

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:  
Stage Coach Inn

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Newcomer's Tavern Stand

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
North of U. S. Route 40 at Huyetts

CITY OR TOWN:  
Hagerstown vicinity

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Washington

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted
<input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted
<input type="checkbox"/> Object	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<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:  
Frederick Higgins

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Route 2, Huyetts

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. #): 493/260

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:

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	<div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <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
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> </div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered > 50% <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The house is located on the north side of U.S. Route 40, at the Village of Huyett, about three miles west of Hagerstown in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated on relatively level ground and faces south.</p> <p>The structure is a two story, four bay stone dwelling covered with a layer of buff stucco. A long el or projection extends to the rear or north of the dwelling.</p> <p>Windows that remain in their original locations appear to be spaced evenly in the walls of the front section. Moderately wide frames hold casements which are not original.</p> <p>The main entrance is located near the center of the front elevation. It would appear that the two central bays of the first story of the front elevation have been removed to make room for a rather elaborate entranceway with fan and side lights.</p> <p>A three bay shed roofed porch extends along the front elevation. A double porch is present along the north elevation of the el.</p> <p>The roof structure extends beyond the end walls of the house and is covered with modern asphalt shingles. Large stone chimneys, one of which is new, rise from inside each gable end of the main section.</p> <p>The house, which was once a tavern, is in good condition and is being refurbished by its owners. The property contains 2.8 acres.</p>	

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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) 1812?			
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/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	losophy	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	itarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE			
<p>This house is significant primarily for its use as a tavern along the Hagerstown and Conococheague Turnpike which became part of the National Pike. As a tavern and inn, it achieves significance for its contribution to commerce and transportation in Washington County. The structure, although greatly altered, derives significance from its architecture. The property is also important for its association with Major Martin Kershner, a member of a prominent Washington County family.</p> <p>In deeds referring to this property, the structure is described as Newcomer's Tavern Stand. David H. Newcomer purchased part of the tavern property from Andrew Kershner in 1843. Newcomer owned the property until 1868. During that time, presumably the structure was in use as a tavern, serving traffic on the Turnpike and the National Pike. It is also said to have been operated as the "White Swan Inn" during the early twentieth century. No information has been found to suggest whether or not the Kershner family operated a tavern on the property prior to Newcomer ownership.</p> <p>Although altered, the house is worthy of note as an example in Washington County's stone architecture from the early nineteenth century. An exact building date for the structure has not been found, but its appearance suggests a construction date during the first third of the nineteenth century. The owner said that the house was built in 1812.</p> <p>Finally, the structure is significant for its association with Martin Kershner who patented "Rocky Spring", the 1125 acre tract on which the house stands, in 1800. Major Martin Kershner, who died in 1817 had been a member of the Legislature and Justice of the Peace. <sup>1</sup></p>			
<p>1. Thomas J. C. Williams, <u>History of Washington County</u>, Vol. 1, Hagerstown: Mail Publishing Company, (1906) page 162.</p>			

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	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	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2.8 Acres

Acreage Justification:

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant		DATE July, 1975
ORGANIZATION Washington County Historical Sites Survey		
STREET AND NUMBER: West Washington Street		
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown	STATE Maryland	

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

Significance of this property is:  
 National  State  Local

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 Signature

DEED RECORDS

- 493/260 August 1, 1969  
Grantor: Ethel S. Kountz  
Grantee: Frederick W. Higgins and Arleen E. Higgins
- 146/556 March 15, 1915  
Grantor: Martin J. Gearhart and Katie H. Gearhart  
Grantee: Ethel S. Kountz  
\$4,950 11 acres, part of "Rocky Spring"
- 119/474 March 29, 1904  
Grantor: Joseph S. Grimm and Arbelia Grimm  
Grantee: Martin J. Gearhart  
\$1,900 11 acres
- 103/284 April 1, 1895  
Grantor: Weisis Fox and Minnie Fox  
Grantee: Joseph S. Grimm  
\$2,225  
Known as the Newcomer Tavern Stand
- 102/626 February 27, 1894  
Grantor: Alex Armstrong, Trustee  
Grantee: Weisel Fox  
Equity Court Case of Alex Armstrong, Assignee VS John Powell #4582  
\$1,800 "Newcomer Tavern Stand"
- 96/852 March 13, 1891  
Grantor: Jacob Downin and Harriet Downin  
Grantee: John Powell  
11 Acres
- 81/451 October 25, 1881  
Grantor: W. M. McDowell  
Grantee: John E. Rowland  
\$2,275 21 Acres
- 75/495 February 9, 1877  
Grantor: J. J. Funk, et al, heirs of Jacob Funk  
Grantee: Jacob Downin  
Being part of the same property on which Jacob Funk (of Jno.)  
resided at the time of his death.







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