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WEST VIRGINIA HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM

Street Address 3394 Harlan Springs Road	Common <input type="checkbox"/> /Historic Name/ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> John Sybert House; The Willows	Field Survey # H-25 / 0012	Site # (SHPO Only) BY-0052-0012
Town or Community Spring Mills vicinity	County Berkeley	Negative No. Roll 3, Frame 24	NR Listed Date
Architect/Builder	Date of Construction Ca. 1812 (stone) Ca. 1850 (brick)	Style Federal	
Exterior Siding/Materials Fieldstone and brick	Roofing Material Metal	Foundation Fieldstone	
Property Use or Function Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	UTM E-246107 N4381914		
Survey Organization & Date Berkeley County Historic Landmarks Commission July 2000-April 2001	Quadrangle Name Hedgesville		
	Part of What Survey/FR# Spring Mills/North Mountain Survey		

Sketch Map of Property
or Attach Copy of USGS Map

Present Owners Thomas W. Zombra Phone #	Owners Mailing Address Route 1, Box 148 Hedgesville, WV 25427
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Describe Setting _____ Acres _____ Archaeological Artifacts Present

The house and farm complex stand high atop a hill overlooking the Harlan Spring and watercress ponds on the south. The surrounding area is made up of several large historic farm complexes, comprising the Harlan Springs Historic District.

Description of Buildings or Site (Original and Present) _____ 2 Stories _____ 9 Front Bays

The main house was built in two sections. The 2-story, 3-bay, gable-roofed stone section on the east dates from ca. 1812. It features uncoursed fieldstone construction, with squared corner stones, and keystone arches over the window openings on the front (south) facade. There is a stone and brick chimney at the east gable end. Windows have 6/6 double hung sash with later louvered shutters. The 1-story, 1-bay entrance porch has Tuscan columns and pilasters and a classical entablature. It shelters the main door, topped by a 4-pane rectangular transom. There is a below-grade entrance on the south facade.

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Alterations Yes No

If yes, describe
The most visible alteration is the covering of the original two-story recessed porch with aluminum siding, effectively enclosing the porch and obscuring the brick facade of the 1850 section of the house. The concrete steps and metal railings on the front are not original.

Additions Yes No

If yes, describe

Describe All Outbuildings
A gable-roofed brick smokehouse stands to the rear and side of the main house. Also on the property are two historic frame bank barns, a non-historic garage/shed with vertical board siding, and a non-historic garage.

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Statement of Significance
National Register Listed
Harlan Spring Historic District

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Bibliographical References
Berkeley County Will, Land, and Property Tax Records, Berkeley County Courthouse, Martinsburg, WV
Research on this property was conducted by Don C. Wood, Berkeley County Historic Landmarks Commission.
Harlan Spring Historical District-National Register Nomination, 1980.

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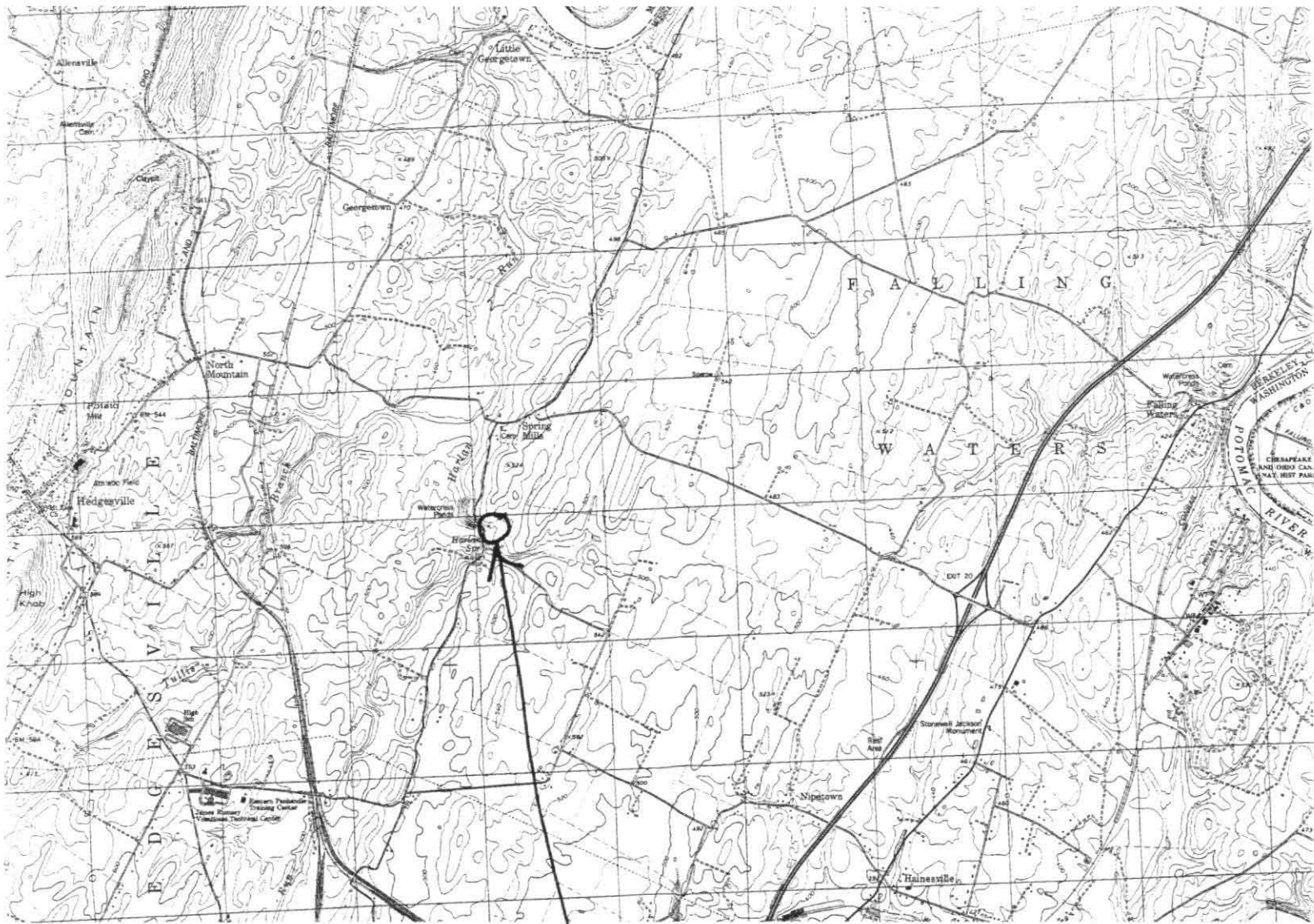
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Architectural description (continued)

To the west of the stone section is a 2-story, 5-6 bay, gable-roofed painted brick section. This section appears to have been built in two stages: thus the chimney at the gable end of the first brick section and an additional brick chimney at the west gable end of the later section. Originally there was a recessed 2-story front porch; this has been obscured by the addition of aluminum siding across the front. The 6/6 sash is not original. There are paired 4-pane attic windows on the west gable end. The front door is also a replacement.

Historic Background

The stone section of this house was built in 1812 by John Sybert, who purchased 132 acres from Daniel Harlan and his wife Esther in 1806. His daughter Mary married John Criswell in 1837, who purchased the house from Mary's brothers and sisters. James Criswell built the brick wing in 1850. The house passed to his daughter Mary Criswell who married C. McDowell. The house remains in the hands of McDowell descendants. The Sybert House is listed in the National Register as part of the Harlan Spring Historic District.



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