

Jefferson County Historic Landmarks Commission

Landmarks Nomination Report: *Eastwood*

Physical Description:

Eastwood is located along Bullkin Run in southern Jefferson County, West Virginia, west of Kabletown. This large property consists of agricultural fields and the historic house set back from the public road. The Eastwood property is currently used as a working farm and private residence.

Historic Description:

Eastwood laid outside of the adjacent Wormley land that was purchased by John Gantt in 1776. The Eastwood parcel was originally part of the disputed Mann Page grant that was settled in 1793 by Ralph Wormley and Dr. Ezekial Bull who was a surgeon in the Revolutionary War. The 1798 House Tax for Berkeley County lists Bull with a house valued at \$525. By 1820, William Harding owned the property and is listed in the Jefferson County tax books as having \$1,000 building value. In 1832, Harding's Heirs sold the 334 acre property at public sale to John Humphreys for \$15,613. The 1842 Tax record notes that \$2,338 added for new house to Humphreys' property. After the Civil War the property was owned by the Wysong family and then Frank Jarsen. The property is currently owned by Stanley & Kitty Dunn.

Historic Resources:

The Eastwood Farm has numerous historic resources. The two story main house is constructed of native limestone. The front elevation has 3-bays with decorative center entry. The house has a hipped roof with interior chimneys. The central bay of both 1st and 2nd stories have sidelights. Brick wings were added to both sides of the building in 1962 by Dr. Frank Jarsen. In addition to the house, the farm has a large frame bank barn dating to the mid-19th century.

Nomination Criteria:

The JCHLC nominates this property under Criteria C for inclusion on the list of registered county landmarks. Criteria C states that a site may be nominated if, in the opinion of the JCHLC, it embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values. The property owners, Stanley and Kitty Dunn, have agreed to have the property listed as Jefferson County Historic Landmark.

Nomination Action:

The JCHLC voted unanimously to add Eastwood, under Criteria C, to the rolls of registered Jefferson County Historic Landmarks on March 19, 2008.

