

United States Department of the Interior National Park Service  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: The Gold Houses

other name/site number: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street & number: 503 and 505 N. Second St. not for publication: N/A

city/town: Mason vicinity: N/A

state: WV code: WV county: Mason code: 079 zip code: 25260

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this x nomination     request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property x meets     does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant     nationally     statewide x locally.

(    See continuation sheet.)

William C. Tanner 6/4/97  
Signature of Certifying Official Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau Date

In my opinion, the property     meets     does not meet the National Register criteria. (    See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Certifying Official/Title Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

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**4. National Park Service Certification**

I, hereby certify that this property is:

\_\_\_\_\_ entered in the National Register

\_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

\_\_\_\_\_ determined eligible for the  
National Register

\_\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

\_\_\_\_\_ determined not eligible for the  
National Register

\_\_\_\_\_ removed from the National Register

\_\_\_\_\_ other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Keeper

Date  
of Action

**5. Classification**

Ownership of Property:

Category of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

(Check only one box)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

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

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
4	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
4	0	TOTAL

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National  
Register 0

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### 6. Function or Use

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**Historic Functions** (Enter categories from instructions)      **Current Functions** (Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic - single dwelling      Domestic - single dwelling

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### 7. Description

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**Architectural Classification:** (Enter categories from instructions)      **Materials** (Enter categories from instructions)

<u>Late Victorian - Queen Anne Foursquare</u>	Foundation	<u>Stone</u>
	Walls	<u>Wood Frame</u>
	Roof	<u>Asphalt Shingle</u>
		<u>Slate</u>
	Other	_____

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### Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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### 8. Statement of Significance

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#### Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "X" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

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**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Commerce - Fruit

**Period of Significance**

1908-1928

**Significant Dates**

1908

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Gold, A. Fremont

Gold, W. Alfred

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

N/A

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of Repository: \_\_\_\_\_

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property: Approximately one acre

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

Pomeroy, OH USGS Quadrangle Map

<u>17</u>	<u>411325</u>	<u>4319810</u>
Zone	Easting	Northing

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**Verbal Boundary Description**  
(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification**  
(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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City or Town: Charleston State: WV ZIP: 25305-0300

Gold Brothers' Homes  
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**Property Owner**

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(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

Name: Kathi and Ben Polis

Street & Number: 503 N. Second Street Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

City or Town: Mason State: WV Zip: 25260

Name: Rocky and Sabra Pearson

Street & Number: 505 N. Second Street Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

City or Town: Mason State: WV Zip: 25260

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The pair of Gold Brothers Houses at Mason, West Virginia are nominated to the National Register according to Criteria B and C for their association with locally significant agricultural merchants and the represented architectural significance. The co-owners of the property, A. Fremont Gold and W. Alfred Gold, were locally significant merchants that introduced a profitable nursery and orchard business to Mason County at the beginning of the twentieth century. Their pair of homes signify the success of the business in the community. The early twentieth century architectural style of the two buildings are unique to the town and region.

In 1899 the Gold Family business moved to Mason, West Virginia. The brothers' father, T.H. Gold, started the business in Bedford Township, Meigs County, Ohio growing plants and trees for his neighbors and local tradespeople. A.F. Gold and W.A. Gold, his sons, worked with their father. By 1899 the business had outgrown the Bedford Township Farm. Land was purchased from Albert McDaniel of Mason County and the nursery was transferred to Mason, West Virginia in 1900. The Gold Nursery and Orchard were located directly across the street from the brothers' houses on N. Second Street.

About 1910, the Gold Brothers decided to enlarge their business by starting commercial orchards in the area. They secured a large acreage near Clifton and in 1912 set out their first commercial orchard. Despite public disbelief that their orchards would succeed, they planted both apple and cherry trees in their orchard, hosting a celebration of their first harvest.

At their heyday, the brothers owned and operated the following commercial orchards:

- Clifton Orchard - 800 apple trees and 1,200 cherry trees
- Hartford Orchard - 8,000 apple trees and 3,000 peach trees
- Mason City Orchard - 3,000 apple trees and 2,000 peach trees
- West Virginia Orchard - 13,000 apple trees, 500 cherry trees and 3,500 peach trees
- Davis Orchard - 10,000 apple trees (200 acres)

All were located within Mason County. The orchards represent the extensive pomological success of the brothers. In 1926, an Apple Blossom





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Verbal Boundary Description

Beginning at a point at the southwest corner of the property at 503 N. Second Street; thence running with the west property line N 14 30' 00" W, 264.67' to a point, thence east N 73 08' 45" E approximately 145' to a point; thence along the east property line of 505 N. Second Street S 23 51' 00" East approximately 237.76' to a point thence at the southeast corner.

Boundary Justification

The boundary matches the existing tax parcel limits of the two properties. The surrounding neighborhood has been subdivided. No apparent trace of the orchards is visible in Mason.

503 and 505 N. Second Street correspond to the tax map 105, parcel 15 and tax map 105, parcel 16. The plat is also referenced in Will Book 27, Page 312 being situate in Waggener District of Mason County, West Virginia

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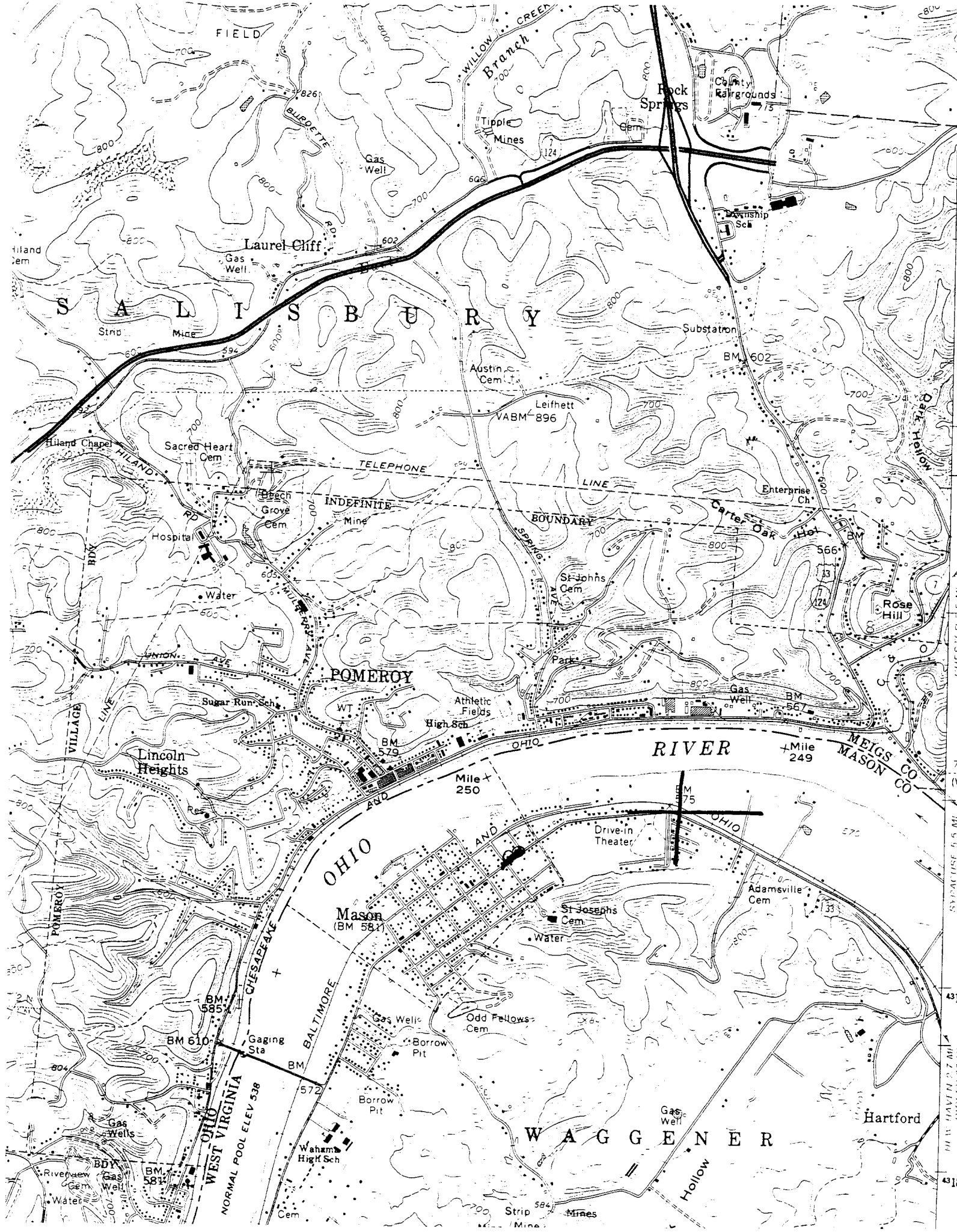
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Photographers: Katherine Jourdan and Susan Pierce, WV SHPO  
Date: February 12, 1997 and July 12, 1996  
Negatives are on file at WV SHPO



FIELD

Laurel Cliff

SALISBURY

Rock Springs

County Railgrounds

Tipple Mines

Gas Well

Hiland Cem

Strips

Mills

Substation

Ship Sch

Austin Cem

Leifhett

VABM-896

BM 602

Hiland Chapel

Sacred Heart Cem

TELEPHONE LINE

INDEFINITE BOUNDARY

BOUNDARY

Enterprise Ch

Hospital

Bech Groves Cem

Mine

St John's Cem

Carter Oak

Hot

Rose Hill

Water

Sugar Run Sch

POMEROY

Athletic Fields

High Sch

OHIO RIVER

RIVER

Mile 249

MEIGS CO MASON CO

Lincoln Heights

Mile 250

OHIO

Mason (BM 581)

Drive-in Theater

St Josephs Cem

Adamsville Cem

Water

Odd Fellows Cem

Gas Wells

Borrow Pit

Borrow Pit

Gas Well

Hartford

WAGGENER

WEST VIRGINIA NORMAL POOL ELEV 538

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BM 585

BM 610

BM 581

Gas Wells

River Cem

Water

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Cem

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THE W. HAVEN P. 27 AM

