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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** Teter Myers French House  
HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON Peter Sperow House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

\_\_\_ NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

CITY, TOWN

Hedgesville

 VICINITY OF Georgetown

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

\_\_\_ COMMERCIAL

\_\_\_ EDUCATIONAL

\_\_\_ ENTERTAINMENT

\_\_\_ GOVERNMENT

\_\_\_ INDUSTRIAL

\_\_\_ MILITARY

\_\_\_ MUSEUM

\_\_\_ PARK

 PRIVATE RESIDENCE

\_\_\_ RELIGIOUS

\_\_\_ SCIENTIFIC

\_\_\_ TRANSPORTATION

\_\_\_ OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Mr. &amp; Mrs. Donald Dirting

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Hedgesville, WV 25427

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, Berkeley County  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Martinsburg, WV 25401

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE H-11, Berkeley County Historical Society & Berkeley County Historical  
Landmarks Commission Survey

DATE

1973-78

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE  COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Berkeley County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Martinsburg, WV 25401

STATE

# DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

ANDERSON HOUSE DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Brick, two story front, three rear, deck on hip roof topped by closed belvedere with bracketed cornice and narrow horizontal windows. Brick on front set in double Flemish bond with headers above each other in staggered pattern, sides in 5/1 common, cornice in brick, stepped above, then dentils of brick set vertically below projecting cushion brick. Round headed windows, with sash following opening 6/6. 1 bay porch with closed pediment, round-headed entrance with sidelights and roundheaded transom above. Four paneled door, with matching reveals. Benches present on sides, seemingly built for porch, beautiful sawn wooden ballustrade, matched by ballustrade on rear two story porch under extension of hipped roof. Brick chimneys at sides, parallel to side walls and continuation of building wall, one front and one rear on each side. Shutters 2 panels of moveable louvers, round headed. Stone foundation in front, brick with water table at sides. Wash house/root cellar, 6/1 brick, rectangular, end chimney at eaves, 2 entrances to front, entrance through bulkhead to rear. Necessary, brick with shed roof, trap door for cleaning to rear, tubs beneath two holer, good condition. Remnant of early wooden paling fence adjacent to necessary. Mechanical bond in necessary. Corncrib, lath crib on one side with wagon drive through to other side. Barn reveted into hillside, stone first floor, gable roof, cantilevered to rear with dormers, frame board and batten, projecting forebays to front. Bank barn. Site excellent, on hillside with unimpeded views in all directions. Preponderance of original material and complete survival of complex. Stylistically this transitional house stands alone among all those viewed in the county. for its formalistic qualities evocative of the Greek Revival style, and for its early Victorian Detailing.

# SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input checked="" 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

architectural

The Teter Myers French house is very significant for its unique transitional / style. A further significance is its landscape and scenic view. It is situated on a hill. A view of the Spring Mill Complex is seen in the distance. With its boxwood path to the entrance of the house, it brings to mind a Southern plantation house.

Teter French's grand father, John French, settled on an adjoining tract of land on Tullys Branch in 1771. Teter French built the house in 1860 just before the Civil War. After the War debts became so enormous Teter French sold his lovely mansion in 1876 and left Berkeley County.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

**UTM NOT VERIFIED**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 4A  
 UTM REFERENCES

A	1 8	2 4 5 1 4 5 0	4 3 1 8 3 1 5 6 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

begin on road, run SE (100 ft. S of house) 600 ft NE 300 ft, NW 600 ft, SW along road 300 ft.

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 <u>President, Berkeley County Historical Society</u>	DATE
<u>Chairman, Berkeley County Historical Landmarks Commission</u>	
STREET & NUMBER <u>Route 3, Box 79</u>	TELEPHONE
CITY OR TOWN <u>Martinsburg, WV 25401</u>	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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST: DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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The property is very significant with its complex of original buildings. The main house built in the Greek Revival style is accented with early Victorian detailing. It maintains a formal, stately look from all sides. The full length two tier back porch is equalled by none in Berkeley County. The brick 1860 Combination Washhouse slave quarters with original bunks, root cellar and ice house is very significant and one of its kind in the County.

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Quadrangle: Hedgesville

VBD: Beginning at a point on the road, 200 ft. W of the house, thence SE 600 ft.,  
NE 300 ft., NW 300 ft., along the road SW 300 ft., to the beginning.

Item 2

On Route 1, second house north of intersection of Route 3 and Route 1. Turn off US11 onto Route 3 and follow to where it intersects with Route 1. Turn north onto Route 1 and go to second house.