NAME: Toll House (Watkins Ferry)

LOCATION: US II
Route 11 near Potomac River
CITY, TOWN: Martinsburg (Falling Waters)
STATE: West Virginia

CLASSIFICATION:
CATEGORY: BUILDING(S)
OWNERSHIP: PRIVATE
STATUS: OCCUPIED

OWNER OF PROPERTY:
NAME: Frank Wish
STREET & NUMBER: Haidstone-on-the-Potomac
CITY, TOWN: Falling Waters, WV 25419
STATE: West Virginia

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION:
COURTHOUSE, Berkeley County
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS:
TITLE: U-1, Berkeley County Historical Society & Berkeley County Historical Landmarks Commission Survey
DATE: 1973-74

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
CITY, TOWN: Martinsburg, WV 25410
STATE: West Virginia
Small rectangular stone structure, roughly 17' front x 23' deep, with later frame additions. House abuts the road, and much of it is probably located within state right of way. Structure is one story with attic; gable roof parallel to street. The simple box cornice is obscured by new sheet tin roof. Flush raking cornices on gable ends. Front entrance door is typical two panel Greek Revival entrance, with 3 light transom above. Reveals are single panel each matching transom & door panels. Otherwise the frame is unadorned. One window is see facade is without lintel and has simple beaded surround. All other windows have wooden lintels and unadorned surrounds. Some 6/6 sash, but most is 2/2, w/4 light sash in attic windows. Flue in one gable end, interior at ridge line, top seems to be brick replacement.
The Watkins Ferry toll house is significant for its outstanding architecture. It was an important part of Berkeley County's pre-Civil War transportation. It has a further significance as part of a transportation system which contributed to Berkeley County's commercial development.

In 1837 the turnpike company took over the old Watkins Ferry to Frederick Co. road and established it as a turnpike (toll road). Toll houses were built approximately every 5 miles, with three being constructed from Watkins Ferry to Martinsburg. This one originally built ca. 1837 is a sole survivor and is a classic example of a simple utilitarian structure.
**GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 A.

QUADRANGLE NAME: Williamsport

UTM REFERENCES:

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QUADRANGLE SCALE

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

100 ft. on each side of the toll house.

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

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**FORM PREPARED BY**

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

ORGANIZATION: President, Berkeley County Historical Society

Chairman, Berkeley County Historical Landmarks Commission

STREET & NUMBER: Route 3, Box 79

CITY OR TOWN: Martinsburg, WV 25401

**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

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER: DATE

ATTEST: DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION:
VBD: 100 ft. on each side of the toll house, but in front only to the northwest edge of the highway pavement.