

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON: Brick House, Beck Road				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: Beck Road about one mile north of Old Forge Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Leitersburg Vicinity				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Washington		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input 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 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) _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: Robert E. Eshleman				
STREET AND NUMBER: Route # 5				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown		STATE: Maryland		21740
<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. #): 465/608				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Historical Trust Survey #3103				
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: 21 State Circle				
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis		STATE: Maryland		

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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: x-small;">(Check One)</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered &lt; 50%    <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered           </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: x-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 on the east side of Beck Road about one mile north of Beard's Church Road, between the villages of Chewsville and Leitersburg in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated on relatively level ground and faces south.</p> <p>The structure is a two and one half story, five bay dwelling of brick construction. The walls are set on fieldstone foundations which protrude only slightly above ground level at the rear elevation but which become high enough at the front of the house to allow a set of three quarter windows. All elevations display common bond brickwork. Flat arches of brick are present over all openings in the gable walls and over the ground and first story openings at the front and rear elevations. A modern one story lean-to addition has been attached to the north wall.</p> <p>Openings appear to be spaced symmetrically in the front elevation. All major windows have relatively modern single pane double hung sashes held within narrow frames finished with a beaded edge. All have hinge pins on which shutters were hung. Set in the foundations of the front elevation are windows with six over three pane sashes. They are flanked by plain board shutters.</p> <p>The main entrance is located in the center bay of the front elevation. Above the door is a plain transom. The front door is sheltered by a flat roofed entrance porch set on brick foundations. It is supported by chamfered square posts and trimmed with a crosswork balustrade forming a diamond pattern. A second door is located in the west gable end. It appears similar to the main entrance and includes a diamond pane transom. A shed roofed one story porch resting on concrete block foundations extends across the west end wall. An entrance to the cellar is also located in the west wall. Another door is located in the north elevation.</p> <p>The roof is covered with modern asphalt shingles. The roof structure terminates with a barge board which is curved at its base and trimmed with a beaded inner edge. The eaves at the front elevation are trimmed with a course of brick dentil work while the rear elevation displays brick corbeling. Brick chimneys are located inside each gable end.</p> <p>North of the house is a large frame bank barn and a small brick out building. The structures are in excellent condition and are located on a tract containing 150.41 acres.</p>	

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**B. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian
- 15th Century
- 16th Century
- 17th Century
- 18th Century
- 19th Century
- 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aboriginal</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Historic</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Art</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Commerce</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Communications</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Conservation</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Education</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Engineering</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Industry</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Invention</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Landscape</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Literature</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Military</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Music</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Political</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Science</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Theater</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Transportation</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)</li> <li>_____</li> <li>_____</li> <li>_____</li> <li>_____</li> <li>_____</li> <li>_____</li> </ul> |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The area of significance of this house is its architecture. It is a well maintained example of the five bay, center front door plan dwelling, a significant architectural type in Maryland and Pennsylvania. Based remotely on the Georgian style, houses following this plan were built extensively in Washington County during the late 18th and through much of the 19th centuries. This house would appear to have been built during the mid 19th century as suggested by the use of common bonding at the front elevation, by the decorative brickwork associated with its eaves and by its door and window trim.

Purchased by Philip Beck in three transactions in 1852 (Deed Liber IN11 Folios 623, 624 and 626), the property on which this house stands remained in the Beck family until 1937. It has been in the Eshleman family since 1945. The property includes parts of the land patents "Gleanings," "Bald Barrens," "Webb's Discovery" and "The Forrest."

The bricks from which the house is constructed are said to have been made on the property.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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	
NW	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **150.41 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: **October 1975**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Court House Annex**

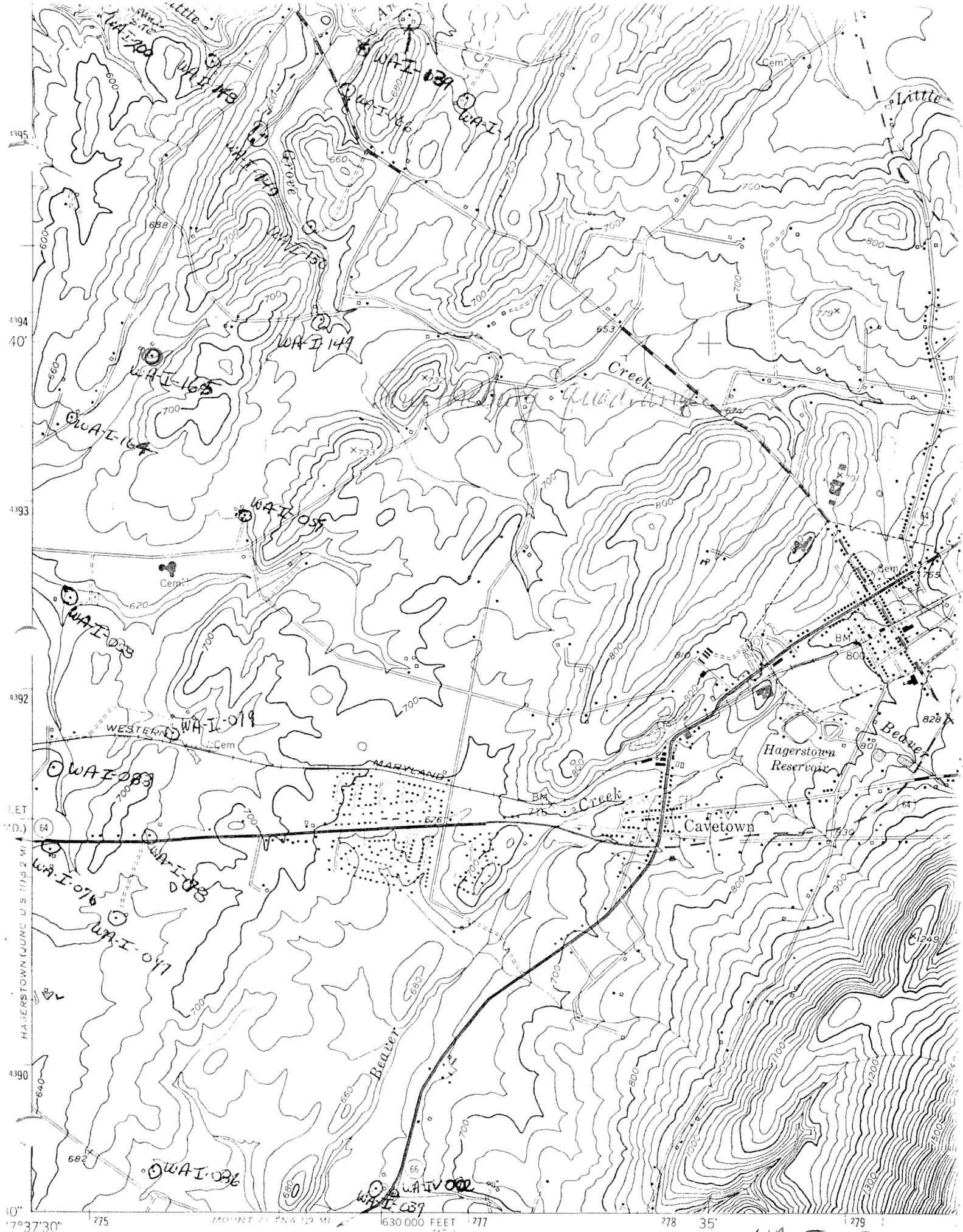
CITY OR TOWN: **Hagerstown**      STATE: **Maryland**

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

Significance of this property is:

National       State       Local

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



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