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# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

### 1. Name of Property

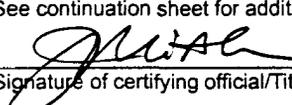
historic name Rockledge  
other names WA-I-142

### 2. Location

street & number 13535 Foxfire Lane  not for publication  
city or town Hagerstown  vicinity  
state Maryland code MD county Washington code 043 zip code 21742

### 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments).

 10-31-03  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments).

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Signature of certifying official/Title Date  
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### 4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

<input type="checkbox"/> entered in the National Register. <input type="checkbox"/> See continuation sheet.	Signature of the Keeper	Date of Action
<input type="checkbox"/> determined eligible for the National Register. <input type="checkbox"/> See continuation sheet.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Determined not eligible for the National Register.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> removed from the National Register.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> other (explain): _____	_____	_____

Name of Property

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

Category of Property (Check only one box)

Number of Resources within Property (Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

- private, public-local, public-State, public-Federal

- building(s), district, site, structure, object

Table with 2 columns: Contributing, Noncontributing. Rows for buildings, sites, structures, objects, Total.

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/ Single Dwelling, AGRICULTURE/ SUBSISTENCE/ agricultural outbuilding

DOMESTIC/ Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

EARLY REPUBLIC/Federal

foundation STONE/limestone, walls STONE/limestone, BRICK, WOOD, roof WOOD, other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets)

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### Description Summary:

This two-story limestone farmhouse stands on a hill overlooking the Little Antietam Creek. It was built in three stages in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. To the rear of the house is an attached frame summer kitchen, probably dating from the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, with the original cooking fireplace with stone and brick chimney and a root cellar below. An enclosed frame porch, now a kitchen, dates to the 1950s. A small brick smokehouse is located several yards north of the east-facing dwelling. A stone springhouse is set in the hillside just above the creek.

### General Description:

Rockledge is a two-story limestone farmhouse situated on a hill northeast of the Little Antietam Creek, about one half mile south of the village of Leitersburg. The early 19<sup>th</sup> century building faces east, where an old road was once located. Currently Foxfire Lane provides access to the west end of the site. The four and one-third acre property slopes gently around the house, then drops steeply to the creek. Large shade trees are spaced around the house. The area is landscaped with evergreen shrubbery including azaleas and boxwood, and patches of vinca groundcover.

Two original outbuildings are found on the property. A brick smokehouse stands about 12' north of the house, and a stone springhouse is set in the side of the hill near the creek. A wooden plank bridge crosses the creek. Also on the property are three modern garages located north and west of the house. A small log cabin with a stone chimney has recently been constructed southwest of the house. The garages and log cabin do not contribute to the significance of the resource. An old log house located close to the creek was demolished in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century.

Three stone sections form Rockledge. The three-bay original structure is joined by a two-bay addition to the south, forming a five-bay center-hall façade with an interior chimney at either end. The third stone section extends westward from the center of the rear of the house. This section has a porch along the south side and an exterior stone chimney at the west end. The side walls were raised from one to two stories in brick construction in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century. An attached, frame, one-story summer kitchen was added to the northwest corner of the third stone section. The summer kitchen's exterior stone chimney at the west gable end features brick shoulders and a brick stack. A porch shelters the entrance on the north side. A two-story shed-roofed frame addition enclosed the area between the stone sections and the summer kitchen in the 1950s.

Each section of the house, except the shed-roofed frame addition, is covered by a gable roof. Wood shingles sheath the roof and stone foundations underpin all parts of the house. The building's 6/6 sash windows and paneled shutters are modern reproductions. With few

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exceptions, the window frames are pegged and trimmed in original ovolo molding. Two long, narrow stones span each window head.

The original main entrance to the house, reached by a set of stone steps, opens into a stair hall. A dining room is located to the right, or north, of the hall, and a living room is to the left, in the first addition. A door at the back of the hall leads to the second addition, a former kitchen now used as a den. The stair rises along the south wall of the hall. The first landing is divided in half, into two triangular steps. Simple straight newel posts with tapered caps, straight balusters, and a curved handrail form the balustrade. The step ends are undecorated. A door opens into a closet under the back of the stair.

A stone fireplace centered in the dining room's north wall is flanked by a window to the right and a cupboard to the left. The current owners built this cupboard as well as a window seat running along the northeast corner and under the two windows of the east wall to provide storage. These units are finished with raised panels compatible with the original woodwork. The fireplace had been rebuilt with modern firebrick, and the Hunsbergers restored the stone jambs and added a simple surround and shelf. A door in the west wall opens into the northwest frame addition. The northernmost window in the front (east) wall was originally a door.

The living room's south end fireplace retains its original tall plastered Rumford firebox. A reproduction surround, shelf, and raised paneling were built to replace a mantel that was not original. A window is located to the left of the fireplace and a built-in bookcase was added to the right. Another window is located at the south end of the west, or back, wall. Both front windows were once doors.

On the second floor, one bedroom is located above the dining room and one above the living room. These bedrooms do not have fireplaces and were apparently heated by wood stoves. The fenestration pattern matches the first floor.

Board and batten doors, some original and others reproduced to match, are found throughout the house. Beaded boards were recently added to the interior of the front six-panel door for insulation and security, as was often done in the late 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> century. A three-pane transom tops this door. Interior architraves in the two front sections of the house are trimmed with reverse ogee moldings with a beaded edge. Several windows are finished with ovolo moldings. The living room's south front window may have been the last to be converted from a doorway, as it features mid-19<sup>th</sup> century Greek ogee trim. Raised panel wainscoting has been added to fill the wall space between the beaded baseboards and chair rails that encircle the rooms. The original floors are intact: oak in the original house, pine in the addition.

The den once served as the kitchen. Its south wall has a central board and batten Dutch door with an attached window to the west and another window to the east; there are two corresponding windows at the second floor level. A window is located to the right of the fireplace. The large stone firebox has been reduced in size and finished in brick. The exterior chimney rises two stories, tapering to a brick stack above the attic level. Four-pane attic

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windows flank the chimney. A door in the north wall leads into the frame addition, which contains the present kitchen. The second floor bedroom is reached by the main stairway. The den was built against the juncture of the two front sections. Architectural evidence suggests that the former kitchen may incorporate elements of a preexisting structure.<sup>1</sup>

The frame addition and the summer kitchen are covered with board and batten siding. The addition's western door leads to an entry hall, then into the summer kitchen. The second floor of the addition has been divided into two bathrooms and a bedroom.

The summer kitchen has an entrance and window on the north wall, and one window on the south wall. This building's main level as well as the "cave" or stone-walled root cellar below can be reached through the addition's entry hall. A stone cistern once adjoined the cave's north wall. The original stone cooking fireplace is intact. The summer kitchen's walls appear to be of lightweight frame construction, probably dating from the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

The only cellar other than the cave is located under the southern two-thirds of the first stone addition. It is reached through a trap door in the den's porch floor. A small single pane window lights the cellar's south wall. The chimney's stone relieving arch is topped with carefully cut voussoirs. Remnants of two wooden storage shelves are found in this space. Floor joists visible in the cellar are logs flattened on two sides. There is a narrow crawl space under the rest of the main part of the house. The den section's joists rest directly on a sandy base.

The attic stairway rising from the main hall is enclosed in boards. The original south stone gable wall in the attic was removed when the first addition was built. Part of a board scantling wall remains in its place. Rafters in both sections are mortised, tenoned, and pegged at the apex and do not have collar beams. A four-pane window and a vent are located in the north gable end, and another vent is located in the south gable end. Bent-over wrought nails in the rafter feet where the addition abuts the den section indicate that this area was roofed and exposed to the outside before the den was raised to a full two stories.

Rockledge retains significant original material and has been restored with woodwork appropriate to the period. The house is maintained in excellent condition. The Hunsbergers rebuilt the stone walls of the springhouse and added a gable roof. Its door is located in the east wall. The spring flows from the north embankment through the south wall. The 8'x 8' brick smokehouse stands on a stone foundation and is covered with a pyramidal roof. Its door opens in the south side. The rafters retain the original meat hooks.

<sup>1</sup> Heavy, pegged window and door frames with ovolo trim are typical of service buildings in the region during the period.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad pattern of our history.
Property associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply)

Property is:

- owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
removed from its original location.
a birthplace or grave.
a cemetery.
a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
a commemorative property.
less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets)

Area of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

c. 1800-1879

Significant Dates

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

N/A

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets)

Previous documentation on files (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
previously listed in the National Register
previously determined eligible by the National Register
designated a National Historic Landmark
recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey
recorded by Historic American Engineering Record

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
Other State agency
Federal agency
Local government
University
Other

Name of repository:

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### Summary Statement of Significance:

Rockledge is significant under Criterion C for its architecture, exemplifying the limestone architecture typical of rural Washington County in the 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. The abundant limestone resources of the Cumberland Valley defined a vernacular building tradition that was specific to the region. Rockledge retains sufficient integrity of design, material, and construction to stand as a representative example of this regional building tradition. Unlike the majority of surviving limestone houses of the period, which are relatively large buildings constructed in a single building campaign, Rockledge was built in three sections during the early 19<sup>th</sup> century; this process of enlargement reflects the economic status of the owner. The limestone sections are joined by an attached frame summer kitchen, probably dating from the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, with the original cooking fireplace with stone and brick chimney and a root cellar below. An original stone springhouse and brick smokehouse complement the building. Three modern garages and a recent small log cabin do not contribute to the significance of the resource. The site retains its rural setting above the Little Antietam Creek. The period of significance begins c. 1800, the approximate date of construction of the earliest elements of the resource, and extends through the period of Peter Bell's ownership of the property, by which date (1879) the buildings appear to have substantially achieved their present configuration.

### Resource History and Historic Context:

Rockledge is located on a farm that originally included parts of the 18<sup>th</sup> century tracts "Wife's Fancy" and "Burkett's Lott." The site includes a winding section of the Little Antietam Creek. The Smithsburg- Leitersburg Road and Bowman's Mill, both in use since the late 18<sup>th</sup> century, adjoin the property to the southwest. This area has been settled since the 1760s. The village of Leitersburg was developed ½ mile north of Rockledge in 1815.

"Burkett's Lott" was granted to Christopher Burkhart (various spellings) in 1755. In 1791 Ludwig Bruicker, "farmer," sold 60 acres of "Burkett's Lott," 51 acres of "Wife's Fancy" and 6 acres of "Resurvey on Burkett's Lott" to Henry Walter, "gunsmith," for 475 £. Bruicker bought the last tract from Burkhart just a week before this sale, but it is unclear when he acquired the other two tracts. The farm remained essentially intact through the 1950s, with the exception of minor transactions. To resolve conflicting land claims, this tract, as well as neighboring properties, was resurveyed in 1792. Walter substantially improved the property before he sold it to Andrew Bachman for 1,008 £ in 1803.

The 1803 Tax List for the Upper Antietam Hundred cites Andrew Baughman as owner of a 118 acre tract called part of "Wife's Fancy." His valuation included 4 horses, 2 cattle, and a number of sheep and hogs, in addition to household furniture. According to Herbert C. Bell's

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*History of Leitersburg District, Washington County, Maryland*, Bachman was a farmer and blacksmith.

Bachman also may have improved the tract before he sold it to John Mentzer Sr. for 1,300 £ just two years later in 1805. Mentzer, born in 1765 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania of German parents, came to Washington County in about 1790. He married Catharine, daughter of Henry Solmes, who owned the adjoining farm until his death in 1799. Catharine and John sold her half of the farm she inherited to her sister Margaret Bell in 1800. The Mentzers, members of Jacob's Lutheran Church, farmed the land and raised six children. The two main sections of Rockledge appear to date from the period of Mentzer's ownership.

The settlement of John Mentzer's estate in October, 1822, indicates that he was a prosperous farmer and businessman. His property included horses, cattle and hogs, and he raised wheat, rye, oats, hay, corn, flax, hemp, and hops. His inventory lists a wide variety of tools, building materials, and farming equipment, as well as blacksmith's tools, a cider press, and an apple mill. The house was well-furnished, and Mentzer's literacy is indicated by two lots of books. Mentzer owned one slave. A list of forty debtors to his estate indicates that the entrepreneurial Mentzer took advantage of his agricultural profits to become a lender to his neighbors.

John Mentzer Jr., born in 1795, inherited the farm upon his father's death in 1822. He married Catharine Beaver and raised ten children at Rockledge. Mentzer served as an officer in Jacob's Church and was described in Bell's *History* as being successful in business. He sold the farm to Peter Bell in 1841 for \$6,970.50.

Peter Bell's grandfather, Capt. Peter Bell, was a German immigrant, an early settler of the Leitersburg area, and a Revolutionary War soldier. Bell's father, Frederick Bell, was an especially successful and well-educated businessman. Peter Bell, born in 1795, married Juliana Leiter and raised six children. He was a farmer and, according to Herbert C. Bell's *History*, "a Democrat in politics and a member of the Lutheran Church."

Bell's trustees sold Rockledge to Emanuel (Immanuel) Martin in 1879. The final major construction appears to date from the period during which Martin owned the property. The Martin family farmed the tract until 1941. Immanuel lived elsewhere and his son Henry operated Rockledge, which he purchased after his father's death. Henry Martin, born in 1842, married Mary E. Webb. Bell's *History* describes him as a Lutheran and Republican. One of his six children, Harry, took over the farm. After Harry Martin's death Rockledge passed through four owners until the 4.33 acre parcel containing the primary buildings was sold to the Hunsbergers in 1965.

The original section of Rockledge shows a Federal influence with its side hall, single parlor plan. The addition created a center-hall plan that is a typical form repeated in farmhouses throughout the 19<sup>th</sup> century. All parts of the house are well-built but modestly finished. The

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reverse ogee molding is typically found in the Leitersburg area in the 1810s, often as an interior trim used in conjunction with exterior ovolo moldings.

Rockledge is a significant example of a vernacular limestone building constructed in sections, not built as one large structure, as were nearby houses of the same era, such as WA-I-148 Little Valley (1803), WA-I-157 The Andrew Bell Farm (1800), and WA-I-200 Stone House southeast of Leitersburg (circa 1800). This dwelling represents a successful farmer who enlarged his residence as his fortunes allowed, until the building was of a substantial size.

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### Major Bibliographical References:

An Illustrated Atlas of Washington Co., MD. Philadelphia, PA: Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson, 1877.

Bell, Herbert C. History of Leitersburg District, Washington County, MD. Published by the Author, 1898.

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties. Maryland Historical Trust, Crownsville, MD.

Scharf, J. Thomas. History of Western Maryland. Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1968.

Schooley, Patricia. Architectural and Historic Treasures of Washington County, Maryland. Keedysville, MD: Washington County Historical Trust, 2002.

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### 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 4.33 acres

#### UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

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See continuation sheet

#### Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet)

#### Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet)

### 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Merry Stinson, Architectural Historian

Organization Architectural Consultant

date Oct. 2002

street & number 21412 Leiter St.

telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city or town Hagerstown

state MD

zip code 21742

### Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

#### Continuation Sheets

#### Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

#### Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

#### Additional Items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

### Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO)

name William and Sylvia Hunsberger

street & number 13535 Foxfire Lane

telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city or town Hagerstown

state MD

zip code 21742

**Paperwork Reduction Statement:** This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.).

**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Project (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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## Verbal Boundary Description:

The boundaries for the nominated property are those for Map 26, Plat 241, Washington Co. Tax Assessment, as described in Land Records Liber 429 Folio 310.

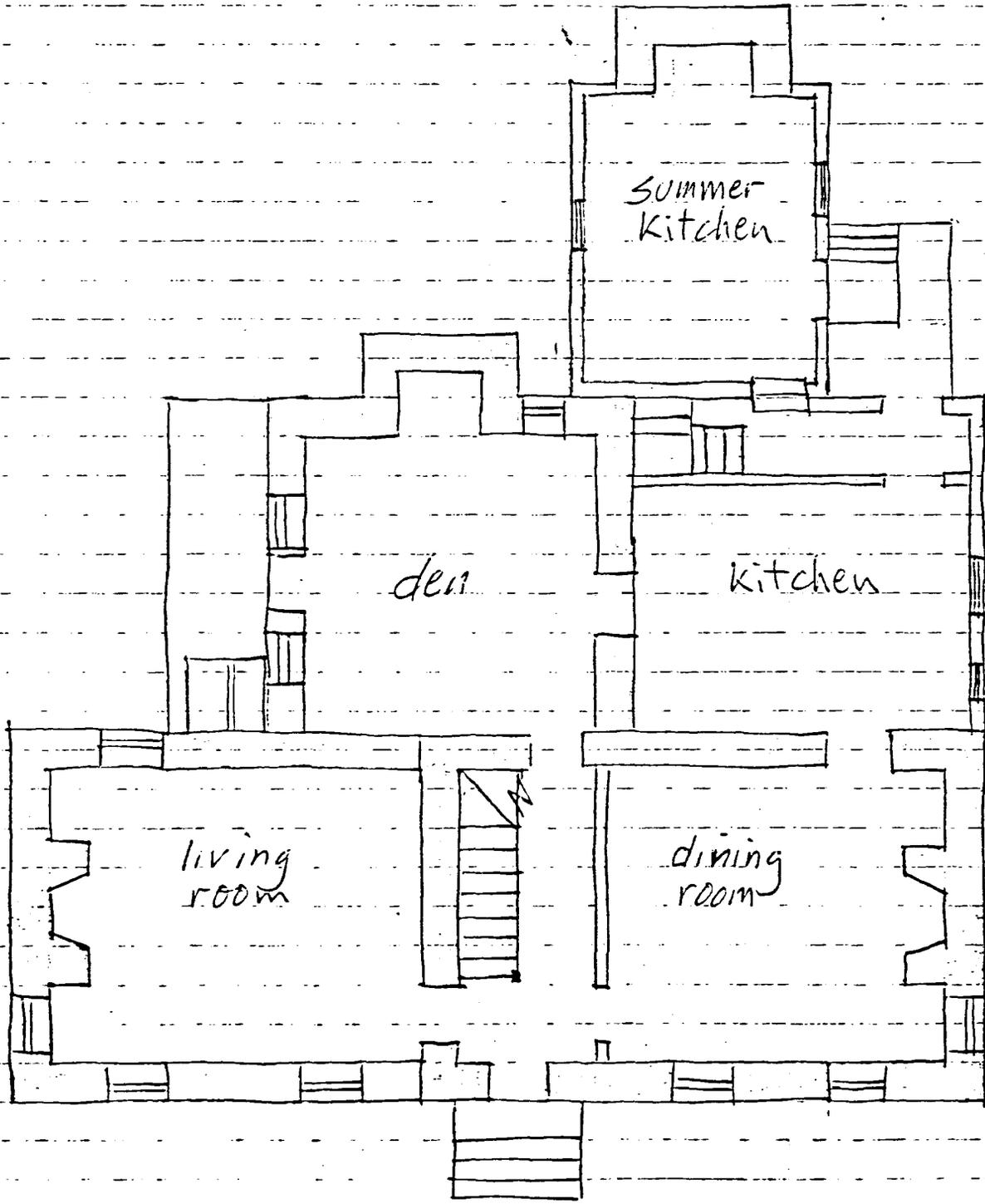
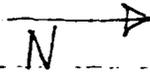
## Boundary Justification:

The nominated property comprises the total parcel historically associated with the resource. All extant buildings in this farm complex are located on this parcel.

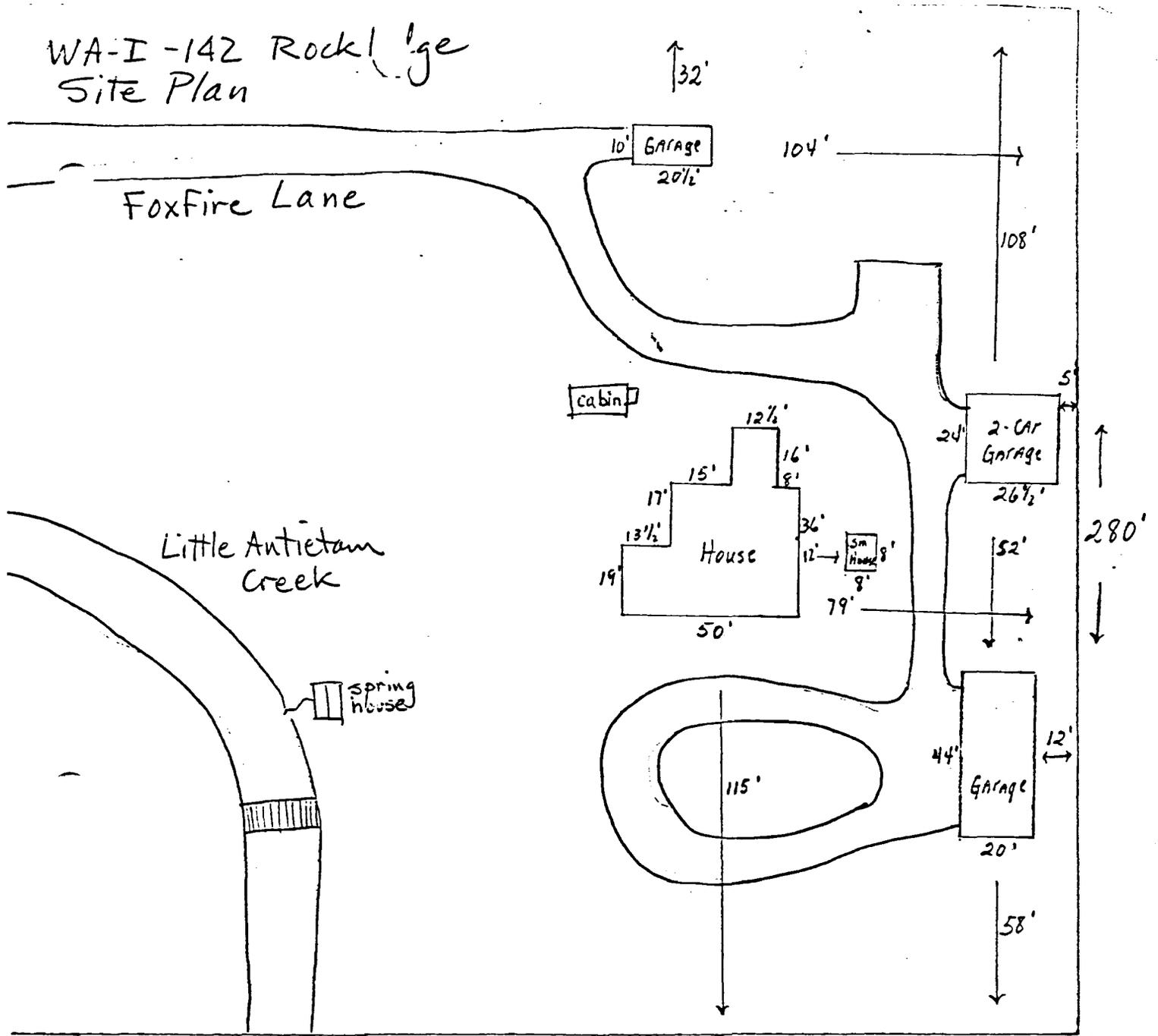
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Merry Stinson Oct. 2002



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Site Plan



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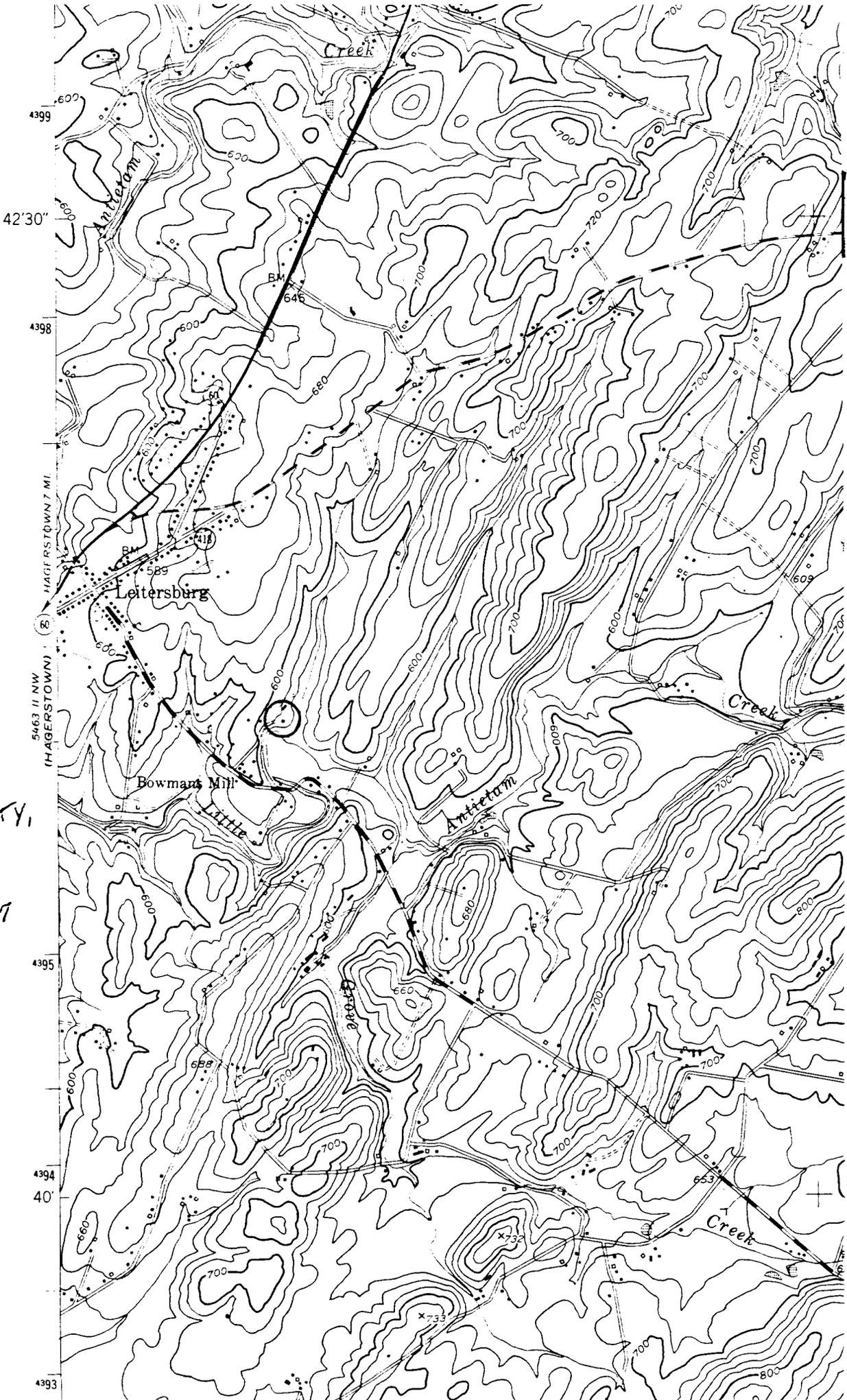
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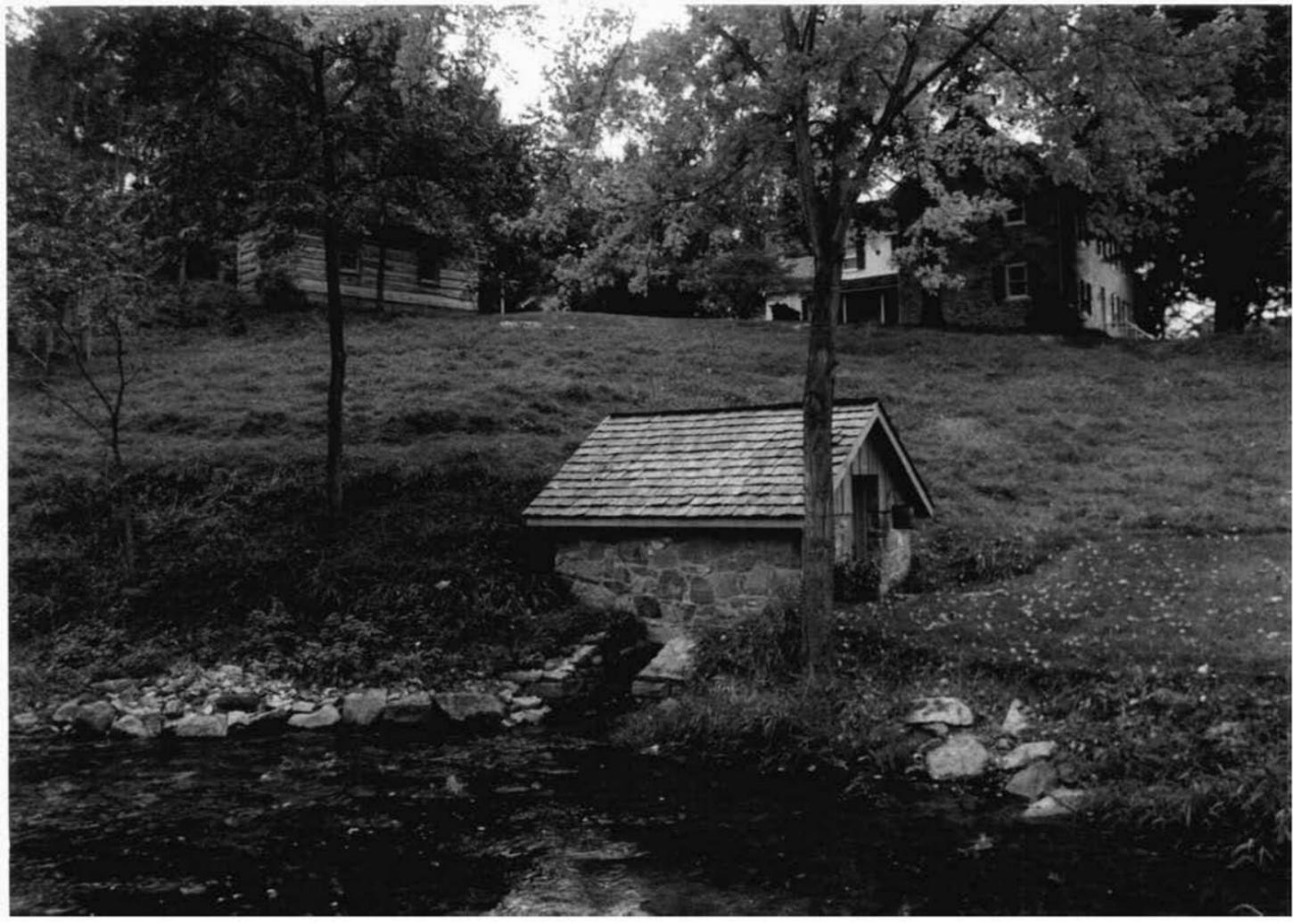
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WA I-142 Rock ledge

10/2/02 MD

Merrill Stinson 10/02

MD JSHP

S. elev.

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WA CO MD  
Merry Stinson 10/12  
MD J STINSON  
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WA CO MD  
Merry Stinson 10/02  
MD SHPO  
N-W elev.  
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WA J-142 Rockledge  
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MDJ SHPO  
Send living room  
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WA CO MD

Merry Stinson 1/12

MD JSHPO

New dining room

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WA CO MD  
Mer. y Stinson 10/02  
MD | SHPO  
Staircase  
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WAI-142 Rockledge  
WA CO MD  
Merry Stinson 10/02  
MD | SHPO  
2nd Floor bottom door  
10 of 11





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INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maryland
COUNTY: Washington
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:  
Rockledge

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
part of "Wife's Fancy" and "Burket's Lot"

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Smithsburg Rd.  
about 1 mile southeast of Leitersburg, east of Leitersburg/

CITY OR TOWN:  
Route 5, Hagerstown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
Sixth

STATE: Maryland      CODE: 24      COUNTY: Washington      CODE: 043

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	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	<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 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) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
William B. Hunsberger

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Route 5, Box 341

CITY OR TOWN:  
Hagerstown

STATE: Maryland      CODE: 24

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
Washington County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:  
West Washington Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Hagerstown

STATE: Maryland      CODE: 24

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:       Federal     State     County     Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:      STATE:      CODE:

STATE: Maryland

COUNTY: Washington

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ENTRY NUMBER

DATE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

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NAME AND TITLE:  
Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION: Washington County Historic Sites Survey      DATE: July 1974

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Court House Annex

CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown      STATE: Maryland      CODE: 24

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION      NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

<p>As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/>    State <input type="checkbox"/>    Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u>Arthur C. Townsend</u></p> <p>Title <u>State Historic Preservation Officer</u></p> <p>Date _____</p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p>_____ <i>Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</i></p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p>_____ <i>Keeper of The National Register</i></p> <p>Date _____</p>
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Form 10-300a  
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Continuation Sheet) #1

STATE Maryland	
COUNTY Washington	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

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Rockledge

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

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COMMON: Rockledge				
AND/OR HISTORIC: part of "Wife's Fancy" and "Burket's Lot"				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: about 1 mile southeast of Leitersburg, east of Leitersburg-Smithsburg Rd.				
CITY OR TOWN: Route 5, Hagerstown				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Washington		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
CATEGORY (Check One)		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        Public Acquisition: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
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<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: William B. Hunsberger				
STREET AND NUMBER: Route 5, Box 341				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown			STATE: Maryland	
<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	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 429/310				
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION: Washington County Historic Sites Survey      DATE: July, 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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DEED RECORDS --- WA-I-142 -- Rockledge

Liber 429, Folio 310, September 10, 1965

Grantors: Bernard F. Armstrong & Mary Louise Armstrong

Grantees: William Buckland Hunsberger and Sylvia Adamson Hunsberger  
4.33 acres.

Liber 394, Folio 418, May 25, 1963

Grantors: Arnold E. Roschli & Charlotte S. Roschli

Grantees: Bernard F. Armstrong & Mary Louise Armstrong  
4.33 acres.

Liber 274, Folio 469, April 1, 1953

Grantors: Oscar L. Fleckner & Ann Joy Fleckner

Grantees: Arnold E. Roschli & Katherine M. Roschli  
122-3/4 acres, part of "Wife's Fancy," "Burkitt's Lot"

Liber 261, Folio 526, March 31, 1951

Grantors: Betty R. Jacques & P. DuBrutz Jacques

Grantees: Oscar L. Fleckner & Ann Joy Fleckner  
122-3/4 acres and 4-8/10 perches

Liber 215, Folio 320, May 3, 1941

Grantors: Harry W. Martin, et al, heirs of Victor Martin

Grantees: Betty R. Jacques & P. DuBrutz Jacques  
\$4,000, 123 acres.

Liber 200, Folio 436, March 17, 1936

Grantor: Mary Ellen Martin

Grantees: Victor Martin & Harry W. Martin  
The farm was devised by Henry Martin, now deceased, in his will (M/2) to  
Mary Ellen Martin. 123 acres.

Liber 93, Folio 202, March 25, 1889

Grantors: Samuel Martin & Joseph Martin, Trustees

Grantee: Henry Martin  
\$4,911.20, 122-3/4 acres and 4-8/10 perches.

Liber 78, Folio 124, April 29, 1879

Grantors: David S. Strite & Issac G. Bell, (Trustees for Peter Bell)

Grantee: Emmanuel Martin  
3 acres, 105 perches, parcel 1; 3 acres, 19 perches, parcel 2 at a cost for  
both of \$304.87-1/2. The property is described as being two tracts of land  
conveyed to Peter Bell by Jacob Good and Sarah Good August 23, 1840 (ZZ/564)

Liber 77, Folio 381, January 10, 1879

Grantor: David H. Wiles, trustee for Peter Bell

Grantee: Emanuel Martin  
\$4,408, 116 acres, part of "Wife's Fancy," part of "Burkit's Lot."

Liber ZZ, Folio 56, August 23, 1842

Grantors: Jacob Good & Sarah Good

Grantee: Peter Bell  
\$406.50; 3 acres, 105 perches, 3 acres, 19 perches.

Liber MM, Folio 483, March 23, 1831

Grantor: Samuel Mentzer

Grantee: John Mentzer  
\$5,808, 166 acres and 28 perches. The property is described as the same land  
which was conveyed by Andrew Baughman to John Mentzer, deceased, March 3, 1805.

Liber II, Folio 619, September 7, 1827

Grantor: John Mentzer

Grantee: Sameul Mentzer

\$5. The property is described as the farm on which John Mentzer, deceased, resided, 118 acres.

Liber R, Folio 168, March 3, 1805

Grantor: Andrew Barkman

Grantee: John Maintzer

± 300, the property is described as the tract of land called "Wife's Fancy" originally granted to a certain Matthias Purgett for 51 acres and part of "Burckett's Lott" that was conveyed to a certain Henry Walter by Christopher Burckett, Sr. by deed bearing the date June 1, 1796; and all that part of "Burckett's Lott" that was conveyed by a certain Ludwick Bruicker to the said Henry Walter for 60 acres by deed bearing the date June 21, 1791, except for a part of said last mentioned land sold and conveyed by the said Henry Walker to Henry Solms for 7 acres, 27 perches by deed bearing the date June 1, 1796 and also 6-1/8 acres by deed bearing the date April 5, 1803, conveyed by the said Henry Walter to John Myer. The property contains exclusive of the exceptions 112 acres.

Liber P, Folio 88 April 5, 1803

Grantor: Henry Walter

Grantee: Andrew Bachman

± 1,008, approximately 112 acres.

Liber I, Folio 731, June 1, 1796

Grantor: Christopher Burkett, Sr.

Grantee: Henry Walter

± 5, 14 acres, 54 perches

Liber G, Folio 507, June 21, 1791

Grantor: Ludwig Bruicker, farmer

Grantee: Henry Walter, gunsmith

± 475, Parcel 1 "Burckett's Lott" 60 acres; Parcel 2 "Wife's Fancy" 51 acres; Parcel 3 "Resurvey on Burcket's Lott" 6 acres.

Liber G, Folio 506, June 13, 1791

Grantor: Christopher Burckhart

Grantee: Lodowick Pricker

± 6, "Resurvey on Burckhart's Lott" 6 acres.



ROCKLEDGE  
U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute map  
Smithsburg Quadrangle  
scale: 1:24000  
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East



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Wife's Fancy-Burkets Lot

Wifes Fancy - Burkets Lot

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Northwest



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Wife's Fancy-Burkets Lot

Barn

Wifes Fancy - Burkets Lot (Barn)

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South west



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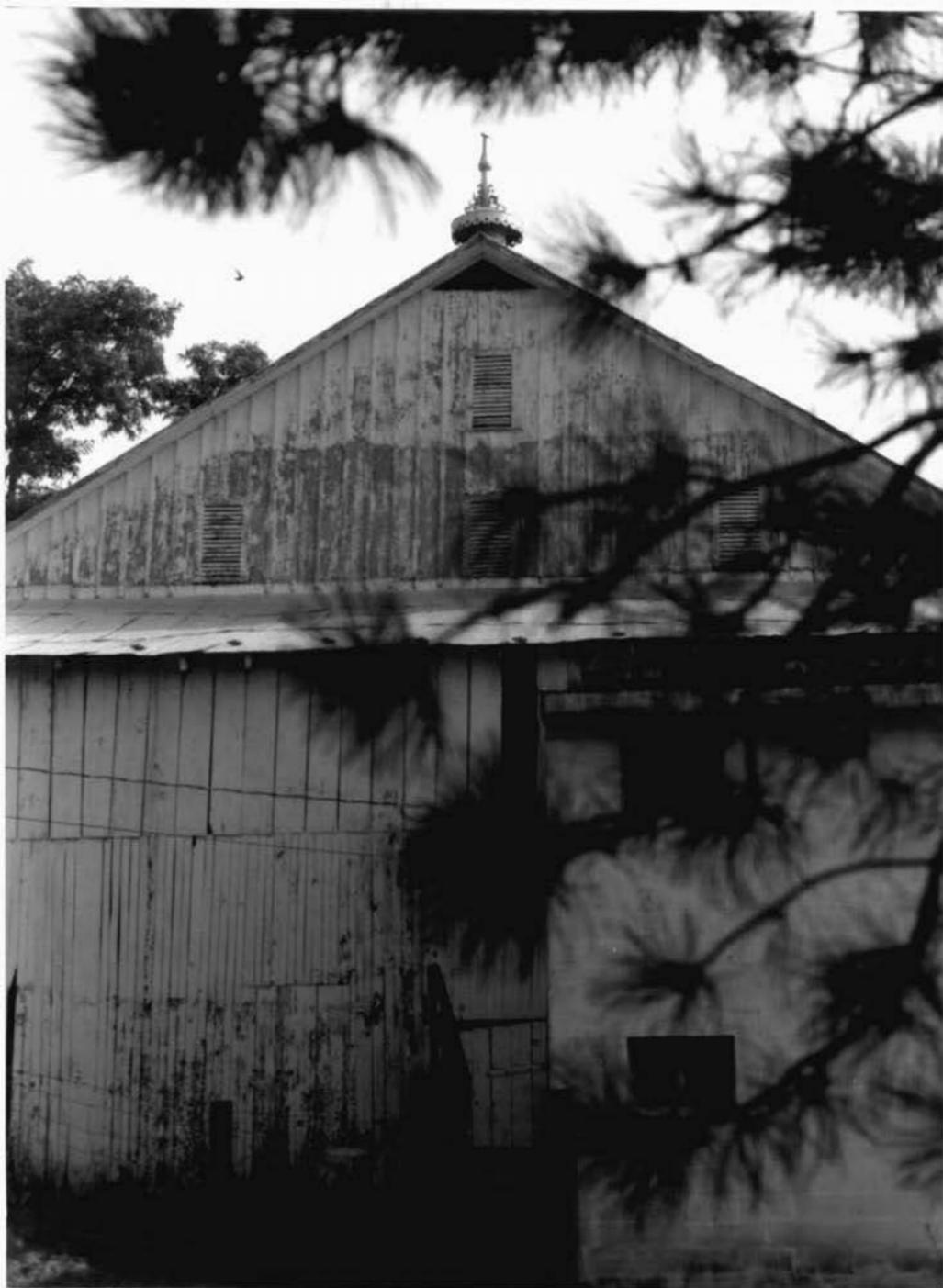
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Wife's Fancy-Burkets Lot

Barn

Wife's Fancy Burkets Lot (Barn)

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South



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Wife's Fancy-Burkets Lot

~~Spring House~~

Wifes Fancy-Burkets Lot (Smoke house

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South east



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