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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Stone house, Leitersburg Pike

AND/OR COMMON

Dorsey - Palmer House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER North side of Leitersburg Pike, ^{md 607} .2 mile southwest of
its junction with Long Meadow Road

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Vicinity of Hagerstown

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Sixth

STATE

Maryland

CODE
24

COUNTY
Washington

CODE
043

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

__DISTRICT

__PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

__AGRICULTURE

__MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

__UNOCCUPIED

__COMMERCIAL

__PARK

__STRUCTURE

__BOTH

__WORK IN PROGRESS

__EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

__SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

__ENTERTAINMENT

__RELIGIOUS

__OBJECT

__IN PROCESS

__YES: RESTRICTED

__GOVERNMENT

__SCIENTIFIC

__BEING CONSIDERED

__YES: UNRESTRICTED

NO

__INDUSTRIAL

__TRANSPORTATION

__MILITARY

__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Rudolf M. Palmer

STREET & NUMBER

Route 5, Box 465

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

VICINITY OF

STATE
Maryland 21740

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE
Maryland 21740

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7. DESCRIPTION

WA-I-182

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED - 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house is located northwest of the Leitersburg Pike, Maryland Route 64, just southeast of Long Meadow Road in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated near the road and faces south.

The structure is a two-story, five bay stone dwelling with a two-story, four-bay el extending to the rear or north. The entire building is constructed of roughly coursed local fieldstone with particular care reflected in the masonry at the front elevation of the house. No vertical seam is evident in the masonry between the front and rear sections. There is no decorative stone work associated with the window or door openings.

The windows appear to be spaced symmetrically at the front elevation of the house. Moderately wide frames are joined with wooden pegs and are trimmed with ogee molding. Nine-over-~~six~~^{nine} light, double-hung sash are present at the first story of the front section while all other major windows have nine-over-six light sash. Pairs of four-over-two pane sash illuminate the attic. Several pairs of louvered shutters are present.

The main entrance is located in the center bay of the south or front elevation. The opening is framed similarly to the windows with an unusual transom, two panes in height and four in width. The four-panel door does not appear to be original. A second-story door is located directly over the main entrance. Three entrances are located in the rear elevation of the front or main section, while four are to be found in the east elevation of the wing. Several of the rear entrance doors have six raised panels as do the interior doors.

A double porch framed under the main roof span extends along the entire front elevation. It is supported by square posts trimmed with Victorian period carved brackets. A second double porch extends along the east elevation of the wing. It is supported by chamfered posts without trim. The roof structure is covered with sheet metal and extends beyond the end walls. The eaves are finished with boxing trimmed with simple moldings. Brick chimneys, moderate in size, rise from inside each gable end.

The interior of this house retains much of its original woodwork. The front section is bisected by an entrance and stair hall. The stair case which has decorative applied trim at the ends of its risers is open to the attic. The rear el is divided into two rooms at each story. Interior doors throughout the house have six raised panels. Original exterior doors are hung on long strap hinges. Fireplaces are present in each room, with a large service or kitchen fireplace located in the north end wall of the el.

SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is primarily significant for its architecture. It derives secondary importance from its use, according to tradition, as the residence and office of an early Washington County doctor.

Architecturally, the house is an example of a five-bay, center-hall plan dwelling with an extension to the rear. Vaguely Georgian in form, it is representative of a major architectural group in the Cumberland Valley with examples dating from the late eighteenth through the first half of the nineteenth century. Much of the interior woodwork appears original and suggests, along with the exterior appearance of the structure, a circa 1800 or early nineteenth century building date. An unusual feature of this house is the double porch extending across the front elevation. Such porches at the front elevation are not common among Georgian-inspired houses in Washington County. Another unusual feature of this house is the use of large transoms over entrances in the front elevation.

In 1819 the property on which this house stands, containing 294 1/2 acres, was purchased by Frederick Dorsey from George Beltzhoover for \$23,760. Frederick Dorsey, a noted physician in Washington County, was born in Anne Arundel County in 1776. He settled in Washington County in 1795, studying medicine with Doctor Richard Pindell and residing in Hagerstown where he died in 1858. At the time of his death, Doctor Dorsey was engaged in the practice of medicine with his son, John Claggett Dorsey (born 1805), and his grandson, Frederick Dorsey, Jr. Although the senior Doctor Dorsey is said to have resided in Hagerstown, his son or grandson may have lived in this house and possibly maintained an office here. The presence of a door in the east bay of the north elevation of the main section could suggest that an office with a separate entrance was located in a portion of the house. The property on which the house stands was owned by Frederick Dorsey, Sr. when it was sold to Emanuel Synder in 1866.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: Stone house, Leitersburg Pike				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Leitersburg Pike just south of Long Meadow Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown vicinity				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Washington		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
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"/> 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 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 _____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Rudolf M. Palmer				
STREET AND NUMBER: Route 5, Box 465				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown			STATE: Maryland	
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	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 527/051				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Historical Trust Survey #3059				
DATE OF SURVEY: 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	

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="text-align: center; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> </div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <50% <input type="checkbox"/> Uncolored <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian
- 15th Century
- 16th Century
- 17th Century
- 18th Century
- 19th Century (early)
- 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"> <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> Historic <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> Art <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> Communications <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> Industry <input type="checkbox"/> Invention <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape <input type="checkbox"/> Literature <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Political <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/> Science <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/> Theater <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ |
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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Scharf, Thomas J., History of Western Maryland, Volume II, Philadelphia: Louis H. Everts, 1882.
 Washington County Land Records.
 Williams, Thomas J., History of Washington County, Hagerstown: Mail Publishing Company, 1906.

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	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2.47 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: **June, 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 _____

DEED RECORDS -- WA-I-182

Liber 529, Folio 051, July 6, 1971

Grantor: Michael G. Callas

Grantee: Rudolf M. Palmer, Jr. and Shirley Kay Palmer
2.47 acres.

Liber 466, Folio 107, January 29, 1968

Grantor: Callas Contractors

Grantee: Michael G. Callas
2.47 acres, undivided interest.

Liber 447, Folio 758, August 1, 1966

Grantor: Hunter Hill Inn, Inc.

Grantee: Paul Ottinger and Callas Contractors
2.47 acres.

Liber 370, Folio 346, August 1, 1961

Grantor: Grace Elizabeth Warren, Exec. of the estate of Hunter B. Cunningham

Grantee: Hunter Hill Inn, Inc.
2.47 acres.

Liber 135, Folio 543, March 25, 1911

Grantors: Harvey H. Finfrock & Mary E. Finfrock

Grantee: Hunter B. Cunningham
\$13,297; "Dawson's Strife," "Long Meadow Enlarged;" 132 acres, 155 perches.

Liber 121, Folio 550, April 1, 1905

Grantor: David F. Nigh and Jane Nigh

Grantee: Harvey H. Finfrock
\$11,600; "Dawson's Strife," "Long Meadow Enlarged" 137 acres, 5 perches.

Liber 112, Folio 395, April 2, 1900

Grantor: Alice A. Small

Grantee: David F. Nigh
\$7,536; 137 acres, 5 perches.

Liber 93, Folio 372, April 10, 1889

Grantors: H. H. Keedy & David Miles

Grantee: Alice A. Small

135 acres, 5 perches, 2 acres, entire parcel 137 acres, 5 perches.. being the entire estate of which Emanuel Snyder was in part seized at the time of his death and being that which was conveyed to him by Frederick Dorsey ... by deed bearing the date April 4, 1866, IN 19/368 with a parcel of 2 acres conveyed by H. F. Lehman and others dated Jany. 20, 1874 WMcKK 6/573.

Liber 19, Folio 368, April 4, 1866

Grantors: D. Frederick Dorsey & Jane Elizabeth Dorsey

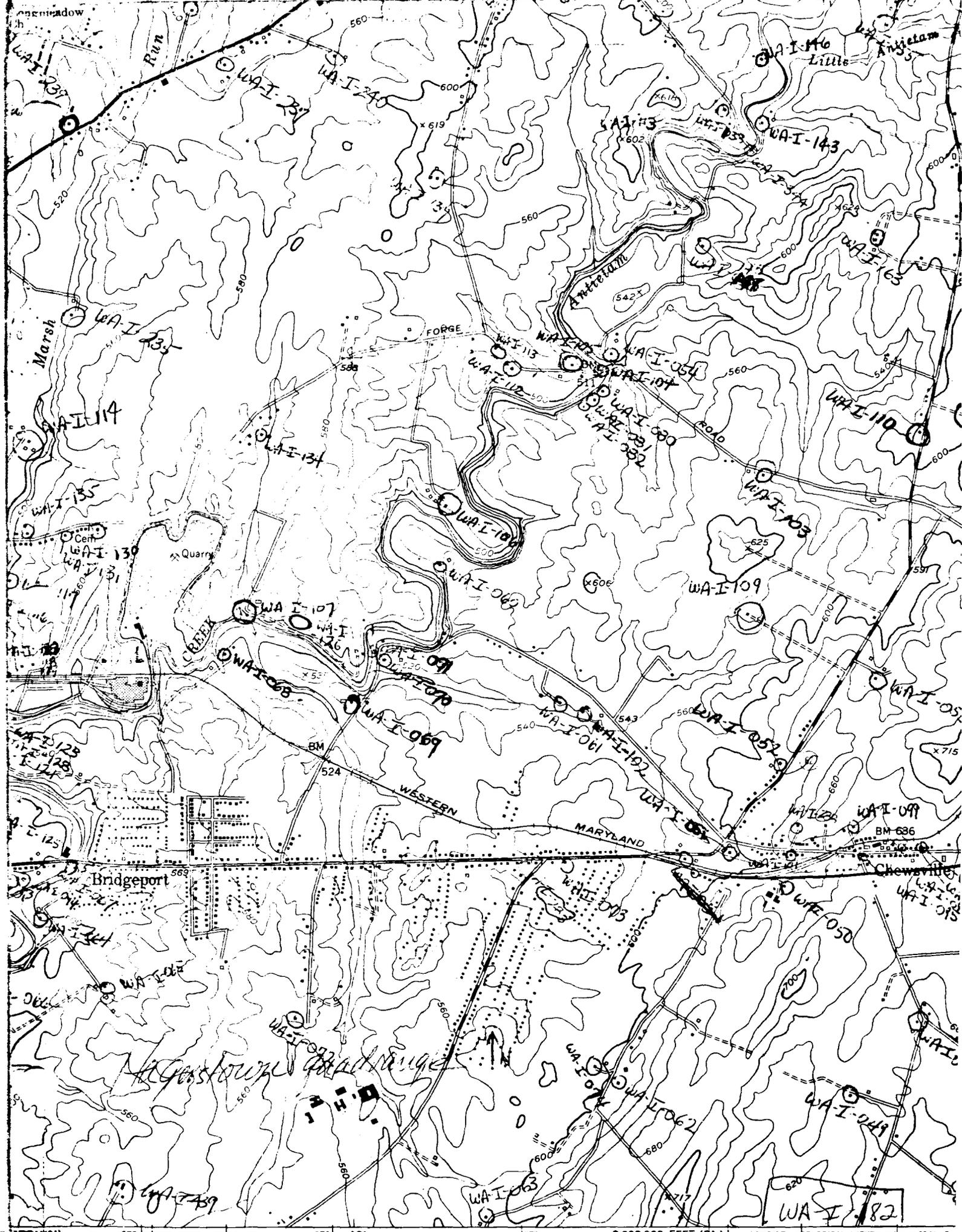
Grantee: Emanuel Snyder
\$10,802.50, 135 acres, 5 perches

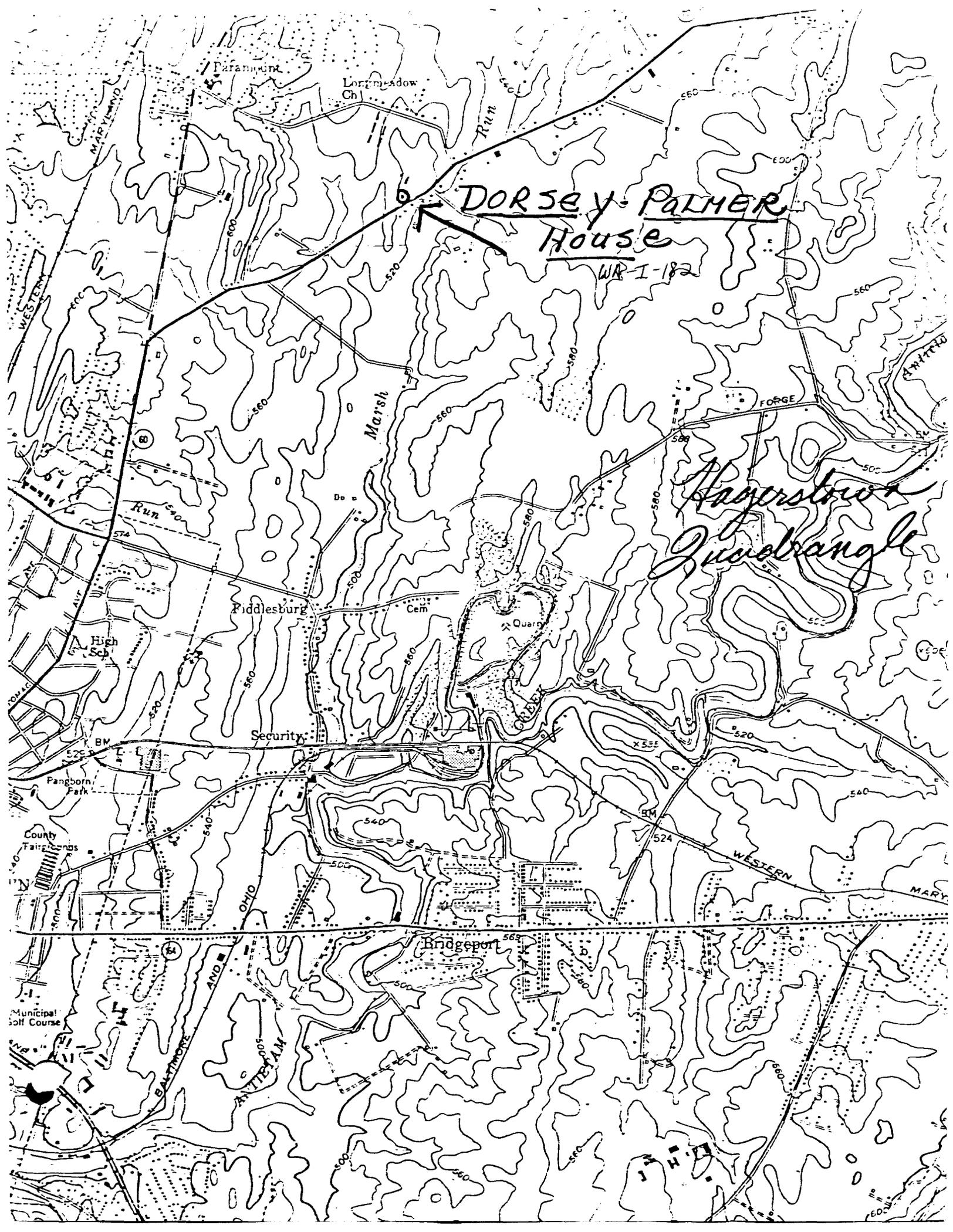
Liber ~~EE~~, Folio 191, September 2, 1819

Grantors: George Beltzhoover and Catherine Beltzhoover

Grantee: Frederick Dorsey

"Addition to Long Meadow," "Part of Dawson's Strife," 294½ acres; and part of "Vertant Mead," 2½ acres; \$23,760.





DORSEY PALMER
House

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*Hagerstown
Quadrangle*

Paramount

Longmeadow
Ch

Run

Marsh

FORGE

Fiddlesburg

Cem

Quarry

High Sch

Security

Pangborn
Park

County
Fair Grounds

Bridgeport

Municipal
Golf Course

BALTIMORE
AND AN
napolis

WESTERN

MARY



9/12 - 12'

10'

11/12 - 12'

Dorsey - Palmer House

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Map 1000

Location, north of 1st St.

East 1000

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West house, 10th St, 1st St

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