

Jefferson County Historic Landmarks Commission  
Charles Town, West Virginia

MINUTES

The Jefferson County Historic Landmarks Commission met in a regularly scheduled monthly meeting on September 21, 1995. The meeting was convened at 7:00pm.

Present: Jean Crolius-Ehman, Grant Prillaman, Bill Theriault  
Jim Knode, Ben Miller, Gene Perkins

1. A tour of the Shannondale Springs property has been scheduled for October 8, with participants to meet at 10:00am at the Planning Commission office. Mr. Prillaman and Mr. Miller are to organize a similar tour of the Peter Burr property.

2. The group held a lengthy discussion on the Blakely issue, although there has been no formal request to modify the conditions of the facade and scenic easements. Based on research by Commission members and conversations with the County Attorney, it is now clear that these easements were filed, and are thus attached to the deed of the property. The LC clearly has the authority and responsibility to inspect the facades of the house to determine that it is being adequately maintained, and Mr. Perkins offered to make a video inspection of its current condition. The value of the easement, in the area of \$600,000, is effectively a lien on the property held by the Landmarks Commission; alteration of the building or subdivision of the land would first require either LC approval, or the purchase of the easement from the Commission. Further, it appears that, should a formal inspection and/or maintenance be needed, the owner(s) of the property would be liable for costs incurred.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.