UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON: Elmwood
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 2.4 miles south of Shepherdstown on W.Va. County Route 17 (Flowing Springs Road) and .3 west of 17
CITY OR TOWN: Shepherdstown
STATE: West Virginia
CODE: 54
COUNTY: Jefferson
CODE: 037

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)
☐ District ☐ Building ☐ Site ☐ Structure ☐ Object

OWNERSHIP
☐ Public ☐ Private ☐ Both

STATUS
☐ Occupied ☐ Unoccupied ☐ Preservation work in progress

ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☐ Yes: ☐ Restricted ☐ Unrestricted ☐ No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)
☐ Agricultural ☐ Government ☐ Park ☐ Transportation ☐ Comments
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Private Residence ☐ Other (Specify) ☐
☐ Educational ☐ Military ☐ Religious ☐ ☐
☐ Entertainment ☐ Museum ☐ Scientific

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Dr. Oscar C. Stine
STREET AND NUMBER: Route 1
CITY OR TOWN: Shepherdstown
STATE: West Virginia
CODE: 54

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: Historic American Buildings Survey
DATE OF SURVEY: 1937 ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Division of Prints and Photographs
STREET AND NUMBER: Library of Congress
CITY OR TOWN: Washington
STATE: District of Columbia
CODE: 11
Elmwood is a two-story Federal brick structure with an attic, stone foundation, and basement.

There is a chimney on both the northern and southern gabled ends. The joining flues on the northern chimney account for the curious niche in its southern side. Both chimneys have modern concrete caps.

The window frames are of heavy rolled wood and are molded in the late 18th Century manner with pinned corners; however, the front doorway is of Greek Revival style with over-lights, side lights, and a Doric portico added around 1840. The nine windows on the eastern facing front are arranged symmetrically around the door. The windows are double hung with 8/12 lights on the second floor and 12/12 lights on the first floor. At each gabled end of the house are two small double hung windows with 2/4 lights. There is a first floor dining room door on the southern side.

There are three second floor windows on the western side and a lower window at the stair landing. Originally, there were four windows and a door on the first floor. Presently, there is a one-story modern kitchen addition on this western side.

The house is of Flemish bond brickwork with glazed black headers on the northern and southern sides only.

There is a cornice with a crown molding on both eastern and western eaves; a Greek-key molding is on the eastern cornice only.
Elwood is historically significant because it is located on land claimed in 1732 by Edward Lucas II, one of the Shenandoah Valley's first settlers. It was built by the Revolutionary soldier Edward Lucas III, and was used as a hospital during the Civil War.

In 1732, Edward Lucas II came to the Valley from Bucks County, Pennsylvania. This date is evident by the engravings on a boundary stone near Elwood. Because of a law suit between Jacob Hite and Lord Fairfax, Lucas did not gain full ownership of the land until 1760; therefore, he did not build a permanent home. In 1797 his son, Edward Lucas III built Elwood.

The builder of this magnificent home had a very interesting military career. According to his family, he volunteered at Fort Cumberland with Daniel Cressops shortly after Braddock's defeat. Later he was wounded at Laurel Hill, (West) Virginia. In July 1775, he set out from Shepherdstown with Captain Hugh Stephenson for the six-hundred mile march in order to join Washington in Boston. In the fall of 1776, Captain William Morgan recruited a company of volunteers to reinforce Washington's army at Morristown, New Jersey. Lucas reached the rank of second lieutenant; his commission was signed on February 25, 1777, by General George Washington's own hand!

Elizabeth Edwards was the bride of Edward III. They had eleven children, but only six of them reached maturity. Of the infant sons who died, two were named Edward. Obviously, the parents wanted to keep the name in the family but were afraid to name another son Edward. When the next child was born, they did the closest thing they could by giving him the mother's maiden name, Edwards. Edwards (sometimes referred to as Edward IV) was about fourteen when his father built Elwood. When Edward III died, he left Elwood to his son with the stipulation that Elizabeth be given a home.

Edwards' son, Robert, was the next to inherit Elwood. He received his medical certificates from the University of Pennsylvania. Upon graduation he married Catherine Shepherd, descendant of the town's founder. The well-liked "Dr. Bob" chose to farm the land and not practice medicine. In a letter from D.W. Speer, dated March 1883, Robert Lucas donated his services as a physician during the War Between the States and allowed Elwood to be used as an army hospital.
8. SIGNIFICANCE (Continued)

Although there were temporary interruptions, the Lucases occupied the beautiful brick mansion called Elmwood until 1948 when it was bought by Dr. Oscar C. Stine.
9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY

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NAME AND TITLE: Ted McGee, Field Agent

ORGANIZATION: West Virginia Antiquities Commission

DATE: March 9, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER: Old Mountainlair, West Virginia University

CITY OR TOWN: Morgantown

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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:

National [X] State [ ] Local [ ]

Name: Maurice G. Brooks
Title: State Historic Preservation Officer

Date: May 30, 1973

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

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Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date

ATTEST:

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