

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: West Virginia	
COUNTY: Monongalia	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER DEC 27 1972	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
The Old Stone House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Chestnut Street

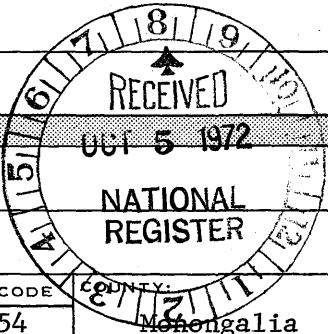
CITY OR TOWN:
Morgantown

STATE:
West Virginia

CODE: 54

COUNTY:
Monongalia

CODE: 061



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure 	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both 	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Frank G. Cox and Elizabeth Cox Moran

STREET AND NUMBER:
118 High Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Morgantown

STATE:
West Virginia

CODE:
54

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Monongalia County Courthouse--Office of County Clerk

STREET AND NUMBER:
High Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Morgantown

STATE:
West Virginia

CODE:
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Old Stone House is a two story sandstone structure that is 26' x 8" x 20' 8" with a one story timbered addition on the back. This 16' 7" x 16' 4" addition was added in the early 1900's. The height of the original stone structure is about 21 feet. There is roughly excavated basement under the stone house and a fully excavated room (with the earth as flooring) under the addition.

The original stone fireplace is in one end of the large downstairs room of the stone section of the house (See attached photograph). This room is now used as a gift shop and tea room. It is furnished with Early American antiques. The added section consists of a kitchen and small back room now used as a thrift shop.

The staircase is narrow and curved sharply, leading to the second floor of the stone section of the house (See attached photograph). There are three rooms on the second floor, one of which is a bathroom with plumbing from the early 1900's.



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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

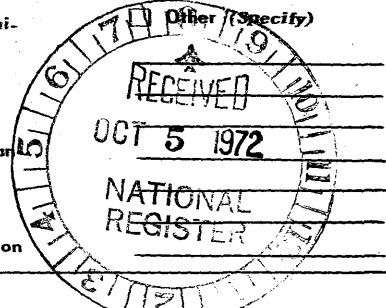
- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

c. 1796

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Old Stone House represents one of the oldest surviving examples of rustic pioneer architecture in Monongalia County. It was built, as nearly as can be determined, sometime before 1796, and during the next 140 years, until 1935, served as dwelling house, tavern, pottery, tannery, church, tailor shop, and junk shop. In 1935, the Morgantown Service League was able to secure use of the building as their headquarters.

Drawing upon information gained in searching several histories and the earliest deeds available, the following record of the Old Stone House, its property owners and its uses gives an account of historical significance. Of necessity we begin with two maps: 1) A Plan of Morgans Town, Virginia, 1785, showing lot lines and size, and 2) A Plan of Morgans Town, Virginia, 1785, showing First Lot Owners. Jacob Nuze is shown as owner of Lot 25 on which the Old Stone House stands. The first legal record is a deed transferring one-half acre lot from Jacob Nuze to Henry Dering in 1795. (See attached copy of deed.) All previous records were destroyed by fire that same year when the log courthouse burned. From historical information on taverns, we learned that Henry Dering was a licensed "ordinary" or tavern keeper. In 1796 the Dering log tavern burned. By 1800, he had built the "Dering Building" which he operated as a hotel and tavern. In the years between 1796 and 1800, we can assume that the Old Stone House was operated by Dering as a tavern.

In 1807, Dering sold the land to Jacob Foulk who in turn sold the land to John W. Thompson in 1810. (See attached copy of deed.) Foulk and Thompson are mentioned as the first potters of some note in West Virginia. We assume that in the five years they owned the property a pottery was operated in the Stone House.

In 1813, Joseph A. Shackelford bought the north one-half of Lot 25 from Thompson. Historical and deed records show that Shackelford operated a tanyard there for the next half century.

In 1830, Shackelford, who was also a minister, led a reformist movement that established the first Methodist Protestant Church in Morgantown (see attached Bicentennial publication of Spruce Street Methodist Church). Services were held in the Old Stone House until a building could be built. In The Methodist Protestant Church in West Virginia, author Rev. I. A. Barnes suggests "this stone house might properly be called the first Methodist Protestant Church of Monongalia County. And I should like to see the Methodist Protestants of Monongalia County buy this old

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Property deeds on file in Monongalia County Courthouse. 2. The History of The Making of Morgantown. Callahan, pp. 107, 130-131. 3. The Methodist Protestant Church in West Virginia. Rev. I.A. Barnes, D.D. p. 115. 4. Bicentennial publication of Spruce Street Methodist Church. 5. Stone House pamphlet published by Morgantown Service League. 6. West Virginia In History, Life, Literature and Industry. Morris Purdy Shawkey. Lewis Publishing Company. Chicago and New York. 1928. p. 304. 7. History of West Virginia. James Morton Callahan. The American Historical Society, Inc. Chicago and New York. 1923. pp. 74, 139-143, 243.

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	0' 0" 0"	0' 0" 0"		39°	37'	49" N
NE	0' 0" 0"	0' 0" 0"		79°	57'	25" W
SE	0' 0" 0"	0' 0" 0"				
SW	0' 0" 0"	0' 0" 0"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than 1/2 A.

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 AND TITLE:
Mrs. J.P. Ball and Mrs. Robert Erwin for the

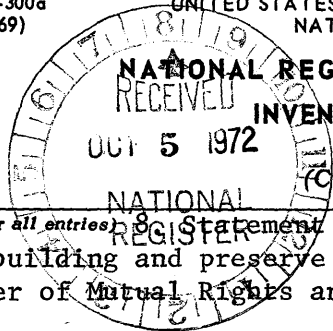
ORGANIZATION: West Virginia Antiquities Commission DATE: 4/12/72

STREET AND NUMBER:
Old Mountainlair, West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia 26505

CITY OR TOWN: Morgantown, STATE: West Virginia CODE: 54

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

<p>As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:</p> <p>National <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u>Dr. Carolyn J. Gunn</u></p> <p>Title <u>State Liaison Officer</u></p> <p>Date <u>September 27, 1972</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>Robert Ken Utley</u> Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date <u>12/27/72</u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u>William J. Pennington</u> Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date <u>12-27-72</u></p>
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(Number all entries) Statement of Significance continued -
old building and preserve it as a memorial to the men and women who planted the banner of Mutual Rights and American Methodism in this great county."

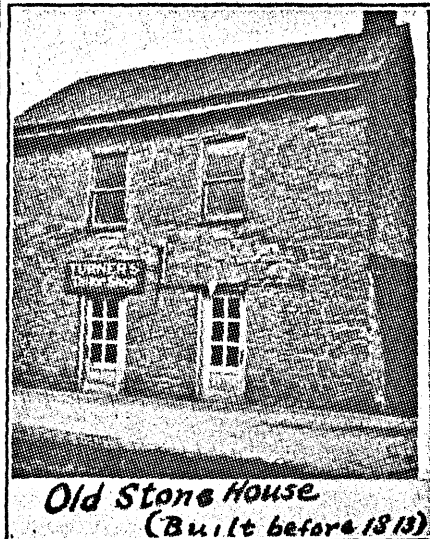
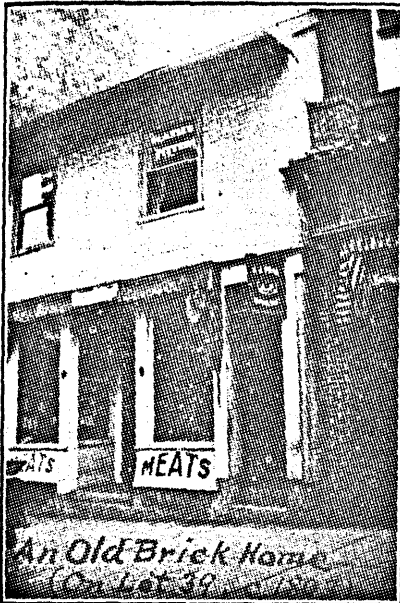
The Old Stone House has gained its educational and social/humanitarian significance through its use in 1830 by the Methodist church congregation and its later use by the Service League.

In the span of time from Shackelford to Baker and Cox in 1895, there were several owners of Lot No. 25. The Old Stone House was used mainly as a dwelling with a turn as serving as a Tailor Shop for a man named Turner. In the early 1930's, the House was a junk shop and almost abandoned. The following excerpt is taken from A Historical Review of First Year of the Service League - 1935, written by Mary R. Laidley, Chairman, Craft Shop Committee: "The girls were all working hard and with much enthusiasm. Bess Fromme suggested trying to get an old stone house on Chestnut Street fixing it up and making a Craft and Teas Shop of it. Many of the girls had never even noticed this old house, and small wonder, considering the ramshackle condition it was in. The building belonged to Judge Frank Cox and he gave the Service League the use of it for a year, rent free. This was in April. It is one of the earliest land marks of the community and is thought to have been built before 1795. At that time Chestnut Street or Middle Alley was an important street of the young town and this house was used as a tavern. I have been told it was the first stone house in the village, all the others being of logs. About the first of May, the restoration of the Stone House began. Relief workers tore out the flimsy partition in the main room, and carried away a quantity of rubbish which had accumulated over many years, both inside and outside of the house. The stone fireplace, which had been filled in with brick and plaster, was opened up and found to be in condition. The original panelling above the fireplace and the built in cupboard at the side were retained intact. When the cheap top flooring was torn away, the old random width boards of the original floor were revealed. After being scrubbed with lye, the floor was oiled, giving the soft brown of old wood. Several layers of paper were removed from the walls and the plaster was painted. The woodwork was, of course, also painted, and chintz curtains hung in the big room. The next thing was furnishings, and having no money for the purpose, we borrowed chairs and tables and spinning wheels, even pictures were borrowed for the walls. It was Fall before we were ready to open to the public."

The Service League is a volunteer, non-profit charitable organization which contributes money and services to such community projects as the Morgantown Public Library, Children's Theater (free performances of famous children's plays to which all county school children are bused), a free Well-Child and Baby Clinic, plus a very long list of other charities, both local and national. (See attached pamphlet.)

Presently, the Service League maintains two separate shops in the Old Stone House: A Craft Shop, where statewide and locally hand-crafted items are offered for sale to the public, and, a Thrift Shop where used clothing in good condition, mostly donated by members, is offered for sale at prices which low-income families can afford. In cases where the family cannot afford even this modest cost, clothing is often donated. All proceeds from both shops are used for charitable works.

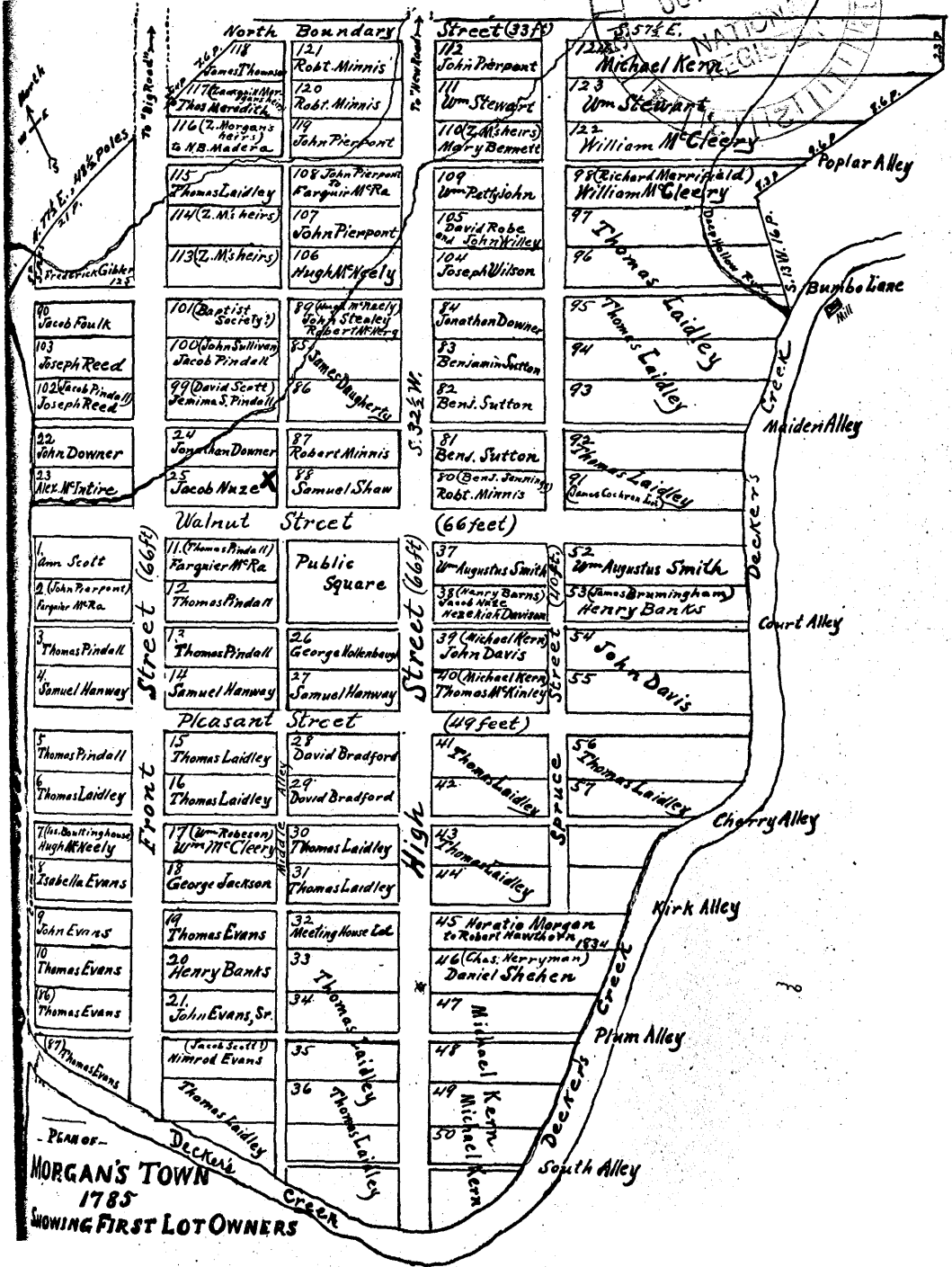
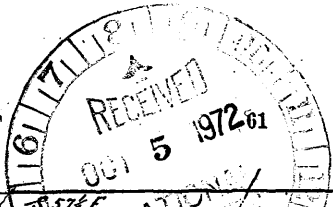
1798. In September 1798 Jacob Baltzer was residing on the north half of Lot 38 which he got from Jacob Noos in September 1796, and Isaac H. Williams, who evidently resided elsewhere in the town as early as 1795, was building a frame house on the south half. Bartholomew Clark built a house on Lot 120 before 1799, and possibly as early as 1796 when he obtained title to the lot from Robert Minnis. Ezekiel Cheney resided on the south half of Lot 41, or on Lot 42, by 1799. In July 1799 a log house stood on the rear of lots 56 and 57, between Spruce



and Decker's Creek, just below Pleasants Street. By June 1800 Hugh McNeely probably lived in an improved house on Lot 81. As early as May 1798, Thomas Wilson lived just north of Boundary Street, opposite the termination of Long Alley (now Chestnut Street). A stone house (still standing in 1926) was constructed on Long Alley, on the east end of Lot 25, probably by 1811. In it John W. Thompson resided after 1813.

With the passing of the menace of Indian invasion, the hamlet soon showed signs of a new awakening. Even before 1791, steps had been taken to secure better communication with the Ohio. In October 1786, the Virginia Assembly provided for

WASHINGTON AND THE WEST



Plan
of
Morgans Town

Monongalia County
Virginia
which town was established at
October month 1785

Situated on North Latitude
39° 37' 57"

West Longitude from the Capital of the United States
2° 39' 30"

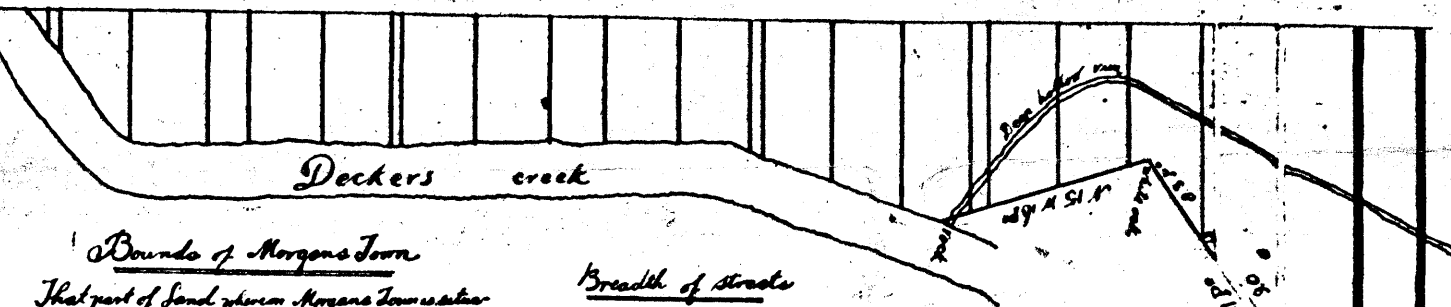
And on parallel of 44° 57' North Latitude from the Capital

- Observations explanatory of the plan
The position of the different edifices now situated in Morgans town, shown on the plan by the different colours and referred to by their proper names
- 1st The public square on which the court house, jail and market houses are situated shown on the plan by a border of pink colour
 - 2nd The Morgantown Academy bordered off by a blue line situated on lot N^o 124
 - 3rd The Presbyterian Episcopal church bordered blue situated on lot N^o 32
 - 4th The Methodist Episcopal Church situated on the South west corner of lot N^o 27 bordered green

Places of Burial

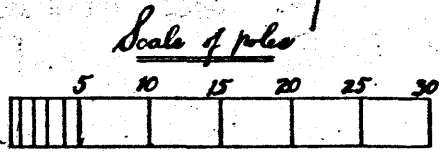
- Presbyterian bordered brown lot N^o 122
Baptist bordered blue lot N^o 32 at the Presbyterian church
Different denominations bordered brown on lot N^o 27

Veritas: Best remembered that on the 21st day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty four, the above plat was produced to me James Evans, clerk of the County court of Monongalia in my office by the Trustees of Morgantown, and admitted to record on pursuance of the act of the General assembly of the Commonwealth entitled "An act to amend an act entitled an act appointing trustees in the town of Morgantown and for other purposes" passed on the 1st of January in the year 1822 and on the 46th year of the Independence of the United States



Bounds of Morgans Town

That part of land whereon Morgans Town is situated originally the property of Zachary Morgan deceased the following rules and bounds Beginning at the mouth of Decker's creek and running down the Monongalia river with its several meanders 96 poles to where a point out and sugar stone, the low corner of said Morgans survey, thence with a line of the same N 77 1/2 E 48 1/2 poles to where a black stone marks the North boundary street of the town, thence along that street S 57 1/2 E continuing the course crossing the deep hollow run toward Morgans line, and with the same S 55 1/2 W 47 1/2 poles to a white oak tree corner and corner to lands of Michael Kame and with their line S 89 7/8 W 31 poles to a white oak standing on a point S 15 W 16 poles to the mouth of the afore said deep hollow run at a high rock, thence down Decker's creek with its several meanders and bendings thence with two hundred poles to the mouth thereof the Beginning



- Breadth of streets
- Front street 66 feet wide only where it is contracted by two houses one on lot N^o 100 the other at lot N^o 113
 - High street 66 feet wide where it is contracted between two houses one on lot N^o 87, the other on lot N^o 89
 - Spruce street 40 feet wide
 - Walnut street 66 feet wide
 - Pleasant street 49 1/2 feet wide
 - North Boundary street 33 feet wide

- Breadth of Alleys
- Song alley 12 feet wide
 - Pepier alley 12 feet wide
 - Dumbo lane 20 feet wide only contracted by a house on lot N^o 104, on it 4 1/2 feet
 - Maiden alley 13 feet wide
 - Court alley 12 feet wide
 - Cherry alley 12 feet wide
 - Kirk alley 12 feet wide
 - Plum alley 12 feet wide
 - Southern alley 12 feet wide

Course of Streets & alleys
Streets and alleys running from the North to the South by one S 57 1/2 W and running from the East only to the West by one N 57 1/2 W with the exception of Walnut street, Pleasant street, Cherry, Kirk alley which have a variation of 30° west

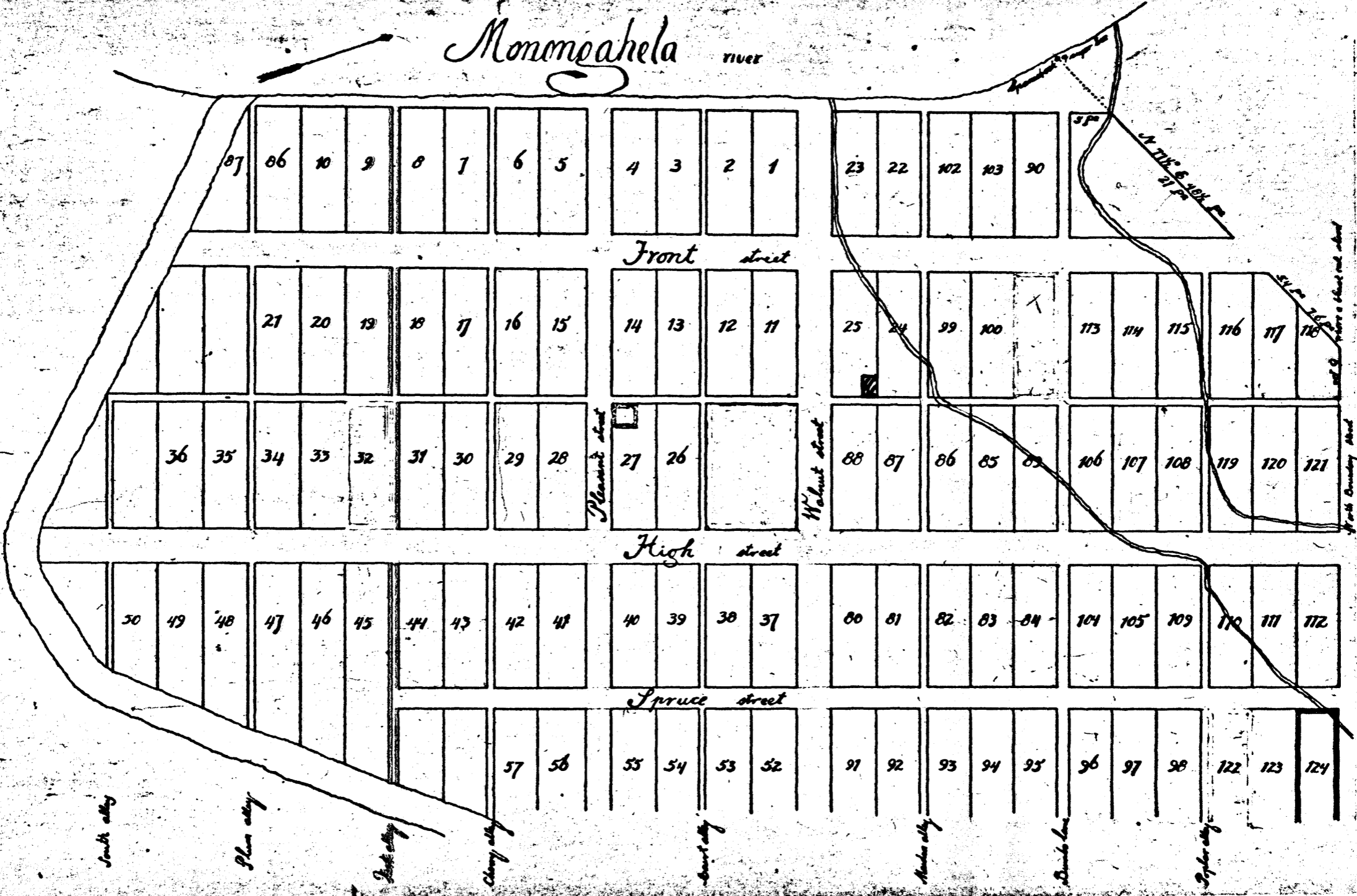
- Size of lots
- Sole between Front street and the common on the margin of Monongalia river are 247 1/2 feet in length and 87 1/2 feet wide which should be the proper size
- Sole between Front street and Song alley are longer but the matters nothing as they must extend from the street to the alley in length they are right on their fronts
- Sole between Song alley and High street are also to length the last remains stands correct position the fronts are right
- Sole between High street and Spruce street are four feet too short right on their fronts
- Sole from Spruce street to Decker's creek and the cut line of Morgans survey are too long, from lot N^o 56 extending North they are too long and deep very much more than length
- Sole whereon permanent buildings are situated at corners of streets and alleys which stand correct are as follows
- | | |
|------------------------------|---|
| 5 N E corner as marked on 41 | 41 N W corner |
| 15 N W corner | 52 N W corner |
| 14 S W corner | 81 N W corner |
| 17 N W corner | 84 N W corner |
| 19 N W corner | 86 S E corner at High and Maiden alley |
| 26 N E corner | 87 N E corner at High street & Maiden alley |
| 27 S E & S W corner | 88 S E corner |
| 28 N E corner | 90 N E corner |
| 37 N W corner | |
| 38 S W corner | |
| 38 N W corner | |
| 39 N W corner | |

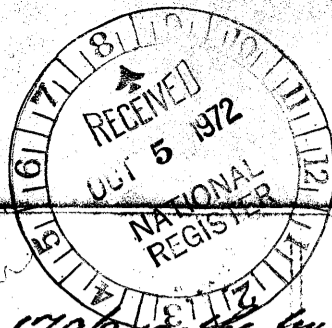
And where stones are planted at the different corners of lots and alleys they are the permanent corners and boundaries of these said lots

J. Evans

Traced from the County Records - DB No 7146 Survey by J. Evans on Oct 13th 1785

Monongahela river





(211)

Aforesaid the 4th day of May 1796 in the twentieth year of the Commonwealth

W. Williams

By a Commission to us Directed bearing date the 4th of May 1796 We examined We are advised Elizabeth Arnold the Wife of George Sepisak and a part from her husband and she Acknowledged her part freely without fears or threats to Anthony Kramer before us the Subscribers.

August 15th 1796

Geo. McCally
John Hall

Exam'd

Richard Hall

This Indenture made the twenty eighth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety five Between Jacob Nuzé and Elizabeth his Wife of the County of Monongalia and Commonwealth of Virginia of the one Part and Henry Dering Jun^r of Morgantown in the County and Commonwealth aforesaid of the other Part Witnesseth that the said Jacob Nuzé for and in consideration of the sum of Thirty pounds Current Money of Virginia to him in hand paid by the said Henry Dering Junior the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge. He the said Jacob Nuzé and Elizabeth his Wife. Have granted, bargained, sold, aliened, infeoffed and confirmed and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, alien, infeoff and confirm unto the said Henry Dering Junior his heirs and assigns forever one certain lott or half Acre of ground lying and being in Morgantown known and distinguished by Number. as well more fully appears by the Plan of the said town reference being thereunto had, and being the lott whereon the said Henry Dering Jun^r now lives and all Houses Edifices buildings, Orchards Gardens ways Waters and Water Courses Easements Profits commodities advantages Emoluments and Hereditaments whatsoever.

Whatsoever to the said Lott of ground (herby
 conveyed) belonging or in any wise appertaining
 (Subject to a ground rent of three shillings payable
 to Hagulin Morgan excepted) and also the Reversion
 and Reversions Remainder and Remainders rents
 issues and Profits, and all and singular the Premises
 and every part and parcel thereof with the Appurtenan-
 ces and also all the estate, right, title, Interest,
 claim and demand whatsoever of them the said
 Jacob Stuze and Elizabeth his Wife of in and to the
 said Premises, and every part and parcel thereof,
 To have and to hold the said Lott of
 ground containing half an Acre and all and
 singular the Premises aforesaid and every Part
 and Parcel thereof with the Appurtenances unto
 the said Henry Dering Jun^r his heirs and assigns
 to the only proper use and behoof of him the
 said Henry Dering Junior his heirs and assigns
 forever and the said Jacob Stuze and Elizabeth
 his Wife for themselves their heirs Executors and
 Administrators do Covenant Grant and agree to
 and with the said Henry Dering Junior his heirs
 and assigns by these presents, that they are seized
 of a good sure perfect and Indefeasable estate of
 Inheritance in fee simple of in and to the said
 bargained Premises, and that they have good
 right full Power lawfull and Absolute Authority
 to grant and convey the said half Acre of ground
 unto the said Henry Dering Junior his heirs
 and assigns in manner and form aforesaid and
 that the said Premises now are and so forever
 hereafter shall remain and be free and clear of
 and from all former and other gifts, grants
 bargains, sales, slower right and title of
 slower.

Howe Judgments Executions titles troubles charges
 and incumbrances whatsoever made done committed or
 suffered by the said Jacob Muzze and Elizabeth his
 wife and lastly that the said Jacob Muzze and
 Elizabeth his wife and their heirs the said bargained
 Premises with the Appurtenances unto him the said
 Henry Dering Junior his heirs and assigns against
 them the said Jacob Muzze and Elizabeth his wife
 and their heirs and against all other person or
 Persons whatsoever (the ground rent before mentioned
 excepted) shall and will warrant and forever defend
 by these presents In Witness whereof the said Jacob
 Muzze and Elizabeth his wife have hereunto set
 their hands and affixed their seals the day and
 year first above written

Signed, sealed & delivered
 In the Presence of

J. M. J.

Jacob Jacobs
 John Downer
 his
 Jacob & Muzze Junr
 mark

28th Jan'y 1795 Then Received of the within named
 Henry Dering Junr the sum of thirty pounds it
 being the consideration mentioned in the within Deed

Witnesses Present

Jacob Jacobs
 John Downer
 his
 Jacob & Muzze Junr
 mark

J. M. J.

District Court holden at Monongalia Courthouse
 May term 1796 This Deed of Bargain and Sale
 from Jacob Muzze and Elizabeth his wife to Henry
 Dering Junr was acknowledged by the said Jacob
 and ordered to be Recorded as to him

A TRUE COPY

Fest. Williams, Secy

ATTEST Tom Jackson CLERK
 OF MONONGALIA COUNTY COURT W. VA.