

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

1. Name of Property HECK, ALBERT S. . MANSION

historic name: Heck, Albert S. Mansion
other name/site number: McIntosh Mansion

2. Location

street & number: State Route 14 not for publication: NA
city/town: Spencer vicinity: X
state: WV county: Roane code: 087 zip code: 25276

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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.

Susan M. Pierce 1/27/99
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 Date

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:	Signature of Keeper	Date of Action
_____ 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): _____ _____ _____	_____	_____

5. Classification

Ownership of Property:
(Check as many boxes as apply)

Category of Property
(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	
_____ 1 _____	_____ 1 _____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
_____ 1 _____	_____ 1 _____	TOTAL

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

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

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6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

DOMESTIC: single dwelling
AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE
Agricultural field
Agricultural outbuildings

Current Functions

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

LATE 19th AND EARLY 20th
CENTURY REVIVALS: Neoclassical

Materials

Foundation: brick
Walls: brick
Roof: clay tile
Other: metal trim

Narrative Description

(See continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

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

Architecture

Period of Significance

1925

Significant Dates

1925

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Knight, Wallace

Narrative Statement of Significance

(See continuation sheets.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acree of Property: Roughly 30 acres

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

Spencer Quad Map

A 17 <u>468110 4296190</u> Zone Easting Northing	B 17 <u>468030 4295860</u> Zone Easting Northing	C 17 <u>467800 4295910</u> Zone Easting Northing
D 17 <u>467870 4295650</u> Zone Easting Northing	E 17 <u>468150 4295590</u> Zone Easting Northing	F 17 <u>467750 4295560</u> Zone Easting Northing
G 17 <u>467670 4296100</u> Zone Easting Northing		

Verbal Boundary Description

See attached tax parcel survey map

Boundary Justification

The boundary is the legal parcel associated with the historic property.

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11. Form Prepared By

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Organization: WV SHPO

Date: July 29, 1998

Street & Number: The Cultural Center, 1900 Kanawha Blvd East Phone: 304/558-0220

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

Property Owner

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

Name: Frederick McIntosh III

Street & Number: 293 Orangeburg Road

Phone: 201/767-0474

City or Town: Old Tappan, State: NJ Zip: 08675

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Located approximately 1 mile north of Spencer on SR 14, the mansion sits back 50 yards or more from the highway behind a grove of 125 year old oak trees known as Bowman's Grove. The property is roughly 30 acres of rolling land with a large pond and wetland area to the east of the home. There is a small cement pond behind the house and on the west side the yard is terraced from a former tennis court.

The home is Neoclassical in style with 17 rooms, 6 baths and a full basement. The building is brick with decorative metal details including columns, false applied balustrades, and brackets.

The front, or North facade, has the two story fluted Corinthian columns on the portico and pilasters attached at the return to the house. Across the front facade is a concrete terrace with balustrade and red tile floor surface. Of the five front bays, the center door is round arched with original screen door and narrow side lights and screens. The arch surrounding the door is recessed with repeated arches splaying out and ending in engaged columns flanking the opening.

Centered on the second floor are French doors with a small iron balcony and a large hanging metal light fixture. Flanking the first floor door are two windows which are 10 light casements. These openings have a slightly concave metal shell design overhead with limestone keystone and window moulding and sill. The upper windows are 8/8 double-hung sash with stone sill.

The corners of the house have brick quoins. There is a deep frieze with cornice and balustrade, all in metal. There is a low clay tile hip roof and center skylight. An end chimney is on the east facade.

Each side of the house has a porch, with the east side having an enclosed sun porch with French door to the front terrace, and three side paired casement windows with fluted Corinthian columns breaking the window pattern. Under each window opening is an applied balustrade. Both the columns and balustrade are metal. Topping the porch is a matching cornice and frieze with a different style of balustrade encircling the roof line.

The rear of the home exposes the lower level basement with two walk-out doors. This facade projects out on the left with two bays and a rear chimney. A small open porch is centered with Corinthian columns and closed brick wall. The roof has a matching cornice and plain rail balustrade. A third floor door with sidelights and round arch transom opens onto the porch roof. The windows on the rear are casement with sidelights on the basement level. Under the porch is lattice for an open root cellar. The second floor has casement windows for the living room and 6/6 double-hung sash in the kitchen. The windows on this floor have a brick voussoir and center stone keystone. The third floor windows are 6/6 double-hung sash with brick voussoir.

The porch on the west has a door and steps leading out from the basement level but no other direct access from the house. Casement and sidelight windows open from the basement. The second floor has triple and ribbon casement windows and the third floor are all 6/6 double-hung sash with voussoirs. The porch has paired Corinthian fluted columns and the roof has exposed rafter ends.

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The interior of the house has a center hall plan with staircase and landing. Round arch doorways open off the hall with half arched French doors. The living room has a painted limestone mantel with tile. Wall sconces made of pewter with crystals flank the opposite wall and there are two drop ceiling light fixtures.

A narrow fireplace with yellow tile and wooden mantel is on the sun porch, which has a tan with dark brown patterned floor. Pewter wall sconces and drop ceiling fixtures light the room. On the opposite side of the home is the Dining Room with five pewter wall sconces and unique wooden slat radiator covers. The small breakfast room is behind the dining room with two built-in glass fronted cabinets and mirror backs. A blue and yellow border floor tile with corner flower tiles encircles the room. The kitchen still has a 1920s sink and a small pantry and broom closet. A recessed curved ceiling area was specially designed for the old motor topped refrigerator. There is a small wall incinerator door and a call system linked to six rooms.

The second floor has six bedrooms and a large center hall with oval stained glass skylight. On the landing is the round arch transom and window. Plaster cove moulding encircles the hall on the ceiling and the wooden floor has a herringbone pattern. Near the master bedroom is a laundry chute with access from the hall, master bedroom and rear bedroom. The master bedroom features two built-in wall safes for jewelry or valuables. Bathrooms are well appointed with pedestal sinks, tiled baths and walls, and metal handles on the toilet seat covers.

The basement has three large rooms, a small pantry room and rear locker room with showers. Access to the rear porch and an open root cellar is under the stairs. In the rear of the house is a c. 1975 small noncontributing metal storage building which is one bay, with four side windows and a gable asphalt roof. At one time there was a brick servants quarters, but this was razed in the 1980s due to its poor condition.

Summary

The house is a well designed family residence exhibiting many fine extra details such as the pewter wall sconces, wooden radiator covers, built-in cupboards in the pantry, two safes in the master bedroom and decorative stained glass skylight. Generous porches and terraces encourage outside relaxation.

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Statement of Significance

Significant under Criterion C for Architecture, the Albert S. Heck Mansion was designed by the West Virginia construction firm of Wallace Knight. The period of significance is 1925 when the home was built by first owner Albert S. Heck, who was prominent in the West Virginia oil fields. The house was well known locally under the ownership of Fred McIntosh Jr., who was a prominent local farmer and businessman during the 1930s, 40s and early 50s.

Albert Heck was a local Roane County business man who invested in the booming oil industry in the early 1920s. He became successful with his investment in the Liverpool Field near Ready, and other holdings in Roane and Jackson counties. Heck hired the Wallace Knight Construction Company to design a new home in Spencer. The site was north of town in a picnic area known as Bowman's Grove.

Although never registered to practice as an architect in West Virginia, Wallace Knight specialized in the design and construction of fine residences and apartment buildings. He worked exclusively as a contractor after opening an office in Charleston in 1897, where he practiced during the early part of the 20th century. Knight gained respect as a builder during the construction of the West Virginia Executive Mansion 1924-25, designed by architect Walter F. Martens. Hired as the builder, the construction period overlaps the construction time of the Heck home in Spencer. The two residences have similar design features being Neoclassical in style, with a central hall plan, side rooms and sun porch.

The home was occupied by the Heck family which included four children. The grounds were landscaped with a tennis court and small cement pond. The 50 acre property included fields which were used for pastures and included outlying barns. Servants were housed in separate quarters.

The Great Depression years brought financial troubles to the Heck family. Although there was oil in storage the continued rising rents of the storage facilities owned by the Standard Oil Company soon outgrew the value of the oil itself. Heck was forced to sell his home and move to Marietta, Ohio in 1935. The mansion and 50 acre farm was purchased by Frederick McIntosh, Jr., for \$25,000.

McIntosh was also a local Spencer business man. In the early 1940s he began a Hereford cattle business which had purebred stock of roughly 150 head. At that time there were three outlying barns with hay fields and pastures. The cattle was dispersed in 1953 upon the death of the elder McIntosh. Part of the farm and barns were sold in 1966 for the nearby development of Roane General Hospital. Other outlying parcels along SR 14 were sold for apartments, but the current 30 acre boundary includes the mansion, oak grove, pastures and wetlands. The property is currently owned by son, Frederick McIntosh, III.

The Heck Mansion is a splendid example of the Neoclassical Revival style. The quality of design and construction by Wallace Knight undoubtedly helped lead to other commissions in West Virginia and especially Charleston, where he designed and constructed many homes in the East End neighborhood.

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Address SR 14
Town Spencer
County Roane County

Photographer: Frederick McIntosh III

Date: June 1998

Negatives: Frederick McIntosh III

- Photo 1 Front Facade, North Elevation, Camera facing South
- Photo 2 East Facade, Camera facing West
- Photo 3 South or Rear Facade, Camera facing North
- Photo 4 West Facade, Camera facing East
- Photo 5 Front Entrance - door and portico, Camera facing South
- Photo 6 Front Entrance - door close-up, Camera facing South
- Photo 7 Front terrace and balustrade, Camera facing West
- Photo 8 Stairs to basement on west porch, Camera facing South
- Photo 9 Windows on front facade, first floor, Camera facing South
- Photo 10 Interior - Looking from Dining Room across Hall and Living Room to Sun Porch.
Camera facing East
- Photo 11 Interior - Living Room towards front of house, wall sconce, ceiling light
Camera facing North
- Photo 12 Interior - Living Room towards rear of house, sun porch to left, fireplace
Camera facing South

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Photo 13 Interior - Limestone Fireplace in Living Room, Camera facing East

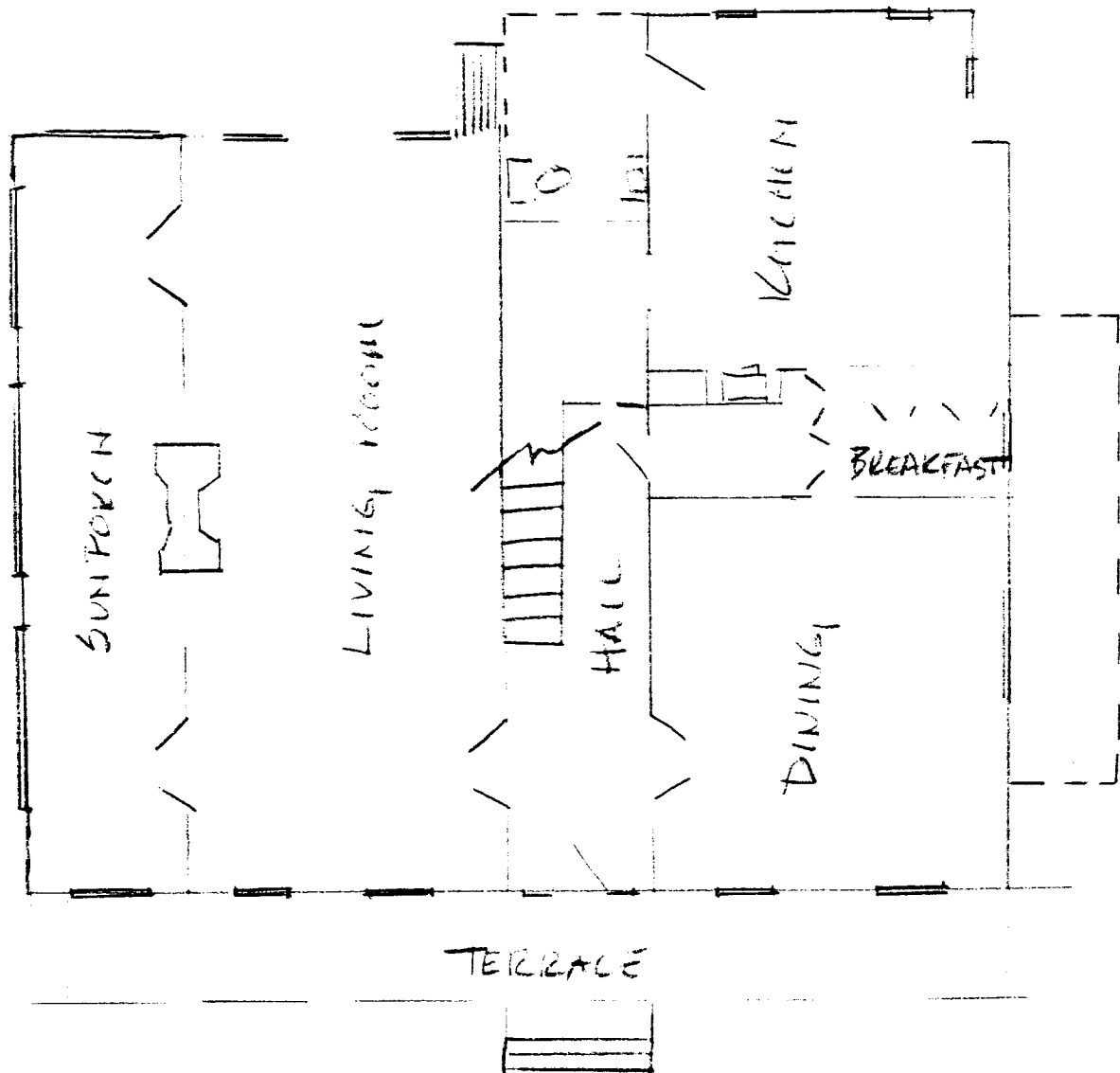
Photo 14 Interior - Sun porch and fireplace, Camera facing North

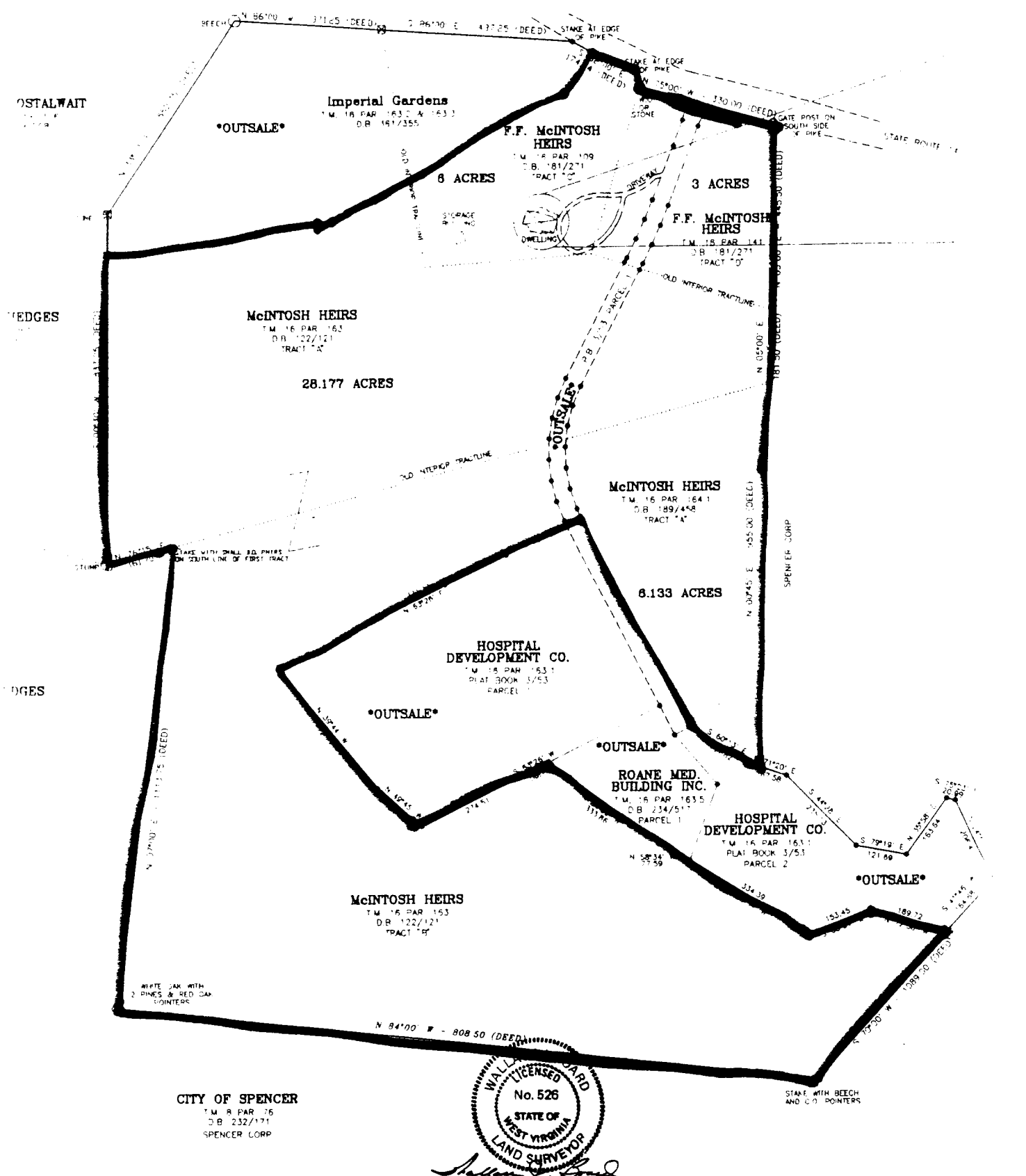
Photo 15 Interior - Skylight in upper Hall

Photo 16 Interior - Looking from Dining Room towards Kitchen
Camera looking South

ALBERT S. HECK MANSION
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First Floor Plan





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