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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Part of "Felfoot Enlarged"

AND/OR COMMON

Snively Farm (preferred)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER On the West side of Mt. Briar Road,
just North of Eakles Mills

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Eakles Mills

 VICINITY OF Keedysville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

CODE

24

COUNTY

Washington

CODE

043

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
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	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Dr. Bernard Drabkin

Richard W. Nyerson

STREET & NUMBER

3010 Chestnut Street, N.W.

3511 Lowell Street, NW

CITY, TOWN

Washington

VICINITY OF

STATE

D.C. 20016

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Courthouse

Liber #: 630

Folio #: 586

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland

21740

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED 45%	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This farmstead is located on Mt. Briar Road at Eakles Mills south of Keedysville in Washington County, Maryland. The house is situated on a bluff overlooking the road and faces east. Ruins of a barn which also faced east remain on the opposite side of Mt. Briar Road, and are included in this nomination.

The house is a two-story, three-bay log structure with an exposed basement at the front elevation. The walls rest on fieldstone foundations and are sheathed with asbestos shingles. Extending to the rear or west is a two-story, three-bay addition of stone construction. To this wing has been added a one-story, two-bay stone kitchen.

Because of the exposed foundations, the house from the front appears to be three stories high with a ground level entrance into the basement. At the rear of the log section, part of the wall surface has been exposed revealing "V"-notched corner joining and some rot damage.

Windows and doors are aligned with each other in the walls and appear relatively small in relation to wall area. Windows have either six-over-six pane, double hung sash or two-over-two sash. Windows in the stone addition have massive framing with pegged mortise and tenon joints. All of these windows retain six-over-six sash.

The main entrance is located in the center bay of the front elevation. The door has heavy raised panels on its exterior surface and vertical board sheathing on its interior surfaces. It is hung below a three-light transom. Other entrances are located on the south elevation of the addition at the first and second stories, the upper level door having been boarded shut at the exterior when a porch roof was rebuilt across it. Apparently there was originally a double porch extending along the entire south elevation of the addition. A shed roof porch extends along the main story at the front elevation.

The roof of the house is sheathed with corrugated sheet metal and terminates with barge boards set directly against the end walls. Chimneys are placed on the interior of the house, one in the log section just north of center and the other in the stone section, west of center. The one-story stone kitchen addition has a large stone inside end chimney located north of the roof peak.

The interior of the log house is bisected by a central stair and entrance hall. Two rooms are located to the north of the hall and one large room is located to the south. The only fireplace in the log house is located in the northeast room at the main story. It cuts diagonally across the two interior walls. This fireplace is trimmed with a mantel showing Georgian stylistic influence as well as elements of Germanic folk art. An ovolo molding forms crossettes at the corners of the opening; above is a panel with naive, applied trim suggesting a vine or bough. Below this fireplace in the cellar is a triangular stone pier with a round arch lined with cut stone voussoirs.

The summer beam is exposed at both the first and second stories. Massive studs form the walls. Traces of paint on the studs suggest that they may have been exposed at one time. Interior doors have six raised panels and most are attached with strap hinges. Ends of the stair risers are trimmed with cut designs resembling an open flower or pinwheel.

The interior of the stone section has a large service fireplace in the room directly behind the log house. Doors in this part of the house also have six raised panels. At the second story a built-in cupboard with a paneled door is recessed into the west end wall. It would appear that the stone addition was constructed within a relatively short time after the log house was built.

Outbuildings are located north of the house and include a stone springhouse and a frame butchering building or outkitchen with a massive stone exterior chimney.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This farmstead, known for many years as the "Snively Farm," contains an 18th century central chimney Germanic log house with a late 18th or early 19th century stone addition, outbuildings and ruins of a bank barn. Architecturally the house is particularly significant as an 18th century example showing the influence of ethnic building traditions. Stylistic elements and construction techniques suggest that the front or log portion of the house was probably built during the last two decades of the 18th century. It would appear that the stone wing was added shortly thereafter. The building retains a substantial amount of original work, such as doors, trim and hardware. Worthy of particular note is the fireplace treatment in the log section where the mantelpiece shows the mixed influence of Georgian stylistic elements and Germanic folk art. Other important 18th century features include exposed interior framing and the central chimney location associated with Germanic traditions.

Not surprisingly, this house was built by a family of German origin. It and another nearby stone house also dating from the late 18th or early 19th century (located at the south end of the village of Eakle's Mill-WA-II-268) were once part of a large farm owned by the Snively's* since the 18th century. Records in Washington County do not indicate when Conrad Snively, the first member of the family to own the property here, settled in the Keedysville area. However, at his death in 1804 he left his land to his son, Casper (B/50). Conrad Snively was a native of Germany who came to this country, first residing in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania and then moving to the area near Keedysville. Casper Snively was prosperous and owned a large amount of land south of Keedysville. In his will made in 1833 and probated in 1839, he left all of his real estate to his son, Jacob. Jacob lived on the farm and is said to have kept a wagon stand and hotel and owned a sawmill and gristmill presumably one of the latter two was later known as Eakle's Mill. The property then passed to Washington C. Snively whose widow sold it out of the family in 1932 (Will Book D/334, E/638, Deed Record 104/639). It is not known at this time whether this house was built by Conrad Snively or by his son, Casper. The stone house, located about 1/4 mile to the south was also a part of this farm and has a similar window and door arrangement (at present several small lots separate the two old farmhouses).

*Snively, also spelled Schnebele, Snavela and Snevely.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Washington County Land Records.
 Washington County Probate Records.
 Williams, T.J.C. History of Washington County. Hagerstown, Maryland: Mail
 Publishing Company, 1906.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 15 acres
 UTM REFERENCES

A	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	B	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	D	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See continuation sheet #2

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

FORM PREPARED BY

CS

NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

November 1977

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street (301) 791-3065

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland

21740

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
 ATTEST

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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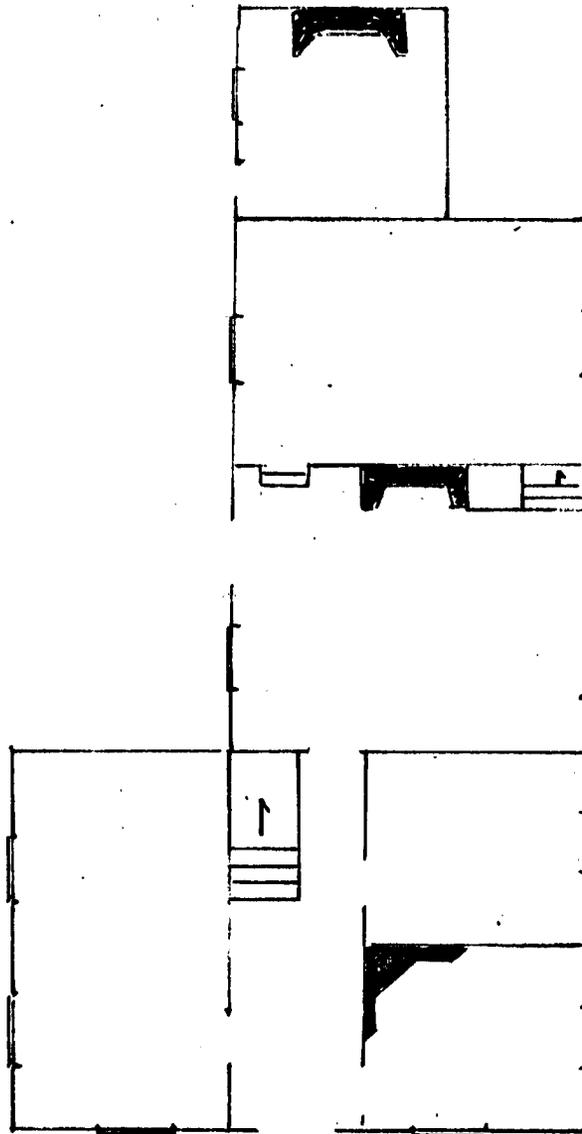
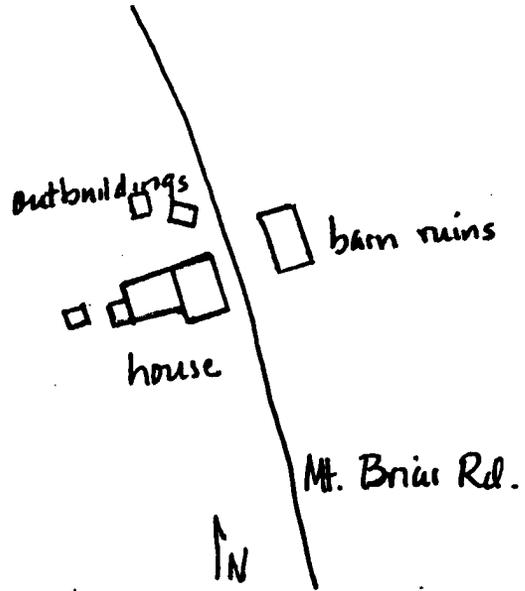
Snively Farm
Washington County

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Beginning at a stone at the end of the eighth line of the deed from Charles F. Wagaman, Trustee, to Roy G. Reeder and Mae M. Reeder, his wife, dated 1/29/65 (419/26), and running thence North 60 degrees 51 minutes East 772.36 feet into the center of the said Mt. Briar Road, thence along or near the center thereof South 45 degrees 13 minutes East 245.56 feet to a point, and South 31 degrees 49 minutes East 239.29 feet to a spike, thence leaving the Road and running back therefrom South 60 degrees 51 minutes West 1388.0 feet to a stake, thence North 29 degrees 09 minutes West 534.66 feet to a stake, thence with the boundary of the first mentioned parcel of land North 66 degrees 04 minutes East 41.33 feet to a post, thence North 82 degrees 33 minutes East 151.23 feet to a planted stone, thence North 60 degrees 51 minutes East 354.85 feet to the place of beginning; containing 15.0 acres of land, more or less.

(from Washington County deed 630/586)



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The Smively Farm.

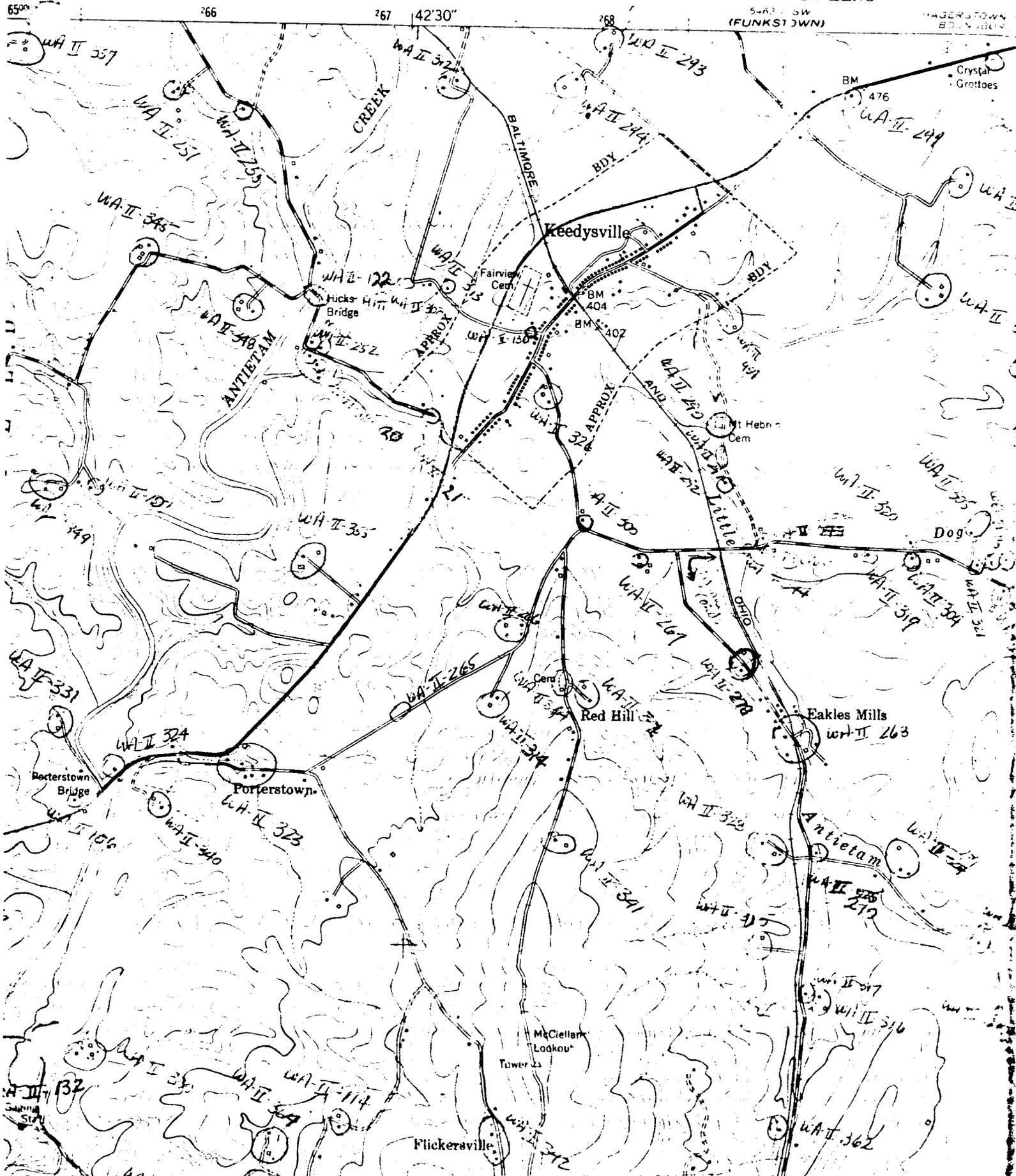
Washington Co.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CORPS OF ENGINEERS

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(FUNKSTOWN)

HAGERSTOWN
EDWARDS



Keedysville Quad

CORPS OF ENGINEERS

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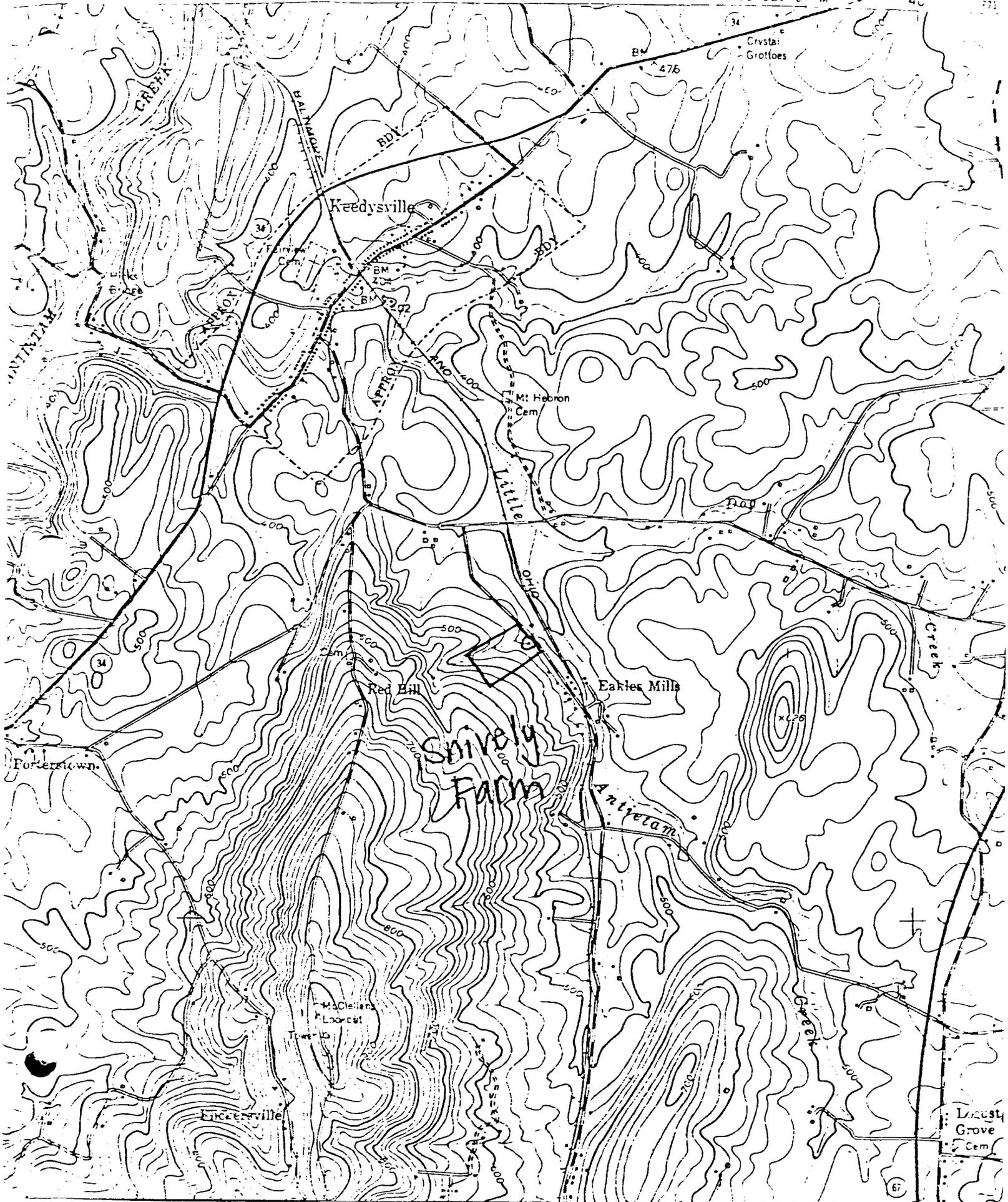
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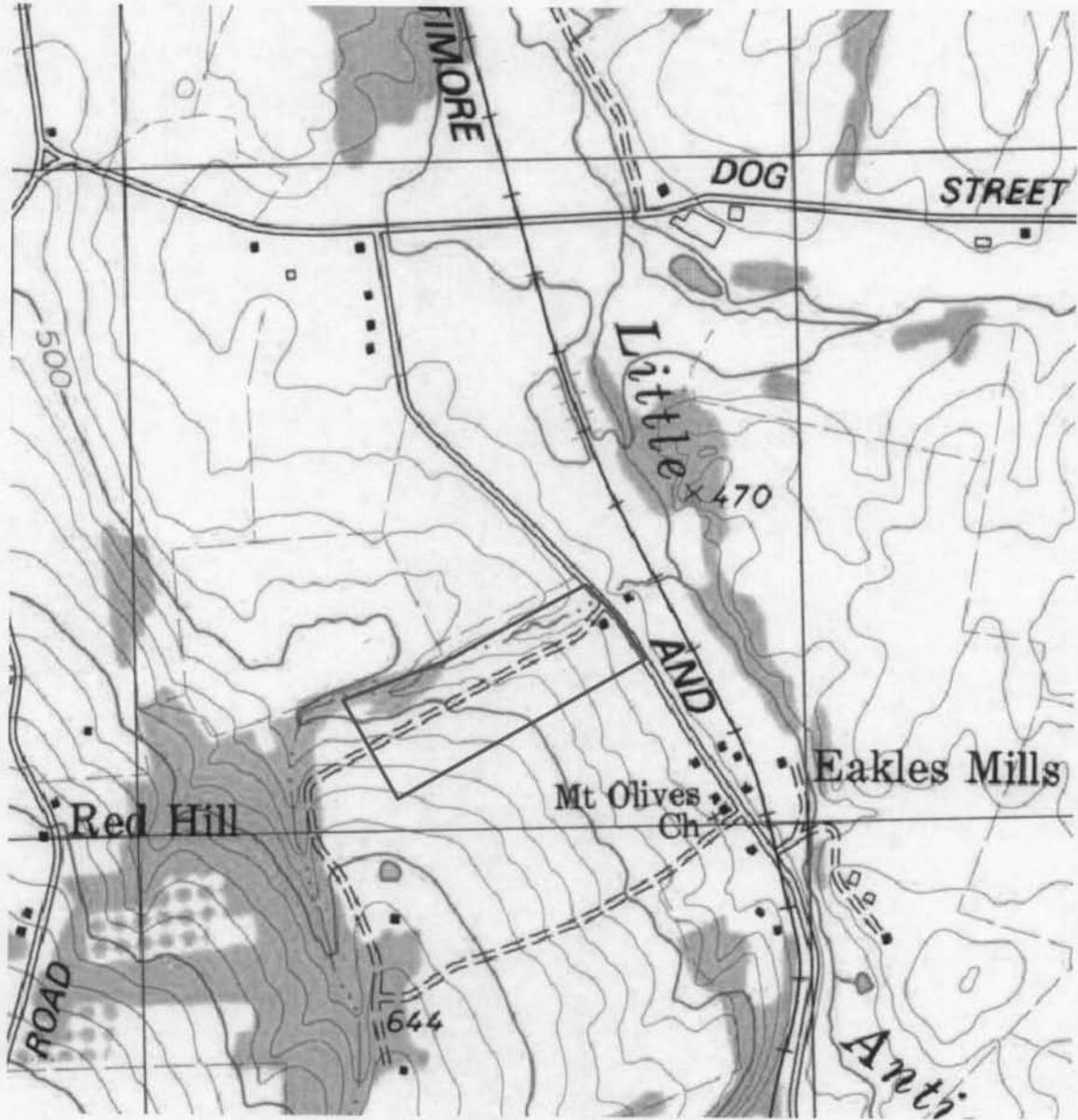
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Snively Farm
5660 Mt. Briar Road, Keedysville
Map 77, p. 211, ID 2219002594
Keedysville Quadrangle





Snively farm
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E.

Feb 1976

Part of "Felfoot Enlarged"

Paula Stone



WA-II-278 Snewly Farm

S.W

Feb. 1976

Part of "Selfport Enlarged"

Paulo Stoner



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Suvely Farm

W.E.

Feb 1976

Part of "Foot Enlarged"
Paula Stoner





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Outbuildings N.W. view

Feb. 1976

Part of "Felfoot Enlarged"

Paula Stoner

Snively Farm



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N.E. view

1976

Part of "Gilfoot Enlarged" HISTORICAL SITES SURVEY

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