

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation 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 Washington Gold House

and/or common "Mountain View" Farm

2. Location

street & number On West Virginia Secondary Route #51/2 (Virginia Line Road), 1.3 miles south of Gerrardstown; on the east side of the road. ___ not for publication

city, town Gerrardstown Vic. vicinity of congressional district

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 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 type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 Mr. and Mrs. Granville V. Shirley

street & number Route #1, Box 800

city, town Inwood vicinity of state West Virginia

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Berkeley County Courthouse

street & number 100 West King Street

city, town Martinsburg state West Virginia

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title G - 34 Berkeley County Historic Landmarks Commission Survey has this property been determined eligible? ___ yes no

date 1973 - 1983 ___ federal ___ state county ___ local

depository for survey records Berkeley County Courthouse

city, town Martinsburg state West Virginia

7. Description

Condition excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered

(1890 porch)

Check one original site moved

date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Located one and three-tenths miles south of Gerrardstown, the Washington Gold house is a large (58' x 46'), two story, "L" shaped, brick dwelling constructed in 1854 in five row common bond on a stone foundation. Situated at the end of a mile long country lane, the house is surrounded by a well kept yard with mature trees. The front section of the house is five bays wide and the rear section is four bays deep with a two-tiered recessed porch. The one story front entrance porch covers the center three bays and is Victorian in style, probably added ca. 1890.

The house is Greek Revival with large trabeated 6/6 double sash windows. The decorative white lintels have plain corner blocks. Over the entrance door, set within panelled reveals, is a rectangular transom of diamond panes. Corbelled rows of brick comprise the cornice.

The front part of the house has a central hall plan, one room each side. The open-well stair of four flights has a scalloped step-end decoration that continues unbroken in an undulating fashion from one step to the next. The ell is two rooms deep and has finished plastered rooms on four stories (basement and attic included). These rooms are connected by several interior winder stairs and by the two-tiered, recessed porch which also has stairs to the basement level. Altogether, the house has eleven rooms with ten fireplaces. Five of these rooms were servants' quarters and their working areas.

The house is Greek Revival throughout. The ceilings are ten feet tall, windows are large, and mantels are heavy looking. Some facings have corner block trim and others have shouldered trim. In the main parlor, window facings are carried to the floor, the reveals are splayed, and the area below the window is panelled.

Carpenter's locks are throughout the house and floors are random width pine.

The carriage house is frame and was constructed probably the same year, 1890, as the entrance porch.

The small log house is the early Rippey cabin constructed ca. 1760. It is one-and-a-half stories and measures fourteen-and-one-half feet (14½') by sixteen-and-one-half feet (16½'). A heavy hand-hewn ladder leads to the loft.

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
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<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 type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
	<input type="checkbox"/> invention			

Specific dates 1761/1854 **Builder/Architect** Joseph Rippey/Washington Gold

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Washington Gold house is significant for its historical associations with the Gold family and as part of the progression of the development of the Rippey-Gold farm. It is also significant as an excellent example of vernacular Greek Revival architecture.

Joseph Rippey purchased 310 acres in 1761 and constructed the small log building as early permanent settler housing. The farm remained in the Rippey family until 1848 when it was purchased by Washington Gold who lived at a neighboring farm. In 1854, Mr. Gold built the large brick house which he named "Mountain View" and made it his home. He owned two other farms in the area and one in Clarke County, Virginia.

The house is architecturally significant and is representative of several brick, period houses in the area beginning with "Edgewood", ca. 1830, in the southern part of the county. This "L" shaped house-plan became very popular and continued to be used until the 1890's. All of these houses exhibit classical overtures, but stylistic identity is found in their separate features.

"Mountain View" is quite a large house, well finished throughout, and exhibits design elements of Greek Revival particularly in the proportions of the building, classical trabeated fenestration, very elegant staircase, plain, temple-like mantels, decorative doorways, and heavy, wide four-panel doors with original hardware. The workmanship, both interior and exterior, is excellent.

Washington Gold built "Mountain View" in 1854 and it remains today a reflection of his architectural expression. The dwelling house is a significant example of vernacular Greek Revival architecture.

9. Major Bibliographical References

The Berkeley Journal, Issue #8 (1979), The Berkeley County Historical Society, pp 94 - 104.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 2 acres

Quadrangle name Inwood, WV

Quadrangle scale 1 : 24,000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Nominated property includes roughly 100' on each side of the buildings, including adjacent part of the lane and Mill Creek (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

name/title Frances D. Ruth - Chairperson

organization Berkeley County Historic Landmarks Commission date September 30, 1983

street & number Route #2, Box 320 telephone (304) 754 - 7097

city or town Martinsburg state West Virginia

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature 

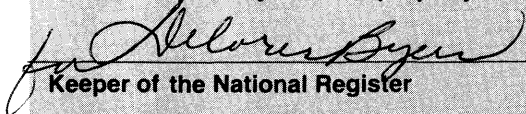
title Commissioner, WV Department of Culture & History date November 18, 1983

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

Entered in the National Register

date 1/12/84


Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

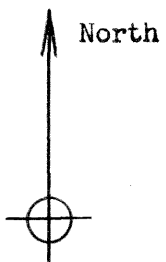
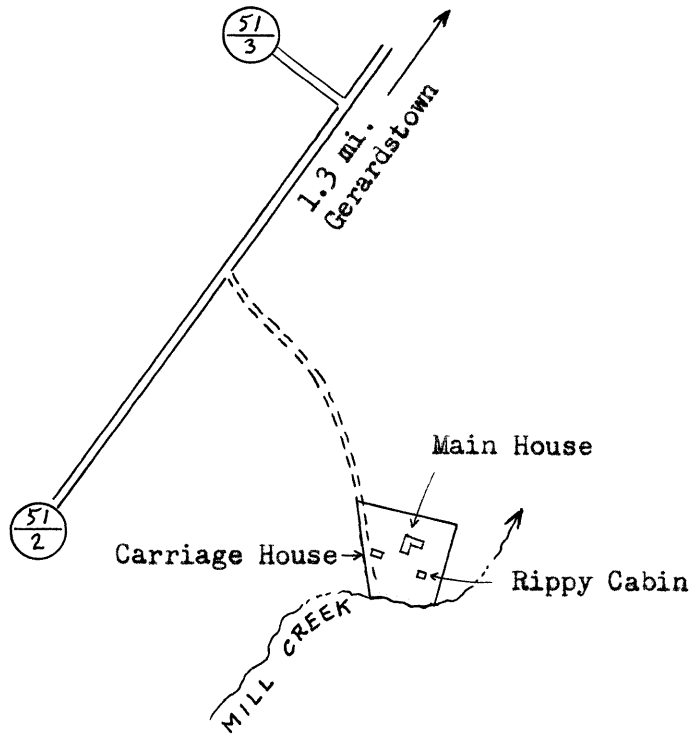
WASHINGTON GOLD HOUSE

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Inwood Quadrangle

Berkeley County, West Virginia

Area 2 acres



SCALE 1 : 7,920

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