

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes   
no

Property Name: Log House Covered With Wood Siding Inventory Number: WA-I-153  
 Address: 22235 Ringgold Pike City: Hagerstown Zip Code: 21742  
 County: Washington USGS Topographic Map: Washington County - Smithsburg Quad  
 Owner: Louis E. & Mary H. Messler Is the property being evaluated a district? NO  
 Tax Parcel Number: 17 Tax Map Number: 26 Tax Account ID Number: 006087  
 Project: Cook Property Agency: Federal Communications Commission  
 Site visit by MHT Staff:  no  yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Is the property located within a historic district?  yes  no

*If the property is within a district* District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NR-listed district  yes Eligible district  yes District Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource  yes  no Non-contributing but eligible in another context

*If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)*  
 Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible  yes  no

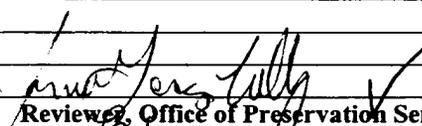
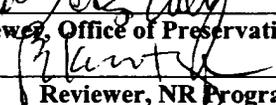
Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Maryland Historical Trust Workesheet Nomination Form for the National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service dated September 1975.

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The property was most recently observed and photographed on February 5, 2003. The condition of the property appeared to have changed since the preparation of the Maryland Historical Trust Worksheet, Nomination Form for the National Register of Historic Places, National Parks Service, in the library of the Maryland Historical Trust; a porch and sun room have been added to the house.

The property is described in the Maryland Historical Trust Worksheet, Nomination Form for the National Register Of Historic Places, National Parks Service, prepared by Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant, of Washington County Historic Sites Survey, in September, 1975. Following is a brief summary of that property description, as modified by site observations made February 5, 2003.

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| <b>MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW</b>  |  |
| Eligibility recommended <input type="checkbox"/>   | Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  |
| Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D            | Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None |
| Comments: _____  |  |
| <br>Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services | <u>4/30/03</u><br>Date   |
| <br>Reviewer, NR Program                      | <u>4/29/03</u><br>Date   |

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NR-ELIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Continuation Sheet No. 1

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The house is described as

"a two story, four bay log dwelling covered with coved board wood siding. A [later] two-story three bay ell of frame construction extends to the rear or west...The owner also reported the use of frame construction with brick nogging at the rear section... A one story shed roofed entrance porch extends along the entire front elevation. *[The small flat-roofed Victorian period porch reported on the north elevation of the ell has been replaced by a modern wood-framed wraparound porch. A modern bay window has also been installed in the north elevation at the first floor.]* Exterior chimneys of brick, large at the base and tapering toward the top, are located at each gable end. An interior end chimney, also of brick is located inside the west gable end. North of the house is a one and a half story fieldstone and log structure, and a large frame bank barn is located north of the dwelling complex. *[In addition to the wraparound porch, a sun room has been added to the house; the owner reported that they were added in 2000. Much of the slate roof reported in 1975 has been replaced by modern composition shingles]\*.*"

Although the property is in good condition, its historic beginnings have been altered substantially by modern 'improvements'. The property is not directly associated with historical events meeting the requirements of Criterion A, nor is it associated with any historic personage that would qualify it for registration under Criterion B.

Many of the original architectural attributes of the property have been covered up or so significantly altered that it does not qualify for registration under the terms of Criterion C. There is, finally, no apparent archaeological information to be obtained at the site, and so it does not meet the requirements of Criterion D for registration. The property has lost its historic integrity and, therefore, is not considered eligible for the National Register.

\*Observations made during the site visit of February 5, 2003 have been inserted into the 1975 description *[in brackets and italics]*.

Prepared by: William C. Riggs, R.A.  
Historic Architect

Date Prepared: 02.19.03

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|  | <b>Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation</b><br><b>WASHINGTON COUNTY</b><br><b>Real Property Data Search</b> | <a href="#">Go Back</a><br><a href="#">View Map</a><br><a href="#">New Search</a> |
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Account Identifier: District - 09 Account Number - 006087

**Owner Information**

|                         |  |                             |                     |
|-------------------------|--|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Owner Name:</b>      | MESSLER LOUIS E & MARY H                   | <b>Use:</b>                 | AGRICULTURAL        |
| <b>Mailing Address:</b> | 22235 RINGGOLD PIKE<br>HAGERSTOWN MD 21742 | <b>Principal Residence:</b> | YES                 |
|                         |  | <b>Deed Reference:</b>      | 1) / 769/ 769<br>2) |

**Location & Structure Information**

|   |               |                            |
|---|---------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Premises Address</b>                 | <b>Zoning</b> | <b>Legal Description</b>   |
| 22235 RINGGOLD PIKE<br>HAGERSTOWN 21742 |               | 87.661 ACRES<br>S/S MD 418 |

| Map | Grid | Parcel | Sub District | Subdivision | Section | Block | Lot | Group | Plat No:  |
|-----|------|--------|--------------|-------------|---------|-------|-----|-------|-----------|
| 26  | 5    | 17     |              |             |         |       |     | 80    | Plat Ref: |

| Special Tax Areas | Town Ad Valorem Tax Class |
|-------------------|---------------------------|
|                   |                           |

| Primary Structure Built | Enclosed Area | Property Land Area | County Use |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------------------|------------|
| 1850                    | 2,970 SF      | 87.66 AC           |            |

| Stories | Basement | Type          | Exterior |
|---------|----------|---------------|----------|
| 2       | YES      | STANDARD UNIT | FRAME    |

**Value Information**

|                    | Base Value     | Phase-in Assessments   |                  |                  | PREFERENTIAL LAND VALUE INCLUDED IN LAND VALUE |
|--------------------|----------------|------------------------|------------------|------------------|--|
|                    |                | Value As Of 01/01/2001 | As Of 07/01/2002 | As Of 07/01/2003 |  |
| Land:              | 70,170         | 70,170                 |                  |                  |  |
| Improvements:      | 123,260        | 150,110                |                  |                  |  |
| <b>Total:</b>      | <b>193,430</b> | <b>220,280</b>         | <b>211,330</b>   | <b>220,280</b>   |  |
| Preferential Land: | 37,370         | 37,370                 | 37,370           | 37,370           |  |

**Transfer Information**

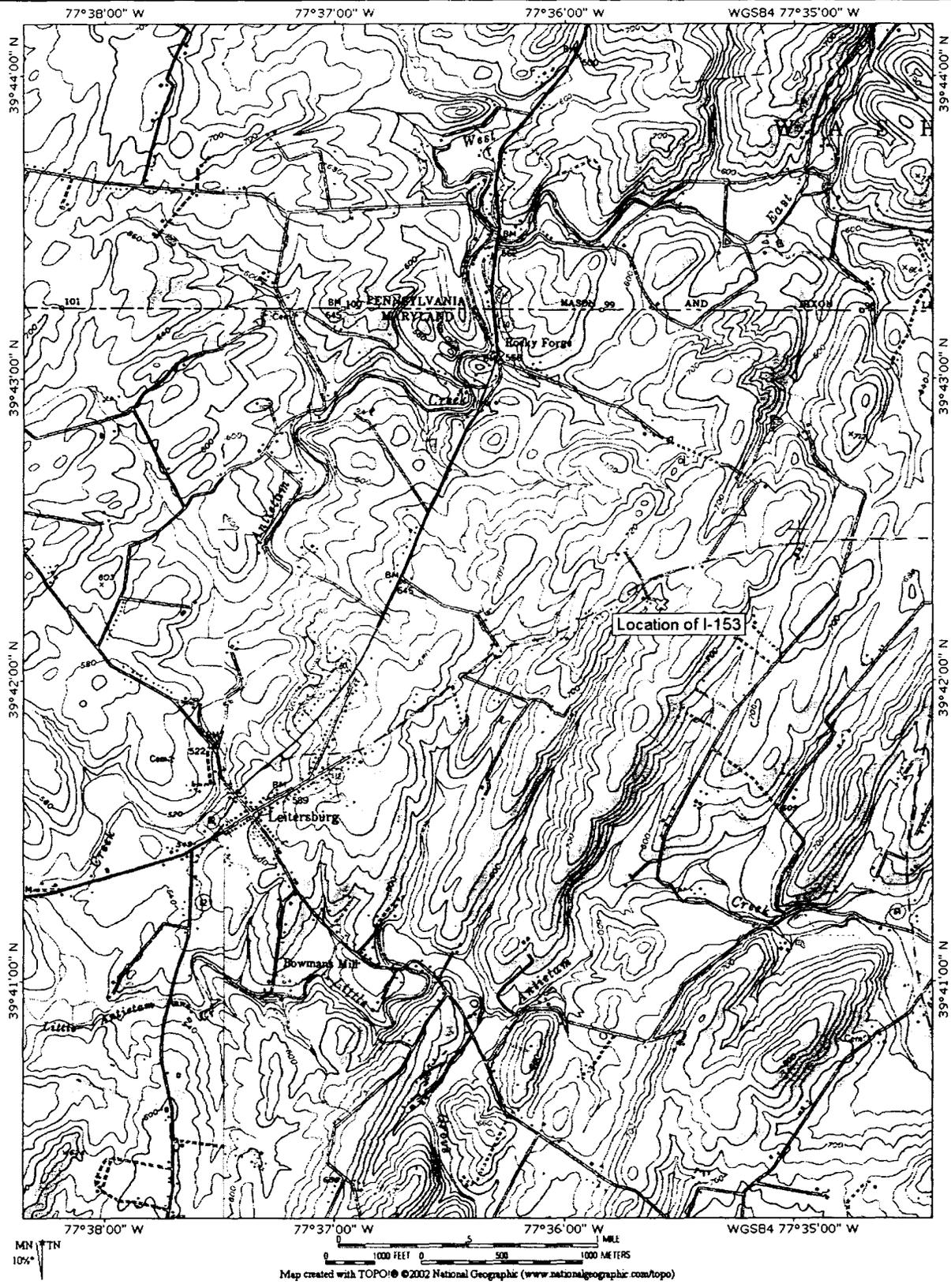
|                                      |                          |                   |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Seller:</b> MARKER DANIEL K ET UX | <b>Date:</b> 08/30/1984  | <b>Price:</b> \$0 |
| <b>Type:</b> UNKNOWN                 | <b>Deed1:</b> / 769/ 769 | <b>Deed2:</b>     |
| <b>Seller:</b> MARKER DANIEL K       | <b>Date:</b> 02/26/1981  | <b>Price:</b> \$0 |
| <b>Type:</b> UNKNOWN                 | <b>Deed1:</b> / 713/ 431 | <b>Deed2:</b>     |
| <b>Seller:</b>                       | <b>Date:</b>             | <b>Price:</b>     |
| <b>Type:</b>                         | <b>Deed1:</b>            | <b>Deed2:</b>     |

**Exemption Information**

| Partial Exempt Assessments | Class | 07/01/2002 | 07/01/2003 |
|----------------------------|-------|------------|------------|
| County                     | 000   | 0          | 0          |
| State                      | 000   | 0          | 0          |
| Municipal                  | 000   | 0          | 0          |

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| <b>Tax Exempt:</b> NO | <b>Special Tax Recapture:</b> AGRICULTURAL TRANSFER TAX |
| <b>Exempt Class:</b>  |   |





**SITE VICINITY MAP**  
Smithsburg, MD Quadrangle  
SCALE: As Shown



**Property Condition Assessment**  
WA-I-153\_ Log House Covered With  
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LOG HOUSE W/ WOOD SIDING

22735 RINGOLD PIKE

HAGERSTOWN, WASHINGTON CO.

MD 21742

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FRONT & SIDE ELEVATIONS

FRONT (LEFT) & SIDE (RIGHT) ELEVATIONS

1/2

LOG HOUSE

HAGERSTOWN, MD 21742

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LOG HOUSE W/WOOD SIDING

2225 RINGOLD PIKE

HAGERSTOWN, WASHINGTON DC

MARTIN 21742

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NEG. W/MID SUPD

SOUTH ELEVATION

2/2

LOG HOUSE  
HAGERSTOWN, MD 21742

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

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|   |  |  |  |   |
|---|--|--|--|---|
| <b>1. NAME</b>  |  |  |  |   |
| COMMON:<br>Log House Covered With Wood Siding   |  |  |  |   |
| AND/OR HISTORIC:  |  |  |  |   |
| <b>2. LOCATION</b>  |  |  |  |   |
| STREET AND NUMBER:<br>Leitersburg-Ringgold Road, Md. Route 418  |  |  |  |   |
| CITY OR TOWN:<br>Leitersburg Vicinity   |  |  |  |   |
| STATE<br>Maryland   |  | COUNTY:<br>Washington  |  |   |
| <b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>  |  |  |  |   |
| CATEGORY<br>(Check One)   |  | OWNERSHIP  |  | STATUS  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District<br><input type="checkbox"/> Site<br><input type="checkbox"/> Object   |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building<br><input type="checkbox"/> Structure<br><input type="checkbox"/> Private<br><input type="checkbox"/> Both    |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied<br><input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural<br><input type="checkbox"/> Commercial<br><input type="checkbox"/> Educational<br><input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Government<br><input type="checkbox"/> Industrial<br><input type="checkbox"/> Military<br><input type="checkbox"/> Museum         |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Park<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence<br><input type="checkbox"/> Religious<br><input type="checkbox"/> Scientific |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public<br><input type="checkbox"/> In Process<br><input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered   |  | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC<br>Yes:<br><input type="checkbox"/> Restricted<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |  |   |
| PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)  |  |  |  |   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural<br><input type="checkbox"/> Commercial<br><input type="checkbox"/> Educational<br><input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment<br><input type="checkbox"/> Government<br><input type="checkbox"/> Industrial<br><input type="checkbox"/> Military<br><input type="checkbox"/> Museum<br><input type="checkbox"/> Park<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence<br><input type="checkbox"/> Religious<br><input type="checkbox"/> Scientific<br><input type="checkbox"/> Transportation<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |  |  |  |   |
| <b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>   |  |  |  |   |
| OWNER'S NAME:<br>Daniel K. Marker   |  |  |  |   |
| STREET AND NUMBER:<br>Route # 5   |  |  |  |   |
| CITY OR TOWN:<br>Hagerstown   |  | STATE:<br>Maryland   |  | 21740   |
| <b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>   |  |  |  |   |
| COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:<br>Washington County Court House   |  |  |  |   |
| STREET AND NUMBER:<br>West Washington Street  |  |  |  |   |
| CITY OR TOWN:<br>Hagerstown   |  | STATE:<br>Maryland   |  | 21740   |
| Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 417/480   |  |  |  |   |
| <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  | <div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input 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: center; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered &lt; 50%    <input type="checkbox"/> Uncutered                             </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <div style="text-align: center; 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 south of Maryland Route 418, the Leitersburg-Ringgold Road, about one and a half miles east of Leitersburg in Washington County. It is situated on an area of relatively level ground and faces east.</p> <p>The structure is a two story, four bay log dwelling covered with coved board wood siding. A two story three bay ell of frame construction extends to the rear or west.</p> <p>The wooden siding covers all walls so that the construction cannot be observed. The structure rests on low fieldstone foundations at the front section which become higher toward the rear of the ell. The owner has verified the log construction which was suggested by the thickness of the walls at the front section. The owner also reported the use of frame construction with brick nogging at the rear section.</p> <p>Openings in the front section are spaced with some concern for symmetry, many windows retain what appears to be original wide frames joined with wooden pegs. Some six over six pane double hung sashes remain while others retain single pane modern sashes. Many windows are flanked with shutters, two pair of which at the front elevation appear to be early paneled types.</p> <p>Two entrances are present in the center bays of the front elevation. They appear to have received equal treatment, each with plain board trim surrounding its opening. No transoms are included over the doors. A one story shed roofed entrance porch extends along the entire front elevation. Another entrance at the north elevation of the ell has a flat roofed Victorian period porch with dentil work and serpentine bric-a-brac.</p> <p>The roof is covered with slate and extends beyond the end walls. Exterior chimneys of brick, large at the base and tapering toward the top, are located at each gable end. An interior end chimney, also of brick is located inside the west gable end.</p> <p>The house is in excellent condition.</p> <p>North of the house is a one and a half story fieldstone and log structure with a broad overhang at its front or south gable elevation. Its openings display moderately wide framing and pegged joining. Where the log construction was visible, "V" notched corner joining is present. A chimney is located at the north gable end.</p> <p>A large frame bank barn is located north of the dwelling complex.</p> <p>The property contains 89.03 acres.</p> |  |

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**B. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry     |  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention    | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature   | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Military     | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            | <input type="checkbox"/> Music        |  | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The area of significance of this dwelling complex is its architecture. Constructed of log, the front section of the house and the nearby outbuilding are representative of a major architectural group in Western Maryland and the Cumberland Valley. Log was a major building material in the area from the earliest days of settlement to well into the 19th century.

The building date of this house has not been determined. A close examination of the interior of the structure may yield information about the age of the structure. Several exterior features such as wide pegged window frames and the raised panel shutters are of a type associated with late 18th and early 19th century construction. The timber framed rear section with brick filling also represents a type of construction associated with 18th and early 19th century work.

The property was purchased by Daniel Harshman in 1882. It has been in the Harshman-Marker family since that date. Prior to Harshman ownership the farm was in the Mentzer family. The property includes part of "Father's Good Will" a tract containing 13.65 acres patented to David Stoner in 1774.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Bell, Herbert C., History of Leitersburg District, Leitersburg, Md: the author. 1908

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY |                         |                         | O<br>R | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY<br>OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES |                         |  |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------|---|-------------------------|--|
| CORNER   | LATITUDE                | LONGITUDE               |        | LATITUDE  | LONGITUDE               |  |
|  | Degrees Minutes Seconds | Degrees Minutes Seconds |        | Degrees Minutes Seconds   | Degrees Minutes Seconds |  |
| NW   | ° ' "                   | ° ' "                   |        | ° ' "   | ° ' "                   |  |
| NE   | ° ' "                   | ° ' "                   |        | ° ' "   | ° ' "                   |  |
| SE   | ° ' "                   | ° ' "                   |        | ° ' "   | ° ' "                   |  |
| SW   | ° ' "                   | ° ' "                   |        | ° ' "   | ° ' "                   |  |

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **89.03 acres.**

Acreage Justification:

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**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

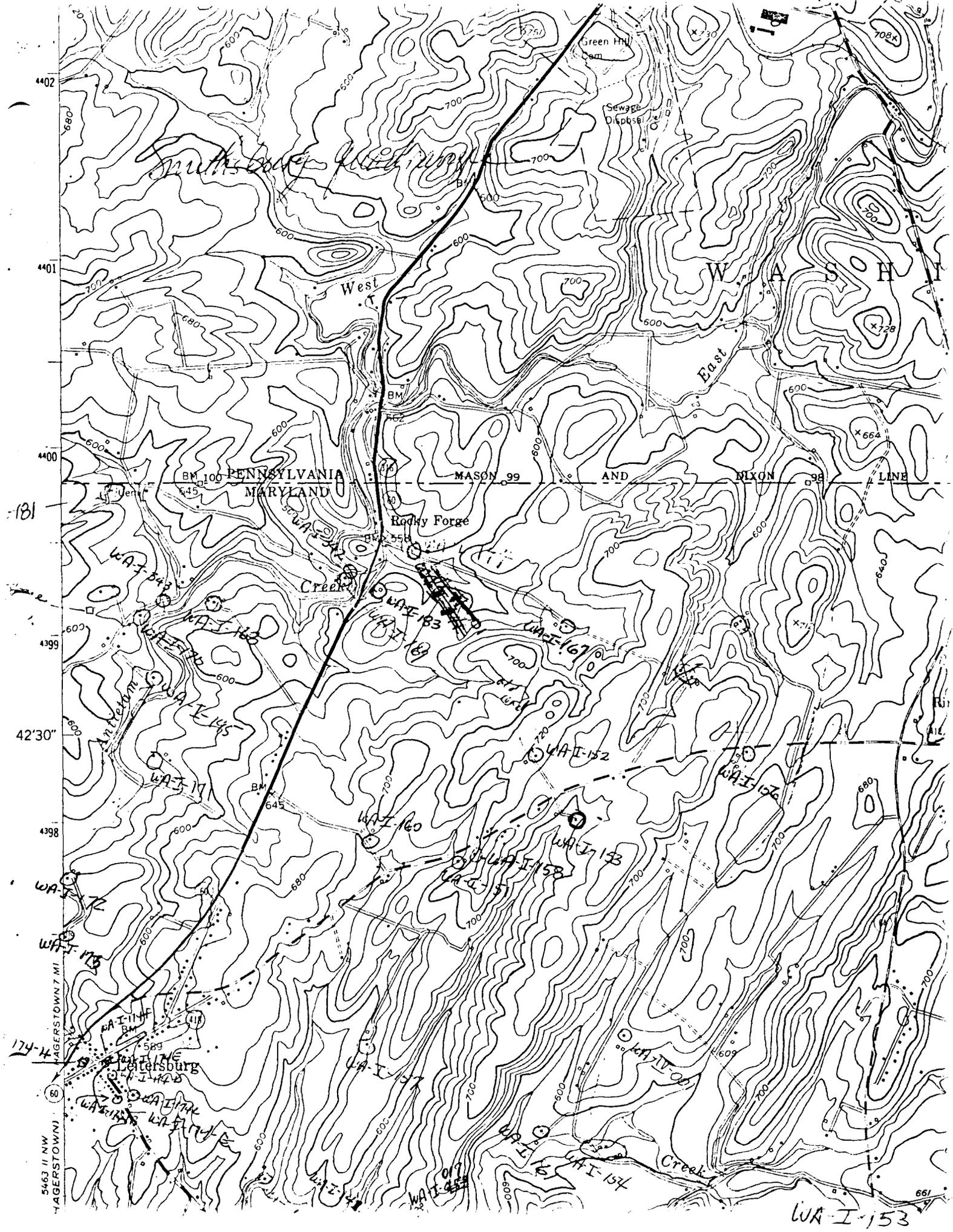
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown

STATE: Maryland

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

Significance of this property is:  
 National  State  Local

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



*South Fork West Fork*

PENNSYLVANIA MARYLAND MASON 99 AND DIXON 98 LINE

Rocky Forge

Creek

W. A. S. H. East

4402  
4401  
4400  
4399  
42'30"  
4398  
174-4  
5463 II NW  
TAGERSTOWN  
TAGERSTOWN 7 MI  
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April, 1974

PAULA STONER DICKEY  
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HISTORICAL SITES SURVEY



DW-5-12  
April 1992

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