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WEST VIRGINIA HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM

Street Address 1727 Earle Road	Common/Historic Property Name/ Both "Richwood Hall" [both]	Field Survey # Jefferson County 2004-2005 Survey No. 305	Site # (SHPO Only)
Town or Community vic. Charles Town	County Jefferson	Negative No. Jefferson County 2004-2005 Survey Roll 27, Negative 6, 7	NR Listed Date 6/19/73
Architect/Builder unidentified	Date of Construction c. 1820	Style Federal	
Exterior Siding/Materials Flemish bond brick	Roofing Material slate	Foundation stone	
Property Use or Function Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial Other	UTM # 18/247966/4353319		
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.	_____ Archaeological Artifacts Present
Description of Buildings or Site (Original and Present)	_____ 2 _____ Stories _____ 5 _____ Front Bays
<p>This is a substantial Federal-style brick plantation house whose principal section consists of a 5-bay central-passage structure with a laterally-oriented gable roof and a pediment centered over an entrance portico. The Doric entrance portico is pedimented and supported by paired columns, a design feature seen elsewhere in Jefferson County on similarly-styled country houses. Most fenestration is flat-topped with 6/6 sash and exterior operable louvered shutters; the main door has a semi-circular transom sash and centered above the main door on the second story is a Palladian-inspired round-arched window above which is a round-arched half-window. A secondary brick wing is on the south side of the main house and is joined to the main house by a wood connector, all of which appears to date from within the period of significance.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(Use Continuation Sheets)</i></p>	
Alterations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, describe All appear to date from within the period of significance. Yes No
Additions	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, describe Yes No
Describe All Outbuildings	<i>(Use Continuation Sheets)</i>
Statement of Significance	
<p>This house occupies property which was originally part of Samuel Washington's "Harewood" holdings which in 1796 was acquired by his son Lawrence Augustine Washington. In 1797 Lawrence Washington wed Mary Dorcas Wood, whose father had founded Winchester, Virginia. They either built or moved into a small brick house which may now be one of the wings of "Richwood Hall." In 1802 this particular tract was acquired by Smith Slaughter (d. 1824), who is thought to have built this house. During the Civil War battle at Cameron's depot, Confederate General Jubal Early situated his cannon near the house and established his battle lines to the north and south of the property. The house is listed individually in the National Register of Historic Places.</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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