




Internal Rating: NR

WEST VIRGINIA HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM

Street Address N end Piedmont Lane	Common/Historic Property Name/ Both "Piedmont;" Robert Worthington House	Field Survey # Jefferson County 2004- 2005 Survey No 317	Site # (SHPO Only)
Town or Community vic. Charles Town	County Jefferson	Negative No. Jefferson County 2004-2005 Survey Roll 28, Negative 16-22	NR Listed Date 7/2/73
Architect/Builder unidentified	Date of Construction 1735; c. 1786	Style Georgian	
Exterior Siding/Materials Flemish bond brick	Roofing Material asphalt shingles	Foundation stone	
Property Use or Function Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial Other	UTM # 18/250803/4353634		
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, southwest of the county seat of Charles Town.	_____	Archaeological Artifacts Present	
Description of Buildings or Site (Original and Present)	_____ 2 _____	Stories	_____ 5 _____
<p>This is a spectacular central-passage 2-story Georgian-style country house of Flemish bond brick, rectangular in form, with a laterally-oriented gable roof and large interior gable-end brick chimneys. The facade includes a Palladian-esque forward-projecting pedimented center entrance bay with an oval pedimental window; the main entrance has a round-arched fanlight with delicate tracery and pedimented frontispiece. Fenestration is flat-topped, with 9/9 historic wood sash and jack arched lintels. A 1-story stuccoed kitchen wing appended to the east elevation was the original stone house which anchored this tract.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(Use Continuation Sheets)</i></p>			
Alterations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, describe A variety of alterations, generally dating from the period of significance; Among the most significant was the removal of the Classical Revival-style portico, which, while perhaps not original, had clearly acquired significance in its own right and figured prominently in the HABS photo-documentation of the property.
Additions	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, describe
Describe All Outbuildings			
<p>Several dependencies are close to the house, including an early stuccoed building with a pyramidal roof, a spring house along Evitt's Run south of the house, a board-and-batten shed north of the house and a newer stucco-finished garage.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(Use Continuation Sheets)</i></p>			
Statement of Significance			
<p>This began as the modest stone house of Quaker pioneer Robert Worthington who in 1730 obtained a grant of 3,000 acres from the King. His son, heir, and namesake married outside the church, effectively severing his ties with the family and in 1770 the property was sold to James Nourse and soon thereafter to Dr. John Briscoe. Dr. Briscoe erected the substantial Georgian-style mansion, leaving the original Worthington stone house as a side wing. The property remained in the Briscoe family for slightly less than 200 years thereafter. The property is individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places and in 1937 was recorded by the Historic American Building Survey; HABS prepared 13 measured drawings of the property and several photos, one of which is reproduced on a Continuation Sheet.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(Use Continuation Sheets)</i></p>			
Bibliographical References			
See Survey Report			
<i>(Use Continuation Sheets)</i>			
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State Historic Preservation Office

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The property as it appeared when photographed in 1937 by HABS



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