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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 Beallmore #7

and/or common The William T., Jr., and June Booher Residence

2. Location

street & number 1500 Pleasant Avenue not for publication

city, town Wellsburg vicinity of ~~Congressional District~~

state West Virginia code 54 county Brooke code 009

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" 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"/> N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
M. R. A.	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name William T. Booher, Jr., and June Booher.

street & number 1500 Pleasant Avenue

city, town Wellsburg vicinity of state West Virginia 26070

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Brooke County Court House

street & number Main and Seventh Streets

city, town Wellsburg state West Virginia 26070

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Pleasant Avenue Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date Winter-Spring, 1985 federal state county local

depository for survey records Wellsburg Landmarks Commission

city, town Wellsburg state West Virginia 26070

7. Description

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

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

This fine mansion was built in 1907 in the High Style of the Neo-Classical and Neo-Colonial Revivals. Built of pressed, glazed, orange brick on a brick and stone foundation, this 2½-story house originally had a slate roof. After a fire several years ago, the original roof was replaced with black shingles. The hipped roof has low lines with a center platform. Of the seven gable dormers on the roof of this rectangular structure with ell, two are on the west front.

The windows are double-hung and double-glazed with thick plate glass. Each window has a splayed stone lintel.

The front of the house is dominated by a tetrastyle, 2-story portico with fluted Corinthian columns. On the first floor, the center bay contains a semi-elliptical arch with smooth stone voussoirs. The door is flanked by trebeated Ionic columns. Above the door is an elliptical fan light with tracery and on each side are massive sidelights with tracery. In the center bay on the second floor is a balcony supported by large console brackets decorated with acanthus leaf. The carriage-way is also supported by acanthus brackets. The glass doorway on the second floor also has sidelights and the entire entryway is surmounted by a broken, or a Swan's Neck Pediment.

Due to its location, Beallmore must be approached from the rear. The well-arranged and maintained plantings ensure the privacy of the Neo-Classical and Neo-Colonial mansion.

New floor plans of Beallmore are in the possession of the present owners, William T. Booher, Jr. and June M. Booher. The interior of the house was restored to its original condition and statement soon after they purchased the property in 1971. The limited alterations on the rear ell in no way are an intrusion on this structure and its park-like setting.

CONTRIBUTING AND NON-CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURES

Contributing BUILDINGS	<u>1</u>
Non-Contributing BUILDINGS	<u>0</u>
TOTAL CONTRIBUTING RESOURCES	1

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 type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1907 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Beallmore is significant because it is an unusually fine and well-preserved example of the Neo-Classical and Neo-Colonial periods. The best designed and built mansion in the Pleasant Avenue Area of Wellsburg, its classical lines complement and culminate the Greek Revival structures of this area as is appropriate to the historic resources of the area in which it is located and was built for Wiley Beall, an active banker and investor in Wellsburg.

The architects of the latter half of the 19th century were greatly influenced by the design principles of the Echols des Beaux-Arts in Paris. Elaborate designs which characterized this style soon evolved into the more refined architecture which characterize the Classical Revival of the 20th century. This style, especially fitted for large residences, was characteristically symmetrical. These buildings were often monumental in size and conception, with smooth stone surface. The use of large columns and pilasters was popular and Classical porticos were common supported by a series of columns. Greek forms of all kind appear frequently in this style. Often the Greek Revival style was mixed with Colonial Revival in America. Buildings in this style were symmetrical with a box-like shape. The central pedimented pavilion projected from the front of the building which sheltered a central door. On such buildings a hipped roof often incorporated a central pediment.

The foregoing paragraphs are found almost like a description of Beallmore. Many Greek Revival houses in northern West Virginia were grandly modified with porticos to suite either Neo-Classical or Neo-Colonial styles. See, for example, the Lewis Hall House in the proposed Pleasant Avenue Multiple Resources Area and Sandscrest in Wheeling, West Virginia. Beallmore is especially significant, not only because it is the best designed and built mansion in the proposed Pleasant Avenue Multiple Resources Area, but also because it is the best example in the region of the high style of the Neo-Classical and Neo-Colonial periods.

Beallmore was built for Wiley and Edith R. Beall in 1907. Mr. Beall was the heir of one of West Virginia's earliest families. His grandfather had played the key role in the transition of agriculture in northern West Virginia from grain production to sheep farming. His ancestor first introduced Mareno sheep to the area.

Wiley Beall, like William H. Tarr and Lewis Hall, was active in banking and investment in Wellsburg. He owned and operated his own bank, the Commerce Bank of Wellsburg, until West Virginia's banking laws prohibited private ownership of banks. He remained an active investor throughout the rest of his life.

9. Major Bibliographical References

J.G. Jacob, Brooke County, Being A Record of Prominent Events, 1882.
J.H. Newton, History of the Panhandle of West Virginia, 1879.
Peter Boyd, History of the Northern West Virginia Panhandle, 1927.
N.L. Caldwell, A History of Brooke County, 1975.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .700 acres

Quadrangle name Steubenville, Ohio East

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A 17 533440 4458510
Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Brooke County Tax Maps, Wellsburg District Map #10, Parcel #53.
144' x 288' Irregular (see map)

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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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

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

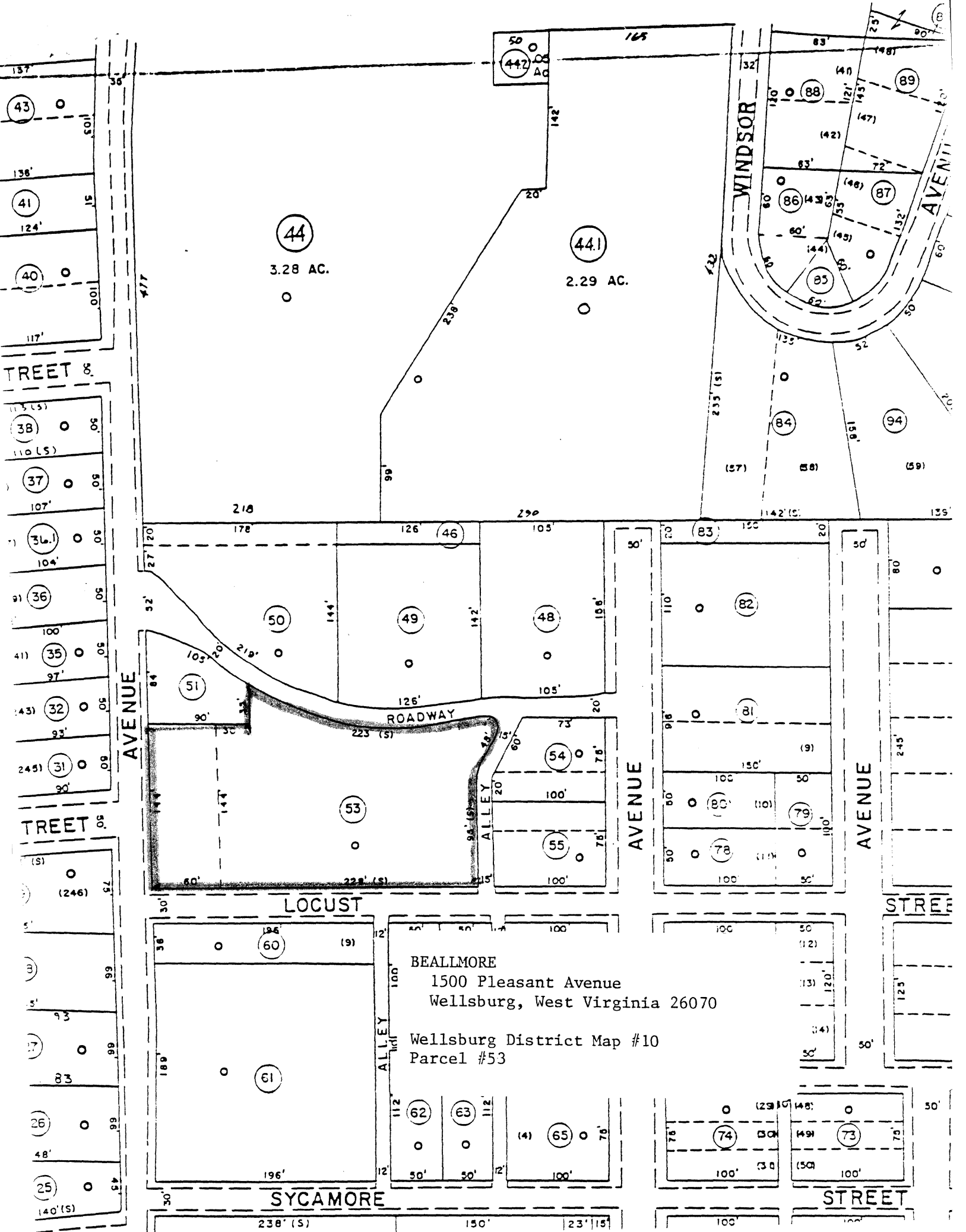
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Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration



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BEALLMORE
1500 Pleasant Avenue
Wellsburg, West Virginia 26070

Wellsburg District Map #10
Parcel #53

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