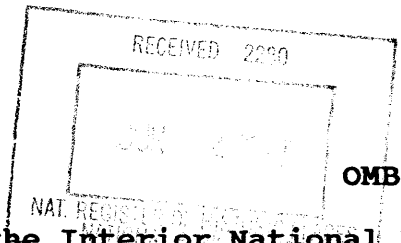


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United States Department of the Interior National Park Service
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: The Gold Houses

other name/site number: _____

2. Location

street & number: 503 and 505 N. Second St. not for publication: N/A

city/town: Mason vicinity: N/A

state: WV code: WV county: Mason code: 079 zip code: 25260

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this x nomination ___ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property x meets ___ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ___ nationally ___ statewide x locally.

(__ See continuation sheet.)

William C. Farner
Signature of Certifying Official

6/4/97
Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

Date

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria. (__ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of Certifying Official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

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4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

	Signature of Keeper	Date of Action
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> entered in the National Register ___ See continuation sheet.	<i>Edson H. Beall</i>	<u>7/9/97</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> determined eligible for the National Register ___ See continuation sheet.		
<input type="checkbox"/> determined not eligible for the National Register		
<input type="checkbox"/> removed from the National Register		
<input type="checkbox"/> other (explain): _____ _____ _____		

5. Classification

Ownership of Property:

Category of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

(Check only one box)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	TOTAL

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

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6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions) **Current Functions** (Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic - single dwelling Domestic - single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification: (Enter categories from instructions) **Materials** (Enter categories from instructions)

<u>Late Victorian - Queen Anne Foursquare</u>	Foundation	<u>Stone</u>
	Walls	<u>Wood Frame</u>
	Roof	<u>Asphalt Shingle</u>
		<u>Slate</u>
	Other	_____

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "X" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

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Criteria Considerations
(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance
(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture
Commerce - Fruit

Period of Significance
1908-1928

Significant Dates
1908

Significant Person
(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)
Gold, A. Fremont
Gold, W. Alfred

Cultural Affiliation
N/A

Architect/Builder
N/A

Narrative Statement of Significance
(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of Repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: Approximately one acre

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

Pomeroy, OH USGS Quadrangle Map

<u>17</u>	<u>411325</u>	<u>4319810</u>
Zone	Easting	Northing

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Verbal Boundary Description
(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification
(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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Gold Brothers' Homes
Name of Property

Mason County, WV
County and State

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

Name: Kathi and Ben Polis

Street & Number: 503 N. Second Street Telephone: _____

City or Town: Mason State: WV Zip: 25260

Name: Rocky and Sabra Pearson

Street & Number: 505 N. Second Street Telephone: _____

City or Town: Mason State: WV Zip: 25260

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stories of each building.

The first floor interior plan of 503 N. Second Street is divided into three primary rooms: the entry "sitting room", parlor and dining room. The sitting room features a fireplace with an oak mantel piece supported by a bracket at each end. Above the mantel is a mirror with Ionic columns at each side. In 503 N. Second Street, the hearth is covered by an Arts and Craft breast plate detailing a Grecian styled woman swinging on a tree limb. This fireplace opening is framed by tile, originally colored green. The rear of this room is framed by two large oak columns which frame an open, winding staircase. Pocket doors opposite the fireplace open into the front parlor. Behind the parlor is the dining room; pocket doors separate these rooms. A halfbath, kitchen and back porch complete the first floor behind the staircase.

The second floor of 503 N. Second Street has a central hallway opening into a bath and enters four bedrooms. Two bedrooms include the bay windows and a full bath. An oak staircase leads to the third floor which is a large open room distinguished by the various ceiling angles created by the pyramidal roof and dormers. This room at 503 N. Second Street was originally used by the Gold brothers as a recreation room complete with a pool table. The third floor also features a dramatic view of the Ohio River.

The garage at 503 N. Second Street (contributing) is rusticated concrete block on the first level; underneath the gambrel roof the finish is bevelled siding. There is a door in the second floor over the garage door with one large glass panel and three wooden panels. There are two six over six double-hung windows on each side elevation. The property of 505 N. Second Street does not have a garage. An early postcard photograph shows the orchard nursery office to the east of the residence at 505 N. Second Street. It has been removed.

The property at 503 N. Second Street also has an original privy (contributing). It is a one story framed building with a brick foundation and a slate, gable roof. There is a four paneled door and rectangular vents in the gable ends.

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The pair of Gold Brothers Houses at Mason, West Virginia are nominated to the National Register according to Criteria B and C for their association with locally significant agricultural merchants and the represented architectural significance. The co-owners of the property, A. Fremont Gold and W. Alfred Gold, were locally significant merchants that introduced a profitable nursery and orchard business to Mason County at the beginning of the twentieth century. Their pair of homes signify the success of the business in the community. The early twentieth century architectural style of the two buildings are unique to the town and region.

In 1899 the Gold Family business moved to Mason, West Virginia. The brothers' father, T.H. Gold, started the business in Bedford Township, Meigs County, Ohio growing plants and trees for his neighbors and local tradespeople. A.F. Gold and W.A. Gold, his sons, worked with their father. By 1899 the business had outgrown the Bedford Township Farm. Land was purchased from Albert McDaniel of Mason County and the nursery was transferred to Mason, West Virginia in 1900. The Gold Nursery and Orchard were located directly across the street from the brothers' houses on N. Second Street.

About 1910, the Gold Brothers decided to enlarge their business by starting commercial orchards in the area. They secured a large acreage near Clifton and in 1912 set out their first commercial orchard. Despite public disbelief that their orchards would succeed, they planted both apple and cherry trees in their orchard, hosting a celebration of their first harvest.

At their heyday, the brothers owned and operated the following commercial orchards:

- Clifton Orchard - 800 apple trees and 1,200 cherry trees
- Hartford Orchard - 8,000 apple trees and 3,000 peach trees
- Mason City Orchard - 3,000 apple trees and 2,000 peach trees
- West Virginia Orchard - 13,000 apple trees, 500 cherry trees and 3,500 peach trees
- Davis Orchard - 10,000 apple trees (200 acres)

All were located within Mason County. The orchards represent the extensive pomological success of the brothers. In 1926, an Apple Blossom

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Verbal Boundary Description

Beginning at a point at the southwest corner of the property at 503 N. Second Street; thence running with the west property line N 14 30' 00" W, 264.67' to a point, thence east N 73 08' 45" E approximately 145' to a point; thence along the east property line of 505 N. Second Street S 23 51' 00" East approximately 237.76' to a point thence at the southeast corner.

Boundary Justification

The boundary matches the existing tax parcel limits of the two properties. The surrounding neighborhood has been subdivided. No apparent trace of the orchards is visible in Mason.

503 and 505 N. Second Street correspond to the tax map 105, parcel 15 and tax map 105, parcel 16. The plat is also referenced in Will Book 27, Page 312 being situate in Waggener District of Mason County, West Virginia

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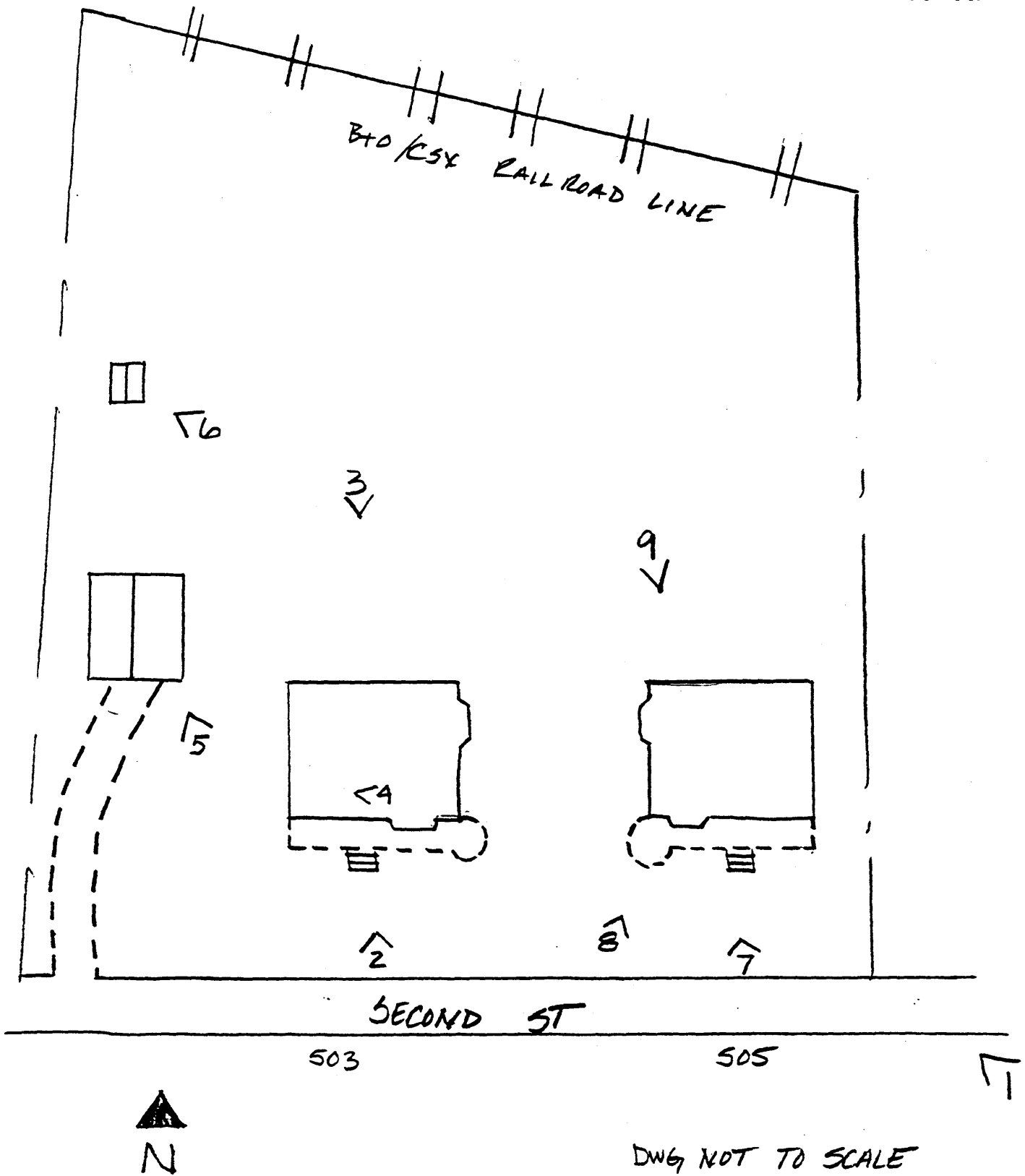
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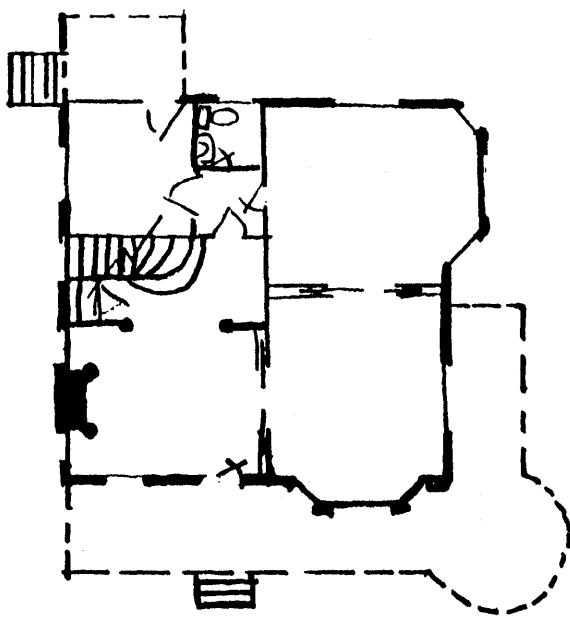
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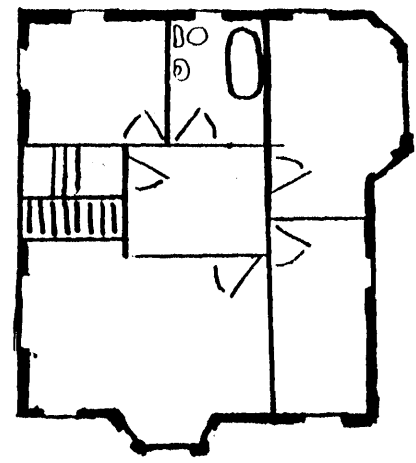
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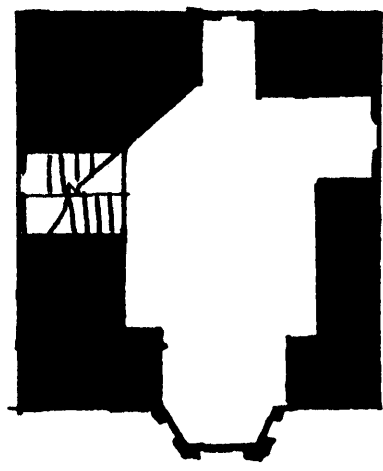
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FIRST FLOOR



SECOND FLOOR



THIRD FLOOR/ATTIC

NOT TO SCALE

505 N. SECOND ST IS OPPOSITE PLAN