

ABSTRACT

WA-I-217

18th Century

Outbuilding, Spriggs Paradise

Reid Vicinity

private

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

WA-I-217  
District 9  
Map 25  
Parcel 107  
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY <sup>2</sup>

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Outbuilding, Spriggs Paradise

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

East of Marsh Pike

CITY, TOWN

North of Hagerstown

VICINITY OF Reid

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER: Storage

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Harold E. Coble

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 8, Box 51

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland 21740

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 311

Folio #: 448

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**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<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 _____
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This weatherboarded outbuilding is located south of an early 20th century house east of Marsh Pike, south of Reid in Washington County, Maryland. The building is set perpendicular to the road on relatively level ground.

The structure is a long one story barn sheathed with German siding. Much of the building is of frame construction. One three bay section, toward the west end of the structure is much more sturdy in appearance than the remainder of the building. Thickness of walls of this segment of the barn suggests that the weatherboarding covers stone or log construction. This portion of the barn is said to be all that remains of the Spriggs Paradise mansion and its related outbuilding which burned in 1931. No early photographs of this complex have been found.

The barn is roofed with slate. Its ridge is marked by a series of square cupolas with hip tops. Small brick chimneys are located at the ends of stone or log section.

The building is in fair condition and stands on a tract containing .97 acre, part of the large 18th century Spriggs Paradise plantation.

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# 8 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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

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SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Additional information on Spriggs Paradise may be found in forms WA-I-209 and WA-I-215.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Baer, Amos C., Unpublished information on "Long Meadows."

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

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .97 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

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**

CITY OR TOWN

**Hagerstown**

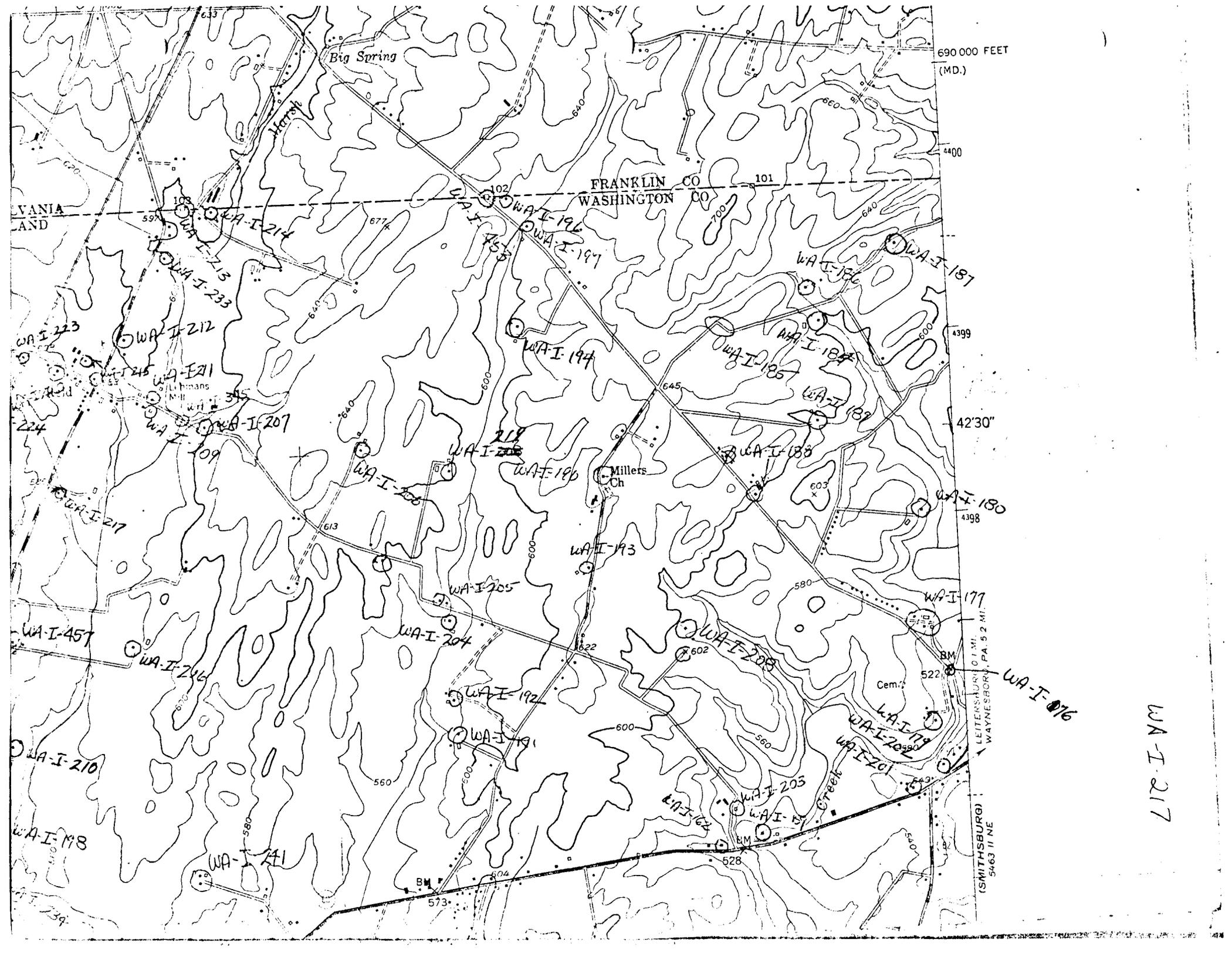
STATE

**Maryland 21740**

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