

ABSTRACT

WA-I-187

Early 19th Century

Log House, Miller's Church Road

Leitersburg Vicinity

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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:  
**Log House, Miller's Church Road**

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Miller's Church Road just east of Jacob's Church**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Leitersburg Vicinity**

STATE: **Maryland** COUNTY: **Washington**

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<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 type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<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) _____ _____ _____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
**Richard K. Keeley**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Route # 5**

CITY OR TOWN: **Hagerstown** STATE: **Maryland** ZIP: **21740**

**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** ZIP: **21740**

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): **562/1**

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**Maryland Historical Trust Survey # 3071**

DATE OF SURVEY: **Summer 1967**  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
**Maryland Historical Trust**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**21 State Circle**

CITY OR TOWN: **Annapolis** STATE: **Maryland** ZIP: **21401**

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="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"/> Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>This farm complex is located on the south side of Miller's Church Road, east of Jacob's Church and west of Strite Road, near the Mason-Dixon Line in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated on rather steeply sloping land and faces west.</p> <p>The dwelling is a two story, four bay structure set on coursed fieldstone foundations which are quite high at the south elevation. A four bay, two story ell extends to the rear of the main section. The front or original portion of the house is constructed of logs and sheathed with weatherboarding. A double porch included under the main roof span extends along the front elevation. The ell attached to the east elevation is of frame construction sheathed with weatherboarding matching that used at the front section.</p> <p>Openings are spaced at regular intervals in the front elevation while other elevations of the log structure show random window placement. Openings in the ell are aligned with each other at the north and south elevations. First story windows in the log section have wide wooden frames with simple molded trim which hold nine over six pane double hung sashes. At the second story level, similar frames hold six over six pane sashes. Windows in the ell have similar sashes held within frames with flat applied trim. Smaller windows set in the foundations have wide frames. One such window has a pair of board shutters.</p> <p>The main entrance is located in the second bay from the north end of the front elevation. The door is framed similarly to the windows and includes a narrow four light transom. Another entrance is located immediately above this at the second story level. It does not include a transom. Other entrances are located in the north and south elevation of the addition.</p> <p>The roof is covered with corrugated sheet metal and extends beyond the end walls. A bell tower is located on the roof ridge of the main section. The eaves boxing is finished with a course of simple ogee molding. Brick chimneys are located inside each gable end, inside the end of the ell and from the interior of the log section near the base of the east slope of its roof. A modern concrete block flue extends up the south wall of the addition.</p> <p>The interior of the log portion of the house is divided by board partitions. Doors have six raised panels with ogee trim. North of an interior partition which divides the house from front to rear is a large fireplace and a narrow stair located against the north wall and chimney. There is evidence that this portion of the house may have been divided into two rooms at one time. The remainder of the house consists of two rooms, the front chamber being the larger with a fireplace.</p> <p>The house appears to be in good condition. Just to the south of the dwelling is a square brick smoke house with a hipped roof. A frame bank barn is located west of the house. The property contains 152.37 acres.</p>	

S E E I N S T R U C T I O N S

8. SIGNIFICANCE			
<b>PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)</b> <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 (early)			
<b>SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)</b>			
<b>AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)</b>			
<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	<input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> Industry <input type="checkbox"/> Invention <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> Literature <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Political <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- losophy <input type="checkbox"/> Science <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- itarian <input type="checkbox"/> Theater <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
<b>STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE</b>			
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<p><sup>1</sup> Herbert C. Bell, <u>History of Leitersburg District</u>, Leitersburg, Md: the author, (1908) p. 34</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.

**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: **152.37 acres.**

Acreage Justification:

**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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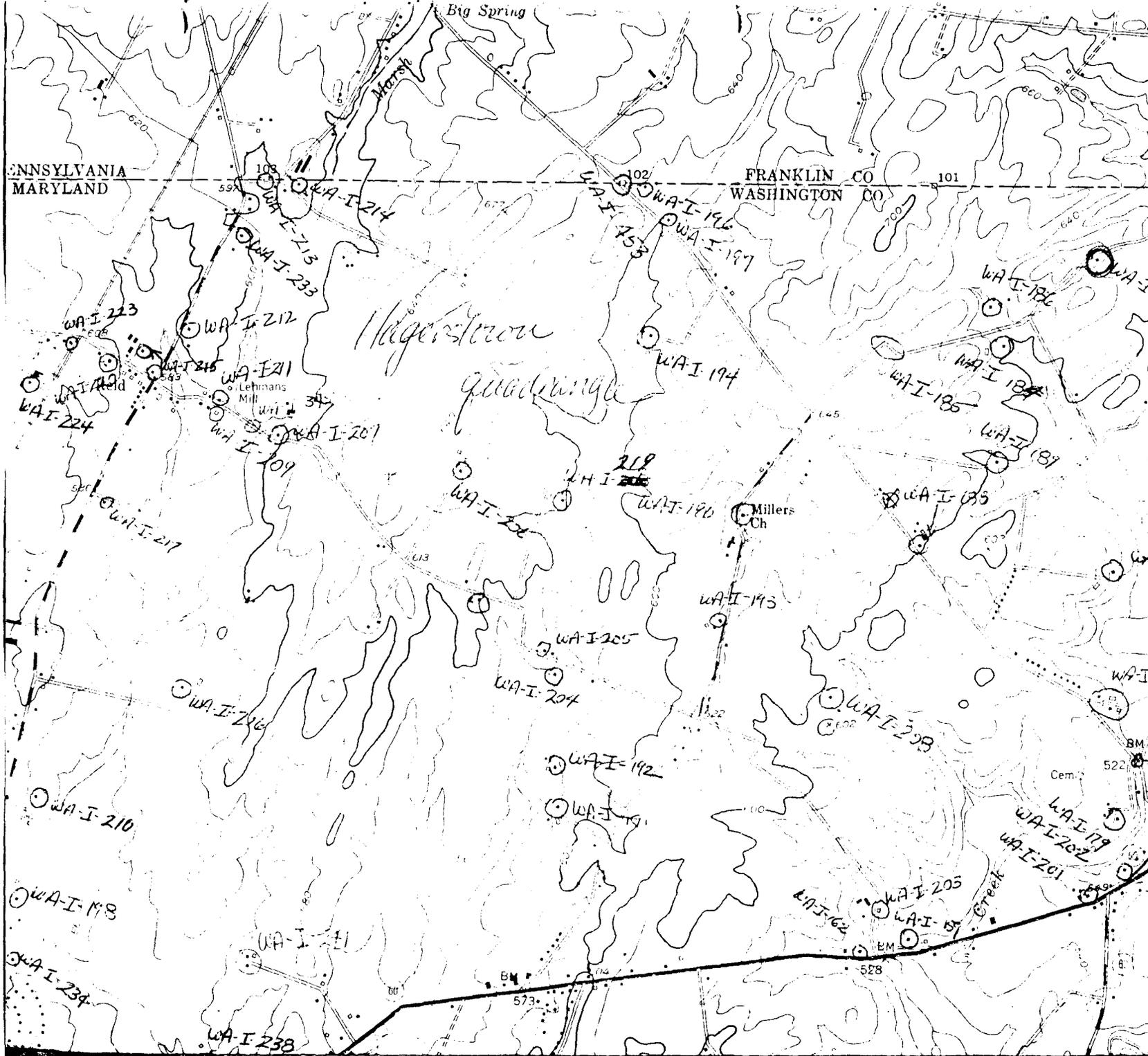
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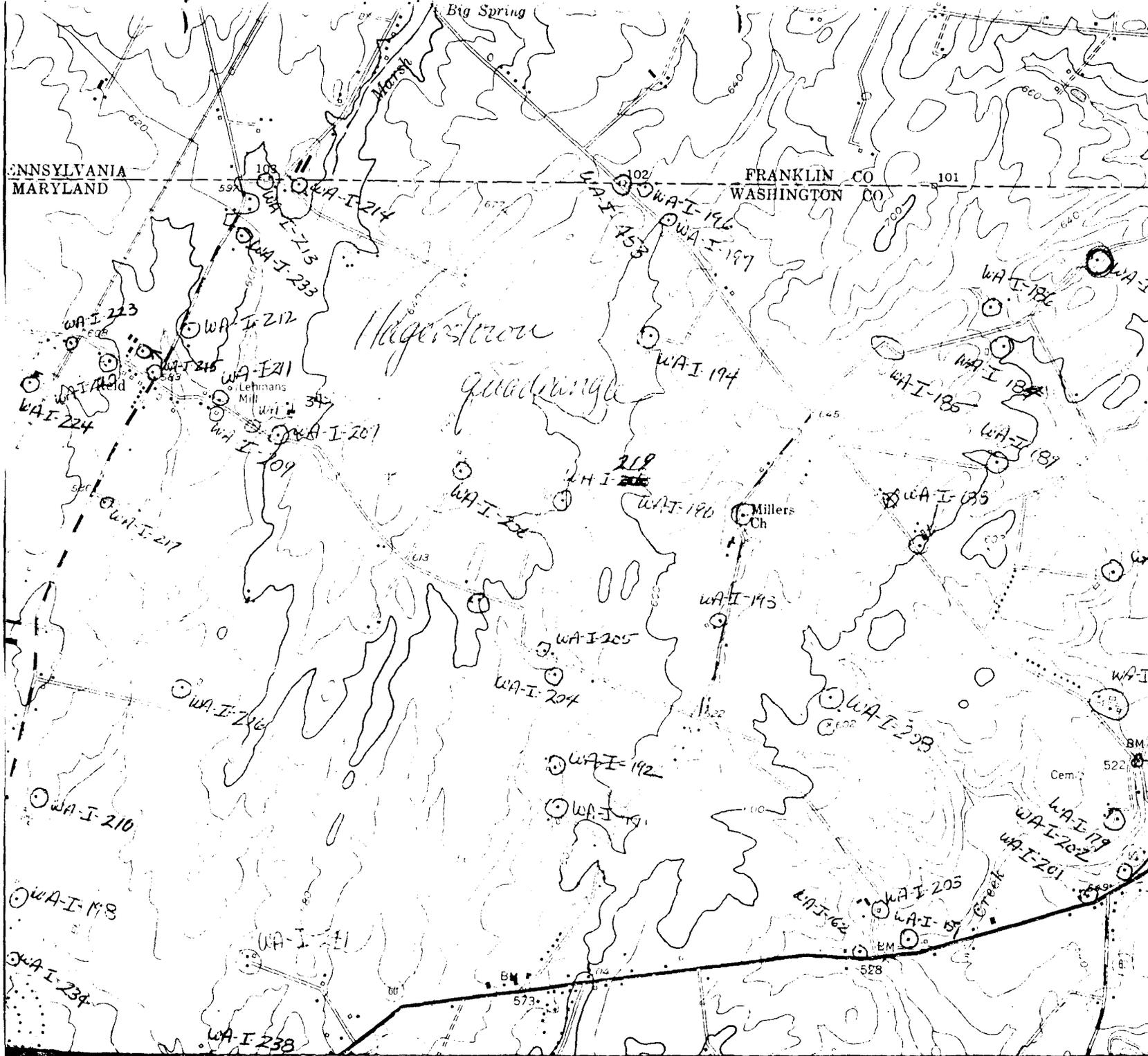
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