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National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Carskadon House

and or common "Locust Grove"; "Radical Hill"

2. Location

street & number Route 1, Box 93A, Beaver Run Road not for publication

city, town Burlington X vicinity of

state West Virginia code 54 county Mineral code 057

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Robert V. North

street & number 10815B Amherst Avenue

city, town Wheaton vicinity of state Maryland

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Mineral County Courthouse

street & number Courthouse Square

city, town Keyser state West Virginia

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A has this property been determined eligible? yes X no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

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

## Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

"Locust Grove", as it is locally known, is located on rural Beaver Run Road near the village of Headsville, which is in the vicinity of the town of Burlington, in Mineral County, West Virginia.

"Locust Grove" is a two story side gabled residence that is basically rectangular in configuration, with a two story ell at the east elevation. The house is built after the Federal (or Adams) style of architecture, though with vernacularism much in evidence. The masonry residence sits on a rubble stone foundation. It is five bays wide across the front and windows, on both the first and second levels, are six over six with slender sills. There is a dog-toothed course of dentillation along the cornice at the roof line. The house is surmounted by a standing seam metal roof. Interior end chimneys at both gable ends evidence corbeling.

The front entrance door is surmounted by a rectangular over light that has four equal segments. A one story Greek Revival portico surrounds the front entrance. This portico has a triangular pediment, shallow pitched, and is upheld by two Doric columns and two Doric pilasters. This portico is not thought to be original to the property but was added, it is beleived, in the 1860's.

The two story ell which extends to the east rear of the main block also has a standing seam metal roof. It has a rather massive interior end chimney and a smaller outside chimney. On the south facade of the ell is a large wooden gallery-type porch with a wooden balustrade at its top level. This porch is of recent origin. At the rear of the main block on the north elevation are small shallow kitchen and bathroom additions.

The interior of the main block of "Locust Grove" is typically Federal in configuration, with a central hallway off of which are rectangular rooms. The most prominent feature of the central hallway is the rather narrow main stairway with squared balusters supporting a rounded, yet simple rail. The risers of the stairway are steep. Other prominent interior features include handsome mantelpieces for fireplaces in most rooms. These mantelpieces are Greek Revival in detailing, although no two are exactly alike. Hardwood doors with recessed rectangular panels are also in evidence.

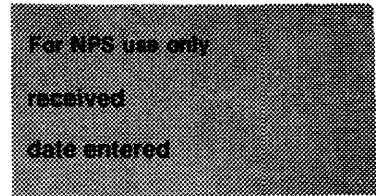
Also located on the grounds of "Locust Grove" are two dependencies; a grainery and a barn which stand side-by-side to the rear of the residence. The grainery is a 1½ story gable roof wood frame building on a high rubble stone foundation, with clapboard siding. The barn is also a 1½ story gable roof structure, slightly higher than the grainery, with vertical wood siding. Both of these structures are Contributing buildings.

"Locust Grove" is the seat of a 22 acre farm (once much larger), although the nominated area is less than ten. It is a pristine rural area that is relatively unchanged from antebellum days, and is significant both historically and architecturally to Mineral County.

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Contributing - Noncontributing Resources

3 buildings  
0 others

Total  
contributing 3 Resources

Total  
non-contributing 0

# 8. Significance

<b>Period</b>	<b>Areas of Significance—Check and justify below</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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				State & Local History

**Specific dates** 1827 **Builder/Architect** Not Known

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

"Locust Grove", also known as "Radical Hill" during part of its existence, located on Beaver Run Road, near Burlington, in Mineral County, West Virginia, is significant for being home to the Carskadon family, a group of individuals who have played highly significant roles in both state and local history.<sup>1</sup> It is also locally significant as an early surviving example of vernacular architecture in Mineral County.<sup>2</sup>

**Explanatory Notes**

1. "Locust Grove" was constructed in 1827 for Thomas H. Carskadon, on property he had been residing on since 1797 in a log cabin. The Carskadon family was, for a century, prominent in the affairs of Hampshire County and, after its separation in 1871, of Mineral County. Thomas H. Carskadon, along with his brother Issac immigrants from Ireland, served for six years as the representative of Hampshire County in the Virginia General Assembly, where he was a vocal opponet of slavery. He freed his own slaves prior to his death in 1855. Carskadon was also elected justice of the peace in 1837. His son, Thomas R. Carskadon, born at "Locust Grove" in 1837, began his political career as a Whig, but in 1860 he joined the new Republican Party. This action brought him instant unpopularity among his neighbors, who began to vandalize the family farm and finally forced him to leave the area for a time. In 1862, during the throes of the Civil War and the West Virginia statehood movement, Carskadon became the youngest member of the Constitutional Convention that was meeting in Wheeling to draft an instrument of government for the new state. President Lincoln appointed him an Assistant United States Assessor for the Second West Virginia District and, in 1865, President Andrew Johnson elevated him to Assessor of the Second District. Carskadon soon, however, associated himself with the radical wing of the Republican Party, even to the point of re-naming his farm "Radical Hill". He was, accordingly, removed from office by President Johnson in 1868. Carskadon was active in the movement that separated Mineral County from Hampshire County in 1871. He was a successful Republican Presidential Elector in 1872 and in 1876. Later in life, Thomas R. Carskadon became an ardent advocate of Prohibition. In 1888 and again in 1892 Carskadon was the Prohibitionist Party nominee for governor of West Virginia. He died at "Locust Grove" in 1905.

Other members of the Carskadon family who were historically significant include James Carskadon, who was Hampshire County's first delegate to the new West Virginia Legislature in 1863-64, and served in the house again in 1867-69. George T. Carskadon, cousin of Thomas, was elected to the Virginia Senate in 1860 but, being opposed to secession, he did not take his seat in Richmond but rather became a member of the Provisional, or "Restored" government in Wheeling and participated, like Thomas R., in the

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Manlove, Elizabeth P., A History of the Carskadon Family, unpublished MS.  
 Maxwell, Hue, Swisher, H.L., History of Hampshire County, West Virginia,  
 Morgantown, W.Va., A. Brown, 1897

## 10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property 9 acres

Quadrangle name Headsville, W.Va.

Quadrangle scale 1":24,000'

### UTM References

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Beginning at the point where the east side of Beaver Run Road intersects the northeast corner of Spring Run Road; thence in a line 500 feet southeast to the west bank of Beaver Run; thence in a line 600 feet

### 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

organization Hart & Pauley date July 22, 1986

street & number 4651 Victoria Road telephone (304) 744-9342

city or town Charleston 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 National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature [Signature]

title SHPO date 2/11/87

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

[Signature]  
 Keeper of the National Register

date 3/20/87

Attest:

Chief of Registration

date

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statehood movement. He was Hampshire County's first state senator in the new West Virginia Legislature, served again in 1867-69, and was for long a leader of the Republican Party in the state's Eastern Panhandle. His son, another George, founded Clarksburg's Palace Furniture Company in 1903. Another James Carskadon, son of Thomas R., represented Mineral County in the West Virginia House of Delegates in 1907-09. "Locust Grove" remained in the hands of the Carskadon family until 1967.

2. "Locust Grove" is also locally significant as one of the oldest intact examples of Federal style architecture in Mineral County, having been constructed in 1827. Its simple box-like main block, two rooms deep, with symmetrically arranged windows, is typical of the Federal style, as is the emphasized cornice with its dog-tooth dentilation. It also is a good intact example of vernacularism, having some elements of the Greek Revival, such as the front portico. While no survey of Mineral County has ever been undertaken, this property is believed to be one of the oldest in the area and one of the few which survive from its time period. The dependencies date from the late 19th century.

"Locust Grove" is, then, significant for its long association with one of the region's most prominent families, a family which played an important role in the development period of West Virginia statehood, as a locally significant example of Federal period architecture.

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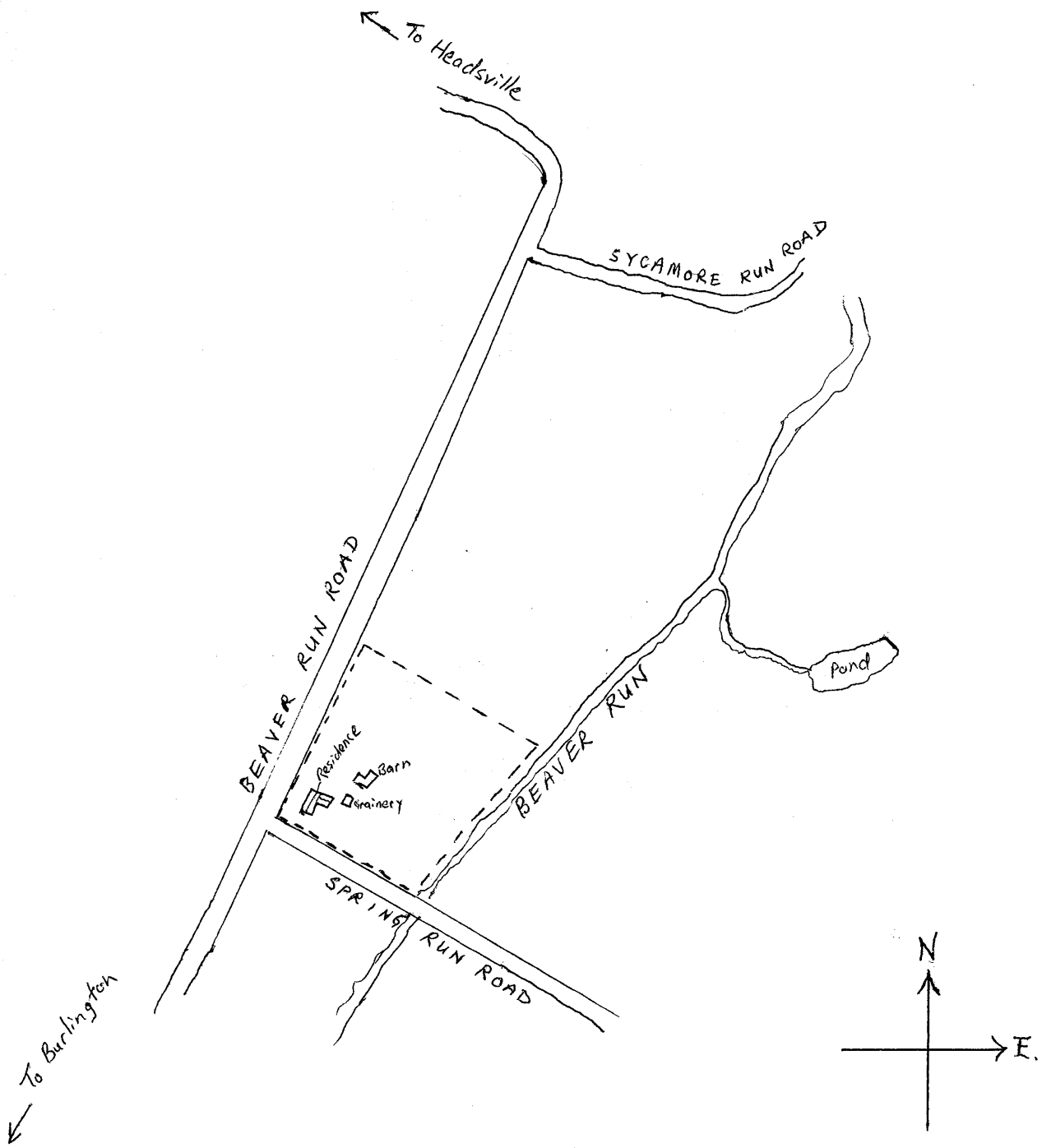
Sage, Clara McCormick, comp., Early Records of Hampshire County, Virginia, Now West Virginia, Delavon, Wis., Genealogical Pub., 1939

West Virginia Heritage Encyclopedia, Richwood, W.Va., Comstock Pub., 1974

Mineral County History -- Family Tracts and Traits, Keyser, W.Va., n.d.

10. Verbal Boundary Description ... 2

north-northeast along the west bank of Beaver Run; thence in a line 700 feet west to the east side of Beaver Run Road; thence in a line 600 feet south along the east side of Beaver Run Road to the point of beginning.



LEGEND

SKETCH MAP OF  
 CARSKADON HOUSE  
 "Locust Grove"; "Radical Hill"  
 Route 1, Box 93A, Beaver Run Road,  
 Burlington vicinity, Mineral County, W.Va.  
 ----- Boundary of Nominated Area  
 SCALE  
 1 INCH  
 500 feet