

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

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1. NAME				
COMMON: Old Forge Farm				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Surveyor's Last Shift				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: North of Old Forge Road, east of Antietam Creek				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown vicinity				
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Washington		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input checked="" 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: Brian K. Sharpe				
STREET AND NUMBER: Route #5				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown		STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Washington County Court House				
STREET AND NUMBER: West Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 491/49				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Historical Trust Survey #3010				
DATE OF SURVEY: Summer 1967 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust				
STREET AND NUMBER: 21 State Circle				
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis		STATE: Maryland		

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7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <50% <input type="checkbox"/> Uncltered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>Old Forge Farm is located north of Old Forge Road just east of the Antietam Creek in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated on a high bluff above the creek and faces west.</p> <p>The structure is a two-story, three bay stone dwelling built in 1762 as recorded on a date plaque set in its south gable wall. A long, two-story, five bay addition extends to the rear or east of the main section.</p> <p>The entire house is constructed of roughly coursed local fieldstone with slightly more careful stone cutting in evidence at the front section. Several vertical seams in the walls reflect early additions or alterations. One seam on the south wall marks the jointure of the two sections. On the north wall of the addition is a distinct seam just east of the west bay. Between this seam and the main section is an arched door head, the opening having been filled with stone.</p> <p>Wide wooden window frames with pegged joining are in evidence throughout the structure. Those of the front section and the upper story of the addition have six over six pane double hung sashes while the lower story openings of the addition have six over nine light sashes.</p> <p>The main entrance is located in the middle bay of the front elevation. It is framed similarly to the windows and is simple in appearance. A more elaborate entrance with a fan light over the door is located in the west bay of the south elevation of the el. Its decorative pediment is said to be a reproduction of the original. Other entrances are located variously in the east and north elevations.</p> <p>The roof of the entire structure is covered with slate. Plain boxing finishes the eaves of the main section while a course of simple molding has been applied to the eaves of the addition. The main section has a large central flue. A second flue, also large, is located between the second and third bays from the east end of the el.</p> <p>The house appears to be in fair to good condition. In addition to the house is a stone end barn and stone shed located north of the dwelling. Below the house on the bank of the Antietam is the site of a grist mill which was in operation throuth the late eighteenth and much of the nineteenth centuries. On the west bank of the creek, south of the Old Forge Road, is the site of an iron and nail forge operated by the Hughes Brothers during the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. No evidence of the mill or the iron operation can be seen today. High on a bluff above the Antietam south of the Old Forge Road are three secondary stone dwellings, probably associated with the iron business. They are described in forms WA-I-080, 081, and 082.</p>	

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SIGNIFICANCE			
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	
SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1762 (west section)			
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE			
<p>The Old Forge house is primarily significant for its architecture. With its surrounding property, the structure is important as part of an iron and milling operation, thus contributing to early commerce and industry on a regional scale. Since the iron operation owned by the Hughes family is known to have produced weapons for the Revolution and the War of 1812, the site also has military significance. (It should be noted that among historians there is some confusion about which of the Hughes-owned iron operations produced the weapons.)</p> <p>The front section of the Old Forge house is particularly important as one of the oldest dated dwellings standing in Washington County. Built in 1762, before the close of the French and Indian War, the house was certainly one of the most substantial dwellings in the area of that date. The Structure with its deeply pitched roof, small, irregularly spaced windows and its central flue reflects its eighteenth century building date. The el to the rear or east of the main section was probably added before 1800. At the time the 1762 section of the house was built, the property was owned by George French. Approximately 485 acres was deeded to Samuel and Daniel Hughes on March 23, 1769 (Frederick County Liber M, folio 88), although in a release dated April 3, 1764 (Frederick County Liber M, folio 209), the same property was conveyed to Barnabas Hughes, father of Samuel and Daniel.</p> <p>Barnabas Hughes emmigrated from Ireland in 1750 and settled in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Later in the eighteenth century the Hughes family owned several thousand acres in present Washington County, Maryland, controlling much of the valley between the upper Antietam and South Mountain. On this land, the Hughes brothers, Samuel and Daniel, operated several iron manufacturing concerns. They are known to have been ardent supporters of the American Revolution and produced weapons for Washington's Army. The Hughes iron operations were located at Mt. Aetna, Black Rock, Rocky Forge and Mt. Alto in Pennsylvania as well as at Old Forge. It is not clear which of these concerns produced weapons for the Revolution. However, cannon and ammunition have been found at the site of the Mt. Aetna Furnace. All references found concerning the Old Forge operation describe it as a nail forge specializing in bar iron.</p> <p>The mill which was located at the Old Forge appears to have been a secondary business for the Hughes. It was one of many mills on the Antietam Creek which were in operation during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries in Washington County.</p>			

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 192.49

Acreage Justification:

(This area is currently blank for justification.)

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Paula Stoner Dickey

ORGANIZATION: Consultant, Washington County Historical Sites Survey DATE: June, 1975

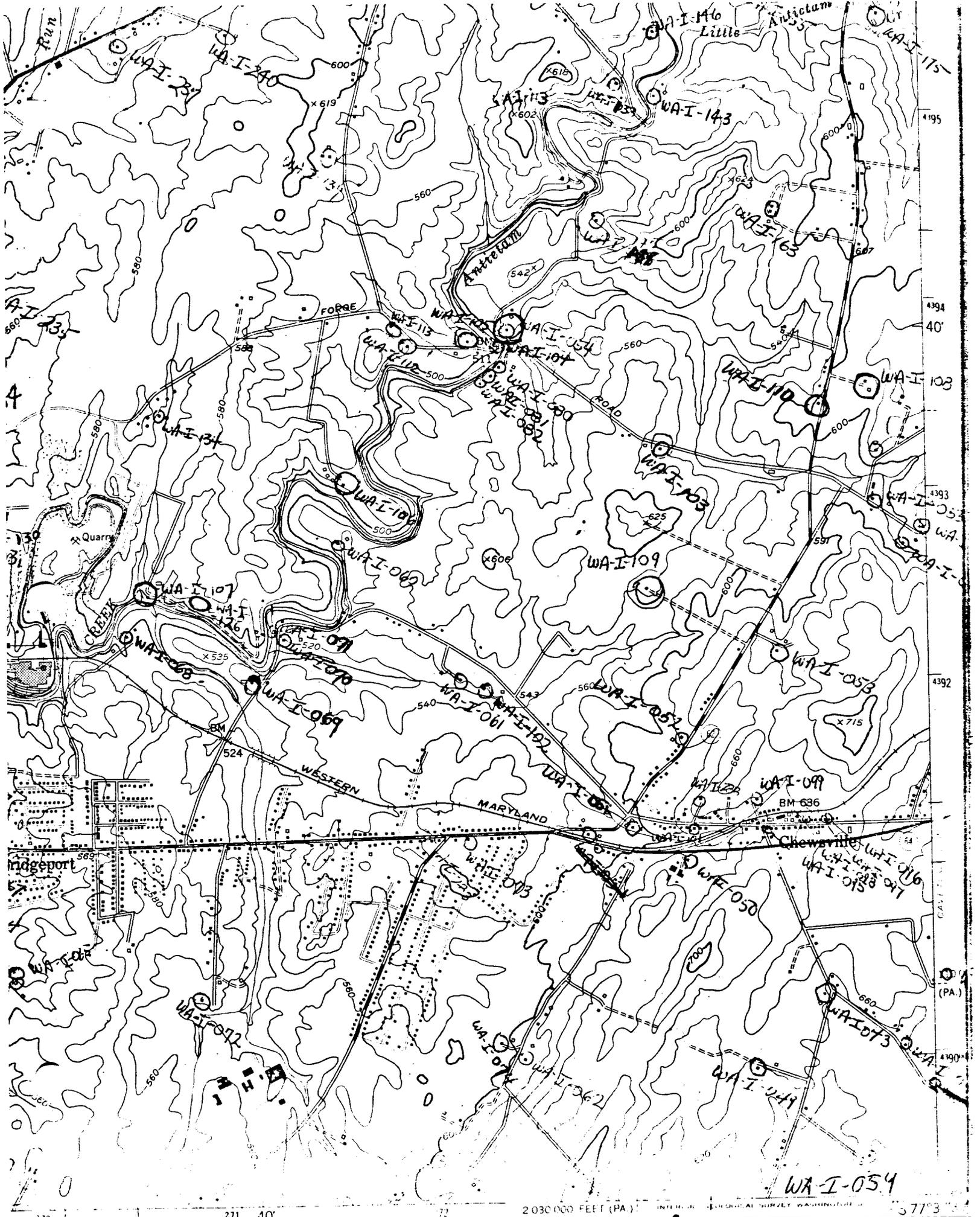
STREET AND NUMBER:
 Washington County Court House

CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:
 National State Local

Signature _____



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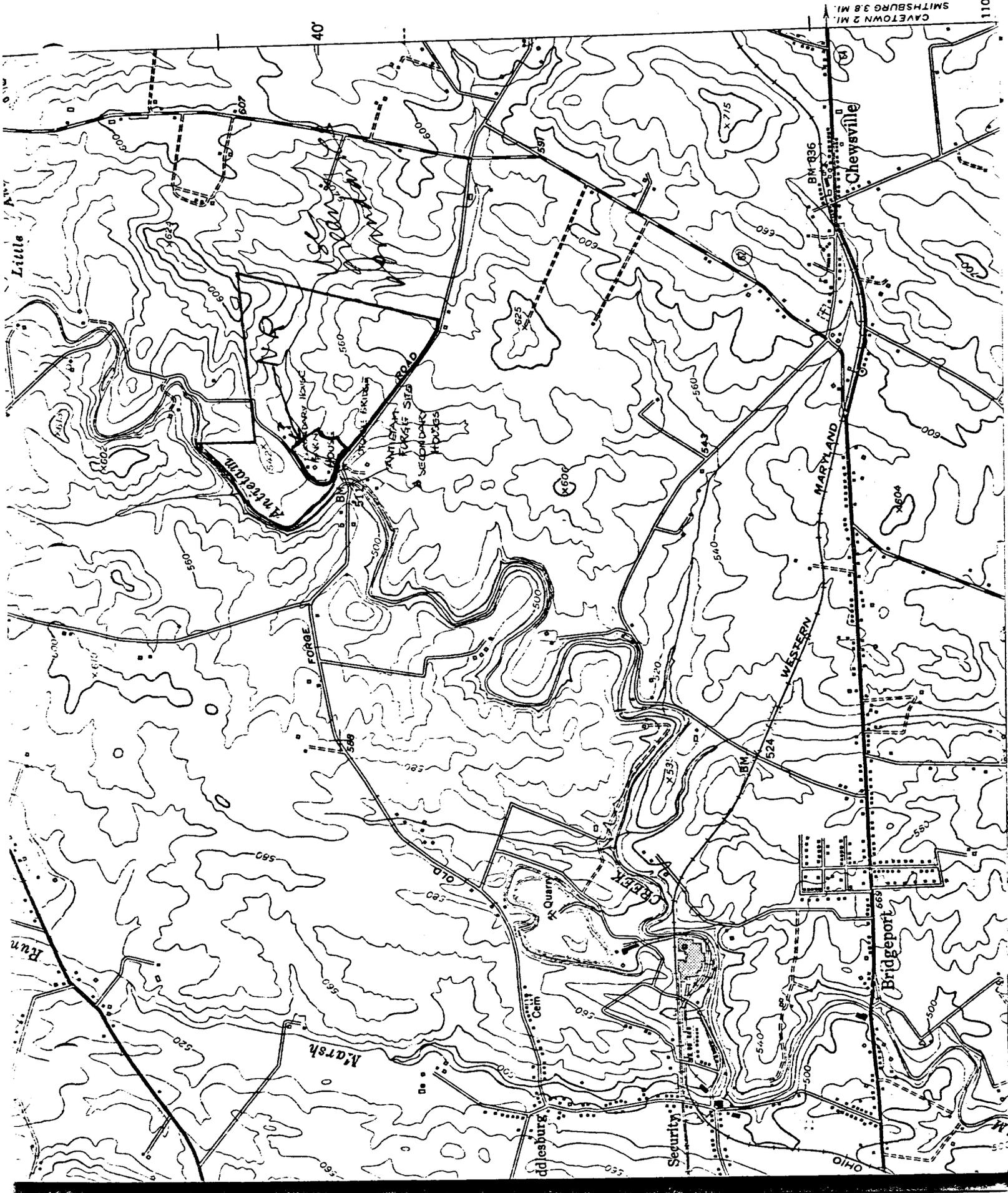
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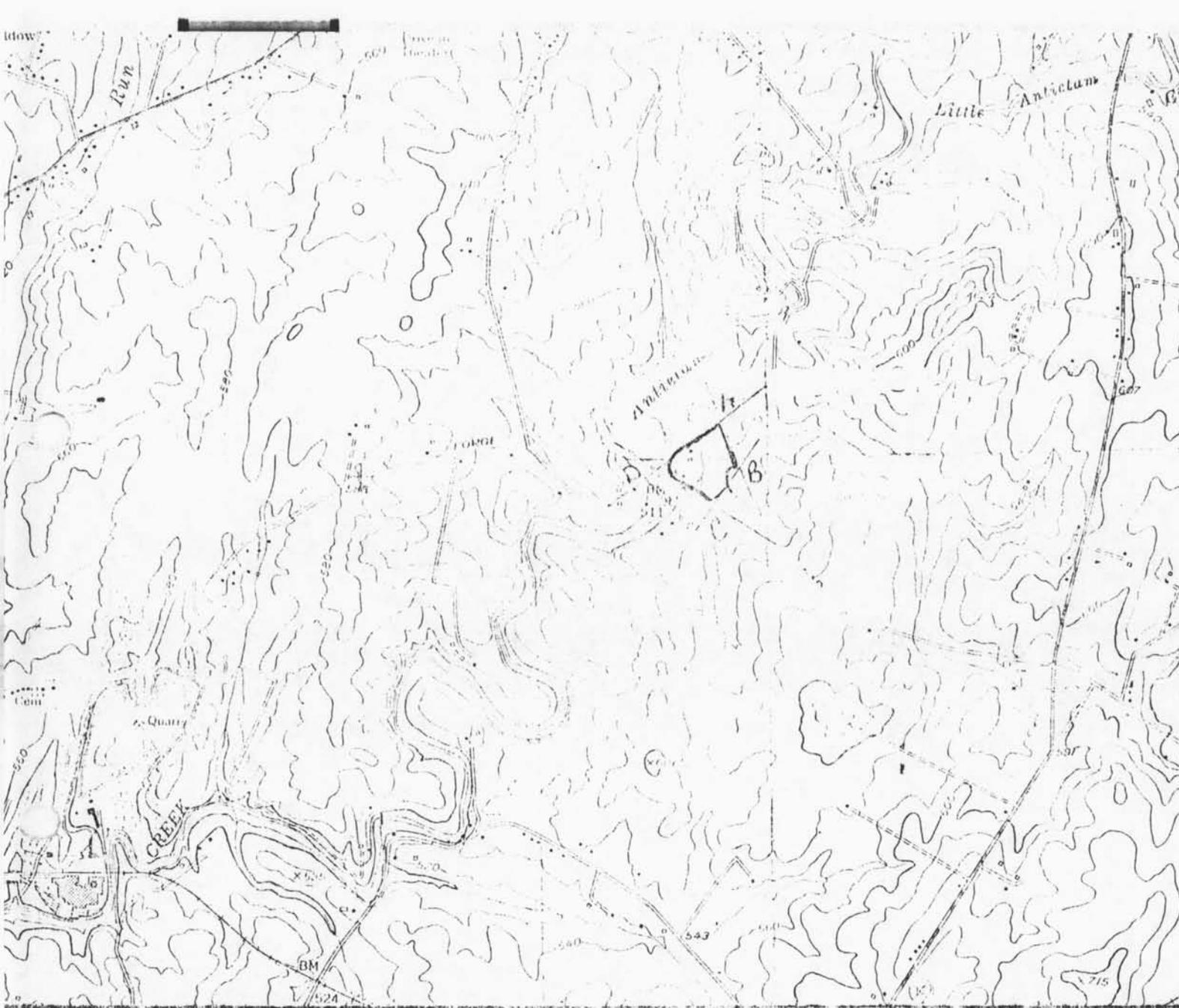
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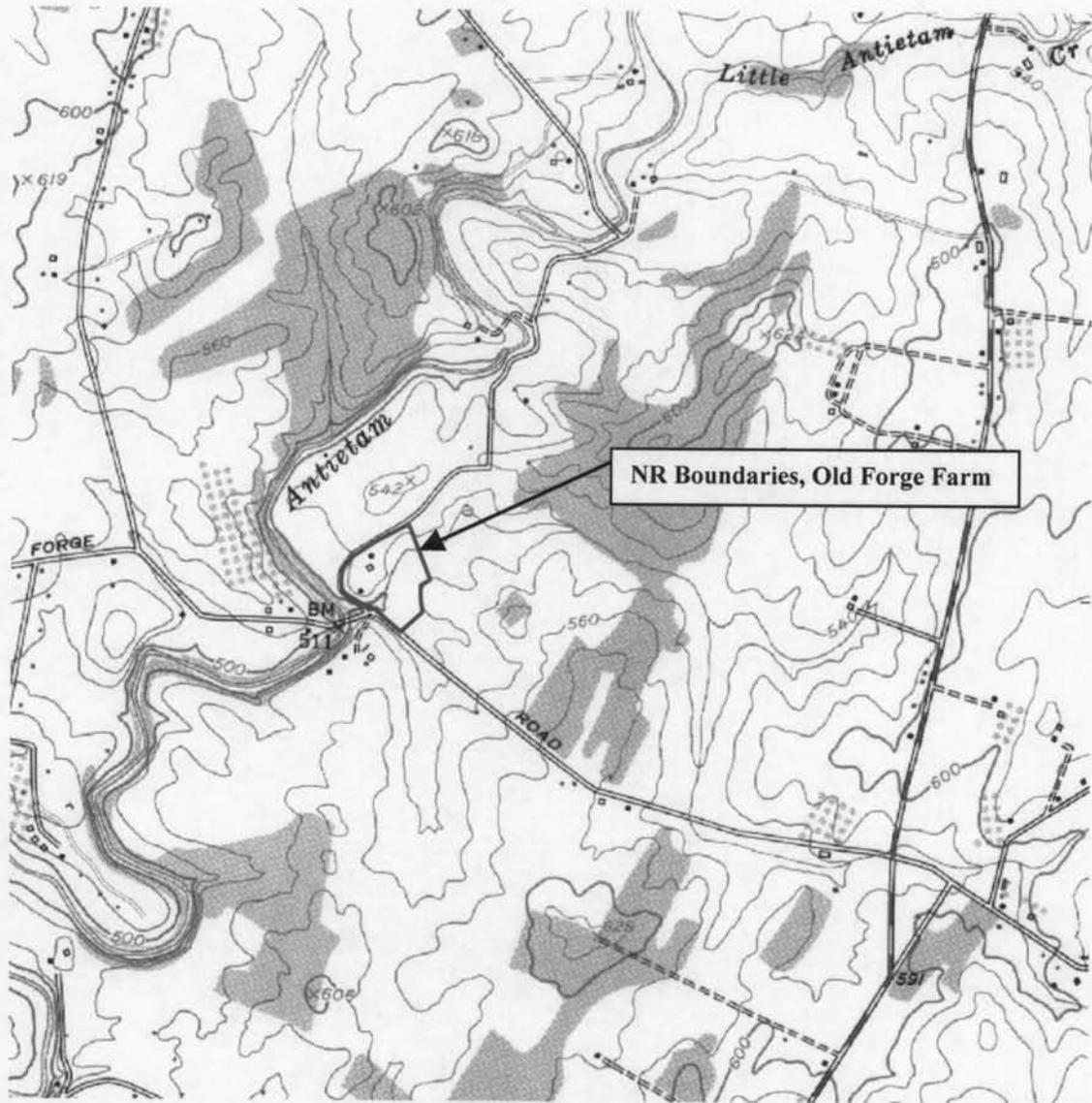
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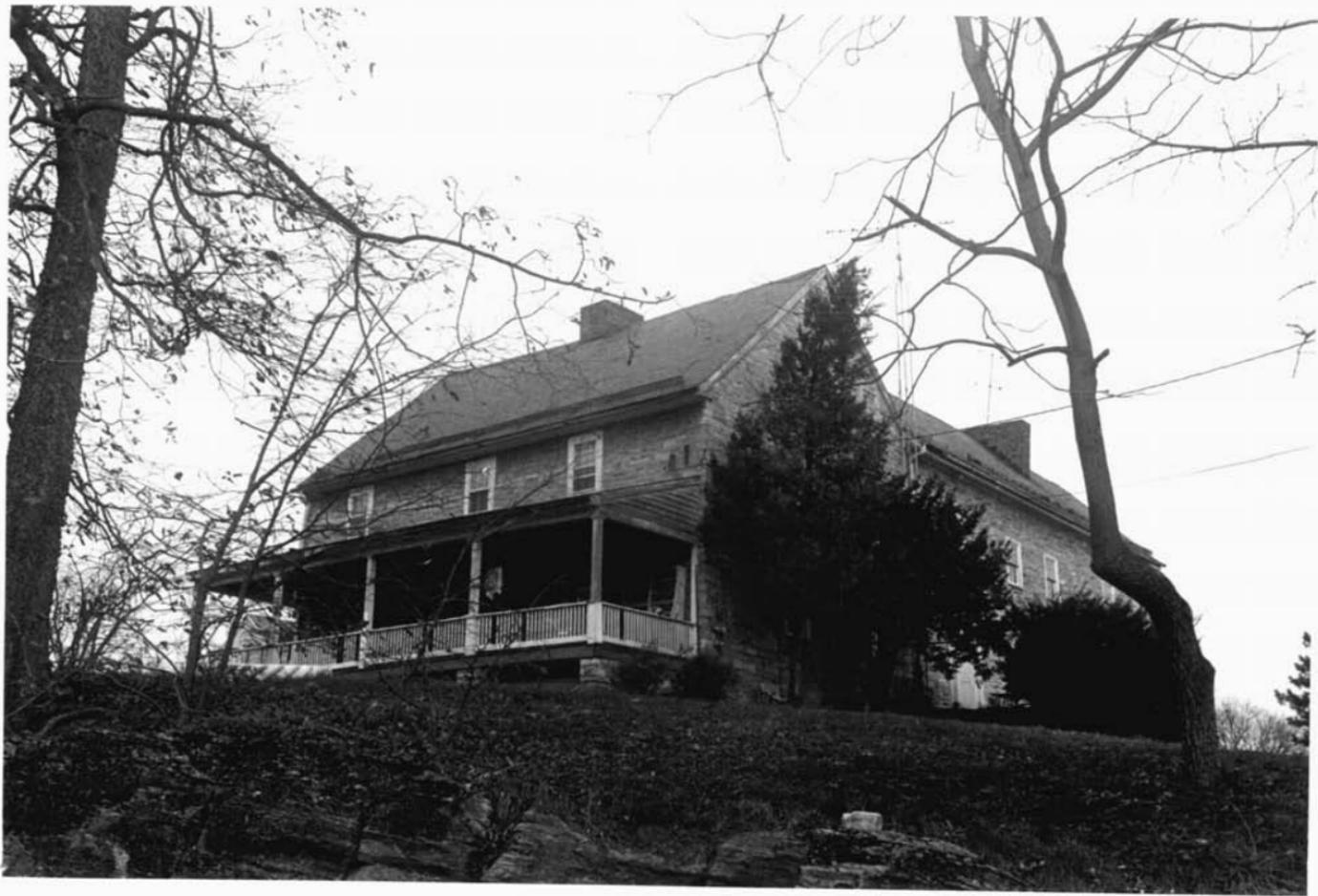




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