

HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

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File No: 9
Theme(s):
Nec No(n):
USGS Quad: Charleston West, W.Va.
UTM Ref: 17/443650/4244360

DISTRICT: SITE: BUILDING: STRUCTURE: OBJECT

1. NAME(S), historic/common: "Home Hill"; Cox, Frank/
Drennen, William House

2. LOCATION, street/road: 640 Holley Road

city/town: Charleston
(incorporated/unincorporated)

3. USE/FUNCTION, present: residence

original: residence

4. OWNER/ADDRESS, present: William Drennen
(address above)

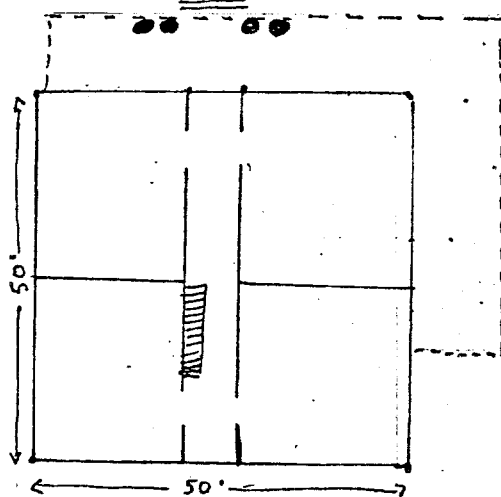
original: Frank Cox

(public/private,
restricted)

(public/private)

5. PHOTO/SKETCH OF:

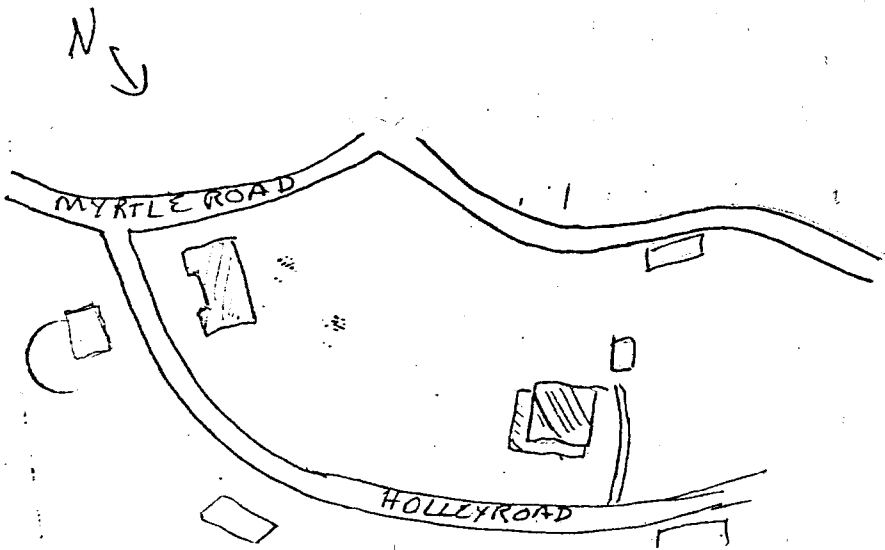
7. PLAN (include approx. dimensions):



6. LOCALE/ENVIRONMENT (map):

8. ACREAGE (approx):

2 acres



COUNTRY: Kanawha
Survey Region: _____
Planning District: _____

9. DESCRIPTION (clarify as appropriate):

a. Exterior Fabric

stone _____
 brick X _____
 concrete _____
 stucco _____
 weatherboard _____
 clapboard _____
 board & batten _____
 shingle _____
 other _____

b. Structural System

masonry _____
 frame X _____
 log _____
 metal _____
 other _____
 foundation _____
 stone _____

c. Roofing Material

wood _____
 metal _____
 slate X _____
 tile _____
 asphalt _____
 composition _____
 other _____

d. Associated Structures (use/type):

outbuildings garage/apartment

dependencies N/A

other N/A

e. Integrity (include dates):

original site/relocated _____

alterations 1920's front porch
repalced by columns and
portico

additions NONE

f. Condition:

excellent _____
 good X _____
 fair _____
 deteriorated _____
 abandoned _____

g. Threats: NONE

10. SIGNIFICANCE (use additional sheet if necessary):

a. Architect/Builder/Engineer:

Andrew Calderwood

b. Style/Period: American

4-Square

c. Date(s): 1902

"Home Hill: is a house significant to Charleston's historical and architectural development. Frank Cox, for whom the house was built in 1902, was the secretary of Republic Coal Co., the West Virginia Colliery Co., and the Carbon Coal Co. He was known in West Virginia as the "Great Wildcatter". His daughter

Alice Boyd Cox married D. Holmes Morton of Morton Coal Co. Today the Morton's grandson and the Cox's great-grandson Bill Drennen resides in the house with his family.

"Home Hill" is a notable example of Charleston's American Four-Square Architecture, and is the earliest of its type in South

See Continuation Sheet.

11. BIBLIOGRAPHY:

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Interview with Quin Morton, July 2, 1983

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12. FORM PREPARED BY Alice Carter ; DATE Sept, 30 1983

a. Address 4011 Kanawha Ave, Charleston, WV 25304

b. Organization _____

"Home Hill";Cox/Morton House
640 Holley Road

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Hills. A ballustrated terrace wraps around two sides of the house. The doric portico, added in the twenties, lends a colonial revival air to the structure. The hipped platform roof has deep overhanging eaves, a gabled front dormer and shed dormers on the sides.

Andrew Calderwood, who was the builder of the house, was well respected in Charleston for his fine construction of the old West Virginia State House, the Roman Catholic Church and the Ruffner Hotel.

13. Verbal Boundary Description

"Home Hill" is situated on a two (2) acre rectangle approximately 400' by 400' bounded on the north by Holley Road and on the south by a contour line.

