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WEST VIRGINIA HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM

Street Address Off SR 127	Common/Historic Name/Both 0 O X Caudy's Castle (Castle Rock)	Field Survey # HM-0149	Site # (SHPO Only) HM-0149
Town or Community Bloomery	County Hampshire	Negative No. WV_Hampshire County_HM-0149.tiff	NR Listed Date
Architect/Builder	Date of Construction Geologic time	Style Natural feature	
Exterior Siding/Materials	Roofing Material	Foundation	
Property Use or Function Residence O Commercial O Other X Natural feature—stone outcrop	UTM# 17S 0721340E/ 4362100N	 Photograph (2" x 3" Contact)	
Survey Organization & Date Barbara Rasmussen Fall 2008	Quadrangle Name Largent		
Part of What Survey Hampshire County			

Sketch Map of Property
Or Attach Copy of



Site No.

Present Owners Phone #	Owners Mailing Address 				
Describe Setting Remotely located huge outcropping of stone, rising to 1,060 feet. The site is not accessible by any road. ____ Artifacts Present					
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Describe All Outbuildings <i>(Use Continuation Sheets)</i>					
Statement of Significance <u>see Continuation Sheet</u>					
Natural feature associated with the period of settlement and Native contact <i>(Use Continuation Sheets)</i>					
Bibliographical References <u>www.nationmaster.com</u> , January 3, 2009; <i>WV Gazetteer of Physical and Place Names</i> , WV Geological Survey, 1986. <i>(Use Continuation Sheets)</i>					
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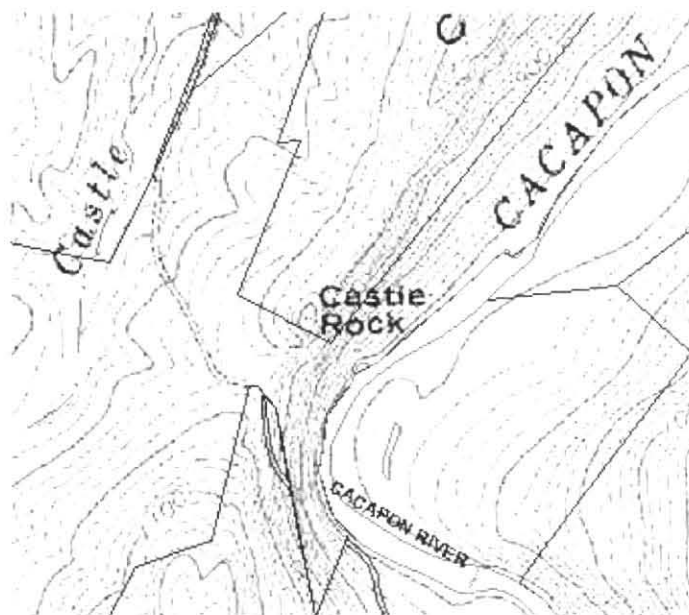
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CONTINUATION SHEET

NAME Caudy's Castle SITE# ⁰¹⁴⁹ HM-0483 Hampshire County WV

"About two miles above the forks of this river is situated "Caudy's Castle," a most stupendous work of nature. It is said by tradition that in the time of the wars between the white and red people, a man by the name of James Caudy more than once took shelter on the rock from the pursuit of the Indians, from whence its name. It consists of a fragment of the mountains, separated from and independent of the neighboring mountains, forming, as it were, a half cone, and surrounded with a yawning chasm. Its eastern base, washed by the Capon River, rises to the majestic height of four hundred and fifty to five hundred feet, while its eastern side is a solid mass of granite, directly perpendicular. A line drawn 'round its base probably would not exceed one thousand or twelve hundred yards. From its western side it may be ascended by a man on foot to within about ninety or one hundred feet of its summit. From thence the rock suddenly shoots up something in the form of a comb, which is about ninety or one hundred feet in length, eight or ten feet in thickness, and runs about north and south. On the eastern face of the rock from where the comb is approached, a very narrow undulating path is formed, by pursuing which, active persons can ascend to its summit."¹



¹ Samuel Kerchival, *A History of the Valley of Virginia*, 1850, 318.