

HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION UNIT
DEPARTMENT of CULTURE & HISTORY
SCIENCE & CULTURE CENTER
CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA 25305

File No: 9
 Theme(s):
 Neg No (n):
 USGS Quad: Charleston West, W.Va.
 UTM Ref: 17/443650/4244360

DISTRICT..SITE..BUILDING..STRUCTURE..OBJECT

1. NAME(S), historic/common: "~~Home Hill~~"; Cox, ^{-Mort on} Frank
~~Drennen, William House~~ House

2. LOCATION, street/road: 640 Holley Road

city/town: Charleston
(incorporates/unincorporated)

3. USE/FUNCTION, present: residence

(public/private,
restricted)

original: residence

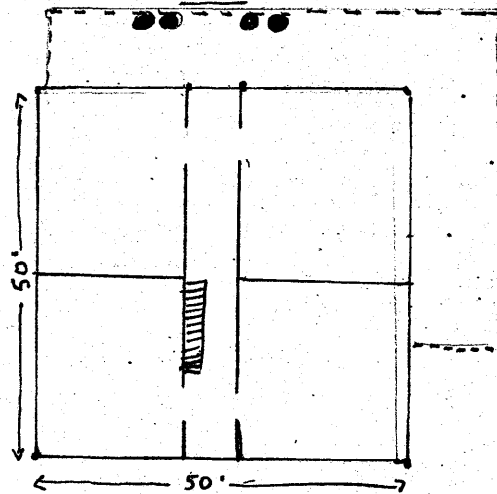
4. OWNER/ADDRESS, present: William Drennen
(address above)

(public/private)

original: Frank Cox

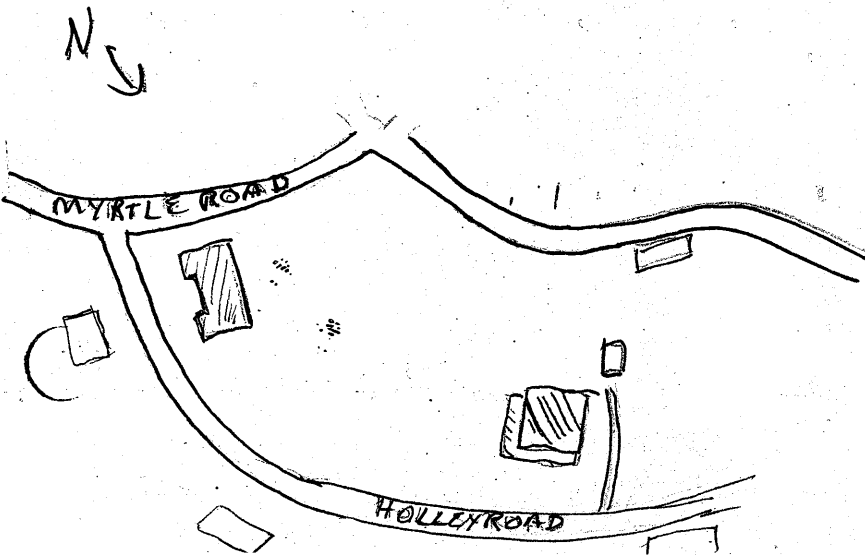
5. PHOTO/SKETCH OF:

7. PLAN (include approx. dimensions):



6. LOCALE/ENVIRONMENT (map):

8. ACREAGE (approx):



3 acres
3.1 ACRES

COUNTY: Kanawha
 Survey Region: _____
 Planning District: _____

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9. DESCRIPTION (clarify as appropriate):

a. Exterior Fabric

stone _____
 brick X _____
 concrete _____
 stucco _____
 weatherboard _____
 clapboard _____
 board & batten _____
 shingle _____
 other _____

b. Structural System

masonry _____
 frame X _____
 log _____
 metal _____
 other _____

 foundation _____
 stone _____

c. Roofing Material

wood _____
 metal _____
 slate X _____
 tile _____
 asphalt _____
 composition _____
 other _____

d. Associated Structures (use/type):

outbuildings garage/apartment _____

 dependencies N/A _____

 other N/A _____

e. Integrity (include dates):

original site/relocated _____

 alterations 1920's front porch
replaced by columns and
portico _____

 additions NONE _____

f. Condition:

excellent _____
 good X _____
 fair _____
 deteriorated _____
 abandoned _____

g. Threats: NONE

10. SIGNIFICANCE (use additional sheet if necessary):

a. Architect/Builder/Engineer:

Andrew Calderwood

b. Style/Period: American

4-Square

c. Date(s): 1902

"Home Hill: is a house significant to Charleston's historical and architectural development. Frank Cox, for whom the house was built in 1902, was the secretary of Republic Coal Co., the West Virginia Colliery Co., and the Carbon Coal Co. He was known in West Virginia as the "Great Wildcatter". His daughter

Alice Boyd Cox married D. Holmes Morton of Morton Coal Co. Today the Morton's grandson and the Cox's great-grandson Bill Drennen resides in the house with his family.

"Home Hill" is a notable example of Charleston's American Four-Square Architecture, and is the earliest of its type in South

See Continuation Sheet

11. BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Interview with Bill and Sarah Drennen, June 30, 1983
 Interview with Quin Morton, July 2, 1983
 Laidley, William S. History of Charleston and the Kanawha County.
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12. FORM PREPARED BY Alice Carter ; DATE Sept, 30 1983

a. Address 4011 Kanawha Ave, Charleston, WV 25304

b. Organization _____

"Home Hill"; Cox/Morton House
640 Holley Road

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Hills. A ballustrated terrace wraps around two sides of the house. The doric portico, added in the twenties, lends a colonial revival air to the structure. The hipped platform roof has deep overhanging eaves, a gabled front dormer and shed dormers on the sides.

Andrew Calderwood, who was the builder of the house, was well respected in Charleston for his fine construction of the old West Virginia State House, the Roman Catholic Church and the Ruffner Hotel.

13. Verbal Boundary Description

"Home Hill" is situated on a two (2) acre rectangle approximately 400' by 400' bounded on the north by Holley Road and on the south by a contour line.

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ATTACHMENT TO HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

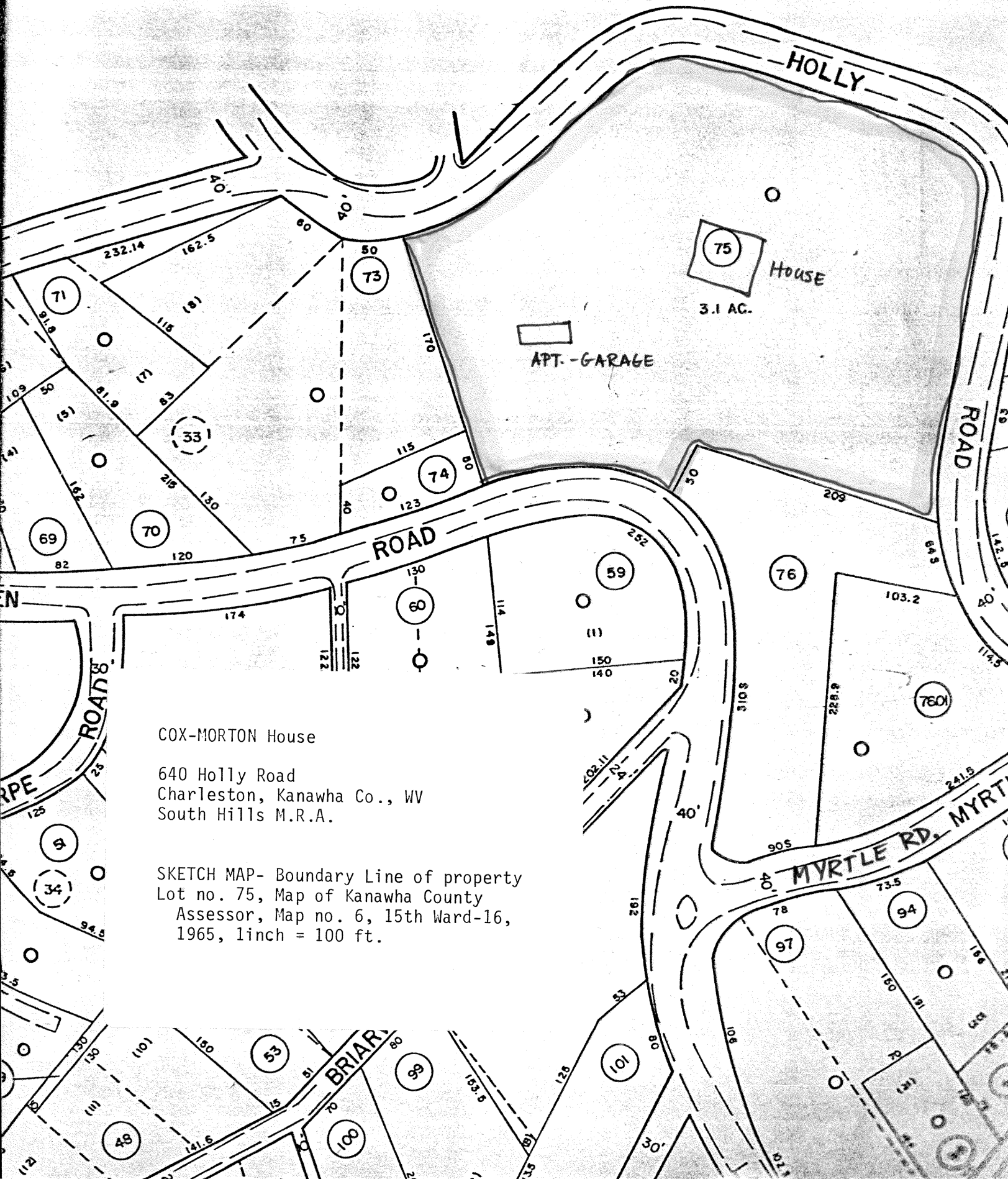
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1. Name(s) Historic/Common: Cox-Morton House
(South Hills Multiple Resource Area)
Kanawha County
West Virginia

#7. Description

The garage-apartment building on the grounds of the Cox-Morton House is a dependency of the main house that contributes to the significance of the nominated property. It is located approximately one hundred feet to the southwest of the large brick residence. The structure is one and one-half stories in height and features dormers, red pressed brick walls, and a prominent wall dormer. Its character is significant as representing the efforts of the builder to design an ancillary structure along complementary lines.

#10. See Attached Sketch Map.



COX-MORTON House
640 Holly Road
Charleston, Kanawha Co., WV
South Hills M.R.A.

SKETCH MAP- Boundary Line of property
Lot no. 75, Map of Kanawha County
Assessor, Map no. 6, 15th Ward-16,
1965, linch = 100 ft.