United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in How to Complete National Register Forms
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic
Washington Gold House

and/or common
"Mountain View" Farm

2. Location

On West Virginia Secondary Route #51/2 (Virginia Line Road), 1.3 miles south of Gerrardstown; on the east side of the road.

city, town
Gerrardstown

vicinity of
x

congressional district

state
West Virginia
code 54

county
Berkeley
code 003

3. Classification

Category
- district
- building(s)
- structure
- site
- object

Ownership
- public
- private
- both

Public Acquisition
- in process
- being considered

Status
- occupied
- unoccupied
- work in progress

Accessible
- yes: restricted
- yes: unrestricted
- no

Present Use
- agriculture
- commercial
- educational
- entertainment
- government
- industrial
- military
- museum
- park
- private residence
- religious
- scientific
- transportation
- other:

4. Owner of Property

name
Mr. and Mrs. Granville V. Shirley

street & number
Route #1, Box 800

city, town
Inwood

vicinity of
x

state
West Virginia

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.
Berkeley County Courthouse

street & number
100 West King Street

city, town
Martinsburg

state
West Virginia

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title
Berkeley County Historic Landmarks Commission Survey

has this property been determined eligible? x yes __ no

date
1973 - 1983

federal
state x county local

depository for survey records
Berkeley County Courthouse

city, town
Martinsburg

state
West Virginia
Located one and three-tenths miles south of Gerrardstown, the Washington Gold house is a large (58' x 46'), two story, "L" shaped, brick dwelling constructed in 1854 in five row common bond on a stone foundation. Situated at the end of a mile long country lane, the house is surrounded by a well kept yard with mature trees. The front section of the house is five bays wide and the rear section is four bays deep with a two-tiered recessed porch. The one story front entrance porch covers the center three bays and is Victorian in style, probably added ca. 1890.

The house is Greek Revival with large trabeated 6/6 double sash windows. The decorative white lintels have plain corner blocks. Over the entrance door, set within panelled reveals, is a rectangular transom of diamond panes. Corbelled rows of brick comprise the cornice.

The front part of the house has a central hall plan, one room each side. The open-well stair of four flights has a scalloped step-end decoration that continues unbroken in an undulating fashion from one step to the next. The ell is two rooms deep and has finished plastered rooms on four stories (basement and attic included). These rooms are connected by several interior winder stairs and by the two-tiered, recessed porch which also has stairs to the basement level. Altogether, the house has eleven rooms with ten fireplaces. Five of these rooms were servants' quarters and their working areas.

The house is Greek Revival throughout. The ceilings are ten feet tall, windows are large, and mantels are heavy looking. Some facings have corner block trim and others have shouldered trim. In the main parlor, window facings are carried to the floor, the reveals are splayed, and the area below the window is panelled.

Carpenter's locks are throughout the house and floors are random width pine.

The carriage house is frame and was constructed probably the same year, 1890, as the entrance porch.

The small log house is the early Rippey cabin constructed ca. 1760. It is one-and-a-half stories and measures fourteen-and-one-half feet (14½') by sixteen-and-one-half feet (16½'). A heavy hand-hewn ladder leads to the loft.
### 8. Significance

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

The Washington Gold house is significant for its historical associations with the Gold family and as part of the progression of the development of the Rippey-Gold farm. It is also significant as an excellent example of vernacular Greek Revival architecture.

Joseph Rippey purchased 310 acres in 1761 and constructed the small log building as early permanent settler housing. The farm remained in the Rippey family until 1848 when it was purchased by Washington Gold who lived at a neighboring farm. In 1854, Mr. Gold built the large brick house which he named "Mountain View" and made it his home. He owned two other farms in the area and one in Clarke County, Virginia.

The house is architecturally significant and is representative of several brick, period houses in the area beginning with "Edgewood", ca. 1830, in the southern part of the county. This "L" shaped house-plan became very popular and continued to be used until the 1890's. All of these houses exhibit classical overtures, but stylistic identity is found in their separate features.

"Mountain View" is quite a large house, well finished throughout, and exhibits design elements of Greek Revival particularly in the proportions of the building, classical trabeated fenestration, very elegant staircase, plain, temple-like mantels, decorative doorways, and heavy, wide four-panel doors with original hardware. The workmanship, both interior and exterior, is excellent.

Washington Gold built "Mountain View" in 1854 and it remains today a reflection of his architectural expression. The dwelling house is a significant example of vernacular Greek Revival architecture.
9. Major Bibliographical References


10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 2 acres
Quadrangle name Inwood, WV
Quadrangle scale 1 : 24,000

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Verbal boundary description and justification
100' on each side of the buildings, including adjacent part of the lane and Mill Creek (see map).

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Frances D. Ruth - Chairperson
organization Berkeley County Historic Landmarks Commission
date September 30, 1983
street & number Route #2, Box 320
telephone (304) 754 - 7097
city or town Martinsburg
state West Virginia

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state X 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title Commissioner, WV Department of Culture & History
date November 18, 1983
Inwood Quadrangle

Area 2 acres

WASHINGTHON GOLD HOUSE

Berkeley County, West Virginia

SCALE 1 : 7,920

Copied September 1983 from photo AGS-66-64
by Galtjo I. Geertsema
Washington Gold House
("Mountain View" Farm)

W.Va. Route 5 1/2
(Virginia Line Road)

Gerrardstown vicinity,
Berkeley County,
West Virginia

Inwood, W.Va.
U.S.G.S. Quadrangle

U.T.M. Coordinates
17/749060/4359760