

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Stephenson Lodge (site)

AND/OR COMMON

Lapidum - Stephenson's Lodge adm aspers (Lapidum School)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Lapidum Road

CITY, TOWN

Lapidum

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. Bonnie T. Watts

Telephone #:

939-3666

STREET & NUMBER

Golden Vein Farm

CITY, TOWN

Havre de Grace

— VICINITY OF

Lapidum

STATE, zip code

Maryland

21101

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #:

GRG 542

Folio #:

379

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This building was destroyed by fire several years ago and this description is based upon photographs. It was a frame, two-story structure with it's entrances facing south. The building awas three bays by two, with 6 X 6 window sashes. The structure was seated upon a low stone foundation. There were two doors on the south side, one serving as an entrance to the upstairs meeting room. The roof was gable front.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This structure was one of the last buildings to be constructed in Lapidum, dating from 1870. It was a co-venture between the Harford County Board of Education and the Freemasons' lodge #135. The first floor was used as a school until 1945, while the upper story served the Masons and the Grange.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Harford County Land Records
Wright, C. Milton; Our Harford Heritage, 1967, French Bray, Baltimore.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1/4 acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The lot is located on the eastern side of Lapidum Road about 100 yards from the intersection of Lapidum and Stafford Roads.

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

STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paul L. Penrod

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

DATE

May 21, 1976

TELEPHONE

267-1212

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

SUSQUEHANNA STATE PARK PROPERTIES

Stephenson Freemason Lodge

<u>Libre</u>	<u>Folio</u>		
GRG	542	379	In 1959, the Maryland Company sold the lot to Bonnie Watts.
GRG	530	359	Also in 1959, Frances A. Cullum sold the property to the Maryland Company.
GRG	449	371	In 1955, John Anderson sold the lot to Frances Cullum.
GRG	422	298	In 1954, Garland H. Ragar sold the property to John Anderson.
GRG	386	325	Anderson had previously sold the property to Ragar.
GRG	359	460	In 1951, Margaret E. Fahey sold the mortgaged property to John Anderson. Michael W. Fahey had bought the property from the Board of Education of Harford County in 1946 and had died in 1947.
GCB	293	124	Michael W. Fahey bought the tract from the Board of Education at a public sale in 1945.
WSF	108	84	William Wilson, as the sole surviving trustee of the Freemasons' Lodge No. 135 group, sold and released the plot to the Board of Education in 1901.
ALJ	26	187	Henry W. Archer, trustee for the estate of the late Ann Archer, sold the tract in question to both the Harford School Commissioners and to the trustees for the No. 135 Lodge of the Ancient and Accepted Freemasons. Both were allowed to hold the property as tenants-in-fee. William B. Stephenson headed the trustees, and it is he for which the lodge was named. This transaction took place in 1870.

This is the earliest record of this particular plot being demarcked, although it was located on the lands of Ann Archer. The previous deed gave the following description:

"Beginning on the South side of said Street or road at a point south one quarter of a degree East thirty two and a half feet from the South west corner of P. Boergens dwelling and North eighty and three quarter degrees East forty five feet thence South nine and one quarter degrees East to the Sun, thence parallel quarter degrees West forty five feet. thence north nine and one quarter degrees west thirty feet to the place of beginning."

Libre Folio

HD Z 373

In 1817, Cassandra Stump, widow of John Stump, Conveyed unto Ann and Robert Archer the land that would be later laid out as Lapidum.

HD R 229

In 1804, John Stump purchased this tract, being part of Eightrap, from Samuel Gover.

JLG N 467

Samuel Gover obtained 273 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres from his father, Gerrard Gover, in 1797.

W 399 DARLINGTON 2.4 MI 10' 400 401 1 040 000 FEET 3.4 MI. TO U.S. 1 OCTOBER 2.4 MI. RISING SUN 7.5 MI. 5.6 MI. TO MD. 276

