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**1. Name**

historic Maple Street Historic District

and or common

**2. Location**

street & number 107 - 121 Maple Street N/A not for publication

city, town Lewisburg N/A vicinity of

state West Virginia code 54 county Greenbrier code 025

**3. Classification**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Multiple Ownership

street & number

city, town vicinity of state

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Greenbrier County Courthouse

street & number 200 North Court Street

city, town Lewisburg state West Virginia

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

Reconnaissance Architectural Survey  
title of Lewisburg: Pauley&Gioulis has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date September, 1986  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Unit, Dept. of Culture & History

city, town Capitol Complex, Charleston state West Virginia

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Maple Street Historic District

Property Owners List

1. (111 N. Maple) Mrs. Neva J. Watson  
111 North Maple Street  
Lewisburg, West Virginia 24901
2. (113 N. Maple) Mr. Lawrence Cooley  
113 North Maple Street  
Lewisburg, West Virginia 24901
3. (115 N. Maple) Mr. Hugh Beale  
115 North Maple Street  
Lewisburg, West Virginia 24901
4. (117 N. Maple) Mrs. Marie Early  
117 North Maple Street  
Lewisburg, West Virginia 24901
5. (119 N. Maple) Mrs. Marybelle Early  
2115 West Area Avenue  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19140
6. (121 N. Maple) Reverend Warren S. Lewis  
Mt. Tabor Baptist Church  
Lewisburg, West Virginia 24901



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sided balustrade. The siding is clapboard. The front gable end of the projecting leg of the "L" is a half hexagon. Windows are 2 x 2. The roof is rolled material. The building dates from ca. 1900. Contributing.

No. 3. 115 Maple Street. This is a two story side gable frame residence with German siding. The roof is standing seam metal and there is an end chimney with a corbeled top. The entrance level is raised and there is a full one story porch across the front with a shed roof. The porch posts are turned as well as the balustrades, indicative of the machine-worked technology of the period. The porch has vertical board underpinning. Windows are 2 x 2. The residence dates ca. 1900. Contributing.

No. 4. 117 Maple Street. This is a small one story, three bay, side gable residence. There is a front porch with shed roof and turned, machine-worked posts. This is slightly larger than the central bay of the house. Windows are 2 over 2 and the wood siding is clapboard. The house dates from ca. 1900. Contributing.

No. 5. 119 Maple Street. This is a one story residence with a central portion that has a shallow hip roof and a gable roof extension on the front elevation. This portion of the house has a partially returned gable. There are long gabled dormers on the roof. The porch has lattice underpinning, battered square posts and sided enclosed balustrade. The siding is clapboard. Windows on the house are 2 x 2 and they are paired in the gable end. The first level is raised on a brick foundation. The residence dates ca. 1900. Contributing.

No. 6. 121 Maple Street. This is a two story side gable frame residence with a rear "L" gabled intersection. It is covered in ca. 1930 asbestos siding. The gable ends have partial cornice returns. There is a one story porch on the front elevation with a shed roof, square posts and enclosed balustrade. Windows are 2 x 2. There is a coursed stone raised basement. The house is ca. 1900. Contributing.

All six of the primary structures within the Maple Street Historic District contribute to the significance of the district. There are no non-contributing structures.

The Maple Street Historic District represents a small, intact working class neighborhood from the turn-of-the-century Greenbrier County Boom Period that overlooks the older, more established buildings of the Lewisburg Historic District.

# 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 type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian		
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)		

Local Black History

Specific dates ca.1890 - 1910 Builder/Architect Not Known

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Meets Criteria A and C

The Maple Street Historic District, in Lewisburg, Greenbrier County, West Virginia, is significant as the only remaining intact residential area of Lewisburg that is representative of 19th and early 20th century worker's architecture,<sup>1</sup> and for its significance as the only architecturally intact area that serves as a focal point of Black history in Lewisburg.<sup>2</sup>

### Explanatory Notes

1. The "Gospel Hill" section of Lewisburg, just to the north and west of the central part of Lewisburg, is the only section of that city that contains intact early examples of worker's housing, sometimes referred to as Folk Architecture. These buildings, designed as single family residences, are generally characterized by a single story (sometimes two) with a side gabled roof and are of wood frame construction, generally clapboard. Most of the properties date from about the turn-of-the-century (ca.1900) when the railroads were penetrating the Greenbrier Valley and the great lumber boom of this region was in full swing. Vast new lumbering areas, with the accompanying paper and saw mills, were being rapidly exploited during this time period, and the need for relatively modest housing for the many new workers such activities required was at a peak. The obvious location for such housing was, naturally, where those of other working class people already existed, and thus the Black residential neighborhood on "Gospel Hill" in Lewisburg expanded to accommodate the influx of new arrivals in the area.

The housing in this neighborhood is also characterized by porches, which typically have machine-worked spindle posts and balustrades and a minimum of decorative woodwork. "L" additions are not uncommon, having generally been added to accommodate the expanding families of the working people. The Maple Street Historic District area is the last area of "Gospel Hill" that survives relatively intact from the period of its construction and is, therefore, reflective of the physical environment of Black workers in this region nearly a century ago.

2. The Maple Street Historic District is a relatively small grouping of individual houses that are situated along Maple Street, the western most street of Lewisburg, county seat of Greenbrier County, West Virginia, the historic marketing center for southeastern West Virginia. The street is situated atop what is locally known as "Gospel Hill". It is significant for containing the highest concentration of intact "worker's" housing that has,

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property approx. 4 acres

Quadrangle name Lewisburg, W.Va.

Quadrangle scale 1": 24,000'

UTM References

A	1 7	5 48 4 4 0	4 1 84 1 80	B	1 7	5 48 5 0 0	4 1 84 1 5 0
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C	1 7	5 48 4 1 0	4 1 84 0 20	D	1 7	5 48 3 4 0	4 1 84 0 6 0
E				F			
G				H			

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Beginning at a point on the Southeast corner of Lewisburg City Lot No. 11 where the south lot line meets Maple Street; thence in a line west 195 feet to the rear lot line which coincides with the Lewisburg Corporation

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 Michael J. Pauley, Historian, and Michael Gioulis, Preservation Planner

organization Pauley and Gioulis

date September 1, 1987

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telephone (304) 744-9342

city or town Charleston

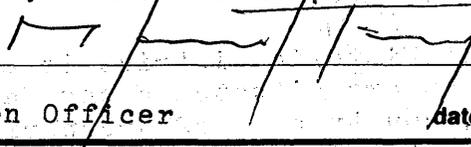
state West Virginia 25313

## 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.

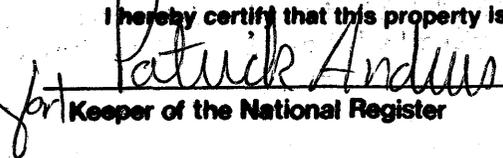
State Historic Preservation Officer signature 

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date December 11, 1987

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

 Patrick Andrews

date 4/6/88

Attest:

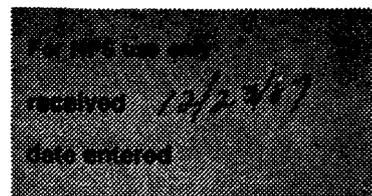
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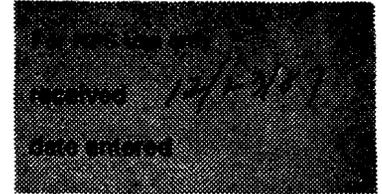
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Wesley Methodist Church (listed in the National Register of Historic Places). With the coming of Integration in the 1950's, the Black population became a more integral part of the community as a whole and began to remove the vestiges of servitude that still lingered. The Gospel Hill section of Lewisburg where, even in pre-Civil War times, the Black population of Lewisburg was concentrated, also became a more integrated area, both socially and in physical appearance, with the rest of the city, while at the same time maintaining a sense of close community and symbolically being representative of the long struggle of that part of the community for an equal role in the life of all its people.

The Maple Street Historic District is, then, a small representative area within the larger "Gospel Hill" neighborhood of Lewisburg that, in its architectural integrity, is all that remains intact of the historic Black community of Lewisburg and that is the city's most outstanding grouping of historic, turn-of-the-century worker's housing.

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Item 10...Verbal Boundary Description...2

Boundary; thence in a line north 320 feet to the north lot line of City Lot No. 16; thence east in a line 195 feet to the intersection of the west side of Maple Street; thence in a line south 320 feet along the west side of Maple Street to the point of beginning.

Justification - See Part 7, p. 1, paragraph 1 and 3.

