

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:
Log and Brick House near Leitersburg

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
West of Leitersburg-Smithsburg Road, near Unger Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Leitersburg Vicinity

STATE: **Maryland** COUNTY: **Washington**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<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	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"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input 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:
Charles F. Hess

STREET AND NUMBER:
Route # 2

CITY OR TOWN: **Smithsburg** STATE: **Maryland** ZIP: **21783**

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** ZIP: **21740**

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): **386/773**

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:

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	<div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <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
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered < 50% <input type="checkbox"/> Uncltered </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <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 about two miles south of Leitersburg, west of the Leitersburg-Smithsburg Road in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated on sloping ground above a small brook, Grove Run and faces south.</p> <p>The structure is a two story, two bay log dwelling covered with imitation brick siding. Attached to its west end is a three bay, two story brick addition, set on roughly coursed fieldstone foundations. The front or south elevation of the brick section displays Flemish bond brickwork while other elevations are laid in common bond. Flat arches of brick are present over window and door openings. A date stone set in the west gable of the brick section is inscribed with the year 1843 and the initials G.K. The wall construction of the log section could not be observed.</p> <p>Openings in the log section are placed at random. All early windows have six over six pane sashes with plain architrave moulding. A new window has been installed in the front elevation at the first story. Windows in the brick section are more evenly arranged. At the first story of the front elevation are nine over six pane sashes or modern single pane sashes. All are held within narrow frames. A window with massive wooden framing is located in the stone foundations of the brick section.</p> <p>The main entrance is located in the third bay from the west end of the front elevation. The entranceway is simple in appearance with trim matching that of the windows. A transom was included over the door. A second entrance is located immediately above the main door. Other entrances are located in the east elevation of the log section and in the north or rear elevation of both sections.</p> <p>A double porch which has been rebuilt extends along the entire front elevation.</p> <p>The roof consists of corrugated sheet metal and extends beyond the east gable wall, while terminating flush with the west end wall. A modern concrete block flue is attached to the east end wall.</p> <p>The framing of the first floor of the log section as observed from the cellar, consists of heavy hewn joists placed side by side supporting a layer of rocks and mortar which in turn support the flooring.</p> <p>South of the house is a small bank barn and other out buildings related to agricultural use.</p> <p>Extending west from the present entrance lane is evidence of an early roadway since abandoned.</p>	

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6. 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) **Brick section 1843 G.K.**

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 type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	losophy	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	itarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The area of significance of this house is its architecture. Constructed in two sections, it represents two periods of building in Washington County. The brick section, dated 1843 could be considered typical of the areas brick architecture of the second quarter of the 19th century. The log section with its massive floor framing is characteristic of a much earlier period. Area houses employing this technique generally date from the last quarter of the 18th century.

The initials G.K. which appear with the 1843 date on the tablet in the brick section denote George Kessinger who purchased the property in 1836 from Issac Barr. The property was in the Kessinger family until 1897. The tract is part of the "Resurvey On Webb's Discovery" granted to Margaret Webb on October 24, 1788. The 451 acre tract was originally surveyed on May 19, 1764.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **46 acres**

Acreage Justification:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION: **Washington County Historical Sites Survey** DATE: **September 1975**

STREET AND NUMBER:
Court House Annex

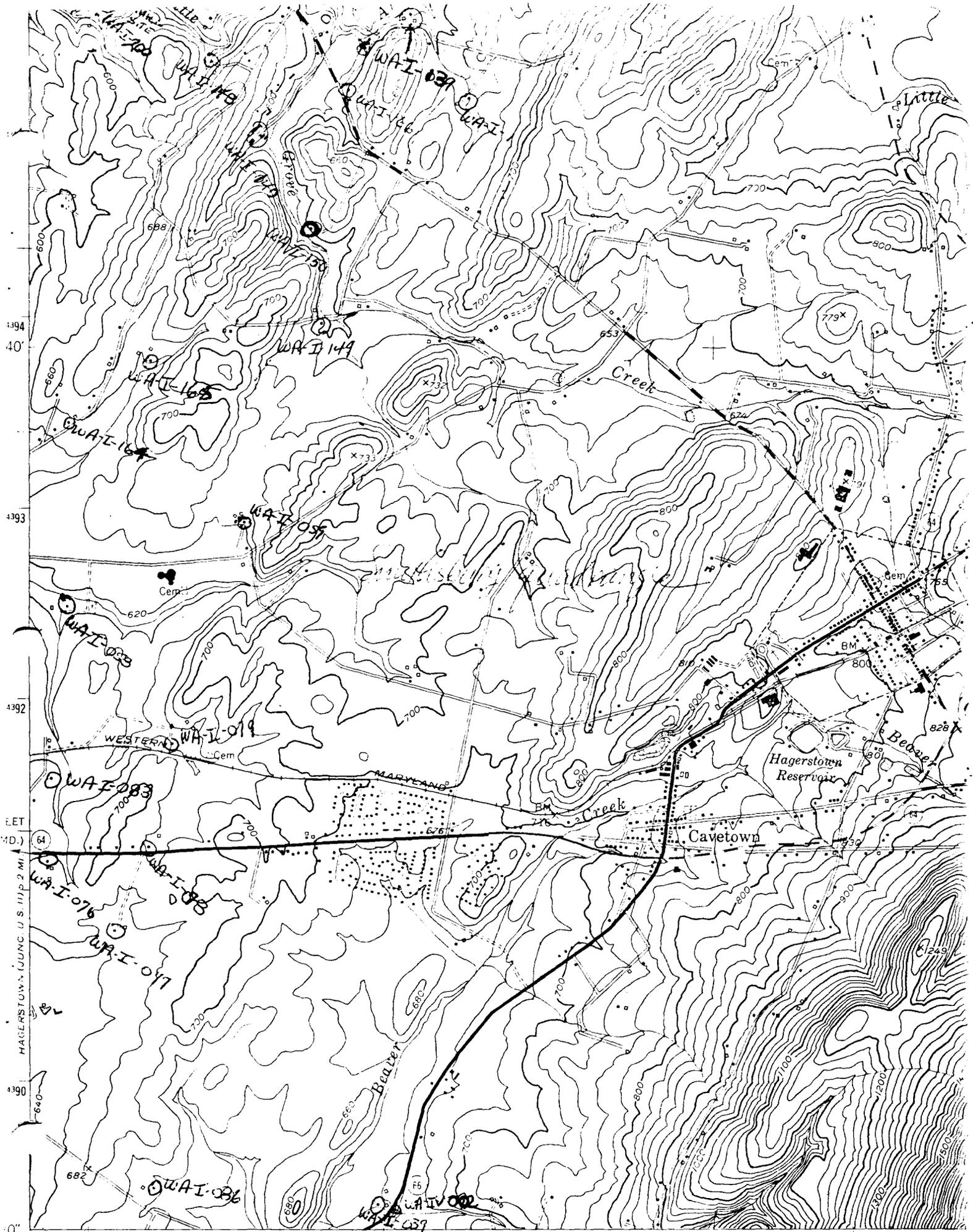
CITY OR TOWN: **Hagerstown** STATE: **Maryland**

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

Significance of this property is:
 National State Local

Signature _____

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0° 39' 40"
0° 39' 33"
0° 39' 22"
0° 39' 10"
0° 39' 00"
0° 38' 50"
0° 38' 40"
0° 38' 30"
0° 38' 20"
0° 38' 10"
0° 38' 00"
0° 37' 50"
0° 37' 40"
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April, 1974

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Old road site
looking W.

1-April, 1974

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W.H. - F. 1910

S.E.

April, 1910

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N.W.

April, 1974

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