

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service
National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic William G. Morgan House

and/or common "Morgan Acres"

2. Location

street & number W of Bunker Hill
On West Virginia Secondary Route #24, 0.3 mile south of its inter-section with Secondary Route #26. not for publication

city, town Bunker Hill vicinity of congressional district

state West Virginia code 54 county Berkeley code 003

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input 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 Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand D. Perrone

street & number Post Office Box 294

city, town Bunker Hill vicinity of state West Virginia

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Berkeley County Courthouse

street & number 100 West King Street

city, town Martinsburg state West Virginia

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title G-18 Berkeley County Historic Landmarks Commission Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1973 - 1983 federal state county local

depository for survey records Berkeley County Courthouse

city, town Martinsburg state West Virginia

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

"Morgan Acres" is situated at the end of a curving driveway in a large lawn, full of mature trees and shrubs, bisected by a small creek.

The two story, nine bay house is a long and narrow rectangular building, seventy-five feet by twenty-one feet (75' x 21'), consisting of a central block with side wing. It is constructed of brick in five row common bond on a stone foundation with inside end chimneys. The one story main entrance portico is three bays wide with a shed roof supported by Doric columns. A Chinese Chippendale transom is over the entrance door. A brick dentil cornice extends across the front and rear façades. Windows are 9/6 and 6/6 double hung sash with brick flat arches. The wing has a two-tiered recessed rear porch. Built ca. 1849, it is a handsome Greek Revival country dwelling house.

The plan of the house is central hall, one room each side and the wing is two rooms wide. The main stair rises in four flights around an open well to the third story with simple scroll brackets on the step-ends. The four mantel pieces in this section are unusual and have a heavy geometric element. The mantel in the main parlor has a panelled frieze on like pilasters and an overmantel with pilasters that rest on the mantel shelf. The mantel in the dining room has a panelled frieze set between like pilasters with a shouldered overmantel. The flanking cupboards are not original. One of the two upstairs mantels has a heavy Greek Key motif on the frieze whereas the other has an ogee frieze. These mantels are unique in Berkeley County and are quite handsome. They are heavy, not delicate, and are very visible in their respective rooms. The two fireplaces in the wing have the more usual Tudor-arched frieze.

Door and window trim is symmetrically molded with corner blocks or beaded with a simple architrave trim. Doors are vertical panel with Carpenters locks.

A one story brick outbuilding is located in the yard just off the rear of the house. It has a heavy board-and-batten door and is contemporary with the main house.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input 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 history	

Specific dates 1726/1849 **Builder/Architect** Morgan Morgan I/William G. Morgan

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

"Morgan Acres", built ca. 1849, is significant for its historic associations with the Morgan family and because it is an uncommon example of vernacular Greek Revival architecture.

William G. Morgan was the great grandson of Morgan Morgan I, West Virginia's first recored settler. The descendants of Morgan Morgan were very involved with the early settlement and development of Berkeley County and other areas of West Virginia, particularly Marion County and Monongalia County.

Morgan Morgan II was the only one of seven sons to remain in Berkeley County and his son, Morgan Morgan III, was the only one of three sons to remain; William G. Morgan was his third son. It is significant that each in turn owned the land where "Morgan Acres" is located as it was part of the original thousand acre land patent of Morgan Morgan I.

Traditionally, Morgan Morgan I built his first crude shelter in 1726 near the small stream on what is now the front lawn of "Morgan Acres". In 1924, a committee was appointed by the Governor to study the activities of Morgan Morgan and this date, 1726, and location ~~were~~ officially accepted.

"Morgan Acres" is significant for being an uncommon example of vernacular Greek Revival architecture and an excellent example of craftsmanship and design.

The layout is unusual. On the exterior, this long four-room plan interprets as an impressive two story, nine bay brick house under a long gable roof. The house has a definite visual effect and is the focal point of the expansive, pastoral lawn. William G. Morgan built the house to suit his wife, Mary Henshaw Morgan. Traditionally, Mrs. Morgan designed this long floor plan so that she could see in the parlor mirrors her servants at work in the kitchen.

The four bay south section of the brick house contains Tudor-arched mantels, enclosed stairs, and plainer trim as compared to the main five bay north section with the four-flight, open-well staircase and elaborately designed wooden mantels. These mantels are important because they are so distinctive and suitable to the period so that it is clear that the builder had his own sense of design and what was wanted. The heavy Greek Key frieze of a second floor mantel is quite bold but definitely of the period, and the two mantels on the ground floor have panelled overmantels that relate so well to the mantel treatments that the effect is satisfying and interesting.

"Morgan Acres" is significant architecturally as being an excellent example of period architecture in Berkeley County and for its equally fine craftsmanship.

A small brick period outbuilding in the rear is included.

9. Major Bibliographical References

The Berkeley Journal, Issue Six 1977, pages 50-54, published by the Berkeley County Historical Society, Martinsburg, West Virginia.

Balderson, W. L. Fort Prickett Frontier and Marion County. Published by the Marion County Bicentennial Committee: Marion County, West Virginia, 1976.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 2 acres

Quadrangle name Inwood, WV

Quadrangle scale 1 : 24,000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification Beginning at the mouth of the lane, thence east along the north side of the lane 500', thence south along the east side of the lane 200', thence west 440', thence north along the east side of West Virginia Secondary Route #24 220' to the beginning (see map).

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
N/A			

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Frances D. Ruth - Chairperson

organization Berkeley County Historic Landmarks Commission date September 30, 1983

street & number Route #2, Box 320 telephone (304) 754 - 7097

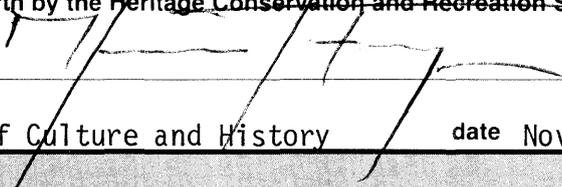
city or town Martinsburg state West Virginia

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 ~~Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service~~.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature 

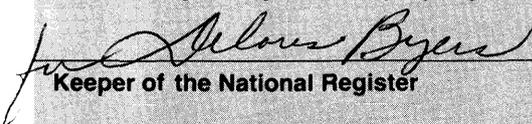
title Commissioner, WV Department of Culture and History date November 18, 1983

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

Entered in the
National Register

date 1/2/84


Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

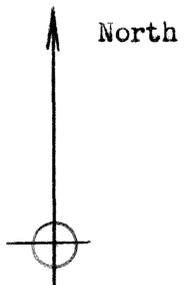
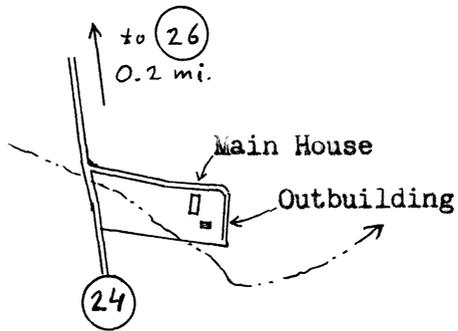
WILLIAM G. MORGAN HOUSE

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Inwood Quadrangle

Berkeley County, West Virginia

Area 2 acres



SCALE 1 : 7,920

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