

# Jefferson County Historic Landmarks Commission

## Landmarks Nomination Report: *Westwood*

### Physical Description:

Westwood is located near the intersection of Withers Larue Road and Summit Point Road in southwestern Jefferson County, West Virginia. This property consists of agricultural fields and the historic house set back from the public road. The Westwood house is currently used as a private residence.

### Historic Description:

The farm was originally part of the McCormick family holdings. The unusual winged house was built in 1848-1849 by Hugh Nelson Pendleton, who purchased the property in 1847. In 1871, Robert Owen Allen purchased the farm. It remains in the hands of his descendents today.

### Historic Resources:

Constructed of brick, the house was built as a 2 story, 2-bay structure with small wings to either side. The plan is transverse hall with the stair in the south-east corner of the hall. Though a small house, Westwood has some of the county's best Greek-Revival detailing, such as carved corner blocks and pediment fanlight. One of very few anti-bellum gable entry houses in the county, this is also distinctive as the only known example of a two bay house of the period. The property also has a dilapidated frame tenant house and the foundation of a bank barn.

### 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, Alice Murphy, has agreed to have the property listed as Jefferson County Historic Landmark.

### Nomination Action:

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