


## WEST VIRGINIA HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM

<b>Street Address</b> 76 Belvedere Farm Lane	<b>Common/Historic Property Name/ Both</b> "Belvedere"	<b>Field Survey #</b> Jefferson County 2007 Survey No. 173	<b>Site # (SHPO Only)</b> JF-0992
<b>Town or Community</b> Charles Town	<b>County</b> Jefferson	<b>Negative No.</b> Jefferson County 2007 Survey Roll 12, Negative 5A- 11A	<b>NR Listed Date</b> n/a
<b>Architect/Builder</b> unidentified	<b>Date of Construction</b> c. 1820	<b>Style</b> Greek Revival	
<b>Exterior Siding/Materials</b> brick	<b>Roofing Material</b> standing-seam metal	<b>Foundation</b> stone	
<b>Property Use or Function</b> Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial Other	<b>UTM #</b> 18/254526/4352014		
<b>Survey Organization &amp; Date</b>  Taylor & Taylor Associates, for the Jefferson County Historic Landmarks Commis- sion, 2007	<b>Quadrangle Name</b> Charles Town, WV-VA  <b>Part of What Survey/FR#</b> Jefferson County 2007 Survey		

Sketch Map of Property  
or Attach Copy of USGS Map



<b>Present Owners</b>	<b>Owner's Mailing Address</b>	
<b>Phone #</b>		
<b>Describe Setting</b>	_____	Acres
<p>This property is located in an unincorporated part of Jefferson County, immediately east of the corporate limits of the city of Charles Town. The property retains much of its rural character, including agricultural fields east of the house.</p>		
	_____	Archaeological Artifacts Present
<b>Description of Buildings or Site (Original and Present)</b>	_____ <b>2</b> _____	Stories _____ <b>6</b> _____
<p>This house was built in at least two sections, perhaps beginning as early as the last quarter of the eighteenth century. The main wing was completed in 1824 and consists of a 3-bay Greek Revival-style hip-roofed wing with a 3-bay facade and centered entry distinguished by transom and sidelights and shielded by a 1-story 1-bay Doric portico. Smaller-scale 1-story wing on north elevation, perhaps the earliest part of the house. Gable dormers on facade. Exterior brick chimneys. Fenestration is flat-topped with multi-light sash and exterior operable louvered shutters.</p>		
<i>(Use Continuation Sheets)</i>		
<b>Alterations</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<b>If yes, describe</b> _____
Appear to be generally within Period of Significance		
<b>Additions</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>If yes, describe</b> _____
Appear to be generally within Period of Significance		
<b>Describe All Outbuildings</b>		
Agricultural and domestic dependencies and 1930s tenant house nearby.		
<i>(Use Continuation Sheets)</i>		
<b>Statement of Significance</b>		
<p>The earliest part of this house may have been built by Magnus Tate, II, whose father, Magnus Tate, I, became a member of the Hopewell Friends Meeting in 1734. A later generation of Tates completed the main house in the 1820s. It remained in the Tate family until 1882, when it was sold to Thomas Bates, who is said to have used the house for farm storage. In 1937 it was acquired by Thomas Hite Willis. The Willis family are cousins to the Washingtons, Jane Charlotte Washington having married Nathaniel Hite Willis. Thomas Hite Willis left the home to his daughter, Adelia, and her husband Paul Wilson. This property appears eligible for the National Register under Criterion C for <i>architecture</i>, although this preliminary evaluation would have to be confirmed by an inspection of the interior and the concurrence of the SHPO.</p>		
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<i>(Use Continuation Sheets)</i>		
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