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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

1. Name of Property	
historic name Orndoff-Cross House other names/site number	
2. Location	
street & number 6 Winebrenner Road	not for publication N/A
city or town Martinsburg	vicinity <u>√</u>
state West Virginia code WV county Berkeley;	efferson code 003; 037 zip code 25402
3. State/Federal Agency Certification	
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4. National Park Service Certification	
I hereby certify that this property is: entered in the National Register See continuation sheet. Signature of the Keepe	er Date of Action
determined eligible for the National Register See continuation sheet.	
determined not eligible for the National Register	
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other (explain):	

Orndoff-Cross House Name of Property	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Berkeley & Jefferson Counties, WV County and State		
5. Classification				
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Architectural Classification	on	Materials		
OTHER/log		foundation_STONE/limestone		
SIDE-PASSAGE	, *	walls_WOOD/log; WOOD/weatherboard		
		roof_METAL		
		other WOOD		

Narrative Description

Refer to Continuation Sheets

Name of Property	County and State	
8. Statement of Significance		
Applicable National Register Criteria	Areas of Significance	
A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.	ARCHITECTURE	
B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.	Period of Significance c. 1796; c. 1830	
✓ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.	Significant Dates c. 1796; c.1830	
Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.	Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above) N/A	_
Criteria Considerations	Cultural Affiliation N/A	_
Property is:		
A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.	Architect/Builder	
B removed from its original location.		
C a birthplace or a grave.		
D a cemetery.		
E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.		
F a commemorative property.		
G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years		
Narrative Statement of Significance Refer to Continuation Sheets		
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9. Major Bibliographical References		
Refer to Continuation Sheets Previous documentation on file (NPS): preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested previously listed in the National Register previously determined eligible by the National Register designated a National Historic Landmark recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey	Primary location of additional data: ✓ State Historic Preservation Office Other state agency Federal agency Local government University ✓ Other	
# recorded by Historic American Engineering	Name of repository: Berkeley County Historic Landmarks Commission	

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Name of Property	County and State
10. Geographical Data	
Acreage of Property Less than one acr	e
UTM References	
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Verbal Boundary Description R	efer to Continuation Sheets
Boundary Justification Refer	to Continuation Sheets
11. Form Prepared By	
name/title <u>David L. Taylor, Principal</u>	
organization Taylor & Taylor Associate	s, Inc. date March, 2008
street & number 9 Walnut Street	
city or town Brookville	statePAzip.code15825
Property Owner	
name Thomas and Jane McSwain	

street & number P. O. Box 1524

city or town Shepherdstown

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state WV zip code 25443

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7. Description

The Orndoff-Cross House (Photos 1-13) is located on a rural tract straddling the Berkeley-Jefferson County line, lying in both the Opequon District of Berkeley County and the Shepherdstown District of Jefferson County, in West Virginia's Eastern Panhandle. The property lies at the tiny settlement known as Wyncoop Spring, consisting essentially of the subject property and the Wyncoop house across the road. Rockymarsh Run passes west of the property. The nomination consists of a c. 1796 log house with additions, the earliest of which dates from c. 1830 and the latest from the 1990s, along with a noncontributing c. 1800 meat-hanging shed of log construction, located immediately southwest of the house. The house retains integrity in all of its composite qualities.

Within the nominated parcel are the following resources:

1. Orndoff-Cross House, residential

Description: The Orndoff-Cross House is a 2-story vernacular¹ residence whose earliest section, the easternmost section, dates from c. 1796. Built of log and clad in German siding, in its present configuration the earliest section is three bays in width, c. 25' × 18', incorporating a side-passage plan, with the front door offset and shielded by a modestly-detailed single-story wood portico dating from 1998. Appended to the west side of this section is a 2-story addition, c. 22' × 15', dating from c. 1830, which is two bays in width and also of log construction covered in German siding. The Berkeley-Jefferson County line crosses through the early addition. A two-story gable-roofed log ell, c. 20' × 11', with an exterior gable-end chimney extends southward from the c. 1830 addition, and a single-story suproom addition, c. 20' × 13' and dating from c. 1993, is in the angle of the ell on the rear (south) elevation. At approximately the same time, a two-story addition, c. 13' square, was built onto the west gable end of the c. 1830 addition, set back c. 15 feet from the plane of the facade. This addition contains a recessed corner porch, utility rooms, and storage on the first story and a master bathroom and storage above. Both of these 1990s additions are designed compatibly with the character of the original house, are on secondary elevations, and do not detract materially from the otherwise high integrity of the property as a whole.

The house is capped with a side-gable roof of standing seam metal, with interior gable-end red brick chimneys at both gable ends. Fenestration is flat-topped throughout, with modest surrounds and historic 6/6 sash retained in most windows, along with exterior operable louvered wood shutters.

The interior of the Orndoff-Cross House is in excellent condition and retains much of its historic plan, including the original c. 1796 section, the c. 1830 log addition, and the kitchen ell. There is a partial basement, unfinished, with exposed log floor joists. On the first story, a side-passage stair hall is located in the c. 1796 section, with a four-run stair featuring by a turned newel with a finial, a walnut handrail, chair rail, and attenuated turned balusters. The stair extends in two runs to the second story and two more runs to the attic. A half-bath has been

As it is used here, the term, "vernacular," corresponds to that term as it is defined in Ward Bucher's Dictionary of Building Preservation, "a building built without being designed by an architect or someone with similar formal training; often based on traditional or regional forms."

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inserted at the rear of the hall. The stair hall opens into a livingroom on the south side, likely part of the original c. 1796 construction, and a diningroom on the north side, part of the c. 1830 addition. Both the diningroom and livingroom have fireplaces with early Classical Revival-style wood mantles and retain six-panel wood doors. Baseboard and window trim are painted and are modestly detailed; a chair rail extends around the perimeter of the diningroom. The rearward-projecting kitchen incorporates a narrow double-run back stair, open on the first story and enclosed as it rises to the second floor. The kitchen features contemporary cabinetry, an island, and floor and wall finishes. It is accessed from the diningroom, from the c. 1993 sunroom, and from the c. 1993 addition on the north gable end.

The second story of the Orndoff-Cross House contains two bedrooms which flank the upstairs hallway; a bathroom has been inserted into the north end of the hall. A third bedroom is over the kitchen ell which has access to the kitchen via the back stair. A door opens from this back bedroom into the c. 1993 addition, which contains a master bathroom and closet space. Closets have been added to the master bedroom. Fireplaces are in both bedrooms; that of the master bedroom has an exposed brick finish.

Floors are generally of wood, finished naturally. Plaster walls are found throughout and the gable-end section of the upstairs beck bedroom features an exposed log end wall. The attic is only partially finished and the roof framing is pegged at the ridge.

<u>Date:</u> c. 1796 and after 1 contributing building

Meat-hanging shed, domestic dependency

Description: 1-story log dependency gable roof, located south of the main house

Date: c. 1800

1 noncontributing building

The Orndoff-Cross House is situated on an 11-acre parcel in the rural reaches of eastern Berkeley County. Other than the meat-hanging shed incorporated within the nomination, the other outbuildings associated with the property are architecturally unremarkable and possess no identified historical significance. Only the less-than-one-acre tract containing the house, its immediate lawns, and the meat-hanging shed are included within the nomination. The terrain slopes away from the house to the south. The Berkeley-Jefferson County line passes through the nominated property.

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8. Significance

The Orndoff-Cross House meets National Register Criterion C for architecture, as a late eighteenth-century rural log residence house with additions, representative of the earliest permanent domestic architecture built in this area during the first decades of non-native settlement. The Period of Significance is c. 1796, corresponding to the approximate date of construction of the earliest part of the house, and c. 1830, the approximate date of construction of the log addition.

In 1730, the Governing Council of the Colony of Virginia issued orders for this section of the colony to be settled. Originally part of Spottsylvania County, a new county, Orange, was formed in 1734, followed by Frederick County in 1738. Berkeley County was formed from portions of Frederick County in 1772. Adam Stephen (1718-1791) was the county sheriff and commanded a division during the American Revolution. In 1773 he laid out Berkeley County's new county seat of government along Warm Springs Road, the overland route between Alexandria, Virginia and the town of Bath, now Berkeley Springs. Stephen christened his new town Martinsburg, after his friend Thomas Bryan Martin, a nephew of Lord Fairfax.

Pack Horse Road, an early overland road in Berkeley County, was originally a Native American pathway which had its nonnative beginnings when the Pack Horse Trail was widened c. 1727 and became part of the Philadelphia Wagon Road.² The
Philadelphia Wagon Road extended westward from Philadelphia and passed through Lancaster and York, Pennsylvania before
turning southwest and crossing the Potomac River at the present-day site of Shepherdstown, West Virginia (until 1863 part of
Virginia). It then traversed Jefferson County and entered what would become Berkeley County at the settlement of Wyncoop
Spring. Before moving to VanClevesville, Bunker Hill, and Arden and crossing Little Mountain to make its way southward to
Winchester and beyond. The earliest section of the Orndoff-Cross House was built along Park Horse Road c. 1796, after Henry
Orndoff's acquisition of a 322-acre tract that same year. This parcel was part of a 1,786 King's Patent tract first surveyed in 1734
for John VanMetre. Orndoff reared his family here, including six surviving children mentioned in his Will. It seems likely that
the growing family outgrew the original log house and that the early additions were built accordingly. The Orndoffs were
slaveholders, and the second-story of the kitchen wing, accessed by the rear stairs, likely served as servants' quarters. Henry
Orndoff died in 1833 and his son, James, retained the family farm (Fig. 1). James Orndoff never married, but ran the farm with
the help of his slaves. Upon his death in 1846, he left his real estate to his two nephews, William and Thomas, along with slaves,
with provisions for their being granted their freedom, some immediately and others after they attained specific ages. The
Emancipation Proclamation of January 1, 1863, likely occurred first.

After a suit brought by James Orndoff's brother, Jacob, nephew William became vested with the log house and all of the Berkeley County acreage. William Orndoff retained ownership until 1865, when he sold the family homestead to Rezin (also spelled "Regin" in some accounts) T. Cross, whose father and namesake had been a prisoner of John Brown's during the Harper's

²Paula Reed, "Pack Horse Ford," Maryland Historical Trust Inventory of Historic Properties Form, 2003

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Ferry raid of 1859. After Rezin Cross's death in the late 1880s, his widow, Annie remained in the house until her own death in 1922; the property remained in the Cross family until 1933. The house eventually anchored a dairy farm operated by the Wright family from the 1940s to the 1980s.

The property's Criterion C significance lies in its position as a late-eighteenth-century log house erected during the early decades of development in Berkeley County along Pack Horse Road, an important overland route which crossed Berkeley County and eventually made its way to Winchester and the West. The property represents the Initial Occupance of this part of Berkeley County, taking that term as it was employed by cultural geographer Fred Kniffen: "the first postpioneer, permanent settlement imprint established in the several sections of the wooded eastern United States, an epoch ending about 1850." Log houses were often the first permanent buildings that were erected in many parts of the Eastern Panhandle of present-day West Virginia. Part of Virginia during the early decades of settlement, Berkeley County, rural and urban alike, was dotted with log architecture, whose rudimentary and rustic form and quality eventually gave way to more permanent materials such as brick and stone and wood frame using building materials fashioned at sawmills. Kniffen notes, "There is a strong element of urgency in dealing with the older folk housing, for it is largely unchronicled and its overwhelming wood composition makes it highly vulnerable to destructive forces." Approaching his subject as a historical geographer rather than as an architectural historian, Kniffen maintains that "the humbler buildings by reason of their adherence to type and numerical superiority are far more important as markers of basic cultural processes than are uniquely designed individual structures."5 The Orndoff-Cross House, humble though its beginnings may have been, represents the development of the county, first as a single-pen log house, to which were added additions as its owner's family grew, reflecting the fortunes of its owners throughout the decades. Its Criterion C significance derives from its being a well-preserved example of late-eighteenth-century Berkeley County domestic architecture executed in log and ultimately clad in German siding, with its historic finishes intact and its window sash and roof form little altered.

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³Fred Kniffen, "Folk Housing: Key to Diffusion," Annals of the Association of American Geographers 55 (1965), p.

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10. Geographical Data

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Being a portion of that tract described in Berkeley County Deed Book No. 442, Page 675. Beginning at the crossing of Rockymarsh Run and Winebrenner Road, then westerly along the south curbline of Winebrenner Road 400' to a point c. 30' west of the west elevation of the house; then southerly ca. 200' to a point south of the house; then easterly c. 400' to the west bank of Rockymarsh Run, then northerly along Rockymarsh Run to the place of beginning.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The boundaries of this nomination reflect only that tract containing the house and lawns on all sides. It provides enough property to provide for integrity of setting.

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Photography Log

All Photographs:

Orndoff-Cross House
Berkeley & Jefferson Counties, WV
David L. Taylor, 2007
Taylor & Taylor Associates, Inc., Brookville, PA

- 1. Facade, looking south and showing overall form, massing, fenestration, roof form and finish, chimneys, etc.
- 2. Northwest perspective, showing facade, portico, fenestration, etc.
- Southwest perspective, and showing sunroom added in angle of the L-shaped rear, main house, kitchen ell, roof form and finishes, fenestration, etc.
- Addition to accommodate new master bathroom on second story, set back from the plane of the building on a secondary elevation
- 5. Facade, detail, showing windows, shutters, German siding finishes, etc.
- 6. Interior, detail showing hallway, staircase, newel, balustrade, et., looking south
- Livingroom looking east and showing volume, mantle, finishes, etc.
- 8. Diningroom looking west and showing volume. trim, finishes, mantle, etc.
- 9. Livingroom, detail, looking west into hall., showing trim, flooring, chair rail, etc.
- 10. Interior, detail, showing back stair accessing servants' quarters above kitchen in rear ell.
- 11. Interior, detail, showing upstairs bedroom
- 12. Interior, detail, back bedroom over kitchen in rear ell.
- Meat-hanging house, southwest perspective, looking northeast.

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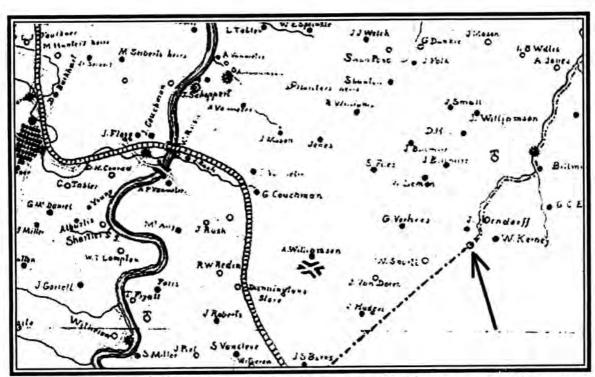
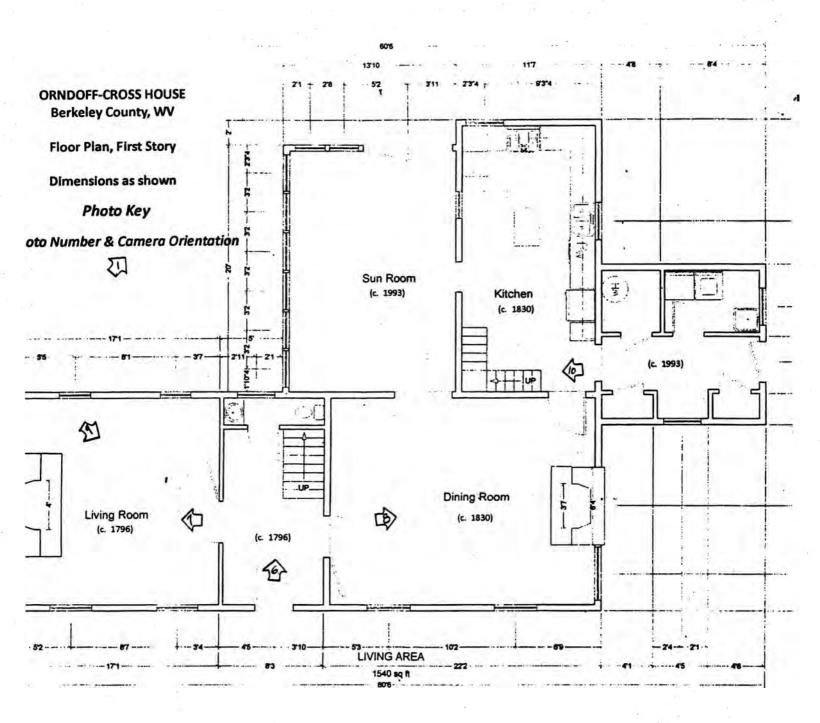
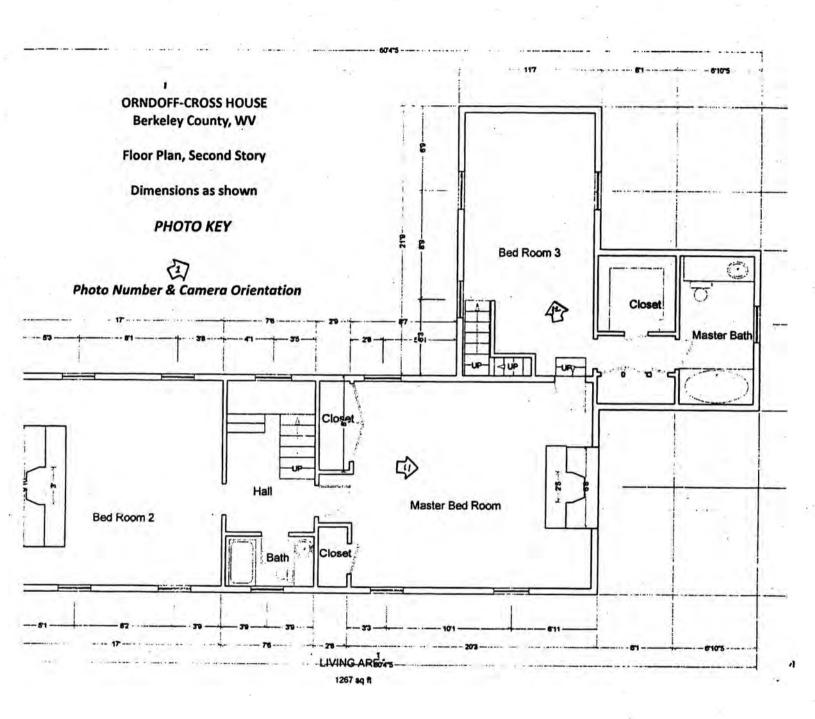


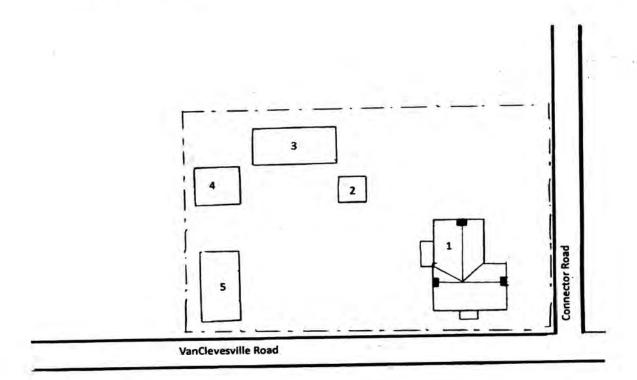
Fig. 1 Although James Orndoff died the year before this map was published, his occupancy of the property appears on this segment of the 1847 J. Baker Kearfott map of Berkeley County. It is indicated by the superimposed black arrow.





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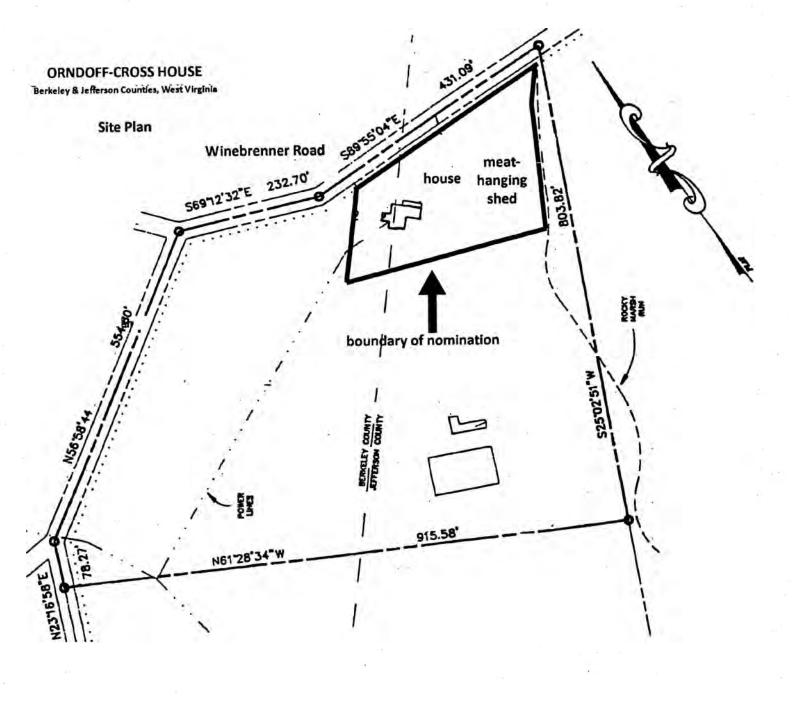
- 1 House
- 2 Pump House
- 3 "Barracks"
 - 4 Barn
- 5 Garage (non-contributing)





Site plan John William Deck House Berkeley County, West Virginia

Legend: — Boundary of nominated tract



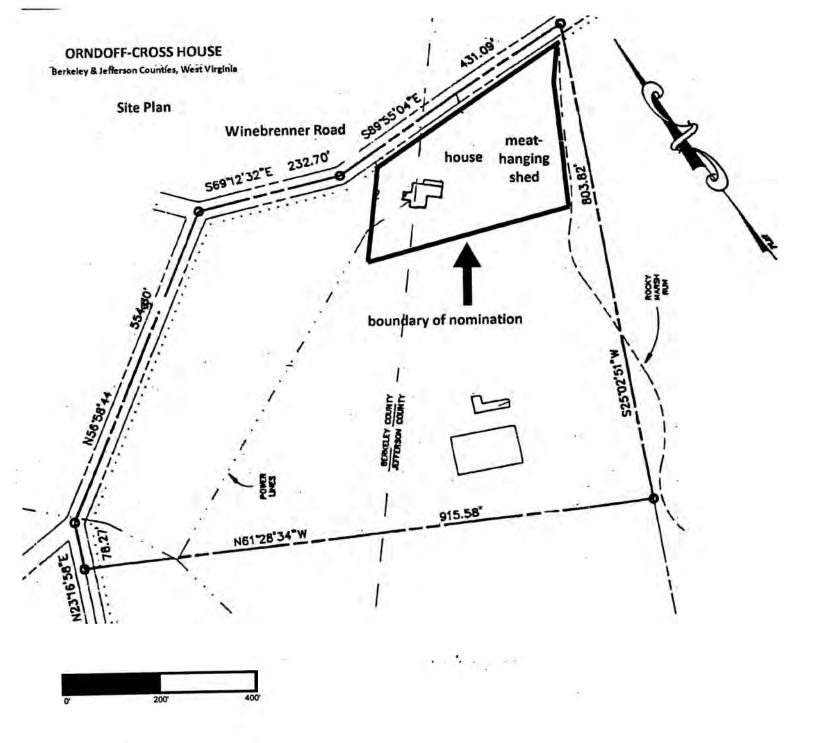


Photo views

Photo Number & Camera Orientation

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

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Return:

Please see the attached National Register Evaluation/Return sheet for detailed comments.

RECOM. / CRITERIA	,))
REVIEWER Tanbara Wgalf	DISCIPLINE TUSTONA
TELEPHONE 202-35Y-2252	DATE 1-30-09

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



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Comments Evaluation/Return Sheet

Property Name:

Orndoff-Cross House

Property Location:

Berkeley/Jefferson County, WV

Reference Number:

08001403

Date of Return:

1-30-09

Reason for Return

This nomination is being returned because of the following concerns or omissions:

- 1. The log outbuilding should be evaluated as contributing, not as non-contributing. Section 7 indicates the building, classified as a meat-hanging shed, was built c.1800. As such, it corresponds with the Period of Significance of the house, which is c.1796 and c.1830. The house is nominated under Criterion C for its architectural significance as a "late eighteenth-century rural log residence house with additions, representative of the earliest permanent domestic architecture built in this area during the first decades of non-native settlement" (page 8-3). The log outbuilding is an ancillary structure that helps define the early character of this house.
 - What is the basis for the design of the 1998 front stoop? The long porch shown on the sketch map is a very traditional treatment, but perhaps documentation or field evidence suggested the earlier presence of a stoop. Please explain this evolution and discuss the impact of the stoop on the integrity of the house. Also, please include a photograph of the 1993 addition on the west side of the house from a front/oblique angle.
- 3. The house is not placed in a context of extant properties. Although the history of the property is presented and the general character of historic Berkeley County is described, the characteristics of related property types are not defined, nor is the Orndoff-Cross House evaluated against other examples. Please note what is stated about context on page 9 of How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation:

Once the historic context is established and the property type is determined, it is not necessary to evaluate the property in question against other properties if:

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Comments

Property Name: Orndoff-Cross House

Property Location: Berkeley and Jefferson Counties, WV

Reference Number: 08001403 Date of Return: 1-30-09

> It is the sole example of a property type that is important in illustrating the historic context or

 It clearly possesses the defined characteristics required to be strongly representative of the context.

If these two conditions do not apply, then the property will have to be evaluated against other examples of the property type to determine its eligibility.

Neither of the above points has been established; therefore, it is necessary to evaluate this property against other examples. Please do so in order to provide a context for evaluation.

Technical Concerns

1. The sheet of photo views for the exterior of the house does not include photo numbers and camera orientation. Please add the arrows and numbers.

2. The floor plans, photos, and house layout shown in the sketch map do not correspond with each other. For example, the house on the sketch map appears to show a long front porch, rather than a stoop and the floor plans don't seem to show the inset porch shown in Photo 4. This makes it overly challenging to try to decipher the house, combined with the missing photo information (see #1, above).

Please call me at 202-354-2252 if you have any questions.

Barbara Wyatt, Historian National Register of Historic Places

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hereby certify that this property is: entered in the National Register See continuation sheet. determined eligible for the National Register See continuation sheet. determined not eligible for the National Register removed from the National Register other (explain):	Date of Action 7-28-10

Henry Orndoff House		Berkeley & Jefferson Counties, WV			
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5. Classification					
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Narrative Description

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7. Description

The Henry Orndoff House (Photos 1-13) is located on a rural tract straddling the Berkeley-Jefferson County line, lying in both the Opequon District of Berkeley County and the Shepherdstown District of Jefferson County, in West Virginia's Eastern Panhandle. The property lies at the tiny settlement known as Wyncoop Spring, consisting essentially of the subject property and the Wyncoop house across the road. Rockymarsh Run passes west of the property. The nomination consists of a c.1796 log house with additions, the earliest of which dates from c.1830 and the latest from the 1990s, along with a contributing c.1796 meat-hanging shed of log construction, located immediately southwest of the house. The house retains integrity in all of its composite qualities.

The Henry Orndoff House is situated on an 11-acre parcel in the rural reaches of eastern Berkeley County. Other than the meat-hanging shed incorporated within the nomination, the other outbuildings associated with the property are architecturally unremarkable and possess no identified historical significance. Only the less-than-one-acre tract containing the house, its immediate lawns, and the meat-hanging shed are included within the nomination. The terrain slopes away from the house to the south. The Berkeley-Jefferson County line passes through the nominated property.

Within the nominated parcel are the following two resources:

1. Henry Orndoff House, residential

Description: The Henry Orndoff House is a 2-story vernacular residence whose earliest section, the easternmost section, dates from c. 1796 (photo 1, left side of photo). Built of log and clad in German siding, in its present configuration the earliest section is three bays in width, c. 25' × 18', incorporating a side-passage plan, with the front door offset and shielded by a modestly-detailed single-story wood portico dating from 1998 (photo 1). Appended to the west side of this section is a 2-story addition (photos 1-2, right side of photo), c. 22' × 15', dating from c. 1830, which is two bays in width and also of log construction covered in German siding. The Berkeley-Jefferson County line crosses through the early addition. A two-story gable-roofed log ell (photo 3), c. 20' × 11', with an exterior gable-end chimney extends southward from the c. 1830 addition, and a single-story sunroom addition (photo 3), c. 20' × 13' and dating from c. 1993, is in the angle of the ell on the rear (south) elevation. At approximately the same time, a two-story addition (photo 4), c. 13' square, was built onto the west gable end of the c. 1830 addition, set back c. 15 feet from the plane of the facade. This addition contains a recessed corner porch, utility rooms, and storage on the first story and a master bathroom and storage above.

As it is used here, the term "vernacular" corresponds to that term as it is defined in Ward Bucher's

Dictionary of Building Preservation, "a building built without being designed by an architect or someone with similar formal training; often based on traditional or regional forms."

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Both of these 1990s additions are designed compatibly with the character of the original house, are on secondary elevations, and do not detract materially from the otherwise high integrity of the property as a whole.²

The house is capped with a side-gable roof of standing seam metal, with interior gable-end red brick chimneys at both gable ends. Fenestration is flat-topped throughout, with modest surrounds and historic 6/6 sash retained in most windows, along with exterior operable louvered wood shutters.

The interior (photos 6-12) of the Henry Orndoff House is in excellent condition and retains much of its historic plan, including the original c. 1796 log section, the c. 1830 log addition, and the c.1830 kitchen ell. There is a partial basement, unfinished, with exposed log floor joists. On the first story, a side-passage stair hall is located in the c. 1796 section, with a four-run stair featuring a turned newel with a finial, a walnut handrail, chair rail, and attenuated turned balusters (photo 6). The stair extends in two runs to the second story and two more runs to the attic. A half-bath has been inserted at the rear of the hall. The stair hall opens into a livingroom (photos 7 and 9) on the east side, part of the original c. 1796 construction, and a diningroom (photo 8) on the west side, part of the c. 1830 addition. Both the diningroom and livingroom have fireplaces with early Classical Revival-style wood mantles and retain six-panel wood doors. Baseboard and window trim are painted and are modestly detailed; a chair rail extends around the perimeter of the diningroom. The rearward-projecting kitchen incorporates a narrow double-run back stair (photo 10), open on the first story and enclosed as it rises to the second floor. The kitchen features contemporary cabinetry, an island, and floor and wall finishes. It is accessed from the diningroom, from the c. 1993 sunroom, and from the c. 1993 addition.

The second story (photos 11-12) of the Henry Orndoff House contains two bedrooms which flank the upstairs hallway. A third bedroom (photo 12) is over the kitchen ell which has access to the kitchen via the back stair. A door opens from this back bedroom into the c. 1993 addition, which contains a master bathroom and closet space. Closets have been added to the master bedroom. Fireplaces (photo 11) are in both bedrooms; that of the master bedroom has an exposed brick finish.

Floors are generally of wood, finished naturally. Plaster walls are found throughout and the gable-end section of the upstairs beck bedroom features an exposed log end wall. The attic is only partially finished and the roof framing is pegged at the ridge.

<u>Date:</u> c. 1796, c. 1830, c. 1993, c. 1998 1 contributing building

2. Meat-hanging shed, domestic dependency (photo 13)

Description: 1-story log dependency gable roof, located south of the main house

Date: c. 1796

1 contributing building

²When the front stoop was constructed in 1998, no evidence remained for the original porch construction. Therefore, the property owner commissioned the construction of a porch that was compatible and sensitive to the historic house (based on information from the property owner).

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10. Geographical Data			
Acreage of Property Less than	one acre		
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Boundary Justification	Refer to Continuation Sheets		
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Property Owner			
name Thomas and Jane McSwa street & number P. O. Box 1524		telephone	
city or town Shepherdstown	state	WV zip code 25443	

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Statement of Significance

The Orndoff House meets National Register Criterion C for *architecture*, as a late eighteenth-century rural log house, representative of the earliest permanent domestic architecture built in this area during the first decades of non-native settlement. The Period of Significance is c. 1796, corresponding to the approximate date of construction of the earliest part of the house and the meat-hanging shed, and c. 1830, the approximate date of construction of the early addition.

History

In 1730, the Governing Council of the Colony of Virginia issued orders for this section of the colony to be settled. Originally part of Spottsylvania County, Orange County was formed in 1734, followed by Frederick County in 1738. Berkeley County was formed from portions of Frederick County in 1772. Adam Stephen (1718-1791) was the county sheriff and commanded a division during the American Revolution. In 1773 he laid out Berkeley County's new county seat of government along Warm Springs Road, the overland route between Alexandria, Virginia and the town of Bath, now Berkeley Springs. Stephen christened his new town Martinsburg, after his friend Thomas Bryan Martin, a nephew of Lord Fairfax.

The Orndoff House was built along Park Horse Road c. 1796, after Henry Orndoff's acquisition of a 322-acre tract that same year. Pack Horse Road, an early overland road in Berkeley County, was originally a Native American pathway which had its non-native beginnings when the Pack Horse Trail was widened c. 1727 and became part of the Philadelphia Wagon Road.³ The Philadelphia Wagon Road extended westward from Philadelphia and passed through Lancaster and York, Pennsylvania before turning southwest and crossing the Potomac River at the present-day site of Shepherdstown, West Virginia (until 1863 part of Virginia). It then traversed Jefferson County and entered what would become Berkeley County at the settlement of Wyncoop Spring. Before moving to VanClevesville, Bunker Hill, and Arden and crossing Little Mountain to make its way southward to Winchester and beyond.

Orndoff's parcel was part of a 1786 King's Patent tract first surveyed in 1734 for John VanMetre. Orndoff reared his family here, including six surviving children mentioned in his Will. It seems likely that the growing family outgrew the original log house and that the early addition was built accordingly. The Orndoffs were slaveholders, and the second-story of the kitchen wing, accessed by the rear stairs, likely served as servants' quarters. Henry Orndoff died in 1833 and his son, James, retained the family farm (Fig. 1). James Orndoff never married, but ran the farm with the help of his slaves. Upon his death in 1846, he left his real estate to his two nephews, William and Thomas, along with slaves, with provisions for their being granted their freedom, some immediately and others after they attained specific ages. The Emancipation Proclamation of January 1, 1863, likely occurred first.

³Paula Reed, "Pack Horse Ford," Maryland Historical Trust Inventory of Historic Properties Form, 2003

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After a suit brought by James Orndoff's brother, Jacob, nephew William became vested with the log house and all of the Berkeley County acreage. William Orndoff retained ownership until 1865, when he sold the family homestead to Rezin (also spelled "Regin" in some accounts) T. Cross, whose father and namesake had been a prisoner of John Brown's during the Harper's Ferry raid of 1859. After Rezin Cross's death in the late 1880s, his widow, Annie remained in the house until her own death in 1922; the property remained in the Cross family until 1933. The house eventually anchored a dairy farm operated by the Wright family from the 1940s to the 1980s.

Criterion C: Architecture

The property's Criterion C significance lies in its position as a late-eighteenth-century log house erected during the early decades of development in Berkeley County along Pack Horse Road, an important overland route which crossed Berkeley County and eventually made its way to Winchester and the West. The property represents the "Initial Occupance" of this part of Berkeley County, taking that term as it was employed by cultural geographer Fred Kniffen; "the first postpioneer, permanent settlement imprint established in the several sections of the wooded eastern United States, an epoch ending about 1850."

As pioneers settled the area that would be come West Virginia's Eastern Panhandle, they began the process of clearing their lands for subsistence. The most readily-available building material was wood, and log was the preferable method of construction for many of the county's earliest farmhouses. Part of Virginia during the early decades of settlement, Berkeley County, rural and urban alike, was dotted with log architecture, whose rudimentary and rustic form and quality eventually gave way to more permanent materials such as brick and stone and wood frame using building materials fashioned at sawmills. In some cases, however, farms remained anchored by the original log farmhouse which was simply expanded over time to meet the family needs.

The Orndoff House was first documented in 2004 as part of the Martinsburg East Historic Resource Survey. The survey covered approximately 20,000 acres, primarily rural, to the east and southeast of Martingsburg to the Jefferson County line. The survey documented resources that were constructed before 1955 and retained a certain degree of historic integrity. Out of 150 documented resources, six were identified as log, or partially log, houses. With exception of the Orndoff House, they each have exterior exposed logs and were constructed in the first half of the nineteenth century.

The original section of the Orndoff House was constructed the earliest c.1796. The second earliest log house in this survey area is the c.1809 log section of the Newcomer Mansion at 1735 Douglas Grove Road. Like the Orndoff House, the Newcomer Mansion received a major addition in the early nineteenth century. However, the Newcomer Mansion has a much different appearance. Rather than incorporating the new addition under one roof, creating the appearance of one building, the c.1820 brick addition of the Newcomer Mansion towers over the original log building. Its addition is a good example of the Federal style of architecture. The remaining log

⁴Fred Kniffen, "Folk Housing: Key to Diffusion," Annals of the Association of American Geographers 55 (1965), p.

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buildings in the survey area were constructed between the 1820s and 1840s and are generally two stories with side gables, exposed logs and various levels of integrity.

The Pitzer House, located southwest of Martinsburg at 10930 Apple Harvest Drive (outside of the previously mentioned survey area), is similar to the Orndoff House in that it began as an early eighteenth-century log house and evolved with additions over time. The Pitzer House has a much different appearance, however, with Tuscan-style porch columns with dentils and large gable wall dormers. Also similar to the Ordoff House is the Davis-Keesecker House located north of Martinsburg at 3337 Little Georgetown Road. It too was constructed as a small log house in the eighteenth century (c.1770) and has an early nineteenth century addition (c.1820). It is clad in wood siding and gable roof spans the entre house.

Kniffen notes, "There is a strong element of urgency in dealing with the older folk housing, for it is largely unchronicled and its overwhelming wood composition makes it highly vulnerable to destructive forces." Approaching his subject as a historical geographer rather than as an architectural historian, Kniffen maintains that "the humbler buildings by reason of their adherence to type and numerical superiority are far more important as markers of basic cultural processes than are uniquely designed individual structures." Thus, the Orndoff House, like the others, is an excellent example of a domestic log architecture from this early time period.

Summary

The Henry Orndoff House, humble though its beginnings may have been, represents the early development of the county through its architecture, first as a single-pen log house, to which an early addition was added as its owner's family grew. Its Criterion C significance derives from its being a well-preserved example of late-eighteenth/early-nineteenth century Berkeley County domestic log architecture, with its historic finishes intact and its window sash and roof form unaltered.

⁵Ibid., p. 550.

[&]quot;Ibid., p. 553.

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10. Geographical Data

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Being a portion of that tract described in Berkeley County Deed Book No. 442, Page 675. Beginning at the crossing of Rockymarsh Run and Winebrenner Road, then westerly along the south curbline of Winebrenner Road 400' to a point c. 30' west of the west elevation of the house; then southerly ca. 200' to a point south of the house; then easterly c. 400' to the west bank of Rockymarsh Run, then northerly along Rockymarsh Run to the place of beginning.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The boundaries of this nomination reflect only that tract containing the house and lawns on all sides. It provides enough property to provide for integrity of setting. Other outbuildings associated with the current property parcel are architecturally unremarkable and possess no identified historical significance. Thus, they have been excluded from the National Register boundary.

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Henry Orndoff House

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David L. Taylor, 2007

Taylor & Taylor Associates, Inc., Brookville, PA

- Facade, looking south and showing overall form, massing, fenestration, roof form and finish, chimneys, etc.
- Northwest perspective, showing facade, portico, fenestration, etc.
- Southwest perspective, and showing sunroom added in angle of the L-shaped rear, main house, kitchen ell, roof form and finishes, fenestration, etc.
- Looking northeast to the Addition to accommodate new master bathroom on second story, set back from the plane of the building on a secondary elevation
- 5. Facade, detail, looking south showing windows, shutters, German siding finishes, etc.
- 6. Interior, detail showing hallway, staircase, newel, balustrade, et., looking south
- 7. Livingroom looking east and showing volume, mantle, finishes, etc.
- 8. Diningroom looking west and showing volume, trim, finishes, mantle, etc.
- Livingroom, detail, looking west into hall., showing trim, flooring, chair rail, etc.
- 10. Interior, detail, looking east, showing back stair accessing servants' quarters above kitchen in rear ell.
- 11. Interior, detail, looking west, showing upstairs bedroom
- 12. Interior, detail, looking south, back bedroom over kitchen in rear ell.
- 13. Meat-hanging house, southwest perspective, looking northeast.

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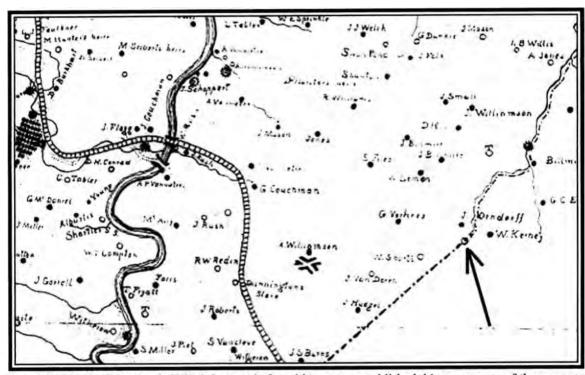
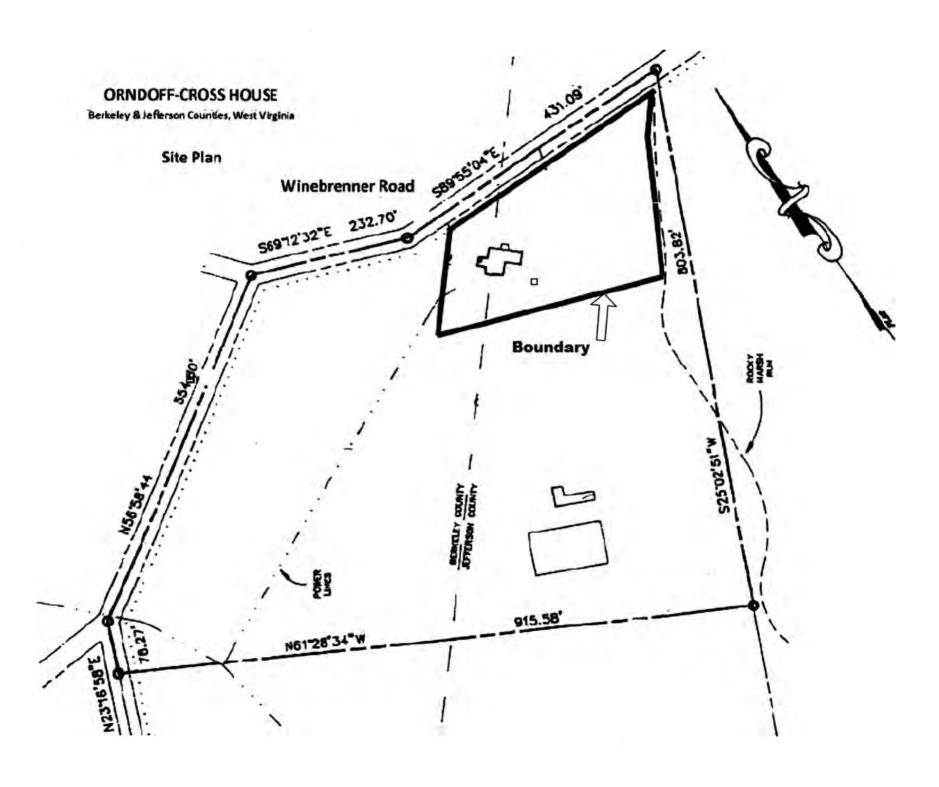
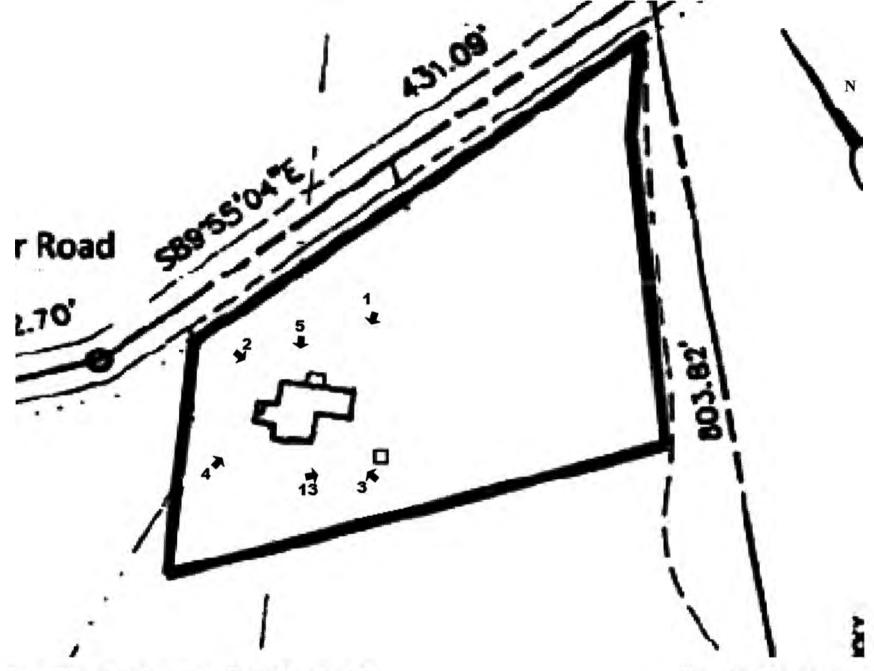


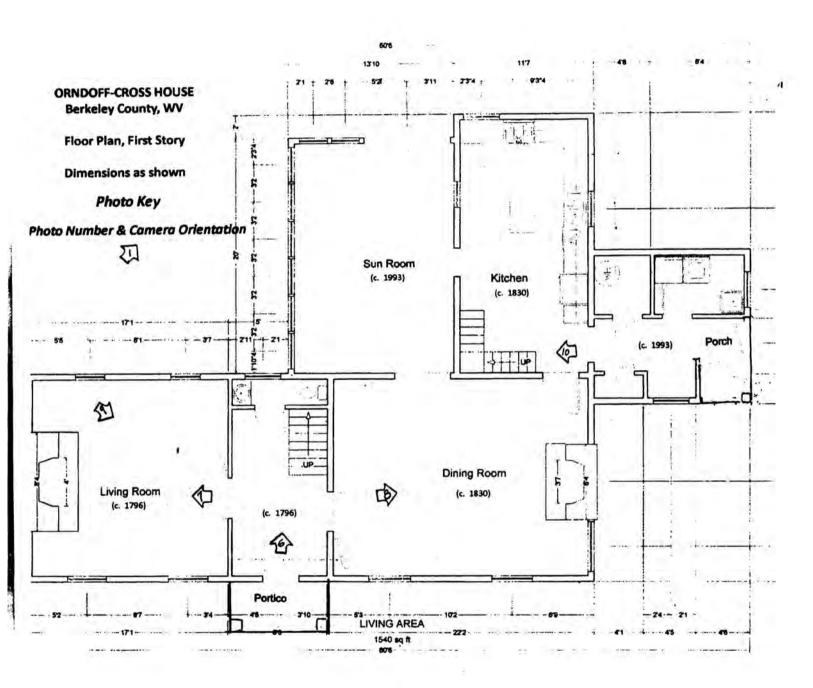
Fig. 1 Although James Orndoff died the year before this map was published, his occupancy of the property appears on this segment of the 1847 J. Baker Kearfott map of Berkeley County. It is indicated by the superimposed black arrow.

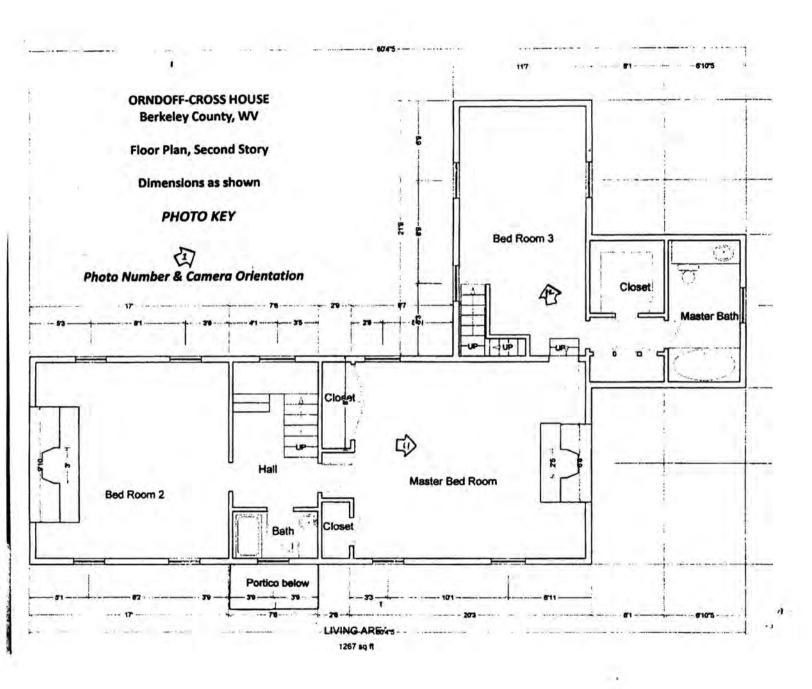




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The Henry Orndoff House is nominated under Criterion C for its architectural significance as an intact example of a late 18th century log house, representative of the earliest permanent domestic architecture built in Berkeley and Jefferson counties, West Virginia. The house and the contributing log meat-hanging shed were built c. 1796. Additions on the house date to c. 1830, 1993, and 1998.

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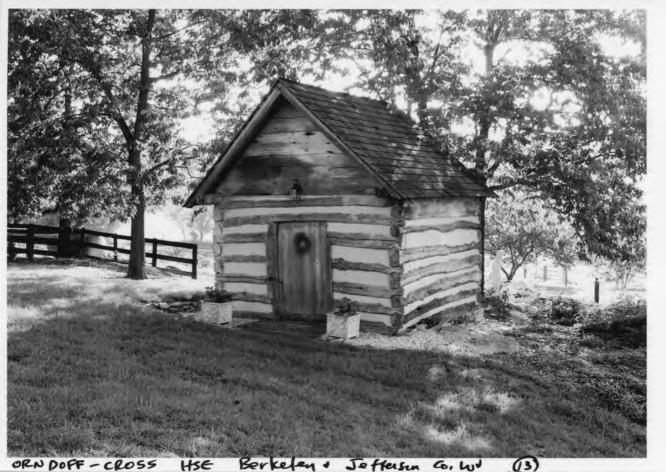


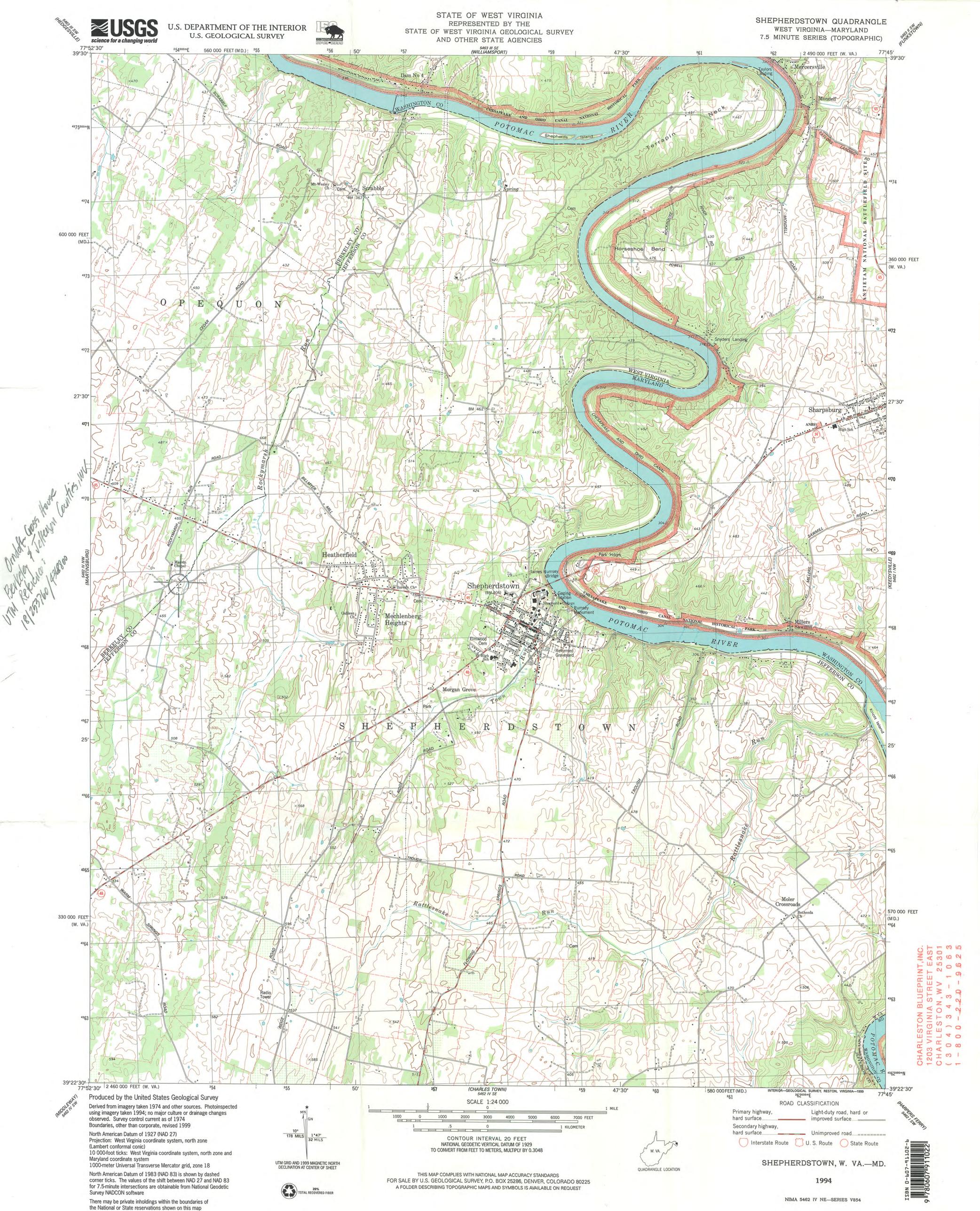
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Dr, Janet Matthews Keeper, National Register of Historic Places National Park Service 2280 National Register of Historic Places 1201 "I" (eye) Street, NW Washington D.C. 20005

Dear Dr. Matthews:

We are submitting for your review the following National Register registration forms:

- Bullskin Run Historic District, Jefferson County
- 2. John William Deck House, Berkeley County
- Davis-Keesecker House, Berkeley County
- 4. Orndoff-Cross House, Berkeley County

The enclosed nominations have been approved by the State Archives and History Commission and processed in accordance with 36 CFR Part 60. Each registration form is accompanied by an original USGS topographical map and one set of archival black and white photographs. Digital prints are accompanied by CD-R media.

Please know that while we have determined that the Bullskin Run Historic District meets the National Register Criteria, we do not believe the nomination as prepared justifies its listing. Our comments are provided with the nomination. A copy of the draft minutes from the Commission meeting is also attached.

Furthermore, while I have signed the three submitted Berkeley County nominations we believe the nominations' contexts are somewhat weak. We are working closely with this consultant to improve the quality of future nominations.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have questions. We can be reached at 304.558.0240.

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June 14, 2010

Ms. Carol Shull, Keeper National Register of Historic Places National Park Service 2280 National Register of Historic Places 1201 "I" (eye) Street, NW Washington D.C. 20005

Dear Ms. Shull:

We are resubmitting for your review the following National Register registration form:

Henry Orndoff House, Berkeley and Jefferson Counties, West Virginia

The nomination, previously submitted as the Orndoff-Cross House, was returned by your office in January 2009. Please know that, while we have addressed the comments on the evaluation/return sheet, we were unable to obtain a front photograph of the 1993 addition that meets the NPS requirements. Thus, we have submitted it in both hard copy and electronic version as supplemental material for review purposes only.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have questions. We can be reached at 304.558.0240.

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