

ABSTRACT  
WA-I-184  
Shriver-Ecklund Farm  
Leitersburg Vicinity  
private

19th Century  
(With Earlier Portion)

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

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1. NAME				
COMMON: <b>Shriver- Ecklund Farm</b>				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>Miller's Church Road</b>				
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Leitersburg Vicinity</b>				
STATE <b>Maryland</b>			COUNTY: <b>Washington</b>	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
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PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: <b>David C. Eklund</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>Route # 8, Box 95</b>				
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Hagerstown</b>			STATE: <b>Maryland</b> <b>21740</b>	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: <b>Washington County Court House</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>West Washington Street</b>				
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Hagerstown</b>			STATE: <b>Maryland</b> <b>21740</b>	
<b>Title Reference of Current Deed (Book &amp; Pg. #): 553/62</b>				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: <b>Maryland Historical Trust Survey #3069</b>				
DATE OF SURVEY: <b>Summer 1967</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: <b>Maryland Historical Trust</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>21 State Circle</b>				
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Annapolis</b>			STATE: <b>Maryland</b> <b>21401</b>	

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
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>This house is located on the south side of Miller's Church Road, just west of Strite Road near Leitersburg in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated on sloping ground and faces south.</p> <p>The structure is a one and a half story, six bay stone dwelling built into a low hillside. A seam between the second and third bays from the west end of the house suggests that it was built in sections. From the rear or north elevation lines, alterations, and differently cut stones employed in the western portion, as well as variations in surface weathering suggest that a one story stone structure was heightened to two stories and extended by approximately three feet to the west. Since the seam between the two sections of the house extends only to the height of the second story windows above which the masonry remains constant, it appears that the main or east section was added at the same time the west section was enlarged. Viewed from the front or south elevation, the west section is set back several feet from the face of the east section, resulting in a broken roof plane. Double porches included under the main roof span extend along the front elevation of both sections. The first story of the west section has been sheathed with German siding. There is no decorative work associated with the exterior masonry.</p> <p>Openings appear to be spaced evenly in the front elevation of the main section. First story windows have nine over six pane double hung sashes while six over six pane sashes are employed at the second story level. All are held within narrow rounded frames. Below the window at the second story of the rear elevation of the west section is evidence of an earlier opening which has been filled with stone.</p> <p>The main entrance is located in the west end bay of the front elevation of the main section. The door has six low relief panels below a three light transom. A second door is located immediately above this at the second story level. Similar doors without transoms are employed in the front elevation of the west section.</p> <p>The roof of each part of the house is covered with sheet metal and extends beyond the end walls. There is no decorative work associated with the barge or eaves boxing. Brick chimneys are located inside each gable end and at the jointure of the two sections on the north slope of the roof.</p> <p>The front door enters into a stair room. Three other rooms, each with a fire place, are located in the first story of the main section.</p> <p>A large stone end bank barn with a round brick-lined opening at the gable is located just west of the house. A stone smoke house with a wood shingle roof is located nearby.</p> <p>The buildings are in excellent condition and are located on a tract containing 136 acres.</p>	

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SIGNIFICANCE			
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE			
<p>The major significance of this farm complex is its architecture. Constructed of stone the house, barn and smoke house are examples of a major architectural group in Washington County and the Cumberland Valley. Additionally, the dwelling shows evidence of having been built in sections. Although the main portion of the house appears to date from the second quarter of the 19th century, the earlier part may display 18th century building techniques.</p> <p>This farm was owned by the Shriver family for more than a century. According to Herbert C. Bell's <u>History of Leitersburg District</u>, it was purchased by Henry Shriver from Daniel Mowen in August of 1777.<sup>1</sup> According to Bell, the agreement stipulated that Daniel Mowen and his family had free privilege to live in the dwelling house on the premises with the Henry Shriver family until April 1, 1778.<sup>2</sup> In his will made December 12, 1790 and probated February 12, 1794, Henry Shriver stated that his wife was to have the "new house" for the term of her widowhood. If the house was not finished by the time of his death, it was to be completed and outfitted with a 10-plate stove and pipe. (Will Liber A, Folio 301). Henry Shriver willed his home farm to his son, Henry, who resided there until his death in 1812. The farm was inherited by his son Henry Shriver who owned it until his death in 1878, at which time the property was sold out of the family.<sup>3</sup> (Deed Liber 77, Folio 481).</p> <p>The first Henry Shriver is said to have been born in Germany on April 17, 1727. He came to the Leitersburg area in 1777 and was employed as an iron worker at nearby Rocky Forge. He also farmed and at the time of his death owned a sizable amount of land.<sup>4</sup></p> <p>The farm includes parts of the land grants; "The Forest," "Long Stripe" and "Rich Barrens." Rich Barrens containing 1,154 acres was patented to Peter Shiness in 1767. In 1770 he sold 713 acres to Dr. Henry Schnebly who renamed the tract "The Forest." Two hundred acres of this land was purchased by Philip Boyer who in turn sold it to Daniel Mowen.<sup>5</sup></p>			
<p>1 Herbert C. Bell, <u>History of Leitersburg District</u>. Leitersburg, Md: the author, (1908) p. 33.</p> <p>2 <u>Ibid.</u></p> <p>3 <u>Ibid.</u> 220</p> <p>4 <u>Ibid.</u></p> <p>5 <u>Ibid.</u> 33</p>			

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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

Washington County Land Records.

Washington County Probate Records.

**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		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **136 acres.**

Acreage Justification:

*(This area is currently blank for justification.)*

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant**

ORGANIZATION: **Washington County Historical Sites Survey**      DATE: **January 1976**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Court House Annex**

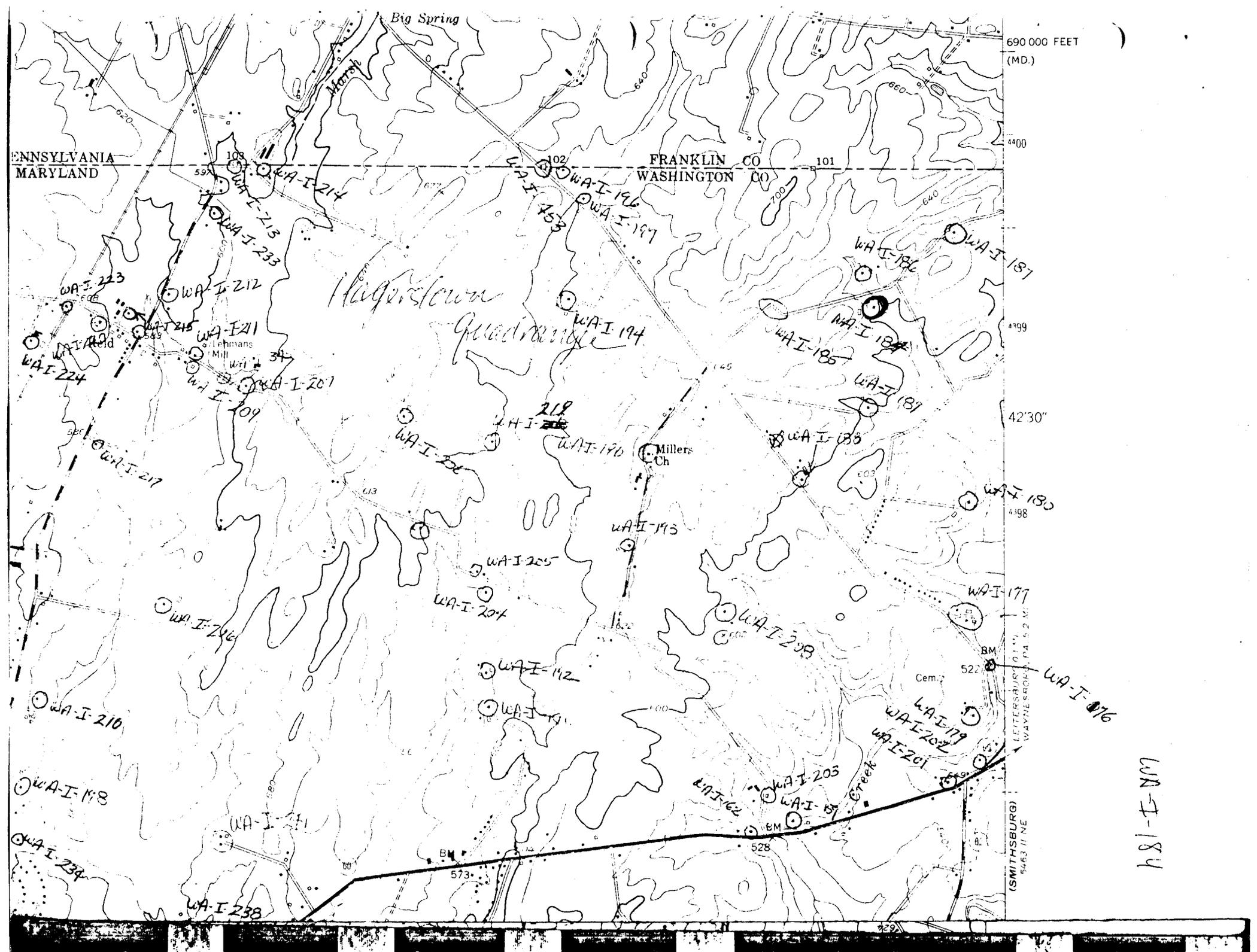
CITY OR TOWN: **Hagerstown**      STATE: **Maryland**

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

Significance of this property is:

National       State       Local

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