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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
Tammany
AND/OR COMMON
Mount Tammany

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER #11
End of Tammany Lane, north of U.S. Route NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CITY, TOWN CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Williamsport Sixth
STATE VICINITY OF
Maryland CODE COUNTY CODE
024 Washington 043

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<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 Vincent R. Groh
STREET & NUMBER 153 West Washington Street
CITY, TOWN Hagerstown, VICINITY OF STATE Maryland 21740

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Washington County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER West Washington Street
CITY, TOWN Hagerstown, STATE Maryland 21740

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN
STATE
_FEDERAL _STATE _COUNTY _LOCAL

DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

"Mount Tammany" or "Tammany" is located at the end of Tammany Lane, north of U.S. Route 11, just northeast of Williamsport in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated on an area of level ground and faces south.

Mount Tammany is a two-part brick structure resting on low fieldstone foundations. The main block is a two-story, three-bay structure with a side hall entrance. Attached to its north gable wall is a two-story, five-bay structure also of brick, but much lower in height than the main section. Apparently the wing was originally one and a half stories high.

The walls of the main section of Tammany display Flemish bond brickwork at the front or south elevation and the east end wall. American or common bonding is used at the north and west elevations. A water table of quarter round bricks extends along the south and west walls. The entire surface of the house has been painted white. Prominent wall decoration at the front elevation consists of flat arches of cut stone with large keystones. Flat arches of brick are present above other windows.

Windows at the first story of the front elevation have been enlarged into French doors. Above them are openings with twelve-over-eight light sash held within wide frames. A twelve-over-twelve pane sash is used at the first story in the east end wall. A small circular window is set in each gable. Original windows in the wing have nine-over-six light sash. In both sections most windows are flanked by louvered shutters.

The main entrance is located in the easternmost bay of the front elevation. It has trim similar to that of the windows and is topped with a broad, four-light transom. Extending across the front elevation is a one-story porch with a low hipped roof. It is supported by round Doric pillars.

The roof of each section of the house is sheathed with sheet metal and terminates with barge boards set directly against the end walls. The eaves at the front elevation of the main section are finished with modillions under which runs a course of small dentils. At other elevation the eaves treatment is more simple. A large brick chimney is located inside the east gable end. A smaller, more recent furnace flue is attached to the west end wall. Another brick chimney is located inside the east end of the wing.

The interior of the main section of the house at the first story level consists of a wide entrance and stair hall and a large double parlor, each section having a fireplace. The woodwork is elaborate, some appearing to date from the late 18th century and some from the mid or late 19th. Door architraves displaying crossettes or "ears" at their upper corners are among the 18th century details of the house. Later work includes the French doors and arched fireplace openings trimmed with acanthus leaf cartouches.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
	<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

Association with the
Lear and Findley familie

SPECIFIC DATES circa 1780s

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Mount Tammany, a two-part brick house near Williamsport, Maryland, is believed to have been built during the 1780s by Matthew Van Lear, a prominent early resident of Washington County. The property remained in the hands of his descendants until 1928. The Van Lear family was related to William Findley, Governor of Pennsylvania, and Benjamin Harrison, President of the United States.

Known throughout its history as a "Country Mansion," Tammany is a rare example of an 18th century brick dwelling in Washington County, and one that contains unusually elaborate exterior and interior decorative detail. (See description) It consists of a two-story, three-bay main block with a two-story, five-bay wing which apparently originally had one and a half stories. Such exterior features on the main section as keystones above the facade openings and round windows in the gables are particularly worthy of note. Rich interior ornamentation is associated with the doors and fireplaces.

Additional information on the history of the Van Lear family is to be found in the attached excerpts from The History of Western Maryland by Thomas Scharf and T.J. C. Williams' History of Washington County.

The Van Lear family is one of the oldest in Western Maryland. The branch that came to Williamsport consisted of two brothers, Matthew and William, who, according to local histories, engaged in trade with the West. They later purchased a large tract of land near Williamsport where Matthew built this brick house shortly after the close of the Revolution. He named it Tammany after a well-known Indian chief of that time. Tammany is said to have been built of bricks made on the property.

When he settled at Tammany, Matthew ended his commercial ventures and became a successful farmer. He died in 1823, leaving a sizable estate, which was not settled until 1862, but was administered by several of his sons, who kept a common fund for support and education of all the Van Lear children.

Matthew Van Lear's wife was Mary Irwin, who was born near Mercersburg in Franklin County, Pennsylvania. One of her sisters married William Findley, Governor of Pennsylvania and later U.S. Senator. Mary Irwin's brother, Archibald, had a daughter who married a son of William Henry Harrison and served briefly as mistress of the White House. Another daughter of Archibald Irwin married another Harrison son and became the mother of

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (continued)

Benjamin Harrison. Sophia Van Lear, youngest child of Matthew and Mary Irwin, married Archibald Irwin Findley, a lawyer from Chambersburg, Pa. and son of William Findley.

The Tammany Mansion today is part of a housing subdivision which dates from the 1950s. It is visually separated from the more recent dwellings by its large lot screened with old plantings.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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- Scharf, Thomas J. History of Western Maryland. Philadelphia, Pa: Louis Everts, 1882.
- Washington County Land Records.
- Washington County Probate Records.
- Williams, T.J.C. History of Washington County. Hagerstown, Md: Mail Publishing Co., 1906.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.60 acres

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

March 1977

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street 791-3065

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown,

STATE

Maryland 21740

12 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

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

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

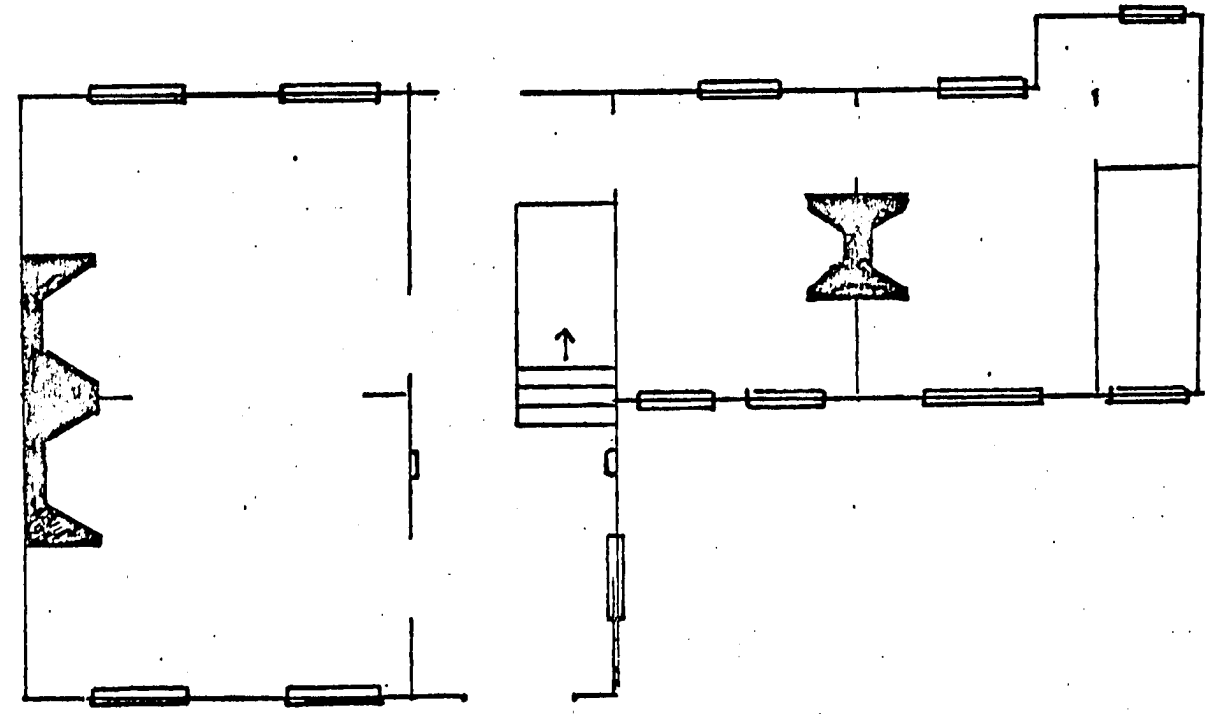
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Tammany Manor (Approximate 1st floor plan)

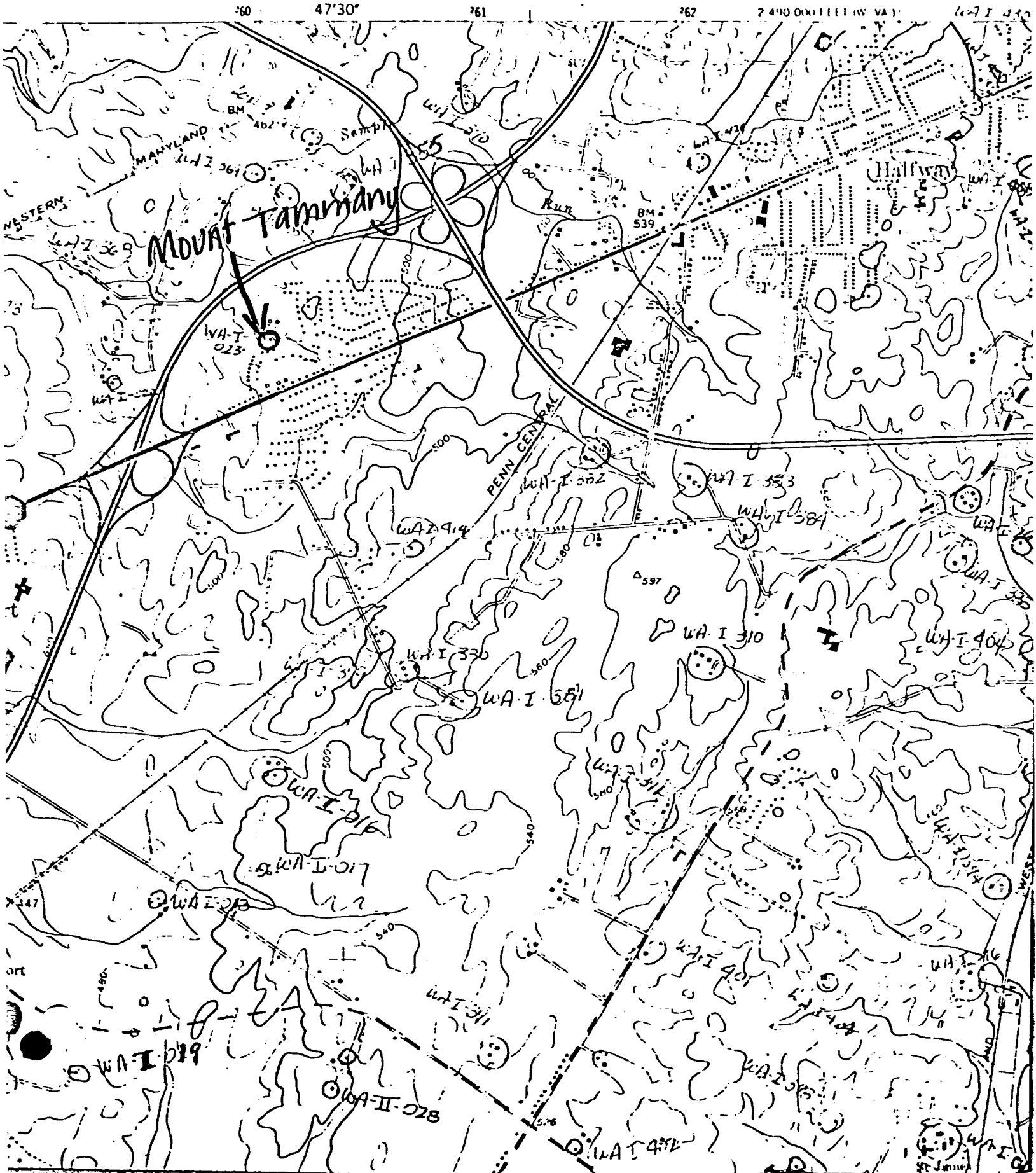
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MARYLAND-WEST VIRGINIA
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SF/4 WILLIAMSPORT 15' QUADRANGLE

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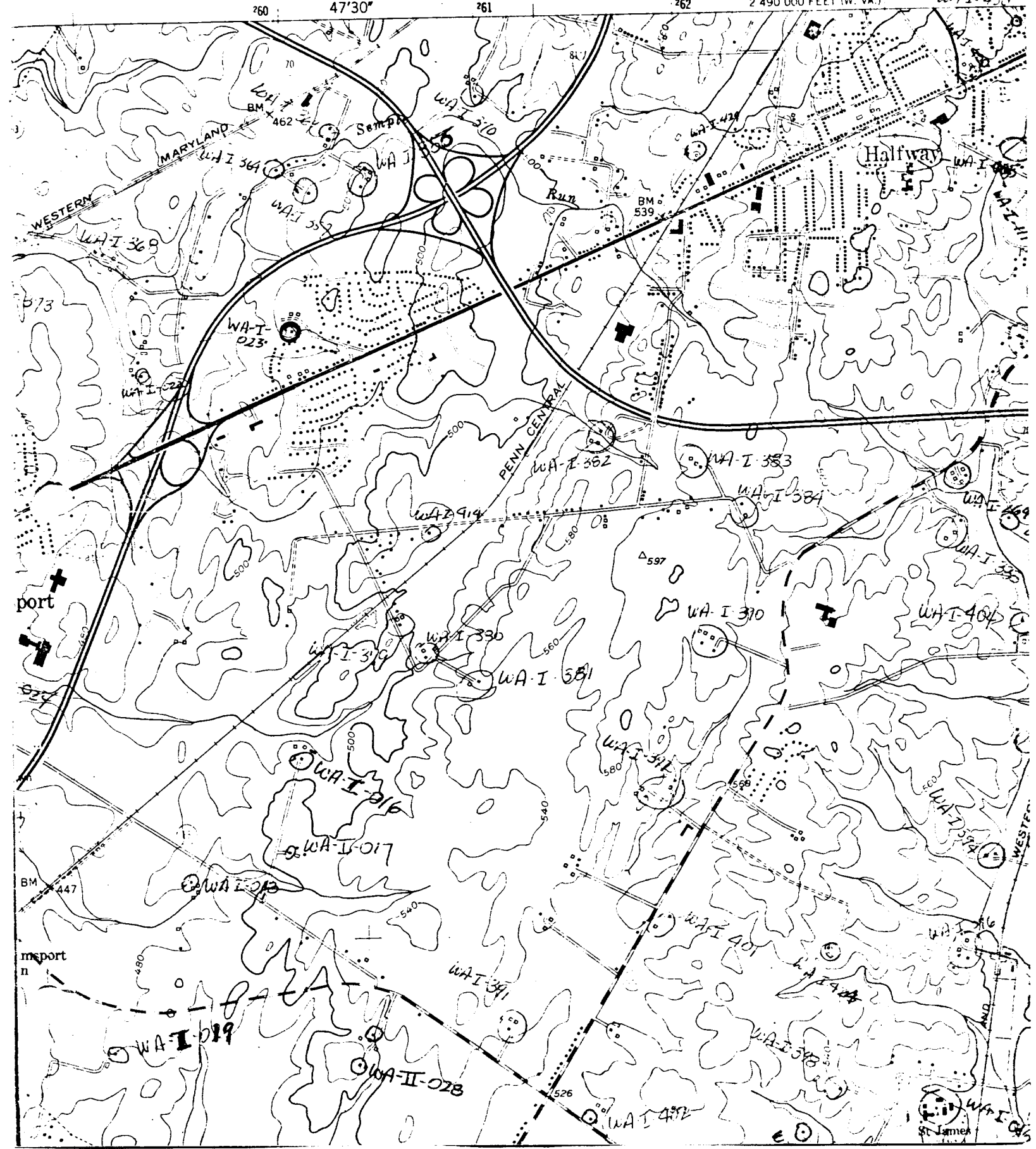


WILLIAMSPORT QUADRANG
MARYLAND-WEST VIRGINIA
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPH)
SE/4 WILLIAMSPORT 15' QUADRANGLE

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