

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

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**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 Elmhurst #2

and or common The William and Carol Lynn Residence

2. Location

street & number 1606 Pleasant Avenue _____ not for publication

city, town Wellsburg _____ vicinity of

state West Virginia code 54 county Brooke code 009

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 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>N/A</u> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<u>N/A</u> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input 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 William and Carol Lynn

street & number 1606 Pleasant Avenue

city, town Wellsburg _____ vicinity of state West Virginia 26070

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Brooke County Court House

street & number Main and Seventh Streets

city, town Wellsburg _____ vicinity of state West Virginia 26070

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Pleasant Avenue Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date Winter-Spring, 1985 _____ federal _____ state _____ county local

depository for survey records Wellsburg Landmarks Commission

city, town Wellsburg _____ vicinity of state West Virginia 26070

7. Description

<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 N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Elmhurst is a Greek Revival structure built of brick over a stone ashlar foundation with tooled surfaces. It was constructed in 1848 as the mansion/farmhouse of William H. Tarr. The long side of this Greek Revival country home faced the edge of the bluff and looked out on the "County Road" (now Pleasant Avenue).

This classic rectangular mansion had a back ell which has only recently been extended. The hip roof has a center platform. The five-bay front of the mansion is emphasized by a single bay portico with Tuscan columns. The windows on both stories are the same size and double-hung. The lintels are simple and the windows have no shutters.

The central bay has a trebeated entrance with narrow side lights. This is balanced on the second story by a three-part window in the central bay.

Originally Elmhurst had a three-bay portico with a hip roof. The original portico burned about 50 years ago and was replaced with a single bay portico in the same style. The portico and the eaves of the house have a dentiled cornice portico and all trim is painted white.

The three-bayed end walls are surmounted by tall twin chimneys. On the southeast back corner of Elmhurst, and separated from it, is a new brick garage. The brick ell has also been extended about 15 feet to the rear. The brick carriage house, which was built in the 19th century in the southeast corner of the grounds, was remodeled as a residence almost one-half century ago and has been sold separately from Elmhurst.

The graceful sloping drive climbs above the bluff on which Elmhurst sets and goes all around the house. The plantings are graceful and pleasant.

Elmhurst is in excellent condition. It remained in the hands of the family which built it from 1848-1983 and has always been well cared for.

In the 1920's when the original portico burned and was replaced, the original ell was also enlarged and modified. The change is appropriate in style and unobtrusive. A car port has been constructed at the rear of the ell.

CONTRIBUTING AND NON-CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURES

On the spacious landscaped grounds with an informal garden are two dependencies. The earlier structure, a small barn, dates from the turn of the century. More recently a two-car brick garage was erected near the rear of the house on the northeast quadrant. Both structures are unobtrusive, though the barn is appropriate to semi-rural homes like Elmhurst.

Contributing Building	1	(house)
Contributing Dependencies	1	(small barn)
Non-Contributing Building	<u>1</u>	(car garage)

Total Contributing Resources 2

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) history

Specific dates	1848	Builder/Architect	Unknown
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Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The William H. Tarr House is significant because its first owner, more than perhaps anyone else, laid the economic and commercial foundation for the growth of Wellsburg. He chose Greek Revival architecture as appropriate to his country home and estate because as a Jeffersonian he idealized the Greek quest for independence. Successive generations of the same family -- the Jacobs and the Paulls -- were also outstanding West Virginia leaders in journalism, industry, philanthropy and politics.

William H. Tarr built this Greek Revival mansion in 1848 to replace his country home, -- Van Swearingen's Fort -- which stood about 50 yards north of the northwest corner of Elmhurst. He was the son of Peter Tarr who constructed the first iron furnace in the Upper Ohio Valley. William and his brother, Campbell, made their fortunes in commerce on the Ohio River in the early decades of the 19th century. They were active land speculators, entrepreneurs, farmers and investors. William Tarr was probably Wellsburg's most successful and prominent citizen when Elmhurst was built.

Elmhurst was designed as the country home and retreat of a busy and successful Wellsburg citizen. Mr. Tarr maintained his substantial townhouse in Wellsburg throughout his life -- even after Elmhurst was built.

After the Civil War, Elmhurst became the suburban home of John Gabriel Jacob and his wife, Isabella Tarr Jacob. Although this couple was active in philanthropic and financial affairs -- really the first citizens of Wellsburg -- J.G. Jacob is best known as the long-time editor of the Wellsburg Herald, the author of The History of Brooke County, and a highly opinionated, but extremely honest, Union man.

Throughout most of the 20th century Elmhurst was the residence of the Paulls -- founders, major owners and presidents of Wellsburg's largest industry, Eagle Manufacturing Company. James Paull, the last Tarr descendant to live in Elmhurst, was a long-time member of the West Virginia Senate. He also was a principle benefactor of education and public works.

9. Major Bibliographical References

J.G. Jacob, Brooke County, Being A Record of Prominent Events, 1882.
 J.H. Newton, History of the Panhandle of West Virginia, 1879.
 Peter Boyd, History of the Northern West Virginia Panhandle, 1927.
 N.L. Caldwell, A History of Brooke County, 1975. Industrial Wellsburgh, 1899.
 In Memory of John Gabriel Jacob and Isabella Tarr Jacob, 1905.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 3.28 acres

Quadrangle name Steubenville, Ohio East

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Brooke County Tax Maps, Wellsburg District Map #10, Parcel #44.
 417' x 343' Irregular (see map)

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 Dr. Hiram J. Lester, Project Director

organization Historical Wellsburg, Inc. date 25 September 1985

street & number The Hibernia telephone (304) 829-7941

city or town Bethany state West Virginia 26032

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

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date

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

for Patrick Anders
 Keeper of the National Register

date 5/16/86

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Elmhurst

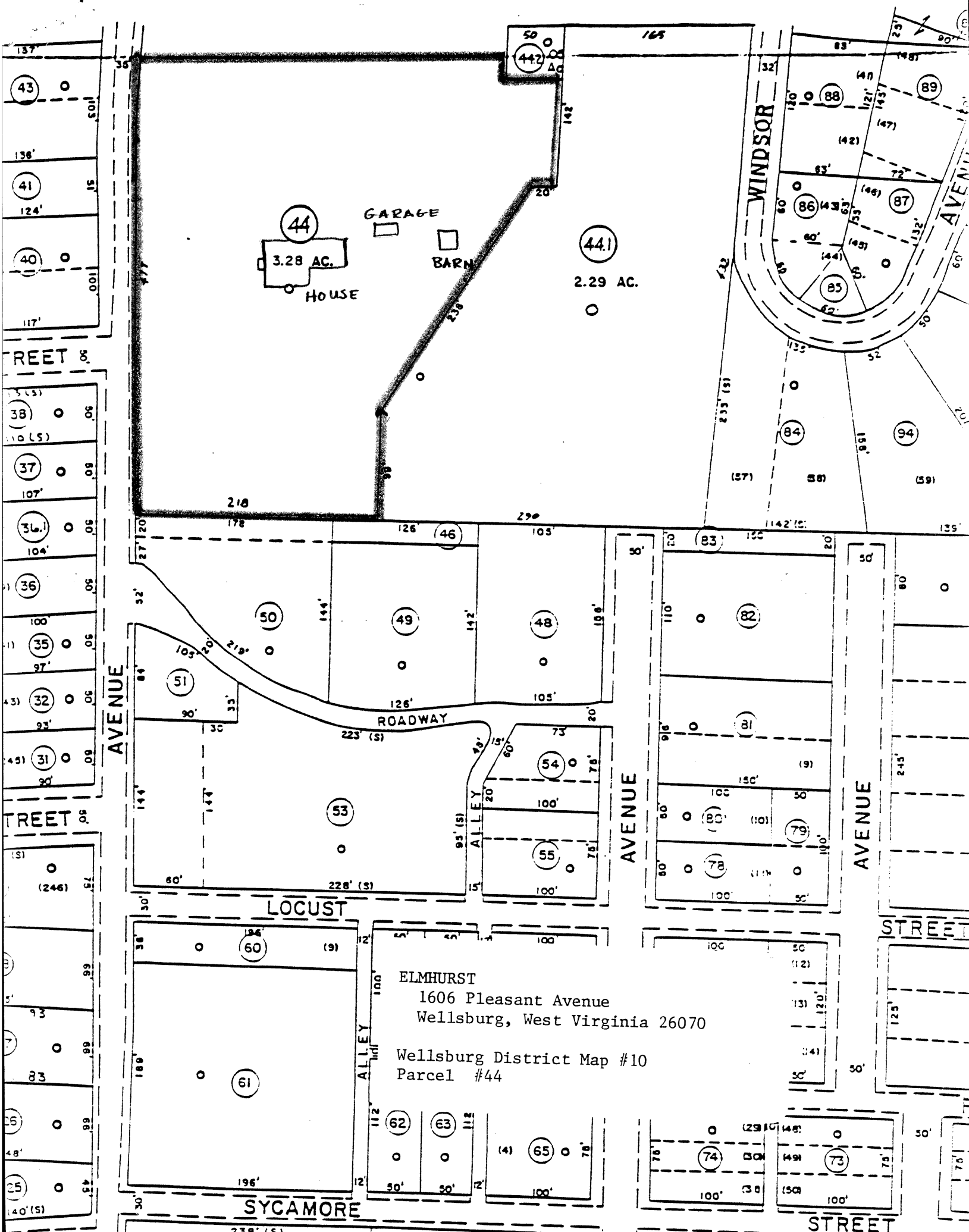
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The grounds of Elmhurst, covering 3.28 acres, provide a setting within a broad tree-shaded lawn on the crest of a hill, thus justifying the inclusion of the generous acreage in the nomination. The grounds, historically, have always provided an open appearance or setting that emphasizes the house.



44
3.28 AC.
HOUSE

GARAGE
BARN

44.1
2.29 AC.

LOCUST AVENUE

ROADWAY

WINDSOR AVENUE

ELMHURST AVENUE

SYCAMORE AVENUE

ELMHURST
1606 Pleasant Avenue
Wellsburg, West Virginia 26070

Wellsburg District Map #10
Parcel #44

SYCAMORE AVENUE

STREET