

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Pennsylvania
COUNTY: Washington
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE

USE THIS COPY  
FOR DUPLICATING

1. NAME

COMMON:  
Margaret Derrow House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
West Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Claysville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
26th

STATE:  
Pennsylvania

CODE:  
42

COUNTY:  
Washington

CODE:  
125

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
Margaret M. Derrow

STREET AND NUMBER:  
West Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Claysville

STATE:  
Pennsylvania

CODE:  
42

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Office of Recorder of Deeds, Washington Co. Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:  
South Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Washington

STATE:  
Pennsylvania

CODE:  
42

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a modest sized Gothic cottage, L-shape in plan, with four unevenly spaced bays and two stories. The traditional center hall entrance has been relatively maintained. The verticality has been achieved by the steep roofs, the long vertical brackets, the tall, thin lancet windows and transom and the dark corner boards. Lancet arch hood molds around the doors and windows further emphasize the vertical direction.

A veranda was a prominent feature of the Gothic cottage. The original porch roof has been replaced by a modern, unadorned one. However, the original porch supports remain. Each of the supports consists of two slender square posts connected by simple curvilinear tracery and a pierced dado and capital. This flat, jigsaw carving is reiterated by the brackets, the hood molds and the bargeboard.

The house is sheathed in novelty siding, a mass-produced, factory-made clapboard. The wide eaves and the porch roof cast deep shadows over the facade, enriching the picturesque effect.

The present color values are opposite those of the original color scheme. In accordance with the theory of the picturesque, the house would have been a dark, earthen color, to blend with nature; and the trim would have been a light color.

There is a one-story ell at the back of the house. Except for the porch roof, the house is fully intact. It has been continuously occupied, well maintained and remains in excellent condition.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) C. 1855

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |   |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The modest scale of the Darrow house typifies the average mid-century working class dwelling. In Washington County, domestic Gothic Revival buildings are extremely rare, as the style was confined, for the most part, to ecclesiastical structures.

Alexander Jackson Davis created the Gothic cottage in accordance with the theory of the picturesque -- an aesthetic theory conceived in England in the 18th Century. It stated that beautiful architecture should consist of an interesting asymmetrical disposition of forms and a variety of texture. Davis' Gothic cottage designs manifest these concepts.

The importance of preserving this Gothic cottage cannot be overstressed. There are few Gothic buildings of any kind in Washington County. Therefore, a well preserved domestic Gothic structure is most valuable for the architectural continuity of the county. It must be counted among the important architectural remains in the area.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**  
**PROPERTY MAP FORM**  
(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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Pennsylvania	Washington	Claysville
STREET AND NUMBER		
West Main Street		
<b>3. MAP REFERENCE</b>		
SOURCE	DATE	SCALE
USGS, 7.5' Series Claysville quad.	1960	1:24000

REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW.

GPO 932.010

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**  
**PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM**  
(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

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<b>3. PHOTO REFERENCE</b>		
PHOTO CREDIT	DATE	NEGATIVE FILED AT
Washington Co. History & Landmarks Foundation	Summer 1973	Washington Co. History & Landmarks Foundation
<b>4. IDENTIFICATION</b>		
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.		

View of Northwest facade

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "	40	06	58
NE	° ' "	° ' "	80	24	57
SE	° ' "	° ' "			
SW	° ' "	° ' "			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: James D. Van Trump, Landmarks Planning, Inc.

ORGANIZATION: Washington Co. Overall Economic Development Program DATE: Summer 1972

STREET AND NUMBER: 1 South College Street

CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name: William J. Wewer  
 Title: Executive Director of Pennsylvania Hist. & Museum Commission  
 Date: 7/24/74

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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PENNSYLVANIA  
GENERAL AFFAIRS  
GEOLOGIC SURVEY

CLAYSVILLE QUADRANGLE  
PENNSYLVANIA-WASHINGTON CO.  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
SW/4 CLAYSVILLE 15' QUADRANGLE

1964 III NE  
WASHINGTON WEST

