

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: Brick House on Antietam Creek, north of Leitersburg   |  |  |                    |  |  |
| AND/OR HISTORIC:  |  |  |                    |  |  |
| <b>2. LOCATION</b>  |  |  |                    |  |  |
| STREET AND NUMBER: East of the Leitersburg-State Line Road, at Antietam Creek   |  |  |                    |  |  |
| CITY OR TOWN: Leitersburg Vicinity  |  |  |                    |  |  |
| STATE: Maryland   |  |  | COUNTY: Washington |  |  |
| <b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>  |  |  |                    |  |  |
| CATEGORY<br>(Check One)   |  | OWNERSHIP  |                    | STATUS   | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District<br><input type="checkbox"/> Site<br><input type="checkbox"/> Object   |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building<br><input type="checkbox"/> Structure   |                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied<br><input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress            | Yes:<br><input type="checkbox"/> Restricted<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private<br><input type="checkbox"/> Both  |  | Public Acquisition:<br><input type="checkbox"/> In Process<br><input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered  |                    |  |  |
| 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 |  | <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 type="checkbox"/> Private Residence<br><input type="checkbox"/> Religious<br><input type="checkbox"/> Scientific |  |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)  |                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Comments  |  |
| <b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>   |  |  |                    |  |  |
| OWNER'S NAME: Gorman A. Snurr   |  |  |                    |  |  |
| 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. #): 354/42  |  |  |                    |  |  |
| <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 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="text-align: center; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered < 50% <input type="checkbox"/> Uncltered   | <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site |
| DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE  |   |   |
| <p>This house is located along a private lane, east of the Leitersburg-State Line Road about one mile north of Leitersburg in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated on rather high ground above the east bank of the Antietam Creek and faces south.</p> <p>The structure is a two story, four bay brick dwelling set on low fieldstone foundations. The walls which are laid in common bond brick work at all elevations have been painted yellow. No decorative brickwork was observed associated with the exterior of the house.</p> <p>Window and door openings appear to be spaced evenly in the walls. All windows have six over six pane double hung sashes held within narrow frames finished with a beaded inner edge. Broad wooden lintels top the windows.</p> <p>Two entrances are located in the center bays of the front elevation. Both are treated rather simply with framing matching that of the windows. Each entrance is topped with a diamond pane transom.</p> <p>The roof is covered with sheet metal and terminates with a barge board set directly against the end walls. Brick chimneys are located inside each gable end.</p> <p>A one story porch supported by massive square pillars extends along the front elevation.</p> <p>The house appears to be in good condition and stands on a tract containing 56.909 acres. Small buildings related to agricultural use are located near by. Of particular interest is an old wooden windmill located just south of the house.</p> |   |   |

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**8. 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"/> Science             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape   | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature  | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                    |
| <input 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 this house is its architecture. The exterior appearance of this structure suggests that it may have been built during the mid nineteenth century. Constructed with two front doors it is typical of a number of houses which occur in areas where Pennsylvania Germans settled. The origin of the tradition of two front doors has not been pin pointed, but may have been developed as an alternative to the central hall plan.<sup>1</sup>

The wooden windmill on the property is particularly worthy of note as a rare example of such construction. Although numerous windmills of metal construction survive in Washington County, no other wooden structures of this type have been found during this survey.

<sup>1</sup> Henry J. Kauffman, "The Riddle of the Two Front Doors." The Dutchman 6:3 (Winter 1954-55) :27.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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

Washington County Land Records.

**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 |  |
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 56,909 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

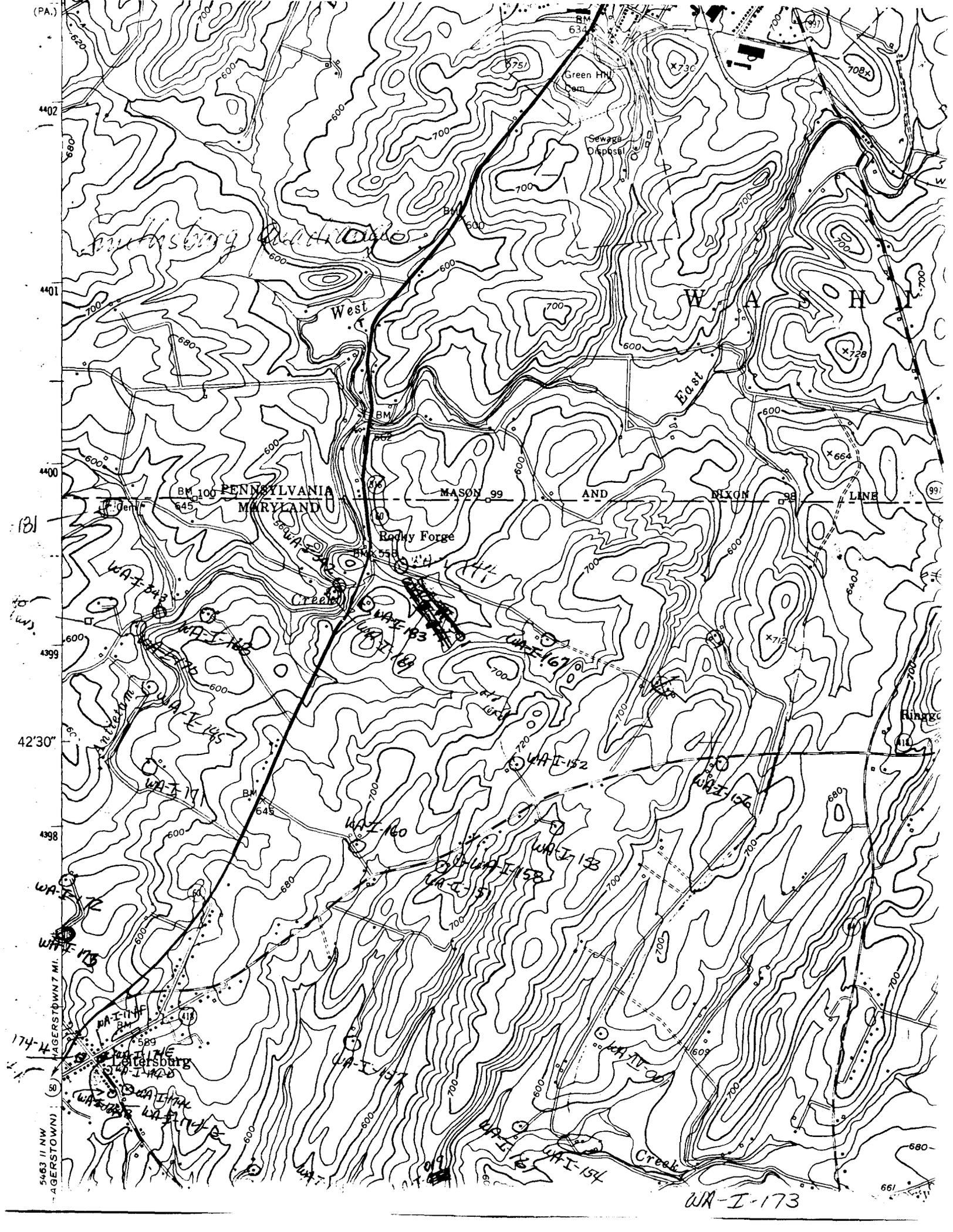
STATE: Maryland

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

Significance of this property is:

National  State  Local

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



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5463 11 NW  
AGERSTOWN

*Watersburg*

Green Hill

Sewage Disposal

West

W A S H

East

PENNSYLVANIA MARYLAND  
MASON 99 AND DIXON LINE

Rody Forge

Creek

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