

ABSTRACT

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19th Century

Lehman's Mill House

Hagerstown Vicinity

private

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District 9
Map 11
Parcel 14
2202005304

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Lehman's Mill House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

At Lehman's Mill on Lehman's Mill Road

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Reid

VICINITY OF Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Ethel L. Deibert

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 8, Box 157

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

Hagerstown

VICINITY OF

Maryland 21740

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #:

Folio #:

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

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house is located on the north side of Lehman's Mill Road at Lehman's Mill near Reid in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated on an area of level ground and faces south.

The dwelling is a two story, eight bay stone structure sheathed with rough cast or stucco. The coating of stucco has been incised with vertical and horizontal lines to give the appearance of uniformly cut block construction. In areas where the surface has fallen away walls of coursed local limestone can be seen. The eastern four bays of the house are recessed beneath a double porch which is included under the main roof span. Small frame additions are attached to the east end.

Openings appear to be evenly spaced in the front elevation. Narrow rounded window frames are used in the west half of the house. Nine over six pane double hung sashes are present at the first story level. Although upper story windows of the western part of the house have similar framing, they are considerably narrower and shorter than those below. Most of these upper windows have late 19th century two over two pane sashes. One second story window at the rear of the house has a nine over six sash.

In the eastern half of the house, window frames are narrow with flat surfaces finished with a bead at the inside edge. Their size appears to be uniform and they hold six over six pane sashes. Some windows have hinge pins, evidence of their having had shutters.

The main entrance is located in the second bay from the west end of the south elevation. It appears to have framing similar to that of the windows and includes a transom. A one bay hip-roofed entrance porch shelters the door. Just east of this entrance is a wooden bulkhead leading to the cellar. Doors are located in the two center bays of the eastern section at both the first and second story levels. These entrances have paneled jambs and are without transoms.

The double porch along the front elevation of the east section is supported by square posts which are chamfered above the railings. Rounded scroll-cut trim work is suspended from the eaves. The porch at both levels is enclosed with a balustrade of small square wooden pieces arranged diagonally and vertically to form a diamond or lattice work pattern.

The roof is covered with slates and extends beyond the end walls of the house. Except for the porch area the eaves are finished with plain boxing.

The house is in fair condition and stands on a tract containing 89.87 acres, part of "Spriggs' Paradise."

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

SIGNIFICANCE

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<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

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The dwelling and mill are located on land which was during the late 18th and early 19th centuries part of a large tract of 1,754 acres known as "Spriggs' Paradise." At the death of Thomas Spriggs in 1809, the property was divided among his three children. His daughter, Mariah, who later married Dr. John Reynolds, acquired 512 acres, the northernmost part of Spriggs Paradise. In 1828, John and Mariah Reynolds mortgaged the 512 acres which included the mill farm (KK/67). In 1832 the farm was bought by Joseph Emmert (MM/897) who in turn sold it to David Brumbaugh in 1846 (IN10/152). Jacob Lehman purchased the farm in 1853 and the mill in 1854. The property has descended through the Lehman family to the present (LBN2/458, 126/303).

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 89.87 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

September 1976

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

TELEPHONE

791-3065

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Hagerstown

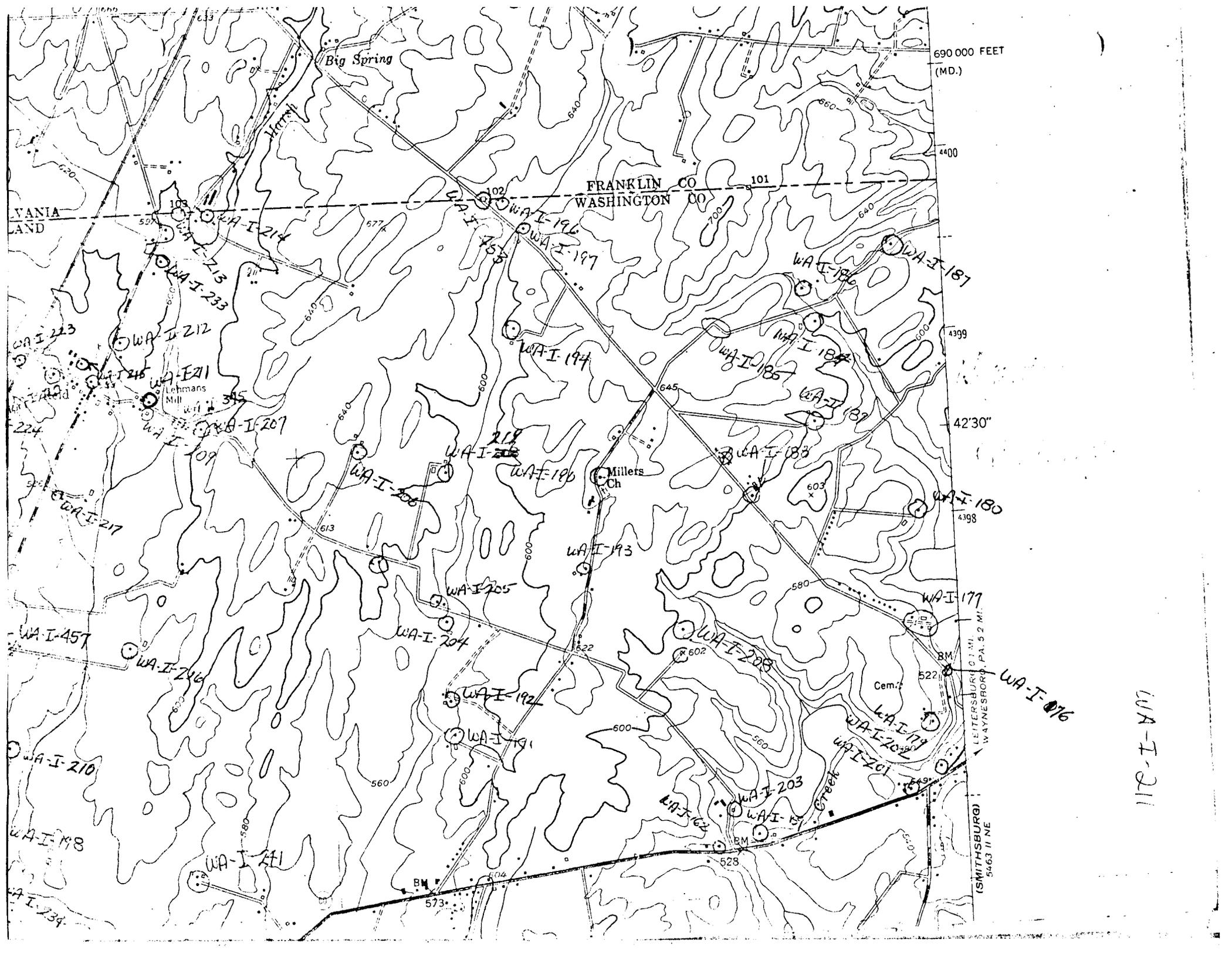
STATE

Maryland 21740

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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WASHINGTON CO

PENNSYLVANIA

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WAYNESBORO PA. 5.2 MI. NE
(SMITHSBURG)
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