


WEST VIRGINIA HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM

Street Address 10331 Middleway Pike	Common/Historic Property Name/ Both "Altona"	Field Survey # Jefferson County 2004- 2005 Survey No. 312	Site # (SHPO Only)
Town or Community vic. Charles Town	County Jefferson	Negative No. Jefferson County 2004-2005 Survey Roll 28, Negative 2, 3, 5-8, 10, 11	NR Listed Date 11/24/96
Architect/Builder unidentified	Date of Construction 1793; 1832; 1936	Style Greek Revival	
Exterior Siding/Materials brick	Roofing Material asphalt shingles	Foundation stone	
Property Use or Function Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial Other	UTM # 18/251483/435289		
Survey Organization & Date Taylor & Taylor Associates, for the Jefferson County Historic Landmarks Commis- sion, 2004-2005	Quadrangle Name Middleway, WV Part of What Survey/FR# Jefferson County 2004-2005 Survey		

Sketch Map of Property
or Attach Copy of USGS Map

See Survey Report



Present Owners	Owner's Mailing Address
Phone #	
Describe Setting	_____ Acres
This property is located in rural Jefferson County, west of the county seat of Charles Town. It anchors a substantial farmstead, portions of which are still enclosed with dry stone walls laid by slave labor during the Ante-Bellum period.	_____ Archaeological Artifacts Present
Description of Buildings or Site (Original and Present)	_____ 2 _____ Stories _____ 5 _____ Front Bays
This is a spacious central-passage, double-pile Greek Revival-style county house of brick construction, with a shallow-pitched hipped roof penetrated by gable dormers. The 5-bay facade is penetrated by a semi-elliptical-arched opening containing the main entrance along with a delicate fanlight and sidelights. The entrance is shielded by a 1-story Ionic portico and the entrance on the east elevation contains a veranda, now screened-in, supported by Ionic posts. Fenestration is flat-topped, with historic exterior louvered shutters and 6/6 sash intact.	
<i>(Use Continuation Sheets)</i>	
Alterations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, describe Minimal, and appearing to date from within the period of significance.
Yes No	
Additions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, describe A variety of additions and modifications, all appearing to date from within the period of significance.
Yes No	
Describe All Outbuildings	
A wide variety of dependencies (see Continuation Sheet) surround the house, including historic barns and outbuildings of wood and masonry construction. An American Foursquare house, located c. 40 yds. west of the main house, was inventoried separately (Site No. 314).	
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Statement of Significance	
The ancestral seat of Abraham Davenport, who came to Jefferson County in 1772. This house began as a c. 1793 wood house to which was added a large brick addition in 1832. In 1936 the roof was raised, dormers were added and the wood section encased in brick. The 1832 section was erected by Col. Braxton Davenport (1791-1862) and named for an estate in Germany associated with the family of his wife, Elizabeth. Upon his death it passed to his son Henry Bedinger Davenport (1831-1901); it remains in the Davenport family. The property is individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places and is among the Eastern Panhandle's finest Greek Revival-style plantation houses.	
<i>(Use Continuation Sheets)</i>	
Bibliographical References	
See Survey Report	
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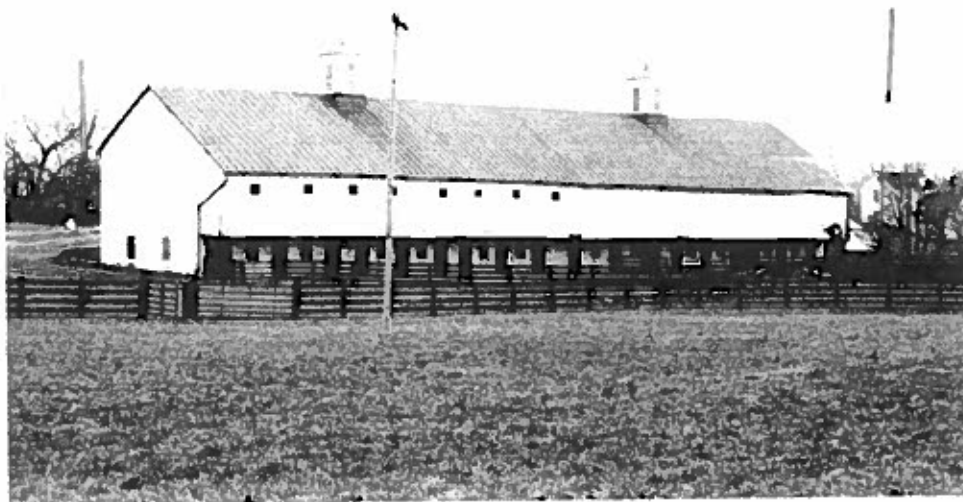
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The following dependencies are included with the National register documents for the property:

Bank barn: c. 1850 & 1915; 198' long

American Foursquare recorded as Survey Site No. 314

Privy

Clapboard-over-log slave houses (2)

Brick smokehouse c. 1890

Stone fence

"Upping stone"

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