

Jefferson County Historic Landmarks Commission

Landmarks Nomination Report: *Wayside*

Physical Description:

Wayside is located on the north side of the Meyerstown Road just east of Rippon, West Virginia. This property consists of an historic house and associated outbuildings on the public road. The Wayside house is currently used as a private residence.

Historic Description:

From the late 18th century to 1835, this property was owned by Elijah Chamberlain who was taxed in 1798 for a house valued at \$315. In 1835 Chamberlain's heirs, George, John, & Jonas Chamberlain, sold two parcels totalling 240 acres to Daniel Hefflebower. In 1841, the tax assessment raises from \$200 to \$700 indicating some improvement to the property. Hefflebower added the current house in 1844 as the 1845 tax assessment reads "\$1121 added for new brick house." In 1850 the building value rose again to \$2,500. This is likely the rear addition. The farm was operated as a mule farm in the 20th century and is currently owned by Jim Keel.

Historic Resources:

Constructed of brick, the house is long and T shaped. The original section of the house, dating to 1844, has 4 bays across the front. A brick rear addition was added in 1849. Sometime after the Civil War, a 2-bay addition was made to the east of the house. The original 4 bay section is unusual in Jefferson County. The Hefflebower family, however, moved to the area from Pennsylvania where that house type is more common. In addition to the historic house, Wayside has a log kitchen, smokehouse, and bank barn foundation.

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 owner, Jim Keel, has agreed to have the property listed as Jefferson County Historic Landmark.

Nomination Action:

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