

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: Antietam Forge Property - "Surveyor's Last Shift"				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Old Forge Road and Antietam Creek				
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 type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <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"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____ _____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Forrest G. Sharp				
STREET AND NUMBER: Route 5, Box 48				
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. #): 219/588				
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:		

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" 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="width: 45%;">                     (Check One)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered &lt;50%                        <input type="checkbox"/> Uncltered                 </div> <div style="width: 45%;">                     (Check One)  <input type="checkbox"/> Moved                        <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site                 </div> </div>
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>This house is located a short distance south of Old Forge Road, east of the Antietam Creek in Washington County. It is situated on a high bluff overlooking the creek and faces north.</p> <p>The structure is a two-story, six-bay fieldstone dwelling with white trim. The building is constructed of coursed local limestone with pronounced quoins at its corners. There is no decorative stonework associated with the window or door openings.</p> <p>All windows which retain original or early frames display wide wooden members secured with pegs. The openings are relatively small, most containing six-over-six pane double-hung sashes. Other windows display more recent two-over-two light sashes or modern casements. The two end bays of the second story of the south or rear elevation show evidence of alteration. Seams in the masonry suggest that these openings at one time may have been doors.</p> <p>Entrances are located in the end bays of the front or north and rear elevations. All entrances are extremely plain and appear to have framing similar to that of the windows. Small shed roof porches are present over each entrance.</p> <p>The roof is covered with corrugated sheet metal and terminates with a plain barge board set directly against the end walls. Brick chimneys extend from inside each gable end. The eaves are finished with plain boxing at the front and rear elevations.</p> <p>The house is in fair condition and is located on a tract containing 233.87 acres. Just east of this structure are two other dwellings, one of fieldstone, the other covered with a coating of stucco. Presumably all three houses were associated with the forge and mill which were located beneath them on the banks of the Antietam. A large barn and outbuildings related to agricultural use are located southeast of the dwellings.</p>	

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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"/> Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> Historic <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> Art <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> Communications <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry <input type="checkbox"/> Invention <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape <input type="checkbox"/> Literature <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Political <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/> Science <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/> Theater <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Association with the Hughes family, prominent in 18th century Washington County</u> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<b>STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE</b>			
<p>This house is significant for its architecture as well as for its association with the milling and iron industries in Washington County. The house is also worthy of note for its connection with the Hughes family, who were prominent in 18th century Washington County and Maryland history.</p> <p>Architecturally, the house, which is not dated, is a very plain structure and apparently was used to house iron or mill workers at the nearby complex. Its appearance, although simple is quite formal with the front and rear elevations being quite symmetrical. The placement of doors and windows suggests that the house was constructed as a double or multiple unit dwelling. The building reflects construction techniques used in Washington County during the late 18th or early 19th centuries.</p> <p>Located at the base of the steep cliffs on which this house is situated, is a low level area and a fording of the Antietam now spanned by a stone arch bridge (see WA-I-104). At the fording were located the Antietam Forge and a grist mill. The forge was situated on the west bank of the Creek, south of the present Old Forge Road. According to historians, it was the last of several iron making operations established by Daniel and Samuel Hughes. The Hughes brothers were prominent in Washington County's and Maryland's early history, being ardent supporters of the American Revolution who produced cannon and ammunition for the American armies. Barnabas Hughes, father of Samuel and Daniel, emigrated from Ireland to Pennsylvania in 1750. His family later settled on the banks of the Antietam having acquired thousands of acres of land much of which was included in a grant called "Surveyor's Last Shift." The grist mill was located on the east bank of the Antietam just north of Old Forge Road and west of Clopper Road. No physical evidence of the forge or mill could be observed. Additional information on these sites and the Hughes family is recorded in form WA-I-054.</p>			

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Hays, Helen Ashe, The Antietam and Its Bridges, New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1910.  
 Land Records of Washington County.  
 Probate Records of Washington County.  
 Scharf, Thomas J., History of Western Maryland, Vol. II, Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co., 1882.  
 Williams, Thomas J. C., History of Washington County, Hagerstown: Mail Publishing Co., 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: 233.87 acres

Acreage Justification:

*(This area is currently blank for justification.)*

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: <u>Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant</u>	
ORGANIZATION <u>Washington County Historical Sites Survey</u>	DATE <u>February, 1975</u>
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>Court House Annex</u>	
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Hagerstown</u>	STATE <u>Maryland</u>

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

Significance of this property is:  
 National  State  Local

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 Signature

Liber 219, Folio 588, July 16, 1942

Grantor: Edward S. Hager & David H. Hager

Grantees: Forrest G. Sharpe & Clara E. Sharpe

\$9,650, Parcel #1 "Surveyor's Last Shift," beginning at the north corner of a point of rocks on the east bank of the Antietam Creek just below the fording ... 234 acres, 2 rods and 10 perches of land. Parcel #2 -- part of Lahm's Folly, 5 acres, 1 rood, 30 perches.

Liber 167, Folio 176, December 11, 1923

Grantor: G. Harry Hager & Gertrude V. Hager

Grantee: Scott M. Wolfinger, Trustee

\$11,817.00, 234 acres.

Liber 167, Folio 175, December 10, 1923

Grantors: Scott M. Wolfinger & Alexander Armstrong, Trustees

Grantees: G. Harry Hager

\$11,817.00, Parcel #1 "Surveyor's Last Shift" 234 acres; Parcel #2 Lahm's Folly

Liber 74, Folio 605, August 31, 1876

Grantor: Samuel H. Bowers & wife

Grantee: David T. Stouffer

\$5,277.67, "Surveyor's Last Shift," an undivided 1/2 interest of land which was conveyed by John H. Harp, Trustee, to David T. Stouffer. 117 acres, 45 perches.

Liber WMcKK 4, Folio 131, April 4, 1871

Grantor: John H. Harp, Trustee

Grantee: David Stouffer

"Surveyor's Last Shift" beginning... at the north corner of a point of rocks on the east bank of the Antietam Creek and just below the fording on said creek and at a point north  $35-1/4^{\circ}$  east  $3-7/10$  perches from the north edge of the stone bridge at the Old Forge Mill ..., 234 acres, two roods, 10 perches

Liber IN 5, Folio 102, April 15, 1850

Grantor: Jonathan Middlekauff

Grantee: Jacob Harp

\$12,184.00, "Surveyor's Last Shift," 258 acres.

Liber IN 4, Folio 351, June 16, 1849

Grantor: Abraham Strite, Trustee

Grantee: Daniel Middlekauff

\$11,331. "Surveyor's Last Shift," 262-3/16 acre, "...being the land which the said Shiess was in possession of at the time of his death and which he purchased from Doctor Frederick Dorsey as trustee for the use of the Hagerstown Bank," by agreement bearing the date, March 20, 1829.

Liber IN 4, Folio 352, June 19, 1879

Grantor: Frederick Dorsey, Trustee for Hagerstown Bank

Grantee: Daniel Middlekauff, Sr.

land which was sold to George Sheiss by agreement dated March 20, 1829. "a tract which had been conveyed to said Dorsey in trust by Franklin Anderson by deed bearing the date the 24th day of January 1826 and recorded in Liber HH/Folio 774."

Liber HH, Folio 774, January 24, 1826

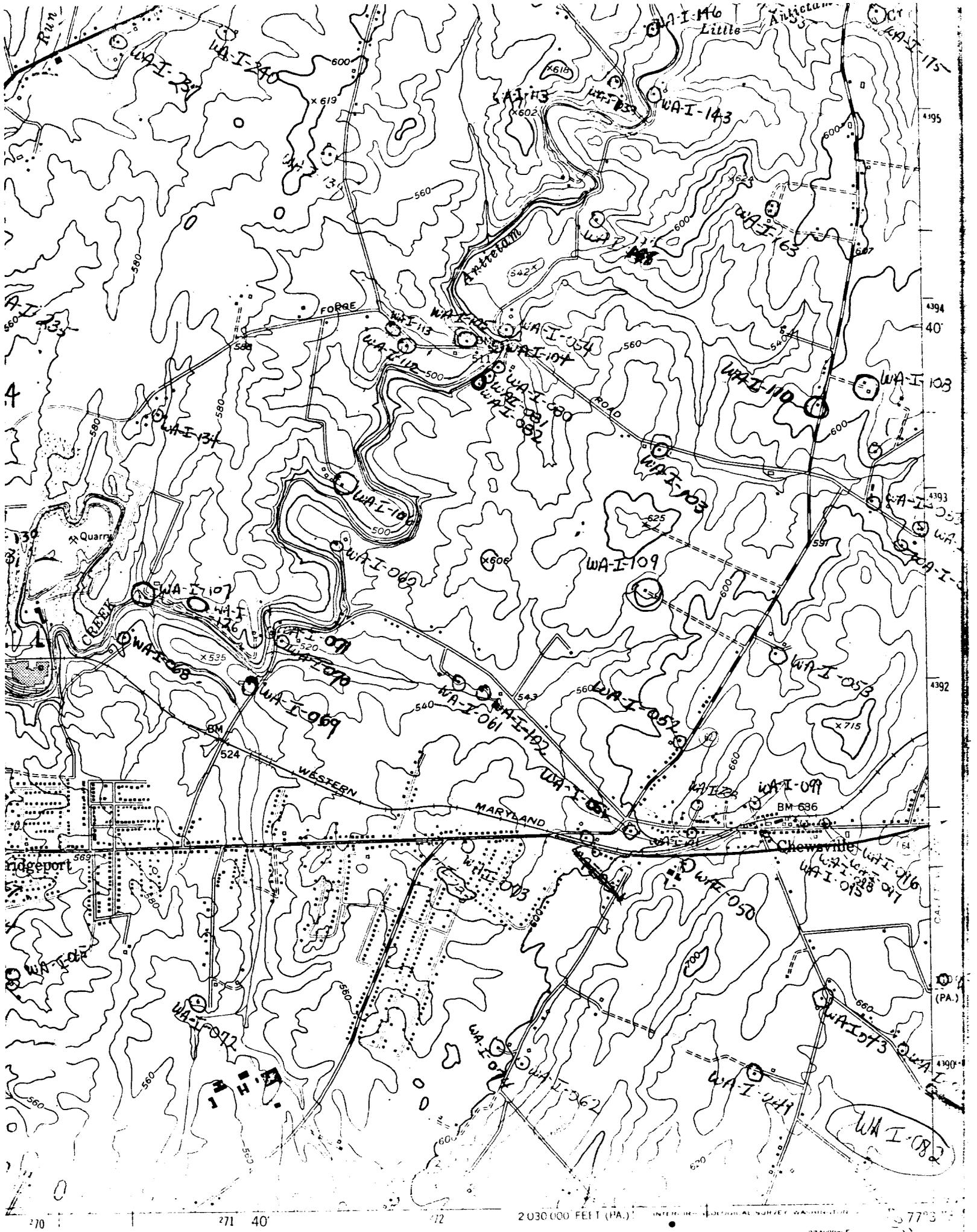
Grantor: Franklin Anderson, Trustee

Grantee: Frederick Dorsey

"Whereas a certain Joseph I. Merrick and Mary Ann /Hughes/ his wife by their certain deed of bargain and sale bearing date the 23rd day of March, eighteen hundred and twenty one ... sold and conveyed to a certain Upton Lawrence ... all that interest, right, property, claim and estate of them the said Joseph I. Merrick and Mary Ann his wife, in and to all that estate formerly called the "Antietam Forge" ... containing about 800 acres of land, consisting of different tracts, together with the Forge Mills and other erections and improvements thereon, in trust to sell the same for the payment of the debts of the said Joseph I. Merrick and whereas by a decree of Washington County Court as a Court of Equity, bearing date the 12th day of March, 1822, in a case in which the said Joseph I. Merrick and Mary Ann his wife, Susan Huges, Esther Hughes & Rebecca Hughes were parties a partition was made of the said 800 acres of land among the said parties, tenants in common thereof ...

264- $\frac{1}{4}$  acres allotted to Mary Ann Merrick conveyed to Frederick Dorsey, \$5,945.62 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

And whereas Upton Lawrence died before he had fully executed the trust, Franklin Anderson by decree of Court, November 6, 1824 was appointed Trustee ..."



2030000 FEET (H.A.) INTERIOR SURVEY WATER

2740000 E 7737.5

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy duty	Light duty
Medium duty	Unimproved dirt
U. S. Route	State Route

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MARYLAND

QUADRANGLE

HAGERSTOWN, MD - PA.  
 NW/4 HAGERSTOWN 18' QUADRANGLE  
 N3937.5-W7737.5/1.5

1953  
 PHOTOGRAPHED  
 AMS 5463 II NW SERIES V853

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