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WEST VIRGINIA HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM

Street Address Gap View Farm Lane	Common/Historic Property Name/ Both Gap View Farm	Field Survey # Jefferson County 2005-2006 Survey No. 319	Site # (SHPO Only)
Town or Community vic. Charles Town	County Jefferson	Negative No. Jefferson County 2005-2006 Survey Roll 26, Negative 4-8	NR Listed Date 1/9/97
Architect/Builder unidentified	Date of Construction c. 1790 and after	Style central-passage	
Exterior Siding/Materials limestone	Roofing Material standing-seam metal	Foundation stone	
Property Use or Function Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial Other	UTM # 18/254394/4358410		
Survey Organization & Date Taylor & Taylor Associates, for the Jefferson County Historic Landmarks Commission, 2005-2006	Quadrangle Name Charles Town, WV MD, VA		
	Part of What Survey/FR# Jefferson County 2005-2006 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, north of the city of Charles Town, atop a hillside overlooking the gap of the Potomac River at Harper's Ferry, hence the name.

_____ Archaeological Artifacts Present

Description of Buildings or Site (Original and Present)

_____ 2 _____ Stories

_____ 3 _____ Front Bays

Well-preserved 3-bay central-passage limestone rural residence with centered entry and corresponding second-floor door. Portico shields main entrance and features balcony accessing second-story door. Fenestration, flat-topped, 6/6, with exterior shutter hinges retained. Windows in gable ends, including pedimental windows at attic level. Laterally-oriented gable roof with interior gable-end stone chimneys. 2-story wood addition at rear with what appears to be a 1-story addition extending the larger addition.

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Alterations Yes No If yes, describe

Additions Yes No If yes, describe As noted above.

Describe All Outbuildings

A variety of agricultural and domestic dependencies is found in proximity to the subject property, including what appears to have been a log smokehouse, barns and sheds of varying age and size; a tenant house, remote from the main house was inventoried separately.

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Statement of Significance

Gap View Farm was built c. 1770 by John Baker (d. 1798), a Tory during the American Revolution. He was married to Judith Wood (1733-1805), daughter of Sir Henry Howard, Duke of Norfolk. This property appears to meet National Register Criterion C for architecture, as a well-preserved nineteenth-century rural Jefferson County I-house, although an inspection of the interior would be required to confirm this determination. An Internet website, archiplanet.org, identifies Charles Baker as the architect of a 1937 Colonial Revival-style project associated with the property, perhaps the addition. Gap View is listed individually in the National Register.

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CONTINUATION SHEET**

NAME "Gap View Farm," Gap View Farm Lane, vic. Charles Town

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