

ABSTRACT  
WA-I-223  
Reid Elevator  
Reid Vicinity  
private

20th Century  
(1900)

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WA-I-223  
District 27  
Map 11  
Parcel 32

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Reid Elevator

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Reid Road at the Western Maryland Railroad

CITY, TOWN

Reid

VICINITY OF

Hagerstown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

**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

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Earl J. Martin, Jr., The J.D. Earl Martin Co.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 8, Box 164

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 #: 553

Folio #: 105

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-223

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" 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		

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 DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE
 

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The Reid Elevator is located on the south side of Reid Road at the Western Maryland Railroad crossing west of the Marsh Pike at Reid in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated on level ground beside the railroad and faces north.

The structure is a two story frame general store and feed mill. Sheathed with German siding the building has been painted yellow. Immediately behind or south of the frame structure are large concret silos, and the elevators, topped with a gable roof from which extends a small square tower, also with a gable roof.

The main or front section of the building which houses the store has four over four pane double hung windows. Some windows at the first story are flanked with pairs of three panel shutters. All have turn of the century period trim. A one story shed roof porch supported with chamfered square posts extends along most of the north elevation which is four bays in width. This portion of the building is covered with a hipped roof sheathed with corrugated sheet metal. Behind this is a three bay one and a half story gable roof section which connects the front part of the building with a three story frame structure with a hipped roof. From the apex of the roof extends a square tower with four over four pane windows in each elevation. It also has a hipped roof topped with a decorative lightning rod.

The building appears to be in fair to good condition and is situated on a two acre tract. The Reid Elevator is said to have been built in 1900.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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"/> 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"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES      1900

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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1899, William B. and Howard S. Lehman purchased one acre of ground from John and Catherine Strite and Michael and Amanda Eshelman for \$200. (111/183). In 1910 Howard S. Lehman sold his half interest in the property to William B. Lehman for \$1000. This deed described the improvements on the property as consisting of a grain elevator and a store located west of the Washington and Franklin Railroad (132/456). In 1926 William B. Lehman sold the elevator property to J.D. Earl and Edna Grace Martin for \$7500. It has remained in the Martin family to the present.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Washington County Land Records.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2 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

**October 1976**

STREET & NUMBER

**County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street**

TELEPHONE

**791-3065**

CITY OR TOWN

**Hagerstown**

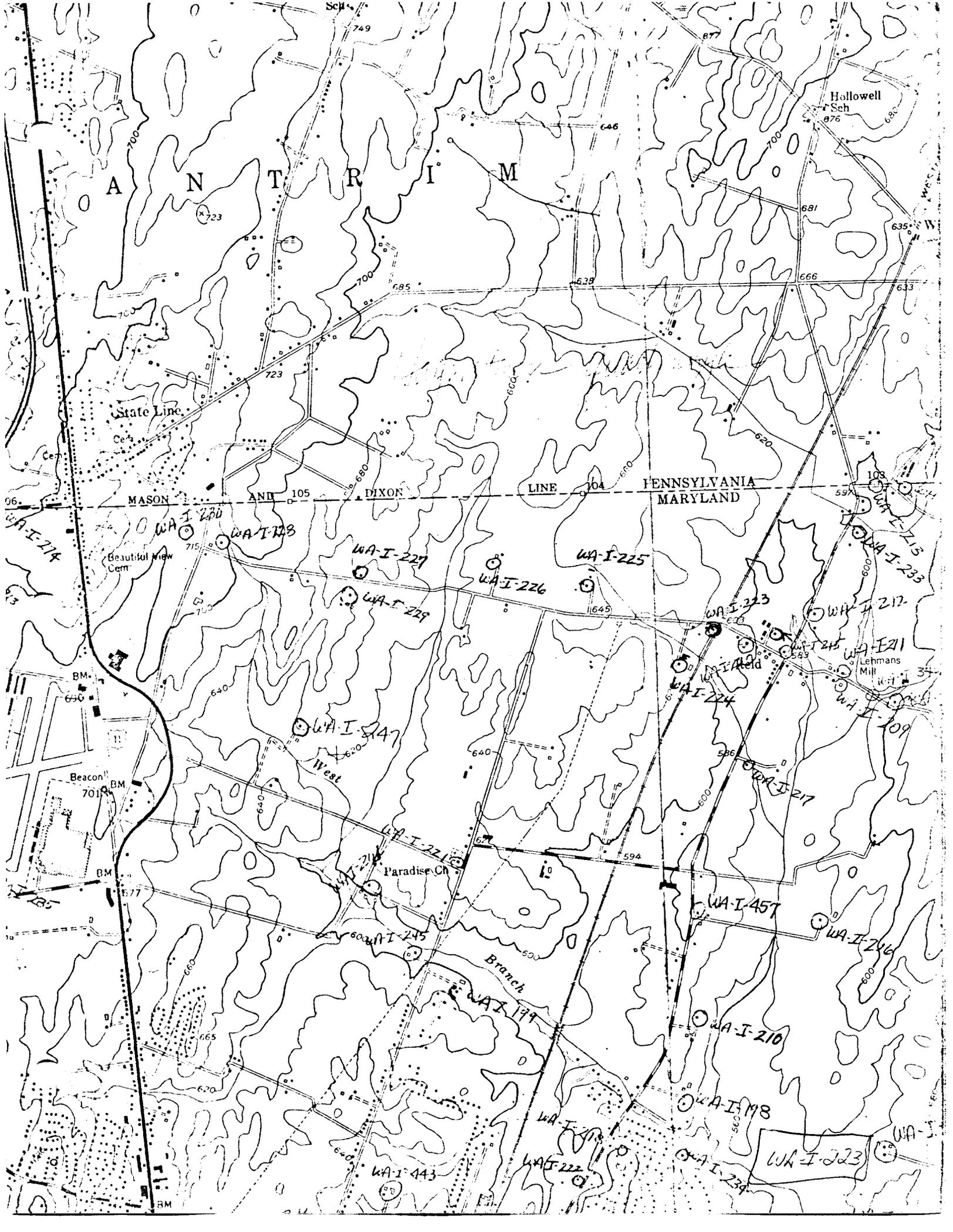
STATE

**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.

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