

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>			
COMMON: Rock Hall			
AND/OR HISTORIC: Shenafield Farm			
<b>2. LOCATION</b>			
STREET AND NUMBER: about 1/2 mile south of Old Forge Road			
CITY OR TOWN: Route , Hagerstown			
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Washington	
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>			
CATEGORY (Check One)  <input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	OWNERSHIP  <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	STATUS  <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
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			
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) house is vacant
<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____ _____			
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>			
OWNER'S NAME: Marquette Cement Manufacturing Co.			
STREET AND NUMBER: First American Center			
CITY OR TOWN: Nashville		STATE: Tennessee	
			37238
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Washington County Court House			
STREET AND NUMBER: West Washington Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown		STATE: Maryland	
			21740
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 364/641			
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>			
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 type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" 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

"Rock Hall" is located on the west bank of the Antietam Creek about one-half mile south of Old Forge Road and approximately two miles east of Hagerstown. It is situated over a spring and is constructed into a bluff at a bank of the creek facing east.

The structure is a five-bay stone dwelling two-and-a-half stories in height at its south and west walls and two stories high at the north and east elevations. A narrower stone structure, four bays in length and one-and-a-half stories high is attached to the north gable end of the main building.

The walls are constructed of coursed local fieldstone. The front elevation is covered with a thick coating of white wash. The addition is sheathed with "rough cast" or stucco with areas that have fallen away displaying roughly coursed or rubble fieldstones. Decorative work associated with the exterior masonry includes flat stone arches over the ground level and first-story openings and those at the upper story gable walls.

Windows appear to be spaced evenly in the walls. All display wide wooden frames joined with pegs and trimmed with quarter round molding. Openings at the first story are relatively small, some containing six-over-six pane double-hung sashes. Second story openings are slightly larger with only one of the windows retaining a single nine-light sash. In the northern section of the house, windows are placed at random. Openings at the lower level are quite small with no lights remaining. At the main story one window in the west elevation displays wide framing while others show much narrower trim. Although no sashes remain, it appears that those that were present may have had nine-over-six lights.

The principal entrance appears to have been at the second level of the east elevation. It was reached by a long porch which begins at ground level at the north end of the dwelling and extends the entire length of the east elevation. The doorway is simple in appearance with wide wooden framing joined with pegs. A transom was present over the door. Directly below at ground level is another entrance. It is framed similarly to the other openings, but does not include a transom. The west elevation has an entrance at the first story level, several feet above the ground. Immediately above this door is evidence of an entrance at the second story level. The door has been enclosed and a window set in its place. The window framing, however, is consistent with other openings at that section of the house. Entrances in the north section of the house are located on its east elevation at the upper level. They display narrow framing and have no transoms.

The roof of each section of the house is covered with sheet metal. A pair of gable topped dormers extend from the east slope of the roof of the north section. Brick chimneys are located inside each gable end and at the interior of the north section. Simple boxing finishes the eaves.

The interior of the main section is bisected by a stair hall. The main story contains four rooms which appear to have retained much of their original woodwork. The main floor of the north section is divided into two rooms, each with its own entrance from the porch.

No flooring remains in the ground story of the main section. The lack of refinement of its interior walls and windows would suggest that the

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>presence of early wagon road.</u>
<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 major area of significance of Rock Hall is its architecture. It is also important for its association with the early Antietam Lutheran congregation who worshiped in a log church on the banks of the creek as early as 1756. The old wagon road which passes through the Rock Hall property also lends significance.

The main section of the house which appears to date from the late 18th or very early 19th century and built of native fieldstone is an example of a major architectural group in the County. Having been vacant for some time, it is quite deteriorated but has remained with minimal alterations and thus offers considerable undisturbed evidence of early building techniques. The main section of the house reflects to some extent the rural adaptation of Georgian period forms, particularly in the use of a symmetrical facade and the central entrance into a stair hall. Georgian-inspired houses in rural Pennsylvania and Western Maryland were a major architectural group during the late 18th and first half of the 19th centuries.

Another important building tradition evidenced in this house is the spring in the basement. A number of houses built over springs are to be seen in Washington County, dating from before the second quarter of the 19th century.

An unusual feature of Rock Hall is the size relationship of the windows. In Washington County it is not common to see second story windows larger than those at the first level as they are in this house. The small lower level windows may suggest something about the use of the first story of the house. A relative of a late 19th century owner of the property has reported that the first story was said to have been used as a distillery.

The house was probably built by William Shanyfield who owned the property from the 1780's until his death in 1813. The original Rock Hall tract, containing 302-3/4 acres was surveyed for William Shanyfield on January 14, 1807. According to Washington County Land Patent Records (Liber 2, Folio 323), Shanyfield received a warrant on January 29, 1806, to resurvey into one tract various parcels of land lying contiguous. The parcels included parts of "Sheep's Land," "Littleworth," "Downey's Lott," "Locust Bottom" and five pieces of vacancy.

It is known that William Shanyfield had some sort of dwelling on his property in 1787. A deed from Martin Ridenour and John Beard, agents for for the congregation of Antietam Church sold 9-1/2 acres of "God Save the Church" to William Shanyfield with the provision that "the waggon road from Roher's Mill to said Shanyfield's house ... be kept open, free and

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Scharf, J. Thomas, History of Western Maryland, Vol. 2, Philadelphia: Louis H. Everts, 1882.  
 Washington County Patent Records.  
 Washington County Map, 1859.  
 Williams, T. J. C., History of Washington County, Hagerstown: Mail Publishing Co., 1906.  
 Taggart, Thomas. Map of Washington County, Maryland. Hagerstown, L. Hoke and C. B. Robertson, 1859.

**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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NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **212.5 acres**

**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: October, 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

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 Signature

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

Deed Records -- WA-I-107

Liber 364, Folio 641, January 31, 1961

Grantor: North American Cement Corporation

Grantee: Marquette Cement Manufacturing Co.

Parcel 2, 208.5 acres, "Downey's Lot," "Rock Hall," "White Oak Forest"

Liber 172, Folio 613, September 1, 1925

Grantor: Security Cement and Lime Co.

Grantee: North American Cement Corp.

208.5 acres, parcel #2.

Liber 165, Folio 555, January 12, 1923

Grantor: John C. L. Summers & Blanche E. Summers

Grantee: Security Cement and Lime Co.

Parcel #1: part of "Rock Hall," 175 acres.

Parcel #2: "Downey's Lott," 24 acres.

Parcel #3: 1 acre 120 perches

Parcel #4: "White Oak Forrest" lots #6 and #7, 11 acres, 2 rods, 26 perches  
210 acres, 152 perches

Liber 164, Folio 252, January 5, 1923

Grantor: Nervin J. Brandt and Eva M. Brandt

Grantee: John C. L. Summers and Blanche E. Summers

210 acres 152 perches

Liber 161, Folio 396, December 1, 1921

Grantor: Daniel A. Watkins & Flora S. Watkins

Grantee: Nervin J. Brandt and Eva M. Brandt

210 acres 152 perches

Liber 153, Folio 208, April 1, 1918

Grantor: William H. Herbert & Sarah H. Berbert

Grantee: Daniel A. Watkins and Flora S. Watkins

\$25,800; 210 acres and 152 perches

Liber 148, Folio 616, April 1, 1916

Grantor: Harvey H. Finefrock and Mary E. Finefrock

Grantee: William H. Berbert and Sarah A. Herbert

\$20,000

Liber 133, Folio 204, March 1, 1910

Grantor: Jacob F. Lemen & Mary V. Lemen

Grantee: Harvey H. Finebrock

\$17,000; 210 acres, 152 perches.

Liber 129, Folio 679, December 15, 1910

Grantor: Mollie R. Barnhart & Abner W. Barnhart

Grantee: Jacob F. Lemen

\$16,000

Liber 121, Folio 105, September 6, 1904

Grantor: Ann Catherine Doub, widow of Dan'l R. Doub

Grantee: Mollie R. Barnhart and Abner W. Barnhart

\$9,200; Parcel #1: "Rock Hall," 175 acres; Parcel #2: "Downey's Lot," 24 acres, 6 perches

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Liber IN18, Folio 43, January 27, 1864

Grantors: Jacob S. Snyder

Grantees: Jacob H. Snyder and Emanuel Snyder

\$15,115, Parcel #1: 175 acres "Rock Hall;" Parcel #2: "Downey's Lot," 24 acres, 6 perches.

Liber 00, Folio 84, April 21, 1832

Grantors: Peter Shanyfield et al, heirs of Henry Shanyfield

Grantee: Jacob Snider

\$9,000, "Rock Hall," 175 acres.

Liber B, Folio 254 -- Will of William Shanyfield, made January 20, 1813

"I give and devise to my son Henry all that part of my plantation called "Rock Hall" ... containing by estimation about 155 acres of land ... which I value at the sum of £8 per acre."

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#7 -- DESCRIPTION (Continued)

first story was not intended for use as main living area. The spring of water is located in the cellar and emerges from its southwest corner.

Just north of the house and paralleling the creek is a segment of an old wagon road still in use as a private drive. The road is mentioned in early deeds and appears to have extended for some distance along the Antietam possibly linking the numerous grist mills. A short distance east of the house on a rise of ground is the site of an early Lutheran Church where services were held until 1787 when the congregation moved to the present location of Beard's Lutheran Church (WA-I-056). The Antietam Church site is discussed in form WA-I-126.

The Rock Hall property contains 212.5 acres. The house is in deteriorated or ruined condition.

#8 -- SIGNIFICANCE (Continued)

clear..." <sup>Washington Court</sup> (Deeds Liber #, Folio 442).

The church site was willed to the Antietam congregation by Robert Downing in a document made November 1, 1754. The ten acres willed to the church was part of "Downey's Lott" which was renamed "God Save the Church."

Upon William Shanyfield's death, Rock Hall was split with 155 acres going to the heirs of his son, Henry. The remaining portion of Rock Hall, located across the creek was bequeathed to another son, Andrew. Andrew's part of "Rock Hall" is described in form WA-I-068.





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Nov. 1974

PAULA STONER DICKEY  
CONSULTANT, WASHINGTON CO.  
RE: PAUL STONER DICKEY



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at a wood bed

looking N.

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old road bed.

looking N.W.

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Interior, Wall, S.E. sec

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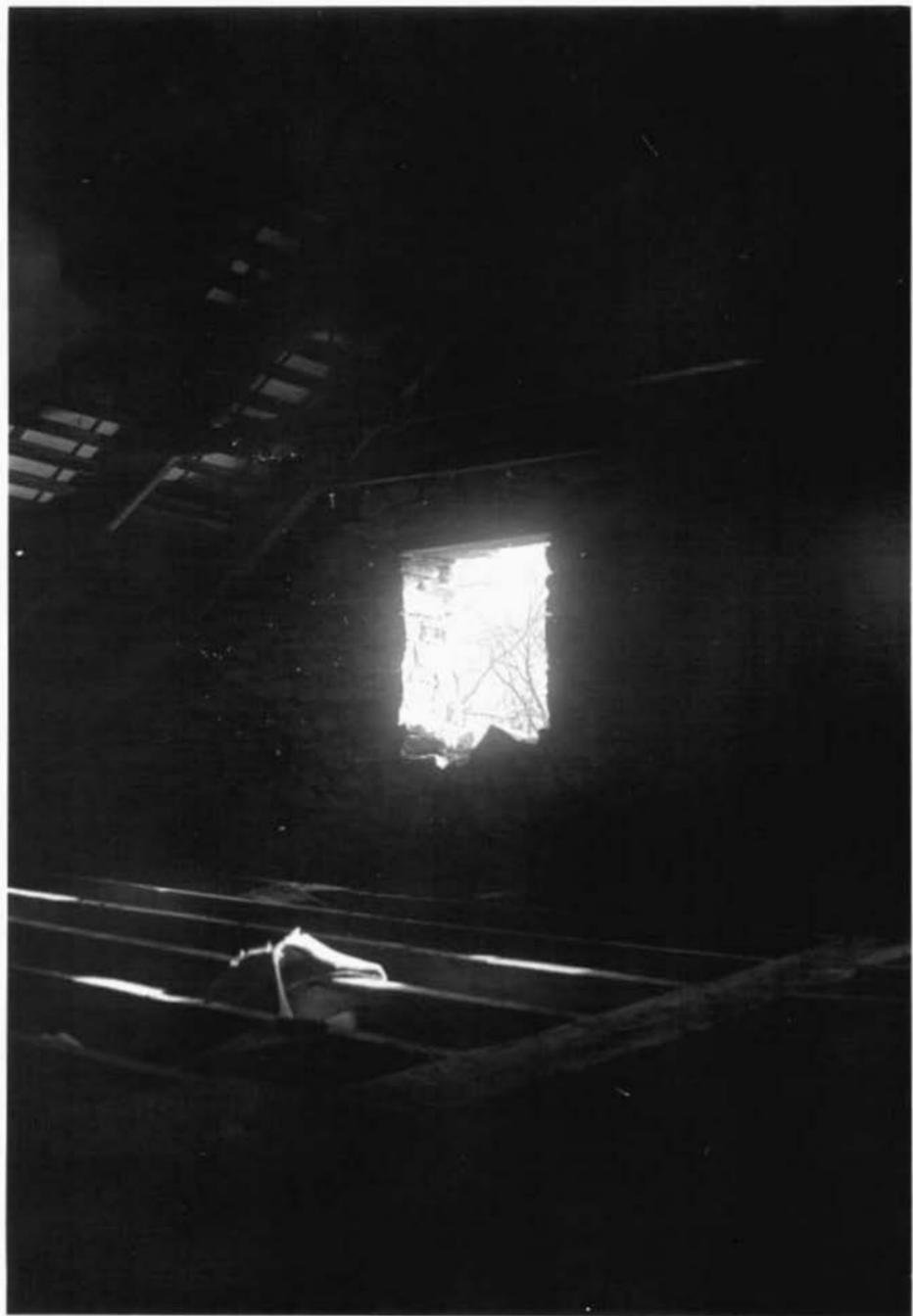


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Interior, letter, SO-508

Jan. 1922

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