

HISTORIC PRESERVATION UNIT  
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CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA 25305

File No: \_\_\_\_\_  
Theme (s): 32  
Neg No(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
USGS Quad: \_\_\_\_\_  
UTM Ref: 17/452100/4347140

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

- NAME(S), historic/common: Walton, Wait, House (Downtown Parkersburg M.R.A.)
- LOCATION, street/road: 1232 Murdoch Ave.  
69-2  
TAX MAP city/town: Parkersburg, WV 26101  
LOT # (incorporated/~~unincorporated~~)
- USE/FUNCTION, present: vacant (public/private, restricted)  
original: residential
- OWNER/ADDRESS, present: Jean H. Brady & Elizabeth Wolfe Eddy (public/private)  
Trustees, 805 1/2 Market Street Parkersburg, W.Va. 26101  
original: Walton Wait
- PHOTO/SKETCH OF: 8112-R5-F26  
8201-R2-F26-30
- PLAN (include approx. dimensions):



- LOCALE/ENVIRONMENT (map):
- ACREAGE (approx): 50' x 100'  
City Lot No. 69-2  
(See No. 2)

COUNTY: Wood  
Survey Region: \_\_\_\_\_  
Planning District: \_\_\_\_\_

9. DESCRIPTION (clarify as appropriate): See attached

a. Exterior Fabric

stone \_\_\_\_\_  
brick \_\_\_\_\_  
concrete \_\_\_\_\_  
stucco \_\_\_\_\_  
weatherboard  \_\_\_\_\_  
clapboard \_\_\_\_\_  
board & batten \_\_\_\_\_  
shingle \_\_\_\_\_  
other \_\_\_\_\_

b. Structural System

masonry \_\_\_\_\_  
frame wood \_\_\_\_\_  
log \_\_\_\_\_  
metal \_\_\_\_\_  
other \_\_\_\_\_  
foundation \_\_\_\_\_

c. Roofing Material

wood \_\_\_\_\_  
metal \_\_\_\_\_  
slate \_\_\_\_\_  
tile \_\_\_\_\_  
asphalt \_\_\_\_\_  
composition \_\_\_\_\_  
other \_\_\_\_\_

d. Associated Structures (use/type):

outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_  
dependencies \_\_\_\_\_  
other \_\_\_\_\_

e. Integrity (include dates):

original site/relocated c.1924  
from 1245 Ann St.  
alterations \_\_\_\_\_  
additions \_\_\_\_\_

f. Condition:

excellent \_\_\_\_\_  
good \_\_\_\_\_  
fair  \_\_\_\_\_  
deteriorated \_\_\_\_\_  
abandoned \_\_\_\_\_

g. Threats:

Vandalism and deterioration.

10. SIGNIFICANCE (use additional sheet if necessary):

a. Architect/Builder/Engineer:

b. Style/Period: Greek Revival/

Italianate

c. Date(s): c.1860-1870

Maintaining nearly all of its original architectural features, this house should be preserved as a document not only of a transitional style, but of the quality of 19th century craftsmanship as well. Believed to have been built by Walton Wait c.1860-1870. He married Joanna Cook (1844-1924), the current owner's grandmother, shortly after the Civil War. Their daughter, Bettie C. Wait 1869-1959, never married. (Joanna's father built the Cook House at 13th and Murdoch, listed on the National Register and owned by the Junior League). This house (1232) was moved c.1924 to make room for a playground for the Nash School (above).

11. BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Parkersburg 1907.

Letter from Albert Wolfe to Eliza Smith, dated February 2, 1982.

12. FORM PREPARED BY Eliza Smith, Christina Mann ; DATE 12/81

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b. Organization Landmarks Planning, Inc.

Walton Wait House  
1232 Murdoch Ave.

Terraced high above busy Murdoch Avenue, this is a handsome and remarkably intact 2 story structure which illustrates the transition from the Greek Revival to the Italianate. When it was moved c. 1924, the house was not turned around; consequently, its orientation has changed and the former rear is now the front (W). Its gable roof, ridgepole running N-S, is intersected by a single gable on the W and 2 on the E; the widely overhanging eaves rest on brackets. There are 3 visible chimneys. The windows throughout are d/s (6/6), of full length on the 1st story, with fine architrave trim; a 3-sided bay projects from the W gable end. (In 1907, some of the windows were shuttered.)

The NW and SE corner porches match. Their deep, dentiled cornices rest on heavy, chamfered wooden posts. The 2 single doorways are transomed. A 3rd porch is barely visible on the N end of the house; it appears in the 1907 photo.

The interior features fine woodwork similar to that on the exterior. Most notable is the architrave window and door molding.

Exterior alterations apparent include an additional door to the right of the W door, removal of a balustrade from the W porch 2nd story, replacement of a 2nd story window with a door on the E, and addition of a 2 story infill in the ell of the E facade.



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