Form 10-300
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:
Shepherd Hall

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Monument Place

2. LOCATION
STREET AND NUMBER:
Monument Place, Kruger Street
CITY OR TOWN:
Wheeling
STATE:
West Virginia

3. CLASSIFICATION
CATEGORY (CHECK ONE)

District
Site
Object

OWNERSHIP

Public
Private
Both

STATUS

Public Acquisition:

In Process
Being Considered

ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC

Occupied
Unoccupied

Yes:

Restricted
Unrestricted
No

PRESENT USE (CHECK ONE OR MORE AS APPROPRIATE)

Agricultural
Commercial
Educational
Entertainment

Government
Industrial
Military
Museum

Park
Private Residence
Religious
Scientific

Transportation
Other (Specify)

Comments

Headquarters of Shrine organization

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY
OWNER'S NAME:
Osiris Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. of the City of Wheeling

STREET AND NUMBER:
Monument Place, Kruger Street
CITY OR TOWN:
Wheeling
STATE:
West Virginia

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Ohio County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
16th and Chapline Streets
CITY OR TOWN:
Wheeling
STATE:
West Virginia

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey
DATE OF SURVEY:
1936
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Congressional Library
STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington, D.C.
STATE:
Dist. of Columbia

7. FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY NUMBER
DATE

S E E I N S T R U C T I O N S
Shepherd Hall today occupies a terrace in a wooded tract of approximately five acres at the intersection of Route 88 and Cruger Street in Elm Grove, a suburb of Wheeling. The only other structure is a cottage standing to the left of Shepherd Hall, built by the Lorings nearly a century ago, for the rearing of their five children. It has undergone some exterior alterations in style.

At an early point in the mansion's history a porch was added to the east side, built of stone in complete harmony with the original. It has now been altered and enclosed.

The Osiris Temple has added extensively to the rear of the house, building with buff brick to supply meeting rooms and large areas for banquets and dances. This addition is visible only from the rear of the building.

In the mansion itself the principal original features are still preserved: the large hallway and fine stairway with fine woodwork; the library; ballroom across the second floor front, now used as administrative offices, and bedrooms, including the one often used by Henry Clay.

The Historic American Building Survey has done a study of this mansion.

On the grounds during the days of the Shepherds were other buildings now gone--a stone barn, guest house, detached kitchen, and a long row of negro quarters. Two notable pieces of sandstone sculpture--an elaborate sundial and the Clay monument--are no longer in existence except for fragments of the latter.
Shepherd Hall, as it was known to its builders, or Monument Place, as it is known in modern times, is apparently the oldest house still standing in Wheeling, having been built in 1798, and is closely linked to the history of a prominent pioneer family and to the history of the National Road, which reached Wheeling in 1818.

The builder was Moses Shepherd, and his wife, who with him survived the 1782 attack on Fort Henry, sometimes referred to as the last battle of the Revolutionary War, was Lydia Boggs. She lived until after the Civil War, dying in 1867.

Moses Shepherd was the great great-grandson of the Indian trader Jan Van Metre, who penetrated present West Virginia about 1725; the great-grandson of John Van Metre, who obtained a huge grant of land in the eastern Panhandle in 1730; the grandson of Thomas Shepherd, founder of Shepherdstown, West Virginia; and the son of Colonel David Shepherd, builder of Fort Shepherd on the grounds of Shepherd Hall, and commandant of Fort Henry in Wheeling. Shepherd's fort was burned by the Indians.

Moses Shepherd became prominent in his own right as Colonel in the War of 1812 and as bridge builder on the National Road from Wheeling to the Pennsylvania line. It is traditionally related that it was the friendship of Henry Clay with the Shepherds that led to a slight deviation in the National Road across Wheeling Creek and back again to accommodate Moses and Lydia. A room assigned to Henry Clay in Shepherd Hall is still pointed out to visitors by the present owners—the Osiris Temple of The Shrine.

Other illustrious statesmen to visit Shepherd Hall included Andrew Jackson, Thomas Hart Benton and family, William Henry Harrison, Zachary Taylor, Daniel Webster, and Lafayette.

While securing the bridge contract and later trying to obtain $72,000 still owing him for the two extra bridges, the Shepherds frequented Washington. During this period to show their appreciation of Henry Clay's efforts as champion of the National Road which united the east and west and greatly encouraged immigration, the Shepherds erected an elaborate monument to him on their grounds and it was unveiled in his presence in 1820.

The Shepherds developed a plantation which included a large grist mill, sawmill, distillery, general store, and on completion of the National Road, a tavern. While overseeing and developing this enormous estate, Moses...
8. Significance - Shepherd Hall

Shepherd was also a prominent citizen, serving as a town councilman and mayor of Wheeling.

After the death of Moses Shepherd, Lydia married General Daniel Cruger, a Congressman from New York State who then came to live in Wheeling. Living to the age of 101, Lydia became a legend in her own time.

When the extensive plantation was sold in lots, after Lydia's death, it became the district of Elm Grove. Major Alonzo Loring purchased the Shepherd house and renamed it Monument Place. Major Loring was a prominent citizen.

The third owner in the long history of Shepherd Hall is The Osiris Temple, which purchased the home from the Loring heirs in 1926.
9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Foster, H. M. History of Monument Place at Elm Grove, W. Va. Undated manuscript. 18 pp.


Cranmer, G. L. History of Wheeling City and Ohio County. Chicago, 1902.

Wingerter, Charles A. History of Greater Wheeling and Vicinity. 2v. Chicago, 1912.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 4 acres

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Clifford M. Lewis, S.J.

ORGANIZATION: In contract with the W. Va. Antiquities Commission

DATE: September 21, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER: Wheeling College

CITY OR TOWN: Wheeling

STATE: West Virginia

CODE: 54

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 [ ] State [x] Local [ ]

Name: Dallas B. Shafer

Title: State Liaison Officer

Date: October 9, 1970

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date
# National Register of Historic Places

## Property Map Form

### Instructions

1. **NAME**
   - **Common:** Shepherd Hall
   - **And/or Historic:** Monument Place

2. **LOCATION**
   - **Street and Number:** Monument Place, Kruger Street
   - **City or Town:** Wheeling
   - **State:** West Virginia
   - **Code:** 54
   - **County:** Ohio
   - **Code:** 069

3. **Map Reference**
   - **Source:** U.S. Geological Survey
   - **Wheeling Quadrangle**
   - **Scale:** 1:24,000
   - **Date:** 1956

4. **Requirements**
   - To be included on all maps:
     1. Property boundaries where required.
     2. North arrow.
     3. Latitude and longitude reference.

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### Map

- **State:** West Virginia
- **Counties:** Ohio
- **Lat. 40° 2' 32.58" N**
- **Lon. 81° 2' 30" W**