

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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 Maidstone Manor Farm

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

William R. Leigh House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF Marlowe

STATE
West Virginia

CODE
54

COUNTY
Berkeley

CODE
003

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mr. & Mrs. Dan Folk

STREET & NUMBER

Maidstone Farm

CITY, TOWN

Falling Waters

VICINITY OF

STATE

West Virginia 25409

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, Berkeley County
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Martinsburg, W. Va. 25401

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE H-12, Berkeley County Historical Society & Berkeley County Historical Landmarks
Commission Survey

DATE

1973-78

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Berkeley County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Martinsburg, WV 25401

STATE

DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Maidstone Manor house is a square brick house, mechanical bond to front 1/5 sides and rear. Pyramidal roof slate covered, chimneys interior on sides, midway between eave and eave parallel to front of house, one each side, brick. Three bays wide, two keep 6/6 sash front and sides, 9/6 or 6/9 in rear where windows are full length ceiling to floor at both levels. Three bay entrance portico, with paired Doric columns at side open pediment. Door double, lock with 4 panels, sidelights transom and paneled reveals. Brick stepped cornice of three rows of brick. One brick outbuilding, one side now being rebuilt, diamond vent open brick pattern in each gable end. Chimney

Barn of indeterminate age.

Smokehouse brick

Site of slave cabin

The land is being used for raising beef cattle.

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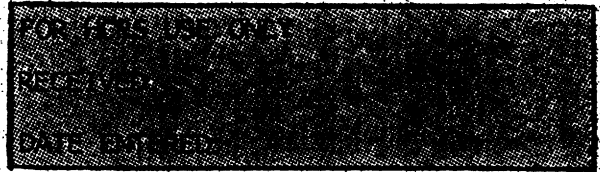
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Located on Route 1/4 between the intersection of Route 1 and Route 1/4, and the intersection of Route 1/5 and Route 1/4.

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William Robinson Leigh was born September 23, 1866, at Maidstone Manor being allowed to roam the farmland at will, he was able to observe the animals, trees, sunsets, storms and all phases of nature that would make him aware of detail that was needed later in life to make his paintings very skillful. He quite often was found drawing pictures on doors and buildings on the farm. At the age of 14 he entered Maryland Institute. When 17 he went to the Royal Academy in Munich, Germany. He spent 4 years in Bavaria and then came back home to Berkeley County. Several people in Berkeley County today own paintings done by Leigh. Maidstone Manor was sold in 1884 when Leigh was 18. His father had suffered much loss during the Civil War and died while Maidstone was in the process of being sold by the Court to pay his creditors. Leigh returned to Berkeley County many times throughout his life and always visited Maidstone.

After Leigh's schooling abroad and a visit to Berkeley County he went to Baltimore for a year and earned enough money to return to Munich. His earlier trip had been financed by an uncle. He worked with Philip Fleish painting cycloramas. Some sold for \$1,000.00. He was now winning all kinds of awards. Leigh remained abroad for 5 years before returning to New York where he married. In 1906 Leigh finally went to the west but maintained a studio in New York City. He went on many trips to Africa and on big game hunts in the U. S. He also turned to writing his book, Frontiers of Enchantment which was published in 1938-"an artist's adventure in Africa." Of his many writings "The Western Pony" with paintings, published in 1933, is considered the best. Leigh wrote and was featured in many magazines: Life, May 24, 1937, The American Museum of Natural History in Nov. and Dec. issues were devoted to the African Expedition, Colliers Nov. 1950, True Sept. 1951, Saturday Evening Post April 1951 are but a few.

Leigh died in 1955. His studio at 200 West 57th St., New York, was given by Mrs. Leigh to Gilcrease Museum in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where it is open to the public.

SIGNIFICANCE

MOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
0-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
0-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
0-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
0-1799	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
0-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
0-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

CIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Maidstone Manor Farm is very significant because it was the early home and farm land of William Robinson Leigh, a famous Western scenic artist. The house has a further significance for its outstanding architectural type, built in 1848 by William Leigh. William Robinson Leigh was born here at the Maidstone Farm Sept. 23, 1866. He was a double grandson of Rawleigh Colston and Elizabeth Marshall Colston. It was here on the Maidstone Farm land that William roamed in childhood. He was able to observe the animals, trees, sunsets, storms and all phases of nature that made him aware of details he later needed in painting his Western scenes. It was here that he started to paint, some times on the barn and out buildings. The farm land was inherited by William Leigh and his sister, Mary Susan Selden Leigh. A division of this land was made in 1849. William Leigh, Jr. received 265 1/2 acres where he has "lately built." William Leigh sold off small tracts leaving 250 3/4 acres in the farm which still remains today.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

The Berkeley Journal, Honeywood and Maidstone Manor, 1977 Special Issue, published by the Berkeley County Historical Society.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 256 A.

QUADRANGLE NAME Hedgesville

QUADRANGLE SCALE _____

UTM REFERENCES

A	18	251200	43851850	B	18	250550	4385110
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	18	249590	4385690	D	18	249050	4386420
E				F			
G				H			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning at the fork in the road, thence SW 3200 ft. thence NW 2500 ft., NE 300 ft., NW 1300 ft., NE 2900 ft., thence along the road SE 4200 ft. to the beginning.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

FORM PREPARED BY

NAME/TITLE Don C. Wood, Genealogist, Historian, Historic Archeologist

ORGANIZATION President, Berkeley County Historical Society DATE _____

Chairman, Berkeley County Historical Landmarks Commission

STREET & NUMBER Route 3, Box 79 TELEPHONE _____

CITY OR TOWN Martinsburg, WV 25401 STATE _____

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 _____ DATE _____

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE _____

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

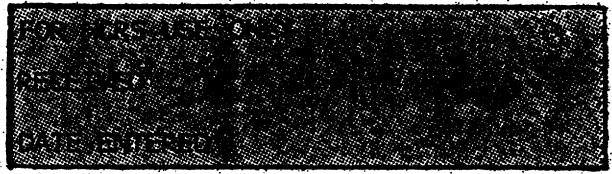
ATTEST: _____ DATE _____

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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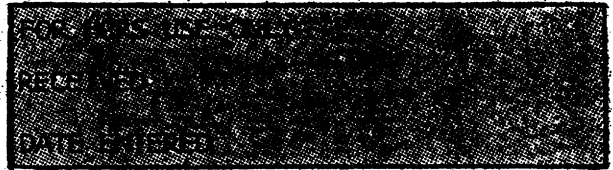
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West Virginia Hillbilly, June 30, 1973 from Charleston Gazette Nov. 14, 1921

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Point C was left off map; this map is taken from the last survey of the farm which shows 267 acres. The earlier deeds had called it 250 acres.



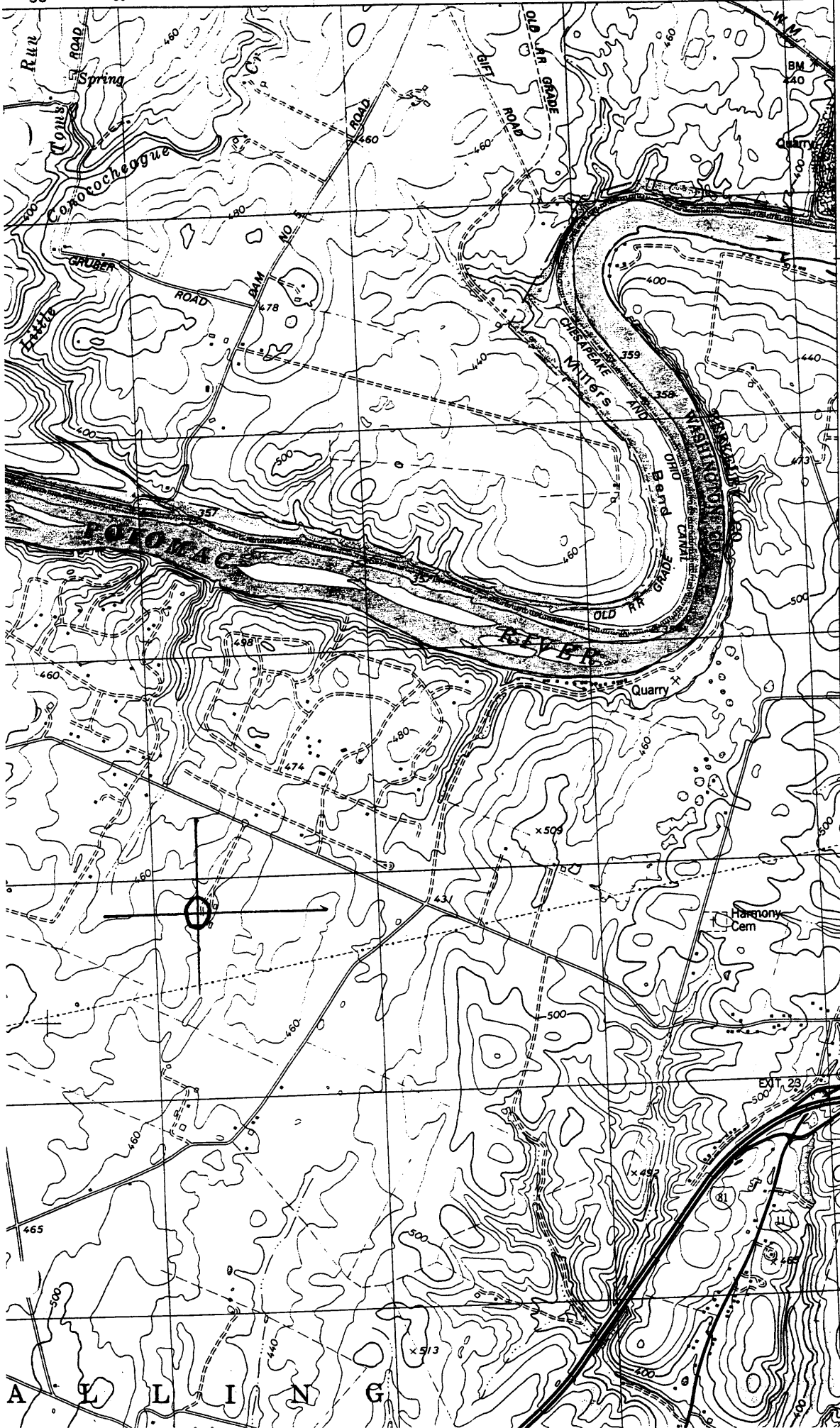
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2 450 000 FEET (W. VA.)

252

11°52'30"

39°37'30"



4389

410 000 FEET (W. VA.)

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Maidstone Manor Farm
(William R. Leigh House)

- Hedgesville Quad
- A-18/251200/4385850
 - B-18/250550/4385110
 - C-18/249590/4385690
 - D-18/249050/4386420

WILLIAMSPORT, MD. 4 MI.
6 MI. TO INTERSTATE 70

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