

HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

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DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE & HISTORY
THE CULTURAL CENTER
CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA 25305

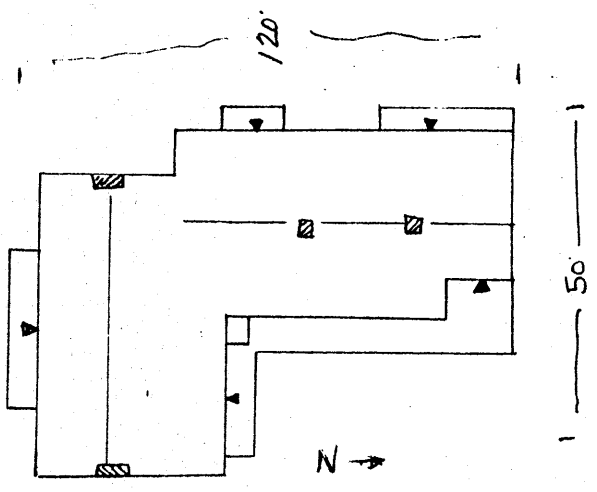
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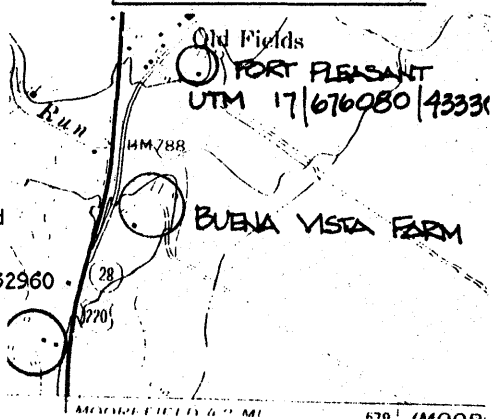
DISTRICT: SITE: BUILDING: STRUCTURE: OBJECT:

- 1. NAME(S) historic/common: Buena Vista Farms
(South Branch, N.H.A.)
- 2. LOCATION street/road: E/S Route 220
city/town: Old Fields Vic. (Hardy Co.)
(incorporated/unincorporated)
- 3. USE/FUNCTION present: Private Residence/Agriculture
original: Private Residence/Agriculture
(public/private restricted)
- 4. OWNER/ADDRESS present: George I. Leatherman
Old Fields, WV
original: Isaac Van Meter Family
Old Fields
(public/private) (phone no.)
- 5. PHOTO/SKETCH OF:

7. PLAN (include approx. dimensions):



6. LOCALE/ENVIRONMENT (map)



8. (A.) ACREAGE (approx):

Approximately 2 acres

(B.) VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The buildings are located within a 1000' by 1000' square having as its west boundary a small county road which forks from US Route 220, immediately south of the entrance to this property. The south side of the square follows the south edge entrance lane and includes all buildings in the comp

COUNTY: Hardy
Survey Region:
Planning District: N/A

PROPERTY NAME: Buena Vista Farms

Old Fields Quad
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9. DESCRIPTION (clarify as appropriate):

<p>a. <u>Exterior Fabric</u></p> <p>stone _____</p> <p>brick <u>flemish bond facade</u></p> <p>concrete _____</p> <p>stucco _____</p> <p>weatherboard _____</p> <p>clapboard _____</p> <p>board & batten _____</p> <p>shingle _____</p> <p>other _____</p>	<p>b. <u>Structural System</u></p> <p>masonry <u>X</u></p> <p>frame _____</p> <p>log _____</p> <p>metal _____</p> <p>other _____</p> <p>foundation <u>stone</u></p>	<p>c. <u>Roofing Material</u></p> <p>wood _____</p> <p>metal <u>standing seam sheet metal</u></p> <p>slate _____</p> <p>tile _____</p> <p>asphalt _____</p> <p>composition _____</p> <p>other _____</p>
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d. Associated Structures (use/type):

outbuildings large frame barn with multiple gables, shed, silos.

dependencies None

other _____

e. Integrity (include dates):

original site/relocated _____

alterations Interior modernized

additions central cross gable. C. 1900. brick extension to rear. C. 1900.

f. Condition:

excellent X

good _____

fair _____

deteriorated _____

abandoned _____

g. Threats:

None

10. SIGNIFICANCE (use attachment sheet if necessary):

a. Architect/Builder/Engineer: Unknown

b. Style/Period: Greek Revival

c. Date(s): 1836 (Date on foundation stone, south side.)

This farmstead is significant for its architecture. The brick house, dated 1836 is one of an important group of Greek Revival style farmhouses in the South Branch Valley. The large frame bank barn, built in 1900, is an outstanding structure with its numerous gables, it is unique within the South Branch Valley, and possibly within the state as well. The property is also significant for its association with the Van Meter family who settled on this property in the mid 18th century and were among the first families in the South Branch Valley. The Leatherman family who has owned the farm since 1898, built the barn.

11. BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Adapted from survey documentation prepared by Nan Stevens, Region VIII Planning and Development Council, P.O. Box 887, Petersburg, WV.

12. FORM PREPARED BY Paula S. Reed DATE September 1984

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ATTACHMENT TO HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

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1. Name(s) Historic/Common: Buena Vista Farms

4. Mr. George Leatherman
General Delivery
Old Fields, WV 26845

10. Significance, continued

Built in 1836 the house is clearly influenced by the Greek Revival style, although it follows the traditional central entrance five bay plan, favored from the 18th century forward. The trabeated entrance with a broad transom and side lights is perhaps the most notable exterior Greek Revival feature. The central cross gable is a turn-of-the-century addition.

Perhaps even more architecturally significant than the house is the large frame Gothic Revival style barn dating from 1904. It features a multiplicity of projecting gables, towers and raised vents with steeply pitched gable or pyramidal roofs. The barn is sheathed with horizontal wooden German siding and is set on locust posts and beams. The barn's significance lies in its unique design features, setting it apart from typical agricultural structures.

The Buena Vista Farms are significant because of their significant buildings relating to period architecture of the early 19th century and early 20th century. The farms are also important for their association with the VanMeter family who settled in the area in the mid-18th century. The VanMeters were known to George Washington who stayed with them on a surveying trip in the South Branch Valley in 1748.

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