

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	West Virginia
COUNTY:	Preston
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
JUL 2 1973	

**1. NAME**

COMMON: Brookside Inn

AND/OR HISTORIC: use The Red Horse Tavern, The Old Stone House

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: U.S. Route 50, 1 mile east of Aurora, Preston County, West Virginia

CITY OR TOWN: Brookside Community; Aurora Post Office (2nd. Congressional District)

STATE	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
West Virginia	54	Preston	077

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
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<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME: Mr. Lewis E. Stemple

STREET AND NUMBER: Red Horse Tavern

CITY OR TOWN: Aurora

STATE: West Virginia

CODE: 54

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Kingwood, Preston County

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Kingwood

STATE: West Virginia

CODE: 54

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:

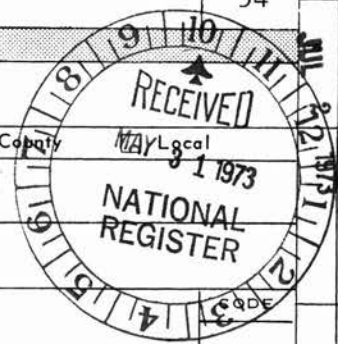
DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:



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COUNTY: Preston

ENTRY NUMBER

DATE

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## 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Between 1825 and 1827 a stone house was constructed near the settlement then known as German Settlement, now known as Aurora in Preston County, Virginia, now West Virginia. It was built by Henry Grimes as a dwelling, in 1841 when the Northwestern Turnpike reached the community it was opened as a public inn to serve travelers along the turnpike. It was known as the Old Stone Inn, or the Red Horse Tavern; later it became known as Brookside for the community in which it is located.

The building is of typical Pennsylvania German construction and consists of a main part containing one large downstairs room and three upstairs rooms with an attic above them. There are two circular staircases in this part. In a smaller one-room portion of the house there is a built-in bar, with a large fireplace and cupboards on either side of the fireplace. The main room also has a large fireplace, and there is one on the second floor, all three served by a common chimney with separate flues.

Walls were constructed of rubble stone and are two feet in thickness on the lower story and one foot, six inches thick on the upper story. Save for necessary minor mending, these walls are intact at present. The two parts of the house have trapdoors which lead to a full basement.

The use of wood is consistent and of suitable selection throughout the entire house. Most of the original timbers remain in place. First floor beams and flooring are of oak; second floor and attic beams are of hemlock and the flooring of pine. The roof, rafters, beams and roof strips are all of oak. Shingles were probably originally white oak "shakes"; now the roofing is hand riven cedar.

The window frames, sash, trim, doors, door frames, stairs and the three fireplace mantels are of yellow poplar. All of the wood portions of the house seem to be original except for a few repairs and the cedar shingles on the roof.

The entire interior of the house has been repair-plastered and white-washed. A notable furniture addition is a built-in four-door, eight-drawer cherry cupboard in the largest upstairs room.

Efforts have been made to keep the entire property intact, using as much of the original furniture as has been possible and replacing it when necessary with pieces suitable to the period and construction. The present owner's artistic bent is attested by a fine collection of American paintings now housed in the building.



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**6. SIGNIFICANCE**

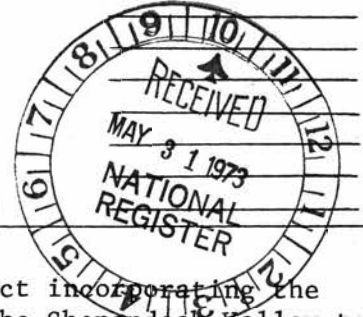
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian |  16th Century |  18th Century |  20th Century  
 15th Century |  17th Century |  19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1825-7

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1827 the Virginia General Assembly passed an act incorporating the Northwestern Turnpike to run from Winchester in the Shenandoah Valley to Parkersburg on the Ohio River. This was to be Virginia's answer to the National Road a short distance northward in Maryland and Pennsylvania.

When the new turnpike, after some necessary adjustments in route, reached the area in which Henry Grimes had constructed his stone house, the building was opened as an inn to accommodate the traveling public. Since a built-in bar was already in place, and since there was a large common room in the main portion of the house, the building was well suited to such a need.

To construct and oversee the engineering problems of this new highway, Virginia retained the services of Colonel Claudius Crozet, a Frenchman who had served with distinction as an artillery officer in Napoleon's Grand Army. After Napoleon's exile, Crozet, with other French officers, emigrated to America, and Crozet served as an instructor at the West Point Military Academy.

Crozet had the task of building a highway which traversed all of the Allegheny ridges between the Shenandoah and the Ohio River. In his necessary travels there is evidence that he stopped at the Grimes home which, in 1841, had been adapted to tavern use.

During the years before the Civil War, travel was very heavy on the Northwestern Turnpike since it traversed the mountain ridges on easier grades than did the National Road. The Red Horse Tavern was one of the most heavily used on the entire turnpike, and many notable persons stopped there in passage between the Middle West and the East.

When the Civil War years came the Northwestern Turnpike was useful for the movement of troops. Most of the local residents were of Union sympathies, and during periods of Confederate raids or heavy bushwhacker activity the heavily wooded premises of the Red Horse Tavern were used by local people as a place of concealment for their horses and other livestock.

The Red Horse Tavern, also known as the Old Stone House, served as post office for the community. Early federal post office records show that in one year William H. Grimes received \$65.50 as compensation for his services as postmaster at German Settlement, Preston County, Virginia.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Wiley, S. T. History of Preston County (West Virginia).  
The Journal Printing House, Kingwood, West Virginia, 1882.

Historic American Highways. Published by American Association of State Highway Officials, 917 National Press Building, Washington, D. C.

Callahan, James Morton, under the editorial supervision of Bernard L. Butcher. Genealogical and Personal History of the Upper Monongahela Valley, West Virginia. Vol. 1, Lewis Historical Pub. Co. New York, 1912.

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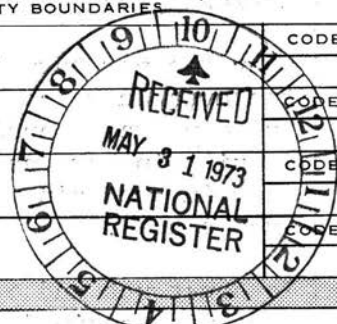
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		
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NE	0' 0" 0"	0' 0" 0"		
SE	0' 0" 0"	0' 0" 0"		
SW	0' 0" 0"	0' 0" 0"		

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Lot 100' x 100' less than 1 acre cm

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
Lewis E. Stemple, (Property Owner) for the

ORGANIZATION: West Virginia Antiquities Commission

DATE: March 7, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Old Mountainlair, West Virginia University

CITY OR TOWN: Morgantown

STATE: West Virginia

CODE: 54

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name: Maurice G. Brooks  
Maurice G. Brooks

Title: State Historic Preservation Officer

Date: May 30, 1973

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Robert Van Utley  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 7/2/73

ATTEST: [Signature]  
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 6 19 73

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8. SIGNIFICANCE (continued)

Architectural features of the Red Horse Tavern have been appreciated by many who have visited it. The nice joinery, the plan and proportions, the simplicity and style, and the fact that it has escaped improvement butchery make it outstanding among the few early taverns along the Northwestern Turnpike.



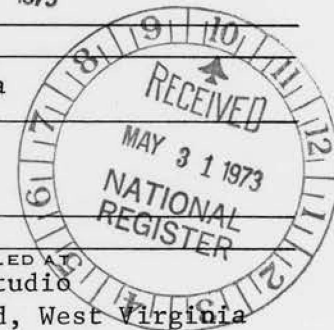


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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM**

*(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)*

<b>1. NAME</b>		
<b>COMMON</b> Brookside Inn	<b>AND/OR HISTORIC</b> Red Horse Tavern The Old Stone House	<b>NUMERIC CODE (Assigned by NPS)</b> JUL 2 1973
<b>2. LOCATION</b>		
<b>STATE</b> West Virginia (54)	<b>COUNTY</b> Preston (077)	<b>TOWN</b> Aurora
<b>STREET AND NUMBER</b>		
<b>3. PHOTO REFERENCE</b>		
<b>PHOTO CREDIT</b> Jan's Studio	<b>DATE</b> February 10, 1973	<b>NEGATIVE FILED AT</b> Jan's Studio Kingwood, West Virginia



**4. IDENTIFICATION**  
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

Exterior of Brookside Inn, taken from U.S. Route 50, just south-west of the building

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PHOTO CREDIT Jan's Studio	DATE February 10, 1973	NEGATIVE FILED AT Jan's Studio Kingwood, West Virginia

**4. IDENTIFICATION**

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

Fireplace in the main room of the Inn, the reception room for guests

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

*(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)*

STATE West Virginia	
COUNTY Preston	
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ENTRY NUMBER <b>JUL 2 1973</b>	DATE

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**1. NAME**

COMMON:

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:

U. S. Route 50

CITY OR TOWN:

Brookside (1 mile east of Aurora (P.O.))

STATE:

West Virginia

CODE

54

COUNTY:

Preston

CODE

077

**3. MAP REFERENCE**

SOURCE:

U. S. Geological Survey Map, Aurora, W. Va., 7.5 mile quadrangle

SCALE: 1:24000 (1 inch = 2000 feet)

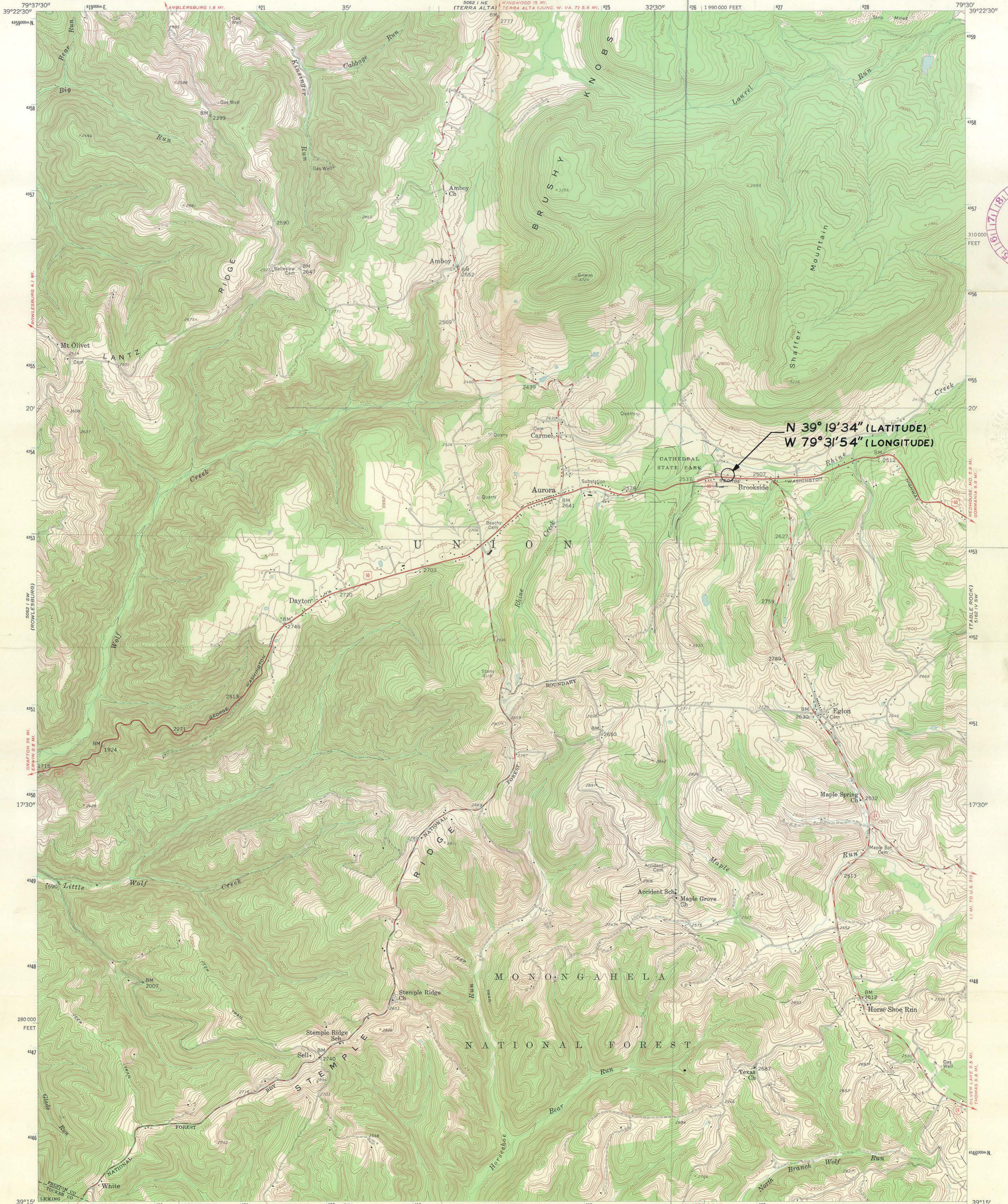
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**4. REQUIREMENTS**

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.

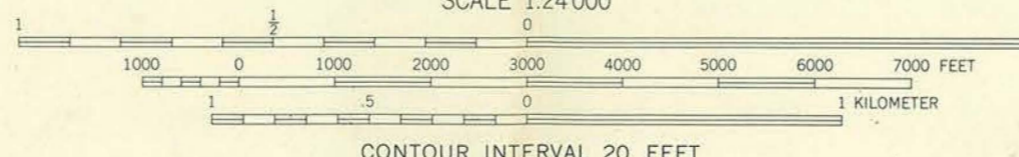
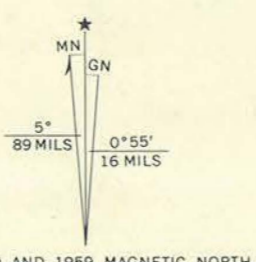




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Topography from aerial photographs by photogrammetric methods  
Aerial photographs taken 1957. Field check 1959  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on West Virginia coordinate system,  
north zone  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 17, shown in blue  
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fences and field lines  
visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked  
Unchecked elevations are shown in brown



ROAD CLASSIFICATION	
Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
U.S. Route	State Route



AURORA, W. VA.  
SE/4 KINGWOOD 15' QUADRANGLE  
N 3915-W 7930/7.5  
1959  
AMS 5062 1 SE-SERIES V854

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242  
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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RED HORSE TAVERN, BROOKSIDE (AURORA VICINITY), PRESTON COUNTY, WV.

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7. The subject property is a 5.284 acre tract adjacent to the Red Horse Tavern, a building listed in the National Register of Historic Places (July 2, 1973), and located approximately one mile east of Aurora at Brookside on the north side of U.S. Route 50 in Preston County, West Virginia. The acreage, abutting the Red Horse Tavern on its northwest elevation, is a generally level parcel of open meadow and pasture land that farms a scenic vista between Route 50 and Rhine Creek on a north-south axis, and between the Red Horse Tavern and Cathedral State Park on an east-west axis.
8. The five-acre tract providing a backdrop for the Red Horse Tavern on its north and west elevations is significant as a natural and scenic area with strong historical ties and references to the old stone tavern. The property has a documented direct association with the tavern that extends well over a century into the past. William H. Grimes, a mid-nineteenth century proprietor of the tavern, and a relative of the tavern's builder, Henry Grimes, was owner of 1000 acres of land upon which the stone tavern was the principal building.

The Red Horse Tavern, a gable-roofed, two-story structure of rubble stone construction, was erected in 1825-27 (A stone bearing the initials GHG and the date 1827 appears in the gable at the east end of the building.), by Henry Grimes as a dwelling near the tiny village known in that day as German Settlement, and now called Aurora in Preston County, (West) Virginia. In 1841, the residence was opened as a tavern that served travelers along the busy Northwestern Turnpike. In the words of Ambler and Summers in West Virginia, The Mountain State:

The chief engineer of the Northwestern Turnpike was Charles B. Shaw, who was directed by Colonel Claudius Crozet, a French artillery officer who had served with Napoleon and was then the chief engineer of Virginia. It was due largely to their skill and engineering ability that this highway was completed when it was, and that it became a popular thoroughfare. Ignoring those sectional differences which cursed West Virginia from her earliest history, they chose a route passing by Romney, Burlington, Aurora, Fellowship, Grafton, Clarksburg, West Union, and Pennsboro, over the best grades possible. From the Virginia line to Parkersburg, all of the route, except eight and one-half miles in Maryland, was in Virginia. At a total cost of \$400,000, it was completed in 1838, and at once took rank among the main-traveled routes between the East and the West.

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The property adjacent to and north of the old stone tavern comprising the 5.284 acres that is proposed as an added (amended) area to the Red Horse Tavern National Register site, was used in part as a grazing and pasturage grounds for herdsmen and drovers who regularly used the Northwestern Turnpike in the nineteenth century. The nearby parcel also provided space for kitchen vegetable gardens; and for the areas closer to the house, sites for minor buildings and dependencies.

The most important feature of the Red Horse Tavern grounds today (1979) relates to its scenic qualities that form a significant setting between the tavern and Cathedral State Park. To the east of the tavern and its meadow lands is the 126-acre Cathedral State Park, a sprawling grove of hemlock trees that comprise West Virginia only remaining sizable stand of virgin timber. The park assumes its name from the majestic, centuries-old trees that suggest in their cool, dark midst a cathedral-like reverence. Among the prizes of this forest are a hemlock with a circumference of 21 feet, a black cherry 13 feet around, and a red oak with a 9-foot circumference. The creation of Cathedral State Park was possible through the life-long efforts of a mountaineer, one Branson Haas (1875-1955), whose purchase of the property in 1922 and later sale to the state assured the preservation of the ancient groves.

At an elevation of 2500 feet above sea level, the Red Horse Tavern grounds and adjacent tracts are home to varieties of ferns, violets, Dutchman's Pipe, trillium, ground pine, trailing arbutus, bluets, lady's slipper, dogwood, and rhododendron. Rhine Creek, that forms the northern boundary of the meadows, is the headwater source of the Youghiogheny River.

The inclusion of the Red Horse Tavern grounds in the National Register will provide additional protection for the existing National Register property, and will assure that proper planning procedures are observed in the conservation of the unique historical and natural qualities of the immediate area.

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9. Ambler, Charles H., and Festus P. Summers. West Virginia: The Mountain State. Englewood Cliffs, N.J.: Prentice Hall, Inc., 1958, pp. 152-53.

Deeds of the Preston County Court, Kingwood, W.Va., Vol. 26 (1868-69), p. 28; Vol. 28 (1869-71), p. 319; Vol. 33 (1871-71), p. 252-54; Vol. 36 (1872-73), pp. 277-80.

Colander, Valerie N., "Old Stone Tavern Challenges Preston," Sunday-Dominion Past Panorama, Morgantown, WV, Oct. 29, 1978, pp. 8-9.

Hill, Frank. "Appalachian Treasure." Cathedral State Park brochure, W.Va. Dept. of Natural Resources, n.d., n.p.

Surveyor's Records of Preston County. Kingwood, W.Va., vol. 2 (1810-1970), p. 128.

10. Acreage of property: 5.284  
Quadrangle: Aurora, W.Va.  
Scale: 1:24,000

UTM: 17/626 520/4353 860

Verbal Boundary Description

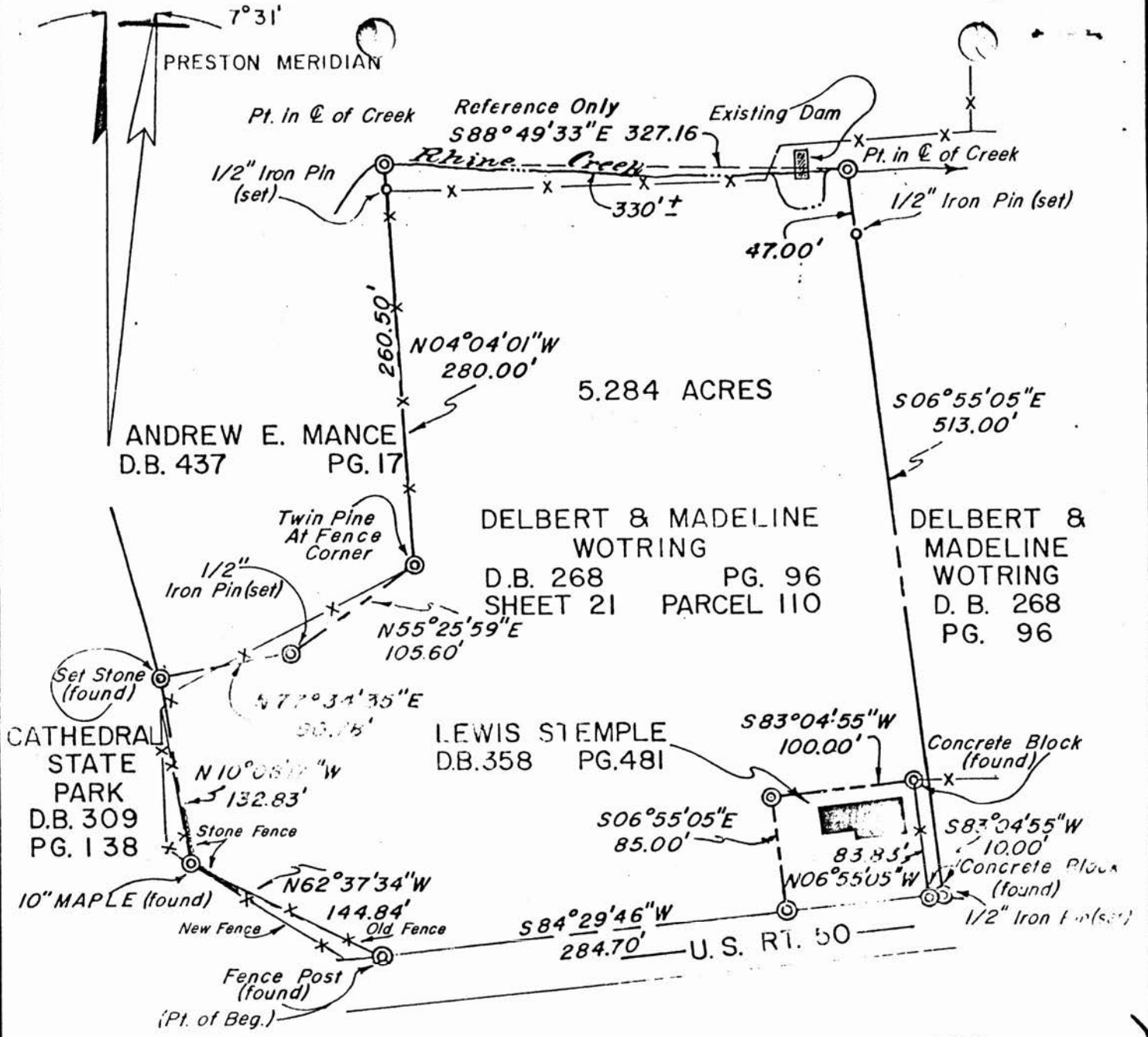
The 5.284 acre tract at the Red Horse Tavern is bound on the south by U.S. Route 50, approximately one mile east of Aurora at Brookside, Preston County, W.Va. Beginning at a point slightly west of the stone building on Route 50, the boundary runs northward to Rhine Creek, westward along and including Rhine Creek, and southward along the boundary with Andrew Mance, thence southwestward to the boundary of Cathedral State Park, and thence southeastward to U.S. Route 50 (see legal survey of subject property with red line).

**BROOKSIDE E.S.**  
**BROOKSIDE ~ W.**  
**SKETCH MAP** BY  
**WARREN H. MANNING**  
**WARREN H. MANNING O.**  
**LANDSCAPE DESIGN A**  
**REGIONAL PLANNING**  
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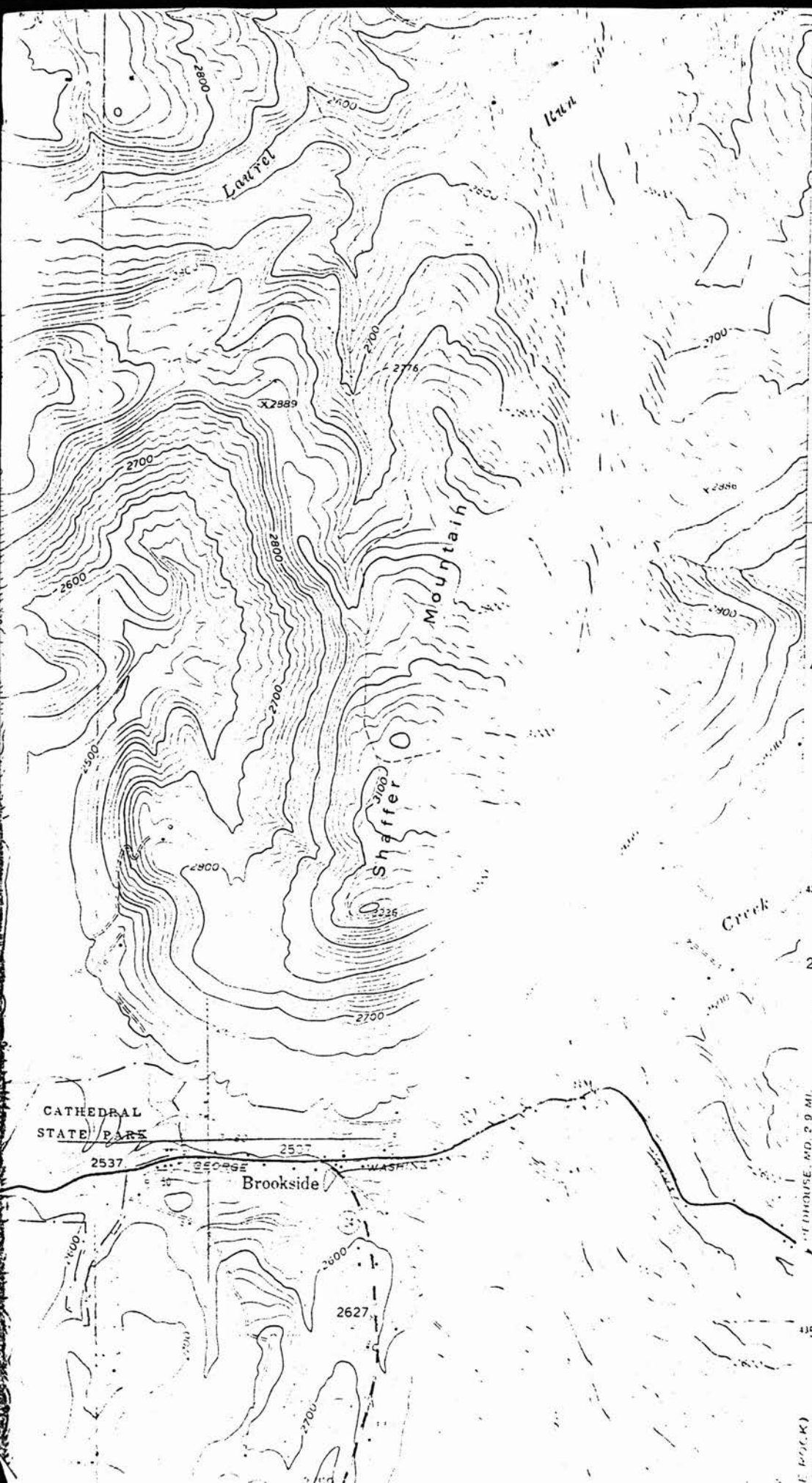
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 Clean pasture  
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saw mill  
 site 1818



PROPERTY SURVEYED  
 FOR  
**LEWIS STEMPL**

**MAP**  
**COORDINATES**  
 LOT,  $N39^{\circ}19'34''$   
 $20^{\circ}21'54''$



RED HORSE TAVERN  
 MEADOW LANDS  
 4355 BROOKSIDE, AURORA  
 VICINITY  
 20' PRESTON COUNTY,  
 WEST VIRGINIA  
 17 | 626 520 | 4353 860

AURORA QUAD,  
 W.V.

17 HOUSE - MD. 2.9 MI.  
 17 FORMANIA 9.9 MI.

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE WEST VIRGINIA

Date Entered

Name

Location

Red Horse Tavern

Aurora vicinity  
Preston County

Boundary increase approved May 4, 1979.

Also Notified

NR Byers/bjr 5/8/79

# National Register of Historic Places

## Note to the record

Additional Documentation: 2019



United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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Red Horse Tavern (additional documentation)  
Name of Property

Preston County, West Virginia  
County and State

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this  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 for in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Susan Pierce Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer  
 Signature of certifying official/Title Date March 19, 2013

West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office  
 State or Federal agency and bureau

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

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 Signature of certifying official/Title Date

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 State or Federal agency and bureau

Explanation of amendment:

Red Horse Tavern (Brookside Inn) was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1973 for its local architectural significance as well as its local importance as a tavern along the Northwestern Turnpike. The nomination listed the period of significance simply as "19<sup>th</sup> century." This amendment seeks to adjust the period of significance to 1827 and 1841 to 1882.

See the attached continuation sheet for justification.

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

**National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet**

Red Horse Tavern (additional documentation)  
**Name of Property**

Preston County, West Virginia  
**County and State**

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**8. Statement of Significance**

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The 1973 nomination for Red Horse Tavern (Brookside Inn) lists the period of significance generally as “19<sup>th</sup> century.” Under Criterion C: Architecture, the period of significance should be the date of construction, 1827. For its significance as a tavern along the Northwestern Turnpike, the period of significance should reflect only the years it served in that capacity. The tavern operated as a significant local establishment from 1841 to 1882 when it was sold to Christian Selders. Thus, the period of significance for the Brookside Inn should be 1827 and 1841 to 1882.

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY Red Horse Tavern  
NAME:

MULTIPLE  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: WEST VIRGINIA, Preston

DATE RECEIVED: 3/22/13 DATE OF PENDING LIST:  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 5/08/13  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 73001923

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT \_\_\_\_\_ DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

**Additional Documentation Approved**

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept

REVIEWER Edson Deal

DISCIPLINE History

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE 5-8-13

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

National Register of Historic Places  
Memo to File

# Correspondence

The Correspondence consists of communications from (and possibly to) the nominating authority, notes from the staff of the National Register of Historic Places, and/or other material the National Register of Historic Places received associated with the property.

Correspondence may also include information from other sources, drafts of the nomination, letters of support or objection, memorandums, and ephemera which document the efforts to recognize the property.

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE WEST VIRGINIA

Date Entered JUL 2 1973

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Red Horse Tavern, Old Stone House	Aurora vicinity Preston County
Worthington, Robert, House (Piedmont)	Charles Town vicinity Jefferson County
Washington, Charles, House (Happy Retreat)	Charles Town Jefferson County

Also Notified

Hon. Jennings Randolph  
 Hon. Robert C. Byrd  
 Hon. Harley O. Staggers  
 Director, Northeast Region

State Historic Preservation Officer  
 Dr. Leonard M. Davis  
 West Virginia University  
 Department of Speech Communications  
 Puritan House  
 Morgantown, West Virginia 26506

PHR Mott;jal 7/10/73

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TAX REFORM ACT

Property Red Horse Tavern

BOUNDARY REVISION MAR 7 1979  
INCREASE X  
DECREASE \_\_\_\_\_  
MOVE \_\_\_\_\_

State W. Va. Working Number 2.28.79

TECHNICAL  
Photos 4  
Maps 1, 1

CONTROL  
OK pl  
OK 3.2.79  
HISTORIAN  
ACCEPT 5-1-79  
Joe Towner

Since tract was historically, functionally, + visually linked to tavern, original nomination should have included this larger acreage.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

New SHPO letter justifying increase rec'd. 5/3/79  
OK. ~~ARCHAEOLOGIST~~ other

B. Frandson  
5/4/79 Hist.

5+ acre tract is justified as portion of original Regional Coord. ~~OTHER~~  
~~owner's~~ 1000-acre holding which was used for grazing + pasturing by those who used the tavern, significant as a public inn along the historic Northwestern Turnpike from 1838 through the 19th century. Accept.  
Say 4-30-79

All material necessary to comply w/ ~~5375~~  
§ 60.16 has been submitted. April 26 '76 letter constitutes statement of professional work in preparation of initial nomination

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF  
Accept  
Franklin for Detovich  
5.4.79  
BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS BOUNDARY REVISION IS ACCEPTED

Joe L. [Signature]  
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 5/4/79

ATTEST: Lucy B. Franklin for Bill Detovich  
CHIEF, BRANCH OF REGISTRATION

DATE 5/4/79

THIS FORM IS TO BE FILED WITH THE NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION.  
State notified  Federal Register \_\_\_\_\_ Control Cards  ADP \_\_\_\_\_





AC (304) 292-1527

State of West Virginia  
ANTIQUITIES COMMISSION

Old Mountainlair  
West Virginia University  
Morgantown 26506

May 30, 1973

Dr. William J. Murtagh  
Keeper  
National Register of Historic Places  
Department of the Interior  
National Park Service  
18th and C Streets, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20240



Dear Dr. Murtagh:

Enclosed for your review is the completed Inventory-Nomination Form for the Brookside Inn which is located near Aurora, Preston County, West Virginia.

This site has been approved by the West Virginia Antiquities Commission and the Governor's Board of Review for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Paul H. Price, Chairman  
West Virginia Antiquities Commission

Maurice G. Brooks  
State Historic Preservation Officer

/mg  
enclosure

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DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE AND HISTORY

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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER IV, GOVERNOR  
Norman L. Fagan, Commissioner

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION UNIT Clarence E. Moran, AIA, Director

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February 26, 1979

Dr. William Murtagh  
Keeper of the National Register  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service  
Pension Building  
440 G. Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20243

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

I am submitting for your consideration the materials necessary for amending the National Register nomination of the Red Horse Tavern near Aurora, Preston County, West Virginia, to include an adjacent five-acre tract.

The inclusion of the Red Horse Tavern grounds in the National Register will provide additional protection for the existing National Register property, and will assure that proper planning procedures are observed in the conservation of the unique historical and natural qualities of the immediate area.

This amended nomination has been approved by the State Board of Review for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

Sincerely,

Clarence E. Moran, AIA  
State Historic Preservation Officer

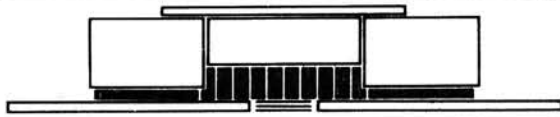
CEM/RSC;rdh

Enclosures

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DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE AND HISTORY

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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER IV, GOVERNOR  
Norman L. Fagan, Commissioner

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION UNIT Clarence E. Moran, AIA, Director

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April 26, 1979

Dr. William Murtagh  
Keeper of the National Register  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service  
Pension Building  
440 G Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20243

ATTENTION: Brad Frandsem

Dear Mr. Murtagh:

RE: Consideration of materials necessary  
for amending the National Register  
nomination of the Red Horse Tavern  
near Aurora, Preston County, West Virginia

An enlargement of the boundary of this National Register site is recommended by reason of its possession of previously unrecognized significance in American, state, and local history.

This amended nomination has been approved by the State Review Board of Review for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Clarence E. Moran".

Clarence E. Moran, AIA  
State Historic Preservation Officer

CEM/pjh;rsc

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

DATE REC'D **MAY 03 1979**

DATE ACQUISITION

INITIALS

4/20/79

Emma Jane —

West VA. is preparing new  
SHPO transmittal letter which  
will correspond with 36 CFR 60.16  
on boundary increase justification.

The present justification is not recognized  
under our reg. Anyway - review  
should be started on this request as  
it will be backlogged next week  
and their option is coming due.

Thank you -

Brad

Brad - I reviewed. If we can  
wait till tomorrow, I'd like you  
to take a quick look. Emma Jane

NAME OF PROPERTY Red Horse Tavern STATE W. VA

Date Information Requested/Date Put in "Hold" Drawer: 4/5/79

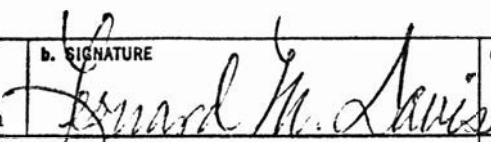
Date to Be Pulled from "Hold" Drawer: 5/5/79  
(30 Days from Date Requested)

Information Requested From: Ralph Putnam

Information Requested/Reason Nomination Is Being Held:

Asked for new STAPO transmittal  
letter with appropriate boundary  
enclosure justification.

Frandsen  
Reviewer

<b>FEDERAL ASSISTANCE</b>			<b>2. APPLICANT'S APPLICATION</b> Leave Blank		<b>a. NUMBER</b> b. DATE Year month day 19 76 8 25		<b>3. STATE APPLICATION IDENTIFIER</b>		<b>a. NUMBER</b> PNRS-A; #75081001 b. DATE Year month day ASSIGNED 1975 8 11		
<b>1. TYPE OF ACTION</b> <input type="checkbox"/> PREAPPLICATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPLICATION (Mark appropriate box) <input type="checkbox"/> NOTIFICATION OF INTENT (Opt.) <input type="checkbox"/> REPORT OF FEDERAL ACTION			<b>4. LEGAL APPLICANT/RECIPIENT</b> a. Applicant Name : State Historic Preservation Office b. Organization Unit : West Virginia Antiquities Commission c. Street/P.O. Box : P.O. Box 630 d. City : Morgantown e. County : Monongalia f. State : West Virginia g. ZIP Code: 26505 h. Contact Person (Name & telephone No.) : Leonard M. Davis AC 304 296-1791						<b>5. FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NO.</b> 55-049-3857-001		
<b>7. TITLE AND DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT</b> Red Horse Tavern, Old Stone House, development project. Project work involves reconstruction of rear two-story wooden gallery. Source of non-federal match is private funds and donated services.			<b>6. PROGRAM (From Federal Catalog)</b> a. NUMBER 150904 b. TITLE Historic Preservation						<b>8. TYPE OF APPLICANT/RECIPIENT</b> A-State H-Community Action Agency B-Interstate I-Higher Educational Institution C-Substate J-Indian Tribe D-District K-Other (Specify): E-City F-School District G-Special Purpose District Enter appropriate letter <input type="checkbox"/> A		
			<b>9. TYPE OF ASSISTANCE</b> A-Basic Grant D-Insurance B-Supplemental Grant E-Other C-Loan Enter appropriate letter(s) <input type="checkbox"/> A						<b>12. TYPE OF APPLICATION</b> A-New C-Revision E-Augmentation B-Renewal D-Continuation Enter appropriate letter <input type="checkbox"/> A		
<b>10. AREA OF PROJECT IMPACT (Names of cities, counties, States, etc.)</b> Aurora, Preston County, West Virginia			<b>11. ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PERSONS BENEFITING</b> Statewide		<b>15. TYPE OF CHANGE (For 12c or 12e)</b> A-Increase Dollars F-Other (Specify): B-Decrease Dollars C-Increase Duration D-Decrease Duration E-Cancellation NA Enter appropriate letter(s) <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>						
<b>13. PROPOSED FUNDING</b> a. FEDERAL \$ 3,050 .00 b. APPLICANT 3,050 .00 c. STATE .00 d. LOCAL .00 e. OTHER .00 f. TOTAL \$ 6,100 .00			<b>14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF:</b> 2nd. a. APPLICANT State b. PROJECT Preston County			<b>16. PROJECT START DATE Year month day</b> 19 76 8 25 see #34			<b>17. PROJECT DURATION</b> 36 Months		
<b>20. FEDERAL AGENCY TO RECEIVE REQUEST (Name, City, State, ZIP code)</b> National Park Service, Washington, D.C. 20240						<b>19. EXISTING FEDERAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER</b> 54-76-00058-00					
<b>22. THE APPLICANT CERTIFIES THAT</b> a. To the best of my knowledge and belief, data in this preapplication/application are true and correct, the document has been duly authorized by the governing body of the applicant and the applicant will comply with the attached assurances if the assistance is approved. b. If required by OMB Circular A-95 this application was submitted, pursuant to instructions therein, to appropriate clearinghouses and all responses are attached: (1) State Clearinghouse <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (2) <input type="checkbox"/> (3) <input type="checkbox"/>						<b>21. REMARKS ADDED</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					
<b>23. CERTIFYING REPRESENTATIVE</b> Leonard M. Davis State Historic Preservation Officer			<b>b. SIGNATURE</b> 			<b>c. DATE SIGNED Year month day</b> 19 76 8 25					
<b>24. AGENCY NAME</b> Department of the Interior						<b>25. APPLICATION RECEIVED Year month day</b> 1976 8 30					
<b>26. ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT</b> National Park Service			<b>27. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE</b> Division of Grants			<b>28. FEDERAL APPLICATION IDENTIFICATION</b>					
<b>29. ADDRESS</b> 18th & C Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240						<b>30. FEDERAL GRANT IDENTIFICATION</b> 54-76-00058-00					
<b>31. ACTION TAKEN</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. AWARDED <input type="checkbox"/> b. REJECTED <input type="checkbox"/> c. RETURNED FOR AMENDMENT <input type="checkbox"/> d. DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/> e. WITHDRAWN		<b>32. FUNDING</b> a. FEDERAL \$ 3,050 .00 b. APPLICANT 3,050 .00 c. STATE .00 d. LOCAL .00 e. OTHER .00 f. TOTAL \$ 6,100 .00		<b>33. ACTION DATE Year month day</b> 19 77 1 3		<b>34. STARTING DATE Year month day</b> 19 77 1 3		<b>35. CONTACT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Name and telephone number)</b> Peter D. Herrick (202) 523-5054		<b>36. ENDING DATE Year month day</b> 19 80 1 2	
<b>38. FEDERAL AGENCY A-95 ACTION</b> a. In taking above action, any comments received from clearinghouses were considered. If agency response is due under provisions of Part 1, OMB Circular A-95, it has been or is being made.						<b>37. REMARKS ADDED</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No b. FEDERAL AGENCY A-95 OFFICIAL (Name and telephone no.) same as #35					

SECTION I—APPLICANT/RECIPIENT DATA

SECTION II—CERTIFICATION

SECTION III—FEDERAL AGENCY ACTION

NATIONAL REGISTER ASSESSMENT

PROPERTY NAME: Red Horse Tavern, Old Stone House  
Aurora vicinity, Preston County

SIGNIFICANCE:

AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE Architecture  
Art  
Commerce  
Communications  
Transportation

SPECIFIC DATES 1825-1827

EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF  
THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE  
STATE IS

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

DATE OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY COMMISSION APPROVAL: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER'S SIGNATURE: May 30, 1973

DATE NOMINATION WAS SENT TO WASHINGTON, D.C.: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER: \* July 2, 1973

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: District 2

\* Boundary enlargement mailed April 26, 1979

Style: Pennsylvania German construction (Stone)

① Grant - Federal Project No. #54-76-00058-00

② Grant Proj. #54-100-10 HCRS





IN REPLY REFER TO:

# United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

The Director of the National Park Service

Ronald H. Walker

is pleased to inform you that the historic property listed on the enclosed sheet has been nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer responsible for your State's implementation of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, P.L. 89-665 (80 Stat. 915), as amended. It has accordingly been entered in the National Register of Historic Places. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed for your information and convenience.

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: West Virginia	
COUNTY: Preston	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

**1. NAME**

COMMON: Brookside Inn

AND/OR HISTORIC: The Red Horse Tavern, The Old Stone House

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: U.S. Route 50, 1 mile east of Aurora, Preston County, West Virginia

CITY OR TOWN: Brookside Community; Aurora Post Office (2nd. Congressional District)

STATE West Virginia	CODE 54	COUNTY: Preston	CODE 077
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**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME: Lewis E. Stemple

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Aurora

STATE: West Virginia	CODE 54
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**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Kingwood, Preston County

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Kingwood

STATE: West Virginia	CODE 54
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**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal     State     County     Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:	CODE:
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

STATE: West Virginia
COUNTY: Preston
ENTRY NUMBER
DATE

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Between 1825 and 1827 a stone house was constructed near the settlement then known as German Settlement, now known as Aurora in Preston County, Virginia, now West Virginia. It was built by Henry Grimes as a dwelling, in 1841 when the Northwestern Turnpike reached the community it was opened as a public inn to serve travelers along the turnpike. It was known as the Old Stone Inn, or the Red Horse Tavern; later it became known as Brookside for the community in which it is located.

The building is of typical Pennsylvania German construction and consists of a main part containing one large downstairs room and three upstairs rooms with an attic above them. There are two circular staircases in this part. In a smaller one-room portion of the house there is a built-in bar, with a large fireplace and cupboards on either side of the fireplace. The main room also has a large fireplace, and there is one on the second floor, all three served by a common chimney with separate flues.

Walls were constructed of rubble stone and are two feet in thickness on the lower story and one foot, six inches thick on the upper story. Save for necessary minor mending, these walls are intact at present. The two parts of the house have trapdoors which lead to a full basement.

The use of wood is consistent and of suitable selection throughout the entire house. Most of the original timbers remain in place. First floor beams and flooring are of oak; second floor and attic beams are of hemlock and the flooring of pine. The roof, rafters, beams and roof strips are all of oak. Shingles were probably originally white oak "shakes"; now the roofing is hand riven cedar.

The window frames, sash, trim, doors, door frames, stairs and the three fireplace mantels are of yellow poplar. All of the wood portions of the house seem to be original except for a few repairs and the cedar shingles on the roof.

The entire interior of the house has been repair-plastered and white-washed. A notable furniture addition is a built-in four-door, eight-drawer cherry cupboard in the largest upstairs room.

Efforts have been made to keep the entire property intact, using as much of the original furniture as has been possible and replacing it when necessary with pieces suitable to the period and construction. The present owner's artistic bent is attested by a fine collection of American paintings now housed in the building.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |   |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal                | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric               | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy       | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science                   | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture               | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture                 | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian       | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater                   | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation              |   |  | _____  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1827 the Virginia General Assembly passed an act incorporating the Northwestern Turnpike to run from Winchester in the Shenandoah Valley to Parkersburg on the Ohio River. This was to be Virginia's answer to the National Road a short distance northward in Maryland and Pennsylvania.

When the new turnpike, after some necessary adjustments in route, reached the area in which Henry Grimes had constructed his stone house, the building was opened as an inn to accommodate the traveling public. Since a built-in bar was already in place, and since there was a large common room in the main portion of the house, the building was well suited to such a need.

To construct and oversee the engineering problems of this new highway, Virginia retained the services of Colonel Claudius Crozet, a Frenchman who had served with distinction as an artillery officer in Napoleon's Grand Army. After Napoleon's exile, Crozet, with other French officers, emigrated to America, and Crozet served as an instructor at the West Point Military Academy.

Crozet had the task of building a highway which traversed all of the Allegheny ridges between the Shenandoah and the Ohio River. In his necessary travels there is evidence that he stopped at the Grimes home which, in 1841, had been adapted to tavern use.

During the years before the Civil War, travel was very heavy on the Northwestern Turnpike since it traversed the mountain ridges on easier grades than did the National Road. The Red Horse Tavern was one of the most heavily used on the entire turnpike, and many notable persons stopped there in passage between the Middle West and the East.

When the Civil War years came the Northwestern Turnpike was useful for the movement of troops. Most of the local residents were of Union sympathies, and during periods of Confederate raids or heavy bushwhacker activity the heavily wooded premises of the Red Horse Tavern were used by local people as a place of concealment for their horses and other livestock.

The Red Horse Tavern, also known as the Old Stone House, served as post office for the community. Early federal post office records show that in one year William H. Grimes received \$65.50 as compensation for his services as postmaster at German Settlement, Preston County, Virginia.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Continuation Sheet)

STATE	West Virginia	
COUNTY	Preston	
FOR NPS USE ONLY		
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE	

(Number all entries)

8. SIGNIFICANCE (continued)

Architectural features of the Red Horse Tavern have been appreciated by many who have visited it. The nice joinery, the plan and proportions, the simplicity and style, and the fact that it has escaped improvement butchery make it outstanding among the few early taverns along the Northwestern Turnpike.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Wiley, S. T. History of Preston County (West Virginia).  
The Journal Printing House, Kingwood, West Virginia, 1882.

Historic American Highways. Published by American Association of State  
Highway Officials, 917 National Press Building, Washington, D. C.

Callahan, James Morton, under the editorial supervision of Bernard L.  
Butcher. Genealogical and Personal History of the Upper Monongahela  
Valley, West Virginia. Vol. 1, Lewis Historical Pub. Co. New York, 1912.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE			LATITUDE		LONGITUDE
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	0	.	0	39°	19'	34"
NE	0	.	0	79°	31'	54"
SE	0	.	0			
SW	0	.	0			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Lot 100' x 100'

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
Lewis E. Stemple, (Property Owner) for the

ORGANIZATION  
West Virginia Antiquities Commission

DATE  
March 7, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Old Mountainlair, West Virginia University

CITY OR TOWN:  
Morgantown

STATE  
West Virginia

CODE  
54

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Maurice G. Brooks

Title State Historic Preservation Officer

Date May 30, 1973

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



**The Culture Center**  
1900 Kanawha Blvd., E.  
Charleston, WV 25305-0300

**Randall Reid-Smith, Commissioner**

Phone 304.558.0220 • www.wvculture.org  
Fax 304.558.2779 • TDD 304.558.3562

EEO/AA Employer

March 20, 2013

Ms. Carol Shull, Keeper  
National Register of Historic Places  
National Park Service 2280  
National Register of Historic Places  
1201 "I" (eye) Street, NW  
Washington D.C. 20005

Dear Ms. Shull:

We are submitting for your review the following three National Register registration forms:

- Thomas C. Miller Public School, Marion County
- Morris Memorial Hospital for Crippled Children, Cabell County
- Brookside Historic District, Preston County

The enclosed nominations have been approved by the State Archives and History Commission and processed in accordance with 36 CFR Part 60.

Also enclosed, please find additional documentation for the following two National Register-listed properties, both of which are located within the abovementioned proposed Brookside Historic District:

- Gaymont (92000351), additional documentation, Preston County
- Red Horse Tavern (73001923), additional documentation, Preston County

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have questions. We can be reached at 304.558.0240.

Sincerely,

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