

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME					
COMMON: The Strite Farm					
AND/OR HISTORIC: John Beard Farm, Part of "Gleanings"					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER: Beard's Church Road, about 1/2 mile east of Maryland Route 62					
CITY OR TOWN: Route 5, Hagerstown					
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	Public Acquisition:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied	Yes:
<input type="checkbox"/> Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process	<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> Restricted
<input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No					
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<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: Elmer C. Strite and Ada F. Strite					
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. #): 281/199					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
TITLE OF SURVEY:					
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		

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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)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Strite farmhouse is located on the south side of Beard's Church Road about 1/2 mile east of Maryland Route 62 in Washington County. It is situated on a slope near a small stream and faces east.

The structure is a two-story, five-bay stone and log dwelling with white trim. An arched top datestone which cannot be read is set into the north gable under the chimney. The house is unusually wide with three bays at the gable ends.

The north and west elevations and the two north bays of the front or east elevation are constructed of roughly coursed local fieldstone. The remainder of the front wall and the south end wall are sheathed with aluminum siding under which apparently is a log construction. The masonry at the front elevation is partially concealed with stucco or "rough cast." There is no decorative work associated with the exterior of the building except for header bricks forming the arch which holds the datestone.

The windows appear to be spaced evenly in the walls. They show wide framing with mitered corners and quarter round trim. All windows have two-over-two pane Victorian period sashes. Six-light openings are present at the attic level.

Doors are located in the second and third bays from the north end of the front elevation and between the first and second bays from the west end of the north gable wall. All entrances are treated similarly with simple framing like that of the windows. No transoms are present over any of the doors.

A modern one-story hipped roof porch extends along the front elevation.

The roof is covered with channel groove sheet metal and terminates at the end walls with tapered barge boards. Below the eaves boxing is a simple band of molding. A brick chimney is located inside the north gable end.

The house is in good to excellent condition and stands on a tract containing 140.47 acres.

North of the house are a barn and other outbuildings related to agricultural use.

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SIGNIFICANCE			
<b>PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)</b>			
<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	
<b>SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)</b>			
<b>AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)</b>			
<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	<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-	_____
<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<b>STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE</b>			
<p>The area of significance of this house is its architecture. Its construction is quite unusual in Washington County, uncommon features being its broad end walls and the use of log combined with stone in one structural unit. (There are a number of dwellings in the area which combine the use of log in stone but these materials are usually restricted to separate structural sections which are attached or adjoin.) This house is outstanding as an example of the Cumberland Valley's early vernacular architecture which employs both stone and log, major pre-1850 building materials in the area.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the datestone on this house has weathered to the point of being illegible. However, the house would appear to date from the late 18th century. There is considerable evidence to sustain this supposition. The property is known as "Major John Beard's Farm" and an 1825 deed to the tract refers to "the late John Beard's Mansion House." Although he did not leave a will, records indicate that Beard died about 1817. The present owners have found an old door in the attic of the house which is inscribed with the names John Beard and Christiana Beard and the date, May 25, 1791. In addition to this evidence, the house is depicted on Charles Varle's 1808 map of Washington and Frederick Counties.</p> <p>John Beard was the son of Nicholas Beard, one of the early settlers of the Chewsville area.</p> <p>For further historical information on this and other properties in the Chewsville election district, contact Howard L. Spessard, 911 View Street, Hagerstown, Maryland</p>			

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Scharf, J. Thomas, History of Western Maryland, Philadelphia: Louis H. Everts, 1882. (Information about the Beard Family.)  
Varle, Charles, Map of Frederick and Washington Counties, 1808.

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
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 140.47 acres

Acreage Justification:

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

STATE:	COUNTY:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION: Washington County Historical Sites Survey      DATE: August, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Court House Annex

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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