODE 54

COUNTY Berkeley

CODE 003

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Frank Wish

STREET & NUMBER

Maidstone-on-the Potomac

CITY, TOWN

Falling Waters, WV 25419

STATE

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, Berkeley County
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Martinsburg, WV 25401

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE W-1, Berkeley County Historical Society & Berkeley County Historical
Landmarks Commission Survey

DATE

1973-78

--- FEDERAL --- STATE COUNTY --- LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Berkeley County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Martinsburg, WV 25401

STATE

DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Small rectangular stone structure, roughly 17' front x 23' deep, with later frame additions. House abutts the road, and much of it is probably located within state right of way. Structure is one story with attic, gable roof parallel to street. The simple box cornice is obscured by new sheet tin roof. Flush raking cornices on gable ends. Front entrance door is typical two panel Greek Revival entrance, with 3 light transom above. Reveals are single panel each matching transom & door panels. Otherwise the frame is unadorned. One window is sse facade is without lintel and has simple beaded surround. All other windows have wooden lintels and unadorned surrounds. Some 6/6 sash, but most is 2/2, w/4 light sash in attic windows. Flue in nne gable end, interior at ridge line, top seems to be brick replacement.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" 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 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/HUMANITARIAN
<input 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 type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Watkins Ferry toll house is significant for its outstanding architecture. It was an important part of Berkeley County's pre-Civil War transportation. It has a further significance as part of a transportation system which contributed to Berkeley County's commercial development.

In 1837 the turnpike company took over the old Watkins Ferry to Frederick Co. road and established it as a turnpike (toll road). Toll houses were built approximately every 5 miles, with three being constructed from Watkins Ferry to Martinsburg. This one originally built ca. 1837 is a sole survivor and is a classic example of a simple utilitarian structure.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Kemp Report
Berkeley Journal, 1977 Special Issue, p. 114, 115
Board of Public works 1850, p. 51, 52, 53, 56, 57, 60, 61, 66

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

UTM NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 A.

QUADRANGLE NAME Williamsport

QUADRANGLE SCALE _____

UTM REFERENCES

A

1	8	2	5	6	1	7	0	4	3	8	6	7	2	0
ZONE			EASTING				NORTHING							

B

ZONE			EASTING				NORTHING							

C

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D

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E

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G

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H

ZONE			EASTING				NORTHING							

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

100 ft. on each side of the toll house.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME/TITLE Don C. Wood, Genealogist, Historian, Historic Archeologist

ORGANIZATION President, Berkeley County Historical Society DATE _____
Chairman, Berkeley County Historical Landmarks Commission

STREET & NUMBER Route 3, Box 79 TELEPHONE _____

CITY OR TOWN Martinsburg, WV 25401 STATE _____

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 _____ DATE _____

FOR NPS USE ONLY	
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	DATE _____
ATTEST: CHIEF OF REGISTRATION	DATE _____