

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME						
COMMON: The Palmer House						
AND/OR HISTORIC:						
2. LOCATION						
STREET AND NUMBER: (Main Street, MD 804) Corner of old Cavetown Pike and White Hall Road						
CITY OR TOWN: Chewsville						
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Washington				
3. CLASSIFICATION						
CATEGORY <i>(Check One)</i>		OWNERSHIP		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC		
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input 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	STATUS <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 <i>(Check One or More as Appropriate)</i>						
<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 <i>(Specify)</i>	_____		
<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: Waldo M. Palmer and Ima C. Palmer						
STREET AND NUMBER:						
CITY OR TOWN: Smithsburg			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. #): 206/176						
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 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

This house is located at the southeast corner of the intersection of the old Cavetown Pike and White Hall Road in the village of Chewsville, Washington County, Maryland. It is situated near the center of the community and faces north.

The main or west portion of the structure is a one-and-a-half story, four-bay log dwelling with black and white trim. Attached on an axis with it is a three-bay, two-story section which is apparently an addition.

The walls are set on foundations of local rubble fieldstone. Buff shingle siding sheaths the walls at all elevations, concealing log construction.

The windows are placed rather at random in the walls. Several first story windows in the west section contain nine-over-six pane sashes, while others have two-over-two light Victorian period sashes with the upper sashes showing arch topped panes. Three shed-roof dormers protrude from the north slope of the roof.

Three entrances are located in the front elevation. The main opening is located in the second bay from the west end of the house. The entranceway is framed simply with a transom present over the door. The other two entrances are in the east portion of the house. They are plain in appearance and are without transoms.

The roof is covered with sheet metal and extends for several inches beyond the end walls of the house. There is no decorative work associated with the eaves boxing or barge area. Small brick chimneys rise from inside each gable end. A third flue is centrally placed.

The house is in good condition and is located on a 137' X 183' lot.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
- 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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 type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The area of significance of this house is its architecture. Constructed of log, it represents a major building tradition for Washington County and the Cumberland Valley. Log was used as a building material in the area from the earliest days of settlement to late in the 19th century. Many buildings of log are in existence today, encased with various forms of siding or bricks.

This house is said by local historians to be the oldest building in Chewsville. If this statement is true, the structure could date from the late 18th or early 19th century. The majority of houses in Chewsville appear to have been built during the mid to late 19th century.

For further information on this and other properties in the Chewsville election district, contact Howard L. Spessard, 911 View Street, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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	
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SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 137' X 183'

Acreage Justification:

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

STATE:	COUNTY:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
Court House Annex

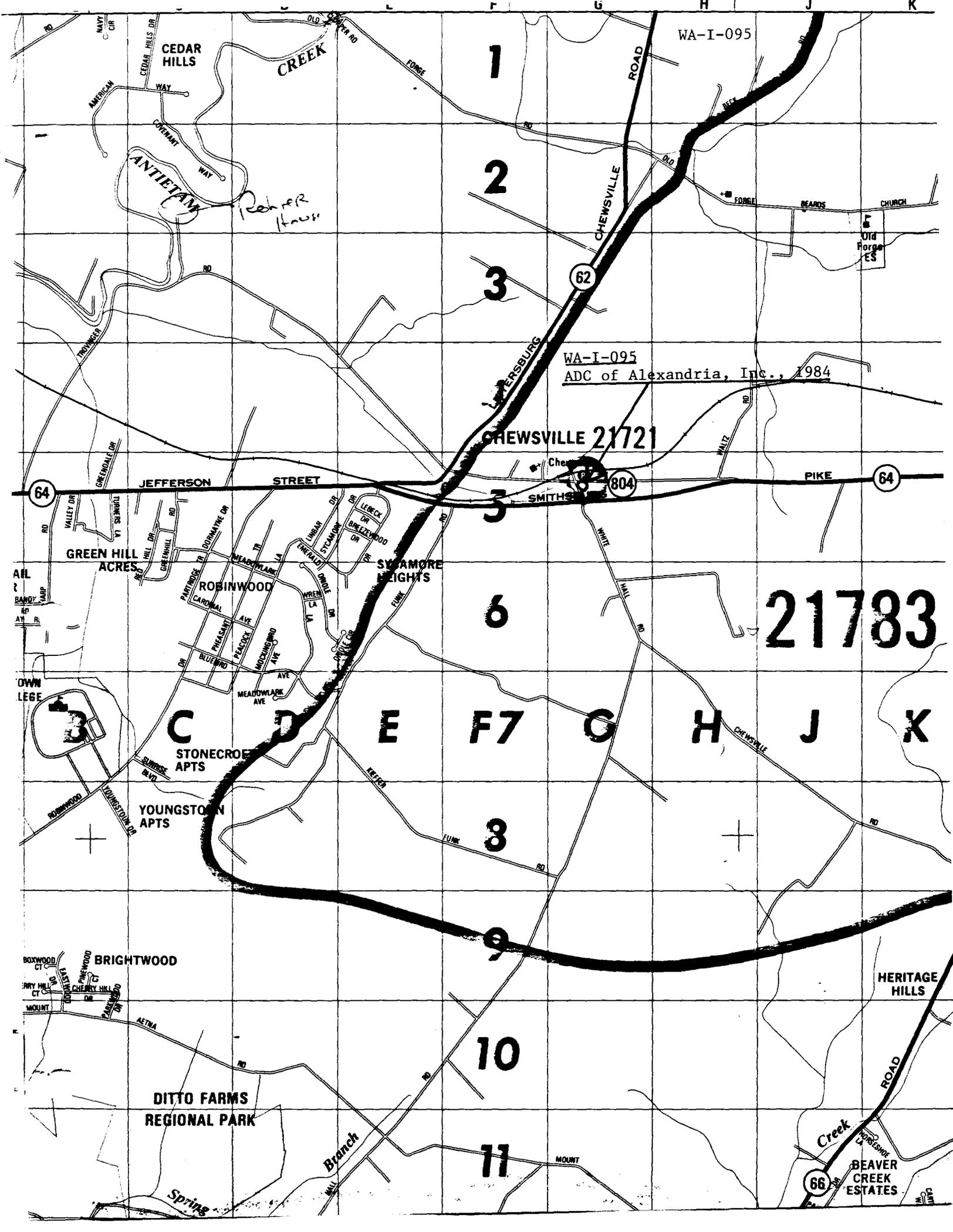
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown STATE: Maryland

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

Significance of this property is:
 National State Local

Signature

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CEDAR HILLS

ANTETAM

CREEK

GREEN HILL ACRES

ROBINWOOD

SYCAMORE HEIGHTS

STONECROFT APTS

YOUNGSTOWN APTS

BRIGHTWOOD

DITTO FARMS REGIONAL PARK

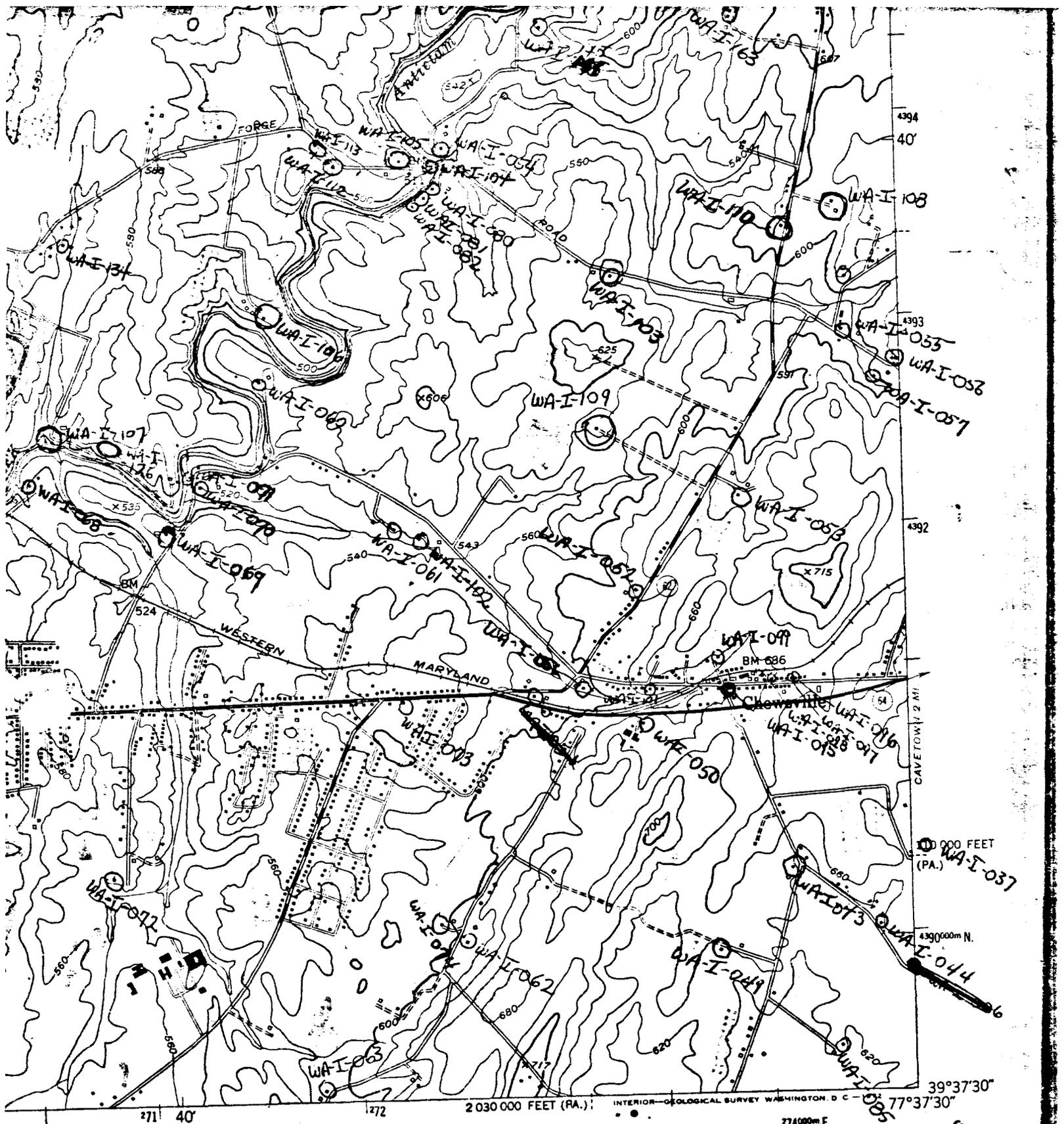
HERITAGE HILLS

BEAVER CREEK ESTATES

Refer House

Branch

Spring



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy-duty Light-duty
- Medium-duty Unimproved dirt

- U. S. Route
- State Route
- Interstate Route

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HAGERSTOWN, MD.—PA.
NW¼ HAGERSTOWN 15' QUADRANGLE
N3937.5—W7737.5/7.5

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