

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: The Loose Farm				
AND/OR HISTORIC: The Bachtel Farm, White Oak Forest				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: East of Antietam Drive, north of Old Forge Road & Fiddlersburg Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown (Fiddlersburg)				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Washington		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
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"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	OWNERSHIP  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	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"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input checked="" 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: Marquette Cement Manufacturing Co.				
STREET AND NUMBER: 20 North Wacker Drive FIRST AMERICAN CENTER				
CITY OR TOWN: Chicago NASHVILLE		STATE: Illinois TENN.		60606
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. #): 364/641				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Historical Trust Survey #3052				
DATE OF SURVEY: summer, 1967 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust				
STREET AND NUMBER: 2525 Riva Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis		STATE: Maryland		

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

The tract of land known as the Loose Farm, the Bachtel Farm or White Oak Forest, is located northeast of the village of Fiddlersburg in Washington County, Maryland. The buildings are reached by a lane which is entered from Antietam Drive, a short distance north of its junction with Old Forge Road.

The building complex on the Loose Farm consists of a number of early stone structures which appear to be roughly contemporary with each other and to have been built for a variety of reasons. Among the buildings are a large dwelling house, a two-story stone structure said to have been an early Mennonite Church, several smaller two-story stone buildings of as yet undetermined use, although probably dwellings and the faintly discernable ruins of a mill. Numerous small outbuildings are also present.

The main building in the complex is the dwelling which is a two-story, five-bay structure constructed of coursed fieldstone at the front elevation and rubble stones at the side and rear walls. Decorative work associated with the wall construction consists of flat stone arches over openings of the front or southwest elevation and the northwest wall.

Windows appear to have been spaced evenly in the front and the northwest elevations. They are somewhat more randomly placed in the other walls. At the front elevation, windows contain six-over-six pane double-hung sashes held within wide frames secured with pegs. Windows on the northwest wall have eight-over-eight light sashes, some within narrower frames. Six-over-six sashes are present in the rear elevation. First story windows are flanked with three-panel shutters while louvered shutters are present at the second story level.

The main entrance is located in the center bay of the front elevation. The entrance is very simple in appearance and is topped with a narrow transom. At the rear elevation, entrances are present in the second bay from the north corner of the house at the first and second story levels. Both doors have very wide wooden frames with pegged joining.

A late Victorian period one-story porch extends the length of the front elevation. A two-story porch included under the main roof span is present at the rear elevation.

The roof is covered with sheet metal and terminates at the ends with a plain barge. The eaves boxing is finished with a band of simple molding. Brick chimneys with several courses of corbeling at their tops are present inside each gable end. The house is in deteriorated condition. A series of outbuildings extend from the east corner of the rear wall.

The second building in the complex appears to be the oldest of the structures still standing. It is a two-story, three-bay building of coursed local fieldstones. The northeast and northwest walls are concealed by deep overhangs which are enclosed by lattice work and siding. Windows are placed at random with most having segmentally arches heads. Wide wooden framing shows pegged joining. Along the southeast wall of this structure is a depression in the ground which appears to have been a mill race. Inside is a wheel and what seems to be pumping mechanism. A pulley wheel

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**B. 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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
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<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 checked="" 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 the Loose or Bachtel Farm is its architecture. It is also important for its contribution to early commerce in Washington County as evidenced in the milling operation. In addition, the property derives significance from its association with the early Mennonite church history in the county and with the Bachtel family who owned the property during most of its history.

Architecturally, the many buildings in the complex provide an outstanding representation of the area's early vernacular architecture in stone. The structures reflect a variety of uses, from a large and rather sophisticated dwelling through a series of smaller, simpler structures. Most of the buildings appear to be roughly contemporary and to date from the late 18th to early 19th centuries. Although deteriorated, they provide an excellent group of examples for historical and architectural study. According to a local historian, the oldest building in the complex, a log structure with the date 1745 inscribed above the door was torn down in 1911. Among those buildings still standing, it would appear that the oldest is the structure designated as building #2. The arched window heads are clearly associated with 18th century buildings in the area. The main dwelling with its formal facade in the five-bay, center door plan is an example of a Georgian form farm dwelling. Such structures of the center door plan and symmetrical appearing front elevations comprise a major architectural group in the area.

There is no substantiated date from the milling operation on the Loose Farm. However, a grist mill is noted at this location on an 1859 map of Washington County. Milling was a major occupation in Washington County's early economic history. Well over a dozen grist mills are shown on Dennis Griffith's 1794 map of Washington County on the Antietam Creek alone.

According to Herbert C. Bell's History of Leitersburg District, the precursor of Miller's Mennonite Church located near Leitersburg (WA-I-190) was a building erected by Martin Bachtel on his farm near Fiddlersburg. There were several men by the name of Martin Bachtel from various generations but Bell does not specify what Martin built the church. History of the Mennonite church reveals that Samuel Bachtel was a minister in 1770. The church on the Bachtel farm was in use until 1835 when a stone meeting house was built on Jacob Miller's farm.

The property is known as "White Oak Forrest." In Martin Bachtel's will (D/405), dated April 6, 1841, reference is made to White Oak Forest which was described as containing by patent 375 acres. Apparently the land was earlier part of a tract granted to Isaac Simmons who came to Washington

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Bell, Herbert C., History of Leitersburg District, Leitersburg, Md.:  
 Berbert C. Bell, 1908.  
 Griffith, Dennis, Map of Maryland, 1794, Second Edition, 1813.  
 Williams, T. J. C., History of Washington County, Hagerstown, Md.: Mail  
 Publishing Co., 1906.  
 1859 Map, Washington County, Md.

**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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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 257.2 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: 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

## #7 -- DESCRIPTION (Continued)

protrudes from the wall at the second story level. Small brick chimneys extend from inside each gable end.

The roof is covered with sheet metal and wooden shingles. Several historians believe that this building was used as a Mennonite church during the 18th and early 19th centuries.

The third building in the Loose Farm complex is a two-story, two-bay stone dwelling with its main entrance in its south gable end. It is constructed of coursed local fieldstone at the west and part of the south elevation with remaining walls showing rubble fieldstone. What appears to be a seam in the masonry passes diagonally between the attic level windows of the south elevation.

The windows and doors have wide wooden frames which are secured with pegs and hold six-over-six pane double-hung sashes. A brick chimney rises from inside the north gable and a second flue is present near the center of the east wall. The roof is covered with sheet metal.

The fourth building in the complex is a small one-and-a-half story stone structure covered with a thick mass of brush and vines. The structure has few windows with its main opening being an entrance in its west gable end. The door is quite heavy with a horizontal band of iron extending across its center.

Ruins of the fifth building in the complex show a date stone inscribed A \* D 1822. The stone is located above a second story entrance in the west gable end. Its doors and windows have moderately wide wooden framing with pegged joining.

Just west of the house are faintly perceptible ruins of a mill. Two mill stones are lying in a pasture near the site of the structure.

A depression, presumably an old roadbed runs through the complex and crosses the Marsh Run east of the buildings and may link with an old road which appears to have extended along the west bank of the Antietam Creek.

The buildings are in deteriorated condition or are in ruins. According to local historians, the barn associated with this complex of buildings was destroyed by fire early in this century.

The property contains 257.2 acres.

## #8 -- SIGNIFICANCE (Continued)

County in 1738. Isaac Simmons' daughter married Martin Bachtel thus causing the land to pass into the Bachtel family. White Oak Forrest remained in the Bachtel family until 1854 when it passed into the hands of Joseph B. Loose who was married to Samuel Bachtel's daughter. The Loose family held White Oak Forest until 1950 when it was sold to North American Cement Company.

For further historical information on White Oak Forest and history of the early Mennonite Church, contact Amos C. Baer, Paradise Church Road, Hagerstown, Md.

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DEED RECORDS

Liber 364, Folio 641, January 31, 1961

Grantor: North American Cement Manufacturing Co.

Grantee: Marquette Cement Co.

Parcel #4, 257.2 acres.

Liber 259, Folio 349, October 13, 1950

Grantor: Frances L. Howard, widow, et al

Grantee: North American Cement Co.

257.2 acres

Liber IN8, Folio 373, January 5, 1854

Grantors: Samuel Zeller and Mary Zeller

Grantees: Joseph B. Loose

"White Oak Forest"

Liber IN8, Folio 371, December 26, 1853

Grantors: Joseph B. Loose and Martin Bachtell, trustees

Grantee: Samuel Zeller

The property is described as part of the real estate which had belonged to Samuel Bachtel

Will of Samuel Bachtell

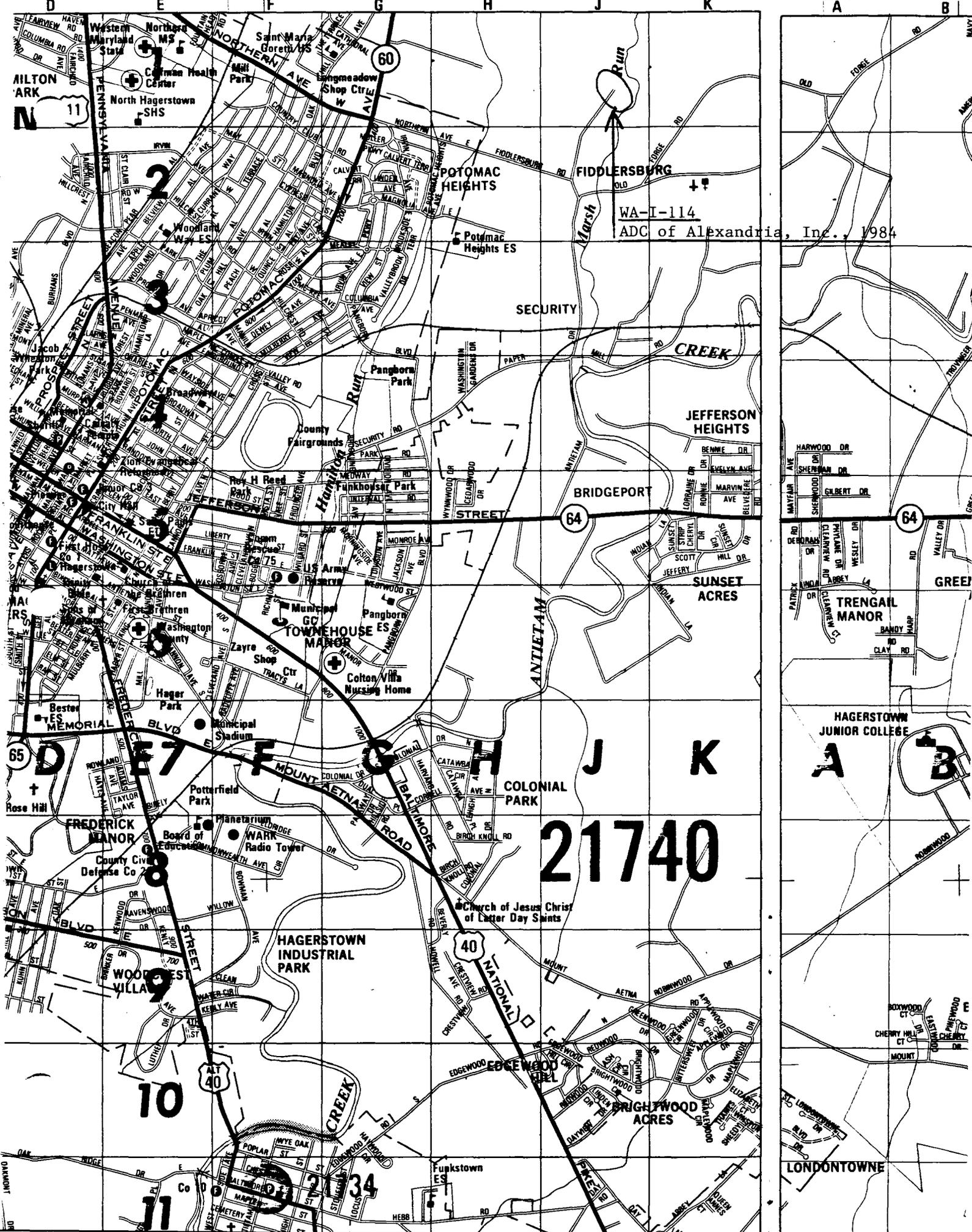
Liber D, Folio 600, February 20, 1846

Will of Martin Bachtell

Liber D, Folio 405, April 6, 1841

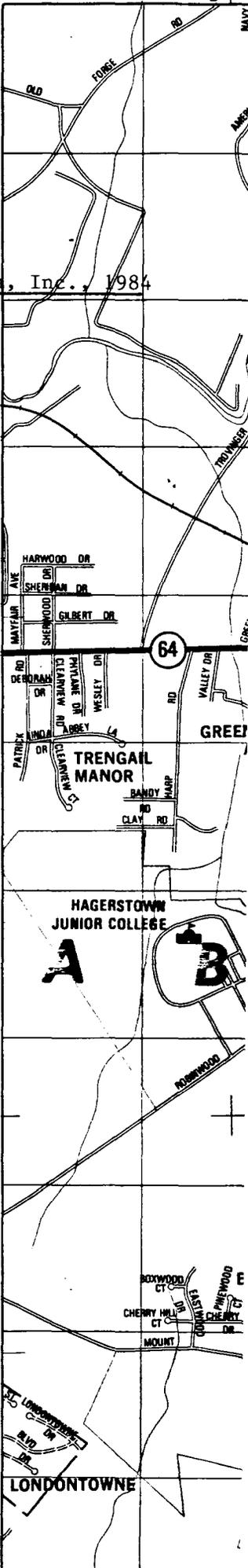
Will of Samuel Bachtel

Liber C, Folio 221, May 22, 1820



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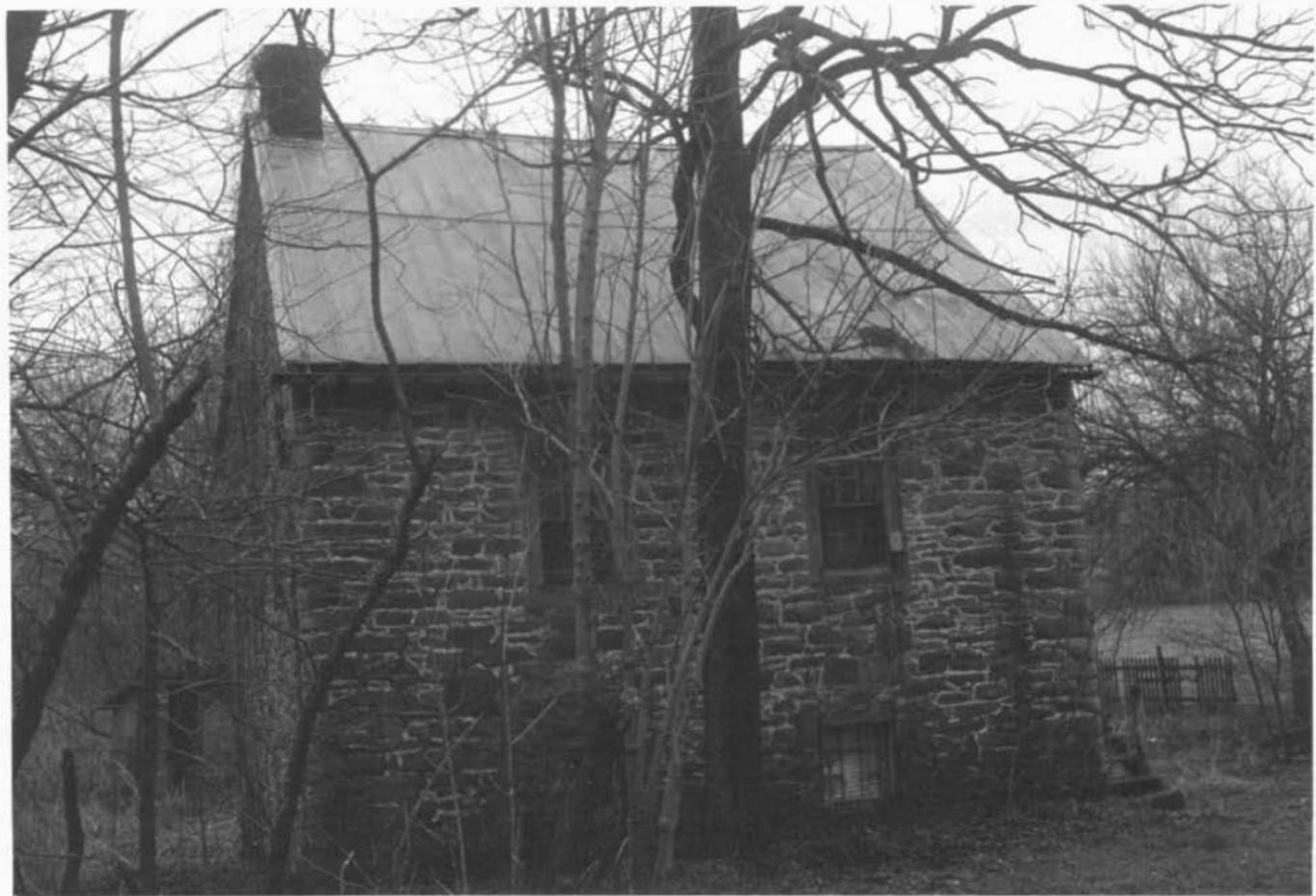
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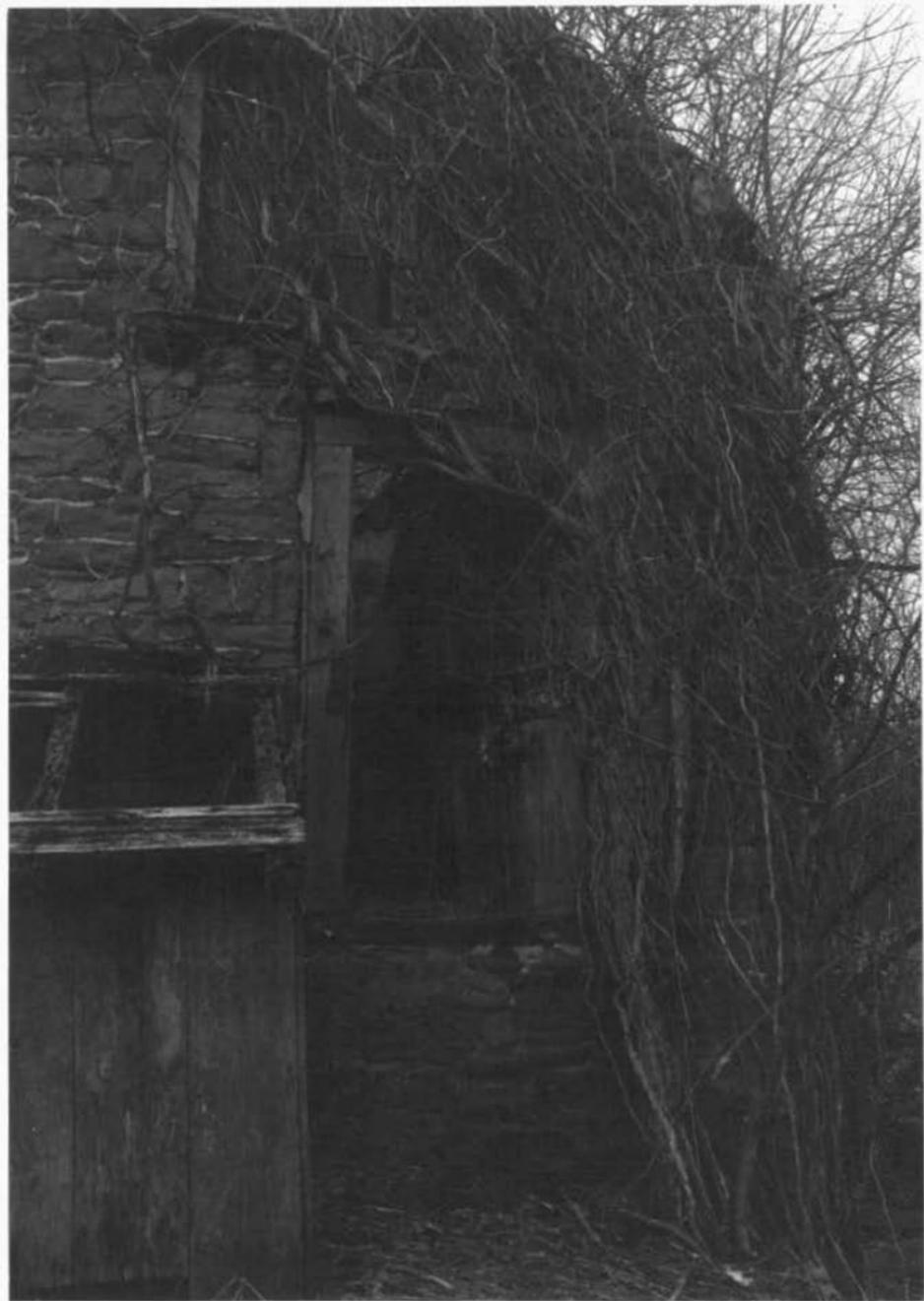


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