

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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VERSION

STATE: West Virginia
COUNTY: Jefferson
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ENTRY DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: Beall-Air

AND/OR HISTORIC: *Washington Column, Lewis William House*

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 3/4 mile north of U.S. Route 340 and approximately 2/5 mile east of West Virginia Route 24

CITY OR TOWN: Halltown CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Second

STATE: West Virginia CODE: 54 COUNTY: Jefferson CODE: 037

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <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 (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: C.L. Robinson, Ice and Cold Storage Corporation

STREET AND NUMBER: North Cameron

CITY OR TOWN: Winchester STATE: Virginia CODE: 51

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Jefferson County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Charles Town STATE: West Virginia CODE: 54

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Beall-Air

DATE OF SURVEY: December 1946 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Magazine of the Jefferson County Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER: P.O. Box 485

CITY OR TOWN: Charles Town STATE: West Virginia CODE: 54

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

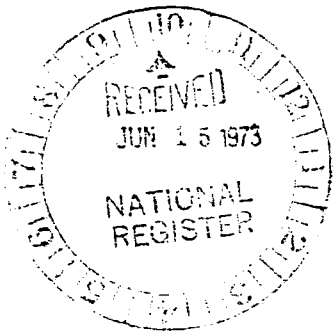
The main section of Beall-Air is a two story stuccoed brick structure with stone foundation. It is of classical-revival style with an Ionic first floor portico to the southern facing front. The portico has four columns, two pilasters, and a brick foundation. The frontispiece consists of a large double-leafed door with a simple consol at either side, side lights and an over light. The lights are diamond shaped and are located within wooden mullions. The five windows are symmetrically placed around the portico and have 6/6 panes. The central second story window also has side lights which are 2/2 with diamond shaped mullions on the inside of the glass. The corners of the house are projected from the rest of the facade to emulate pilasters. They extend above the windows, horizontally across the front, just below the cornice.

The eastern and western ends are similar to each other; both show the "shadow" of a porch; both have double hung windows; both have a centered chimney in their stepped-gabled ends; and both have outside doors. A first floor window to the west still has the original 9/9 panes, but all others have been replaced with casements.

To the north of the house proper is a small 2½ story structure. It is also stuccoed and has a gabled roof with two dormers toward the south. This section, which is the earlier one, is connected to the classical-revival building by a two story link and one story vestibules to the east and west. It has an "L" on its northwestern corner. This "L" has stepped-gables on its north-south ends.

The windows in this older section are of late 18th century detail with heavy pinned frames.

The stuccoed cornice is of concave moulding to the bottom and convex details to the top.



The dates of these separate constructions are unknown, but it is reasonable to believe that the rear and older portion was built over 177 years ago by Thomas Beall. The newer section, along with its portico, was added around 1820 by Lewis William Washington.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE			
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	
SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)			
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
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<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	itarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE			
<p>Beall-Air is historically significant because it was the home of Colonel Lewis William Washington, the great, great nephew of George Washington and famous hostage of John Brown.</p> <p>The home was originally owned by Thomas Beall. He and his wife had a daughter named Elizabeth who in 1807 married George Corbin Washington. George Corbin was the grandson of Augustine, the half-brother of George Washington. In 1812 Elizabeth and George Corbin became the parents of Lewis William. When Elizabeth's father died, he left his estate to his grandson. Lewis made Beall-Air his home and later added a southern facing front to the former abode of Thomas Beall.</p> <p>In June 1858, John Cook came to Harpers Ferry. Cook had been selected by John Brown as an advance agent in order to determine when conditions were ripe for a slave insurrection. He was also to acquaint himself with Colonel Lewis William Washington. It seems that Colonel Washington owned two trophies that Brown himself desired. One was a sword Frederick the Great had given to General George Washington. It was inscribed, "From the Oldest General in the world to the Greatest." The other was a pair of pistols Lafayette had given the First President. Brown claimed that he needed these in a second struggle for liberty. Cook succeeded in becoming an acquaintance of Lewis' and is said to have made careful notes on the relics and slaves at Beall-Air.</p> <p>Soon after Brown's attack on Harpers Ferry, he sent a detachment for Washington. The Colonel, several of his slaves, and his prized trophies were taken to the famed engine house. Lewis William Washington was among those held as hostage at "Brown's Fort," and after the stronghold was broken, was the one to identify John Brown to the marines.</p> <p>When Lieutenant Green entered the engine house, he intended to thrust a savor into the chest of the insane slave liberator. He tried, but the blade evidently struck something hard under Brown's blouse and would not penetrate the flesh. It is believed that the obstruction was the belt buckle supporting Washington's stolen sword.</p> <p>The small 2½ story section to the north was used as living quarters by the Beall family until the addition (now the main section) was built by Lewis William Washington in c. 1820.</p>			

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Annual Report of the 1970 West Virginia Antiquities Commission.

"Beall Air," Magazine of the Jefferson County Historical Society, Dec. 1946.

Bushong, Millard K. Historic Jefferson County, Boyce: Carr Publishing Co., Inc., 1972

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		77°	48'	43"
SE	° ' "	° ' "		18 / 257550		
SW	° ' "	° ' "		4855320		

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1/2 Acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Ted McGee, Field Agent

ORGANIZATION: West Virginia Antiquities Commission

DATE: April 5, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:
Old Mountainlair--West Virginia University

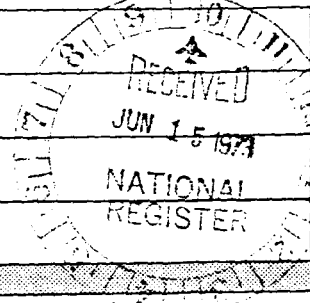
CITY OR TOWN: Morgantown.

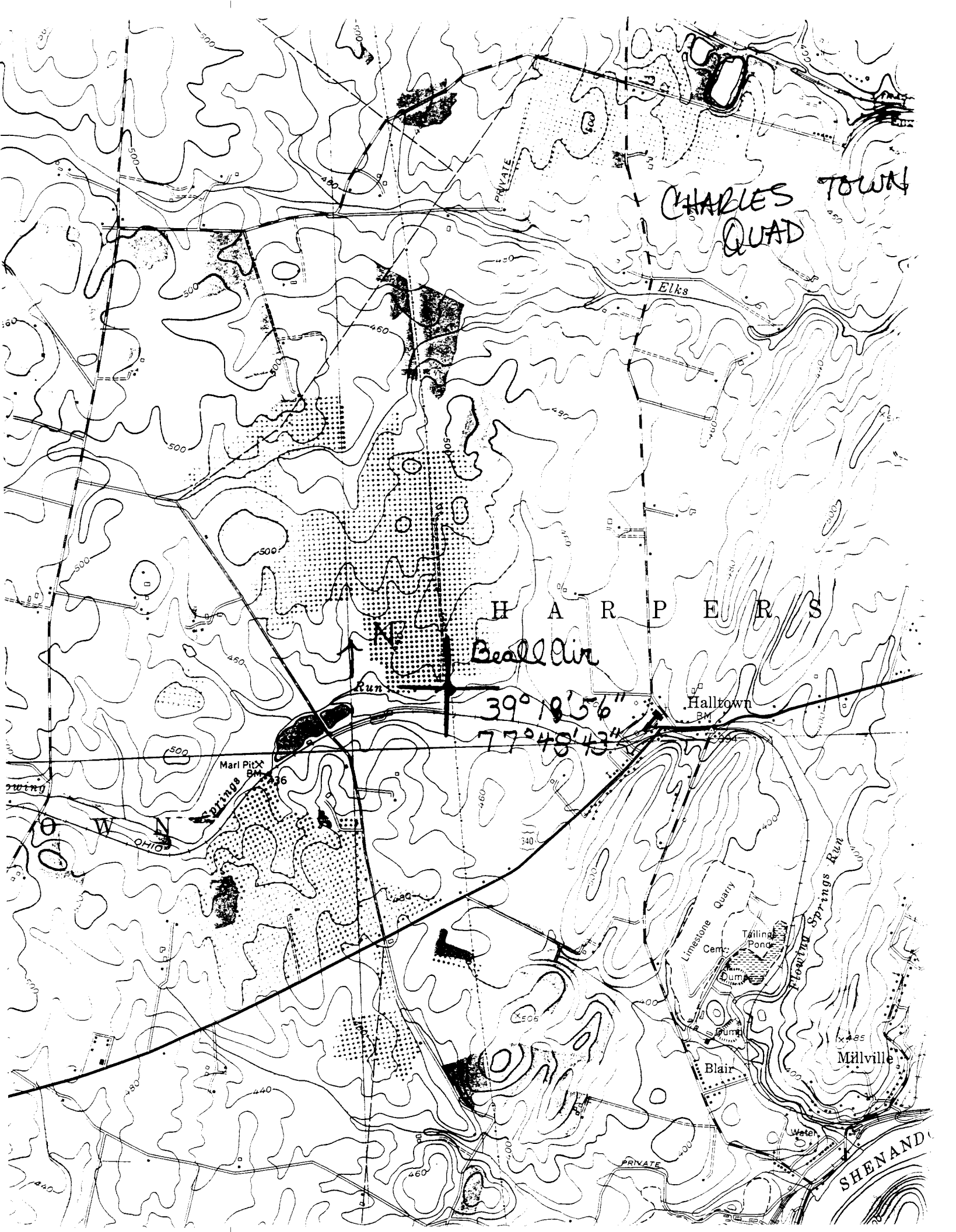
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12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION	NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION
<p>As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:</p> <p>National <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name: <u>Maurice G. Brooks</u></p> <p>Title: <u>State Historic Preservation Officer</u></p> <p>Date: <u>May 30, 1973</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p>_____ Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p>_____ Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date: _____</p>

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CHARLES TOWN
QUAD

H A R P E R S

Beall Air

39° 19' 56"
77° 48' 43"

Halltown
BM

Marl Pit
BM

Limestone Quarry

Tailing Pond

Dump

Blair

Millville

SHENANDO