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# NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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

## 1 NAME

Hedges-Robinson-Myers House

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

## 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER On Rt. 3 just east of the railroad crossing.

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

CITY, TOWN

Hedgesville

VICINITY OF Spring Mills

STATE

West Virginia

CODE

54

COUNTY

Berkeley

CODE

003

## 3 CLASSIFICATION

### CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

### OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

### STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

### PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

## 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Dirting

STREET & NUMBER

Route 1, Box 226

CITY, TOWN

Hedgesville, WV 25427

VICINITY OF

STATE

## 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, Berkeley County  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Martinsburg, WV 25401

STATE

## 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE H-59, Berkeley County Historical Society & Berkeley County Historical  
Landmarks Commission Survey

DATE

1973-78

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Berkeley County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Martinsburg, WV 25401

STATE



# DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR  
 DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The early large log dwelling 46'0" x 28'3" had a kitchen 20'6" x 12'6" added about 1860 out of sawed lumber. The whole house had weatherboarding put on around 1880 plus a new roof and attic windows as may be seen in pictures inclosed. On the west side of the house is a very old stone chimney which measures 9' across. 3'11" extends out from the outside wall of house making the chimney about 5' wide. Dating of the time the house was built is possible based on this very early chimney. It is believed the west side of the house was built about 1750. It is doubtful that the east end of the log house was built this early. It was probably built in the late 1700s. This house has been added to and changed through the years and the composite parts are an exhibit of the architectural history of the area. The main section of the house is two stories and 4 bays with a gable roof. A huge stone exterior chimney is on the west gable. This two bay section was built in the mid-1700s and is an early log house. In the late 1700s the east two bay section was added. The gable end was destroyed by a fire and rebuilt of frame. All other walls are early log construction. The house was weatherboarded ca. 1880 when a small cross gable dormer was installed. A small two story early kitchen wing is attached as an ell to the house. The chimney firebox is stone but the throat and neck are brick.

A stone smokehouse 14' x 12' located 6'5" from the house. Adjoining the smokehouse is an old slave quarters. There is also a large bank barn located approximately 150 yards from the house with a stone fence on the south side of the barn. The barn has a date of May 7, 1850 on the granary door. I do not believe the writing of the date to be original but from construction of the barn indications are it may have been built at this time. The lower stable section of the barn is of stone; the upper section of sawed boards. The barn with stone fence is very picturesque. The house is located on a small hill facing the barn which is located on another hill. Between the house and barn is a spring and dairy house which has had many changes but may be included. Also located in the area is an old corn crib about 100 years old which may be included. All buildings except the spring/dairy house are in good condition.

# SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Peter Hedges Complex is significant for its early log house which shows an early type of architecture, built ca. 1760. It is significant for early settlement being a part of the land Peter Hedges purchased in 1738 on which he established a dwelling. The complex of buildings gives further representation by its slave cabin and ice house and barn. All of its buildings designate a farm unit from the 1760s to present day period. Its unusual arrangement of buildings gives a landscape view equal to no other farm unit in Berkeley County.

The Hedges-Robinson-Myers complex is significant as a farm complex which shows various architectural styles and the development of a farm from the 1760s to 1870s which has maintained its architectural significance. It has a representation of early settlement. The large massive stone chimney 9' across on the west gable end of the house gives an appearance of 200 or so years. The front with its Victorian Gothic Revival architecture of the 1870-80 period. The antebellum days on here with the slave cabin, ice house, and smokehouse. Its farm dependencies are equalled by few in the County. A large 1850 bank barn, corn crib, spring and dairy house. With the stone fence around the barn yard and placement of buildings gives a very outstanding landscape equalled by none in the County. The complex has a further significance for the outstanding persons who have owned and developed it through the years. Peter Hedges I and II, Alexander Robinson and wife Ann Hedges, Aaron Myers descendant of the well-known early Teter Myers family.

Peter Hedges and his family had the land from the 1750s until 1799 when Alexander Robinson purchased the plantation. Alexander Robinson died in 1811. His family sold to Peter Riner in 1822 who sold in 1834 to Teter Myers, Jr. who sold in 1845 to his son, Aaron Myers. After the death of Aaron H. Myers the value of the buildings in 1873 was \$1,500.00.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

The Berkeley Journal, Issue 3, 1974, pages 49-72, published by the Berkeley County Historical Society

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

**UTM NOT VERIFIED**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 3 A

QUADRANGLE NAME Hedgesville

QUADRANGLE SCALE \_\_\_\_\_

UTM REFERENCES

A	1 8	2 4 4 4 7 0	4 3 8 2 6 8 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION Beginning 100 ft. W of the house, thence excluding the other house NE 500 ft. thence SE, including the corn crib and the barn, 300 ft., thence SW 500 ft., thence NW 200 ft. to the beginning.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

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

ORGANIZATION President, Berkeley County Historical Society DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, Berkeley County Historical Landmarks Commission

STREET & NUMBER Route 3, Box 79 TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OR TOWN Martinsburg, WV 25401 STATE \_\_\_\_\_

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ LOCAL \_\_\_\_\_

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

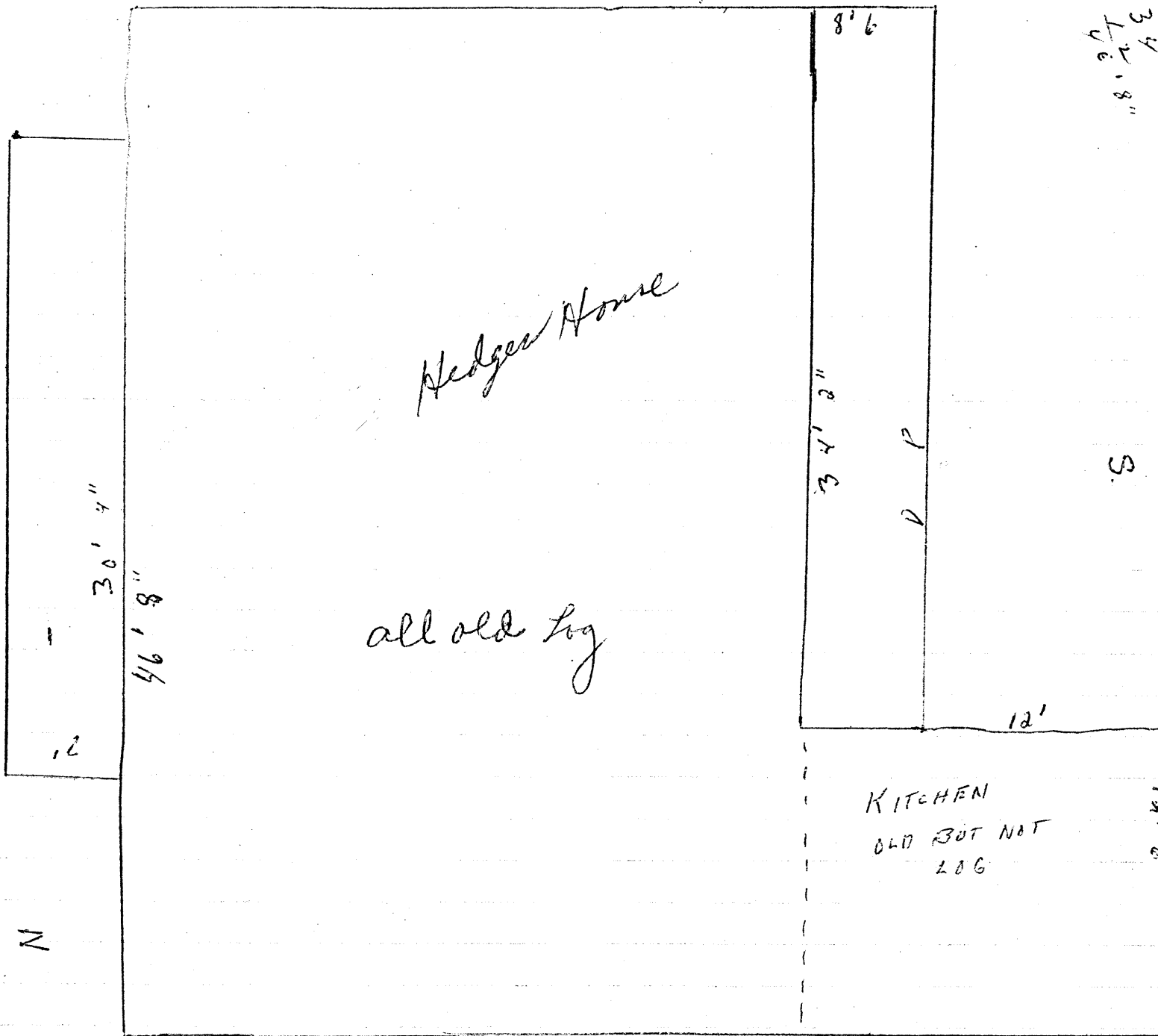
TITLE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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

E.

2 1/2"

3 1/4  
1 1/2  
1.8"



Hedger House

all old log

KITCHEN  
OLD BUT NOT  
LOG

N

S

Born 1856

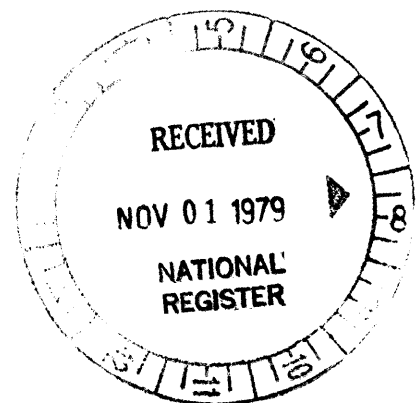
Peter Hedger House

$$\begin{array}{r} 6' 4'' \\ 12' 8'' \\ 20' 6'' \\ 21' 9'' \\ \hline 61' 1'' \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 28' 13'' \\ 20' 6'' \\ 32' 9'' \\ 12' \\ \hline 92' 10'' \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 28' 13'' \\ 12' \\ \hline 40' 13'' \end{array}$$

3' 11"



Hedges House

Smokehood  
from house 6' 5"

