

ABSTRACT  
WA-I-224  
Eshleman Farm  
Reid Vicinity  
private

19th Century

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

WA-I-224  
District 27  
Map 11  
Parcel 40  
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Eshleman Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

South of Reid Road

CITY, TOWN

Reid

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

John M. & Orpha Grace Eshleman

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 6

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 #: 354

Folio #: 105

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Maryland Historical Trust Survey # 3042

DATE

Summer 1967

\_\_\_ FEDERAL  STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21740

**7 DESCRIPTION**

WA-I-224

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

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house is located south of Reid Road just west of the Western Maryland Railroad in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated on a slight slope and faces east.

The dwelling is a two story, five bay brick farm house set on stone foundations. A one story modern addition extends to the rear or west. The entire structure has been painted white. Bricks of the front elevation are laid in Flemish bond while the rear and side walls have American or common bonding with generally five courses of stretcher bricks between rows of headers. Flat arches of brick are present above the window and door openings.

The arrangement of windows and doors in the front elevation is unusual. Two windows are grouped at each end of the front wall. The main entrance is located between two windows in the second bay from the north end of the front wall. A belt course or protruding row of bricks extends across the front elevation just beneath the second story windows. This course may have helped to secure a one story porch roof. Windows and doors have narrow frames finished with a bead at the inside edge. Some windows are flanked with pairs of louvered shutters.

The roof is covered with modern asphalt shingles and terminates with a barge board set directly against the end walls. Brick chimneys with corbels at their tops are located inside each gable end. The house appears similar to another Eshleman homestead located north of Reid Road (WA-I-225).

A frame bank barn is located east of the house and a modern dairy barn stands north of the house. The property contains 109.871 acres, part of "Spriggs Paradise."

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<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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Peter Eshleman is said to have come to Washington County from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania with his wife Mary in 1831. They purchased a farm near the intersection of Reid Road and the Marsh Pike (WA-I-215). In 1846, Peter Eshleman bought this farm from Joseph Emmert (IN1/713). Emmert had earlier purchased the farm from John Reynolds and his wife Sarah Sprigg who had inherited one third of her father's 1,754 acre estate, "Spriggs Paradise."

Peter Eshleman sold the farm in 1855 to his son Joseph, the presumed builder of the house for \$9987. (IN10/712). The property has descended through the Eshleman family to the present.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Washington County Land Records.

Williams, T.J.C., History of Washington County. Hagerstown, Md: Mail Publishing Company, 1908.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 109.871 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

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ORGANIZATION

**Washington County Historical Sites Survey**

DATE

**October 1976**

STREET & NUMBER

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

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**791-3065**

CITY OR TOWN

**Hagerstown**

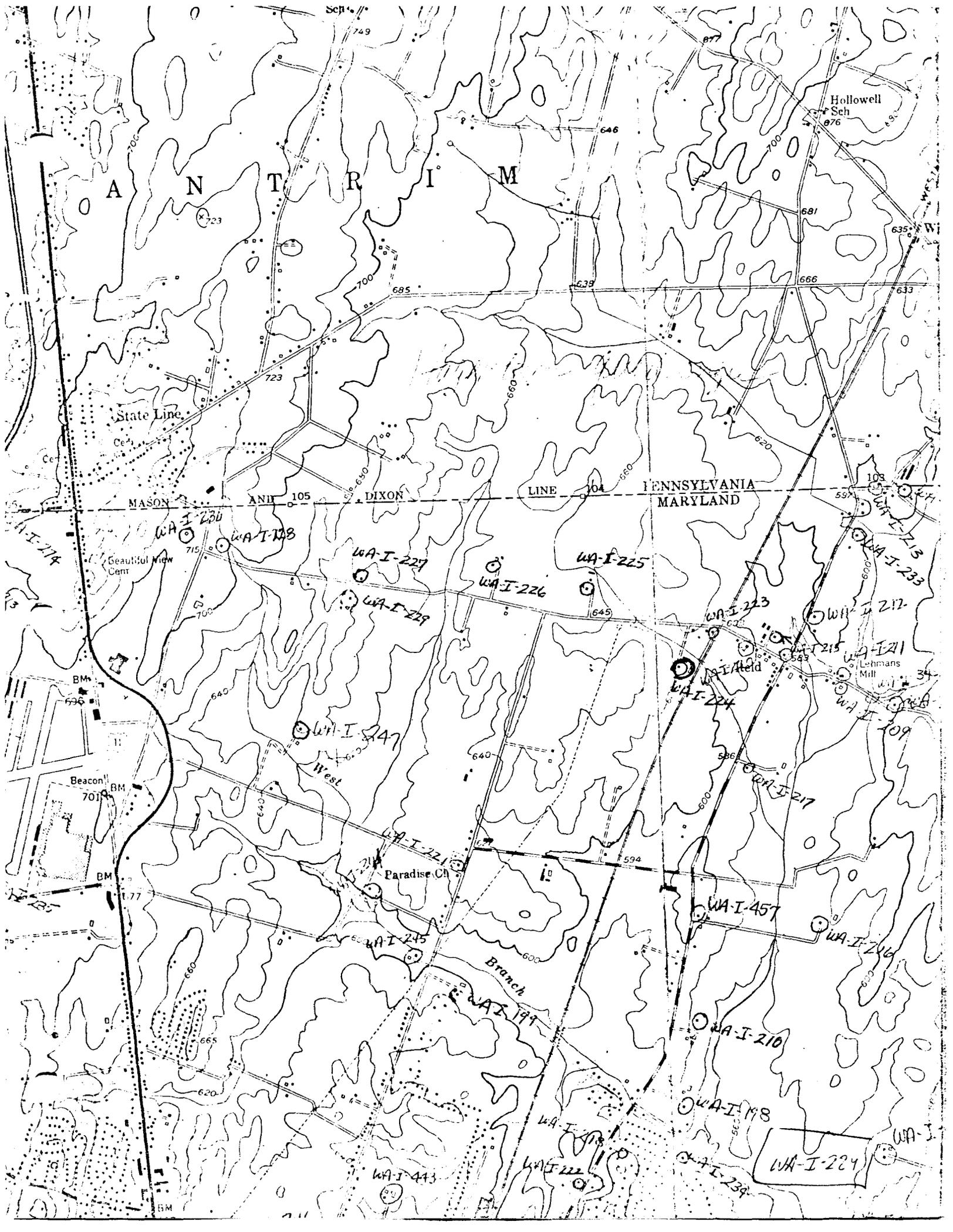
STATE

**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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