

**ABSTRACT**

**WA-I-238**

**19th Century**

**Windy Knoll**

**Hagerstown Vicinity**

**private**

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

WA-I-238  
District 9  
Map 25  
Parcel 570

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Windy Knoll

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

North of Maryland Route 60, the Leitersburg Pike.

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF Hagerstown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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 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"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

The Reverend and Mrs. R. Henry Neikirk

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 5, Box 463

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 #: 483

Folio #: 480

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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<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<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 farmhouse, known as "Windy Knoll" is located at the end of a private lane leading in a northerly direction from Maryland route 60, the Leitersburg Pike. It is situated on a rise of ground and faces west.

The dwelling is a two story, four bay brick structure resting on fieldstone foundations. The two northern bays are recessed so that that portion of the house is considerably narrower than the main block. Flemish bond brickwork is present at the front elevation while all other walls have American or common bond. A decorative diamond figure of glazed header bricks is located in the south gable. Flanking the cellar entrance at the foundation level are projecting stone walls or bulkheads topped with a gable roof. Shed roofed one story porches are attached to the north end of the east and west elevations.

Windows are not placed symmetrically in the walls. Where original frames remain, they are moderately wide and joined with wooden pegs beneath a course of header bricks. Most have two over two pane sashes. Many first story windows are flanked with pairs of three panel shutters while those at the second story level have louvered shutters. In the north bay of the front or west elevation a door appears to have been changed to a window. Another door was made into a window at the south end bay of the east elevation.

In the west elevation an entrance is located in the approximate center of the wall. It has a wide lintel above narrow framing. Another door is located in the east wall toward the north end of the house.

Brick chimneys extend from inside each gable end. A third chimney is located centrally several feet north of the south end wall.

The roof is covered with modern asphalt shingles and extends beyond the end walls of the house. Boxing trimmed with a course of molding finishes the eaves.

The house which is said to have been built about 1830 appears to be in excellent condition and stands on a tract containing .4 acre. Nearby but not included in the property on which the house is situated is a large frame bank barn. The farm which surrounds these buildings is part of the land grant, "Long Meadow Enlarged."

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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According to T.J.C. Williams' History of Washington County, in 1833 Jacob B. Lehman "bought from Joseph Gabby, trustee for the Rensch heirs a tract of 414 acres." <sup>1</sup> This farm which contained nearly 140 acres was part of that purchase. (SS/407). On April 24, 1877, the heirs of Jacob B. Lehman sold the farm to John Bonebrake (76/575). In 1887, it was purchased by Jacob and Anne W. Dunkle (90/298). Samuel J. Hykes bought the farm in 1895, selling it to Emanuel S. Hykes in 1905 (103/259, 123/721). In 1915 Michael H. Eshleman purchased the farm which remained in the Eshleman family until 1965 when it was conveyed to Vincent R. Groh (146/337, 421/389). The lot of ground on which the house stands was acquired by the present owner in 1969.

The "Long Meadows" was one of the earliest settlements in Washington County. Thomas Cresap, famed Indian fighter who participated in the Maryland-Pennsylvania border disputes, established a fort on his land grant, "Long Meadows" in the 1730's. Colonel Henry Bocquet acquired the original Long Meadows tract just after the French and Indian War and enlarged his holdings to 4,163 acres. Bocquet, who is remembered for his role in the French and Indian War in the vicinity of Fort Duquesne, patented "Long Meadows Enlarged" of which this farm is a part.

<sup>1</sup> T.J.C. Williams, History of Washington County. Hagerstown, Md: Mail Publishing Co., (1906) p. 1275.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Washington County Land Records.

Williams, T.J.C., History of Washington County. Hagerstown, Md: Mail Publishing, 1906.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .4 acre lot 145' X 120'

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

**December 1976**

STREET & NUMBER

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

TELEPHONE

**791-3065**

CITY OR TOWN

**Hagerstown**

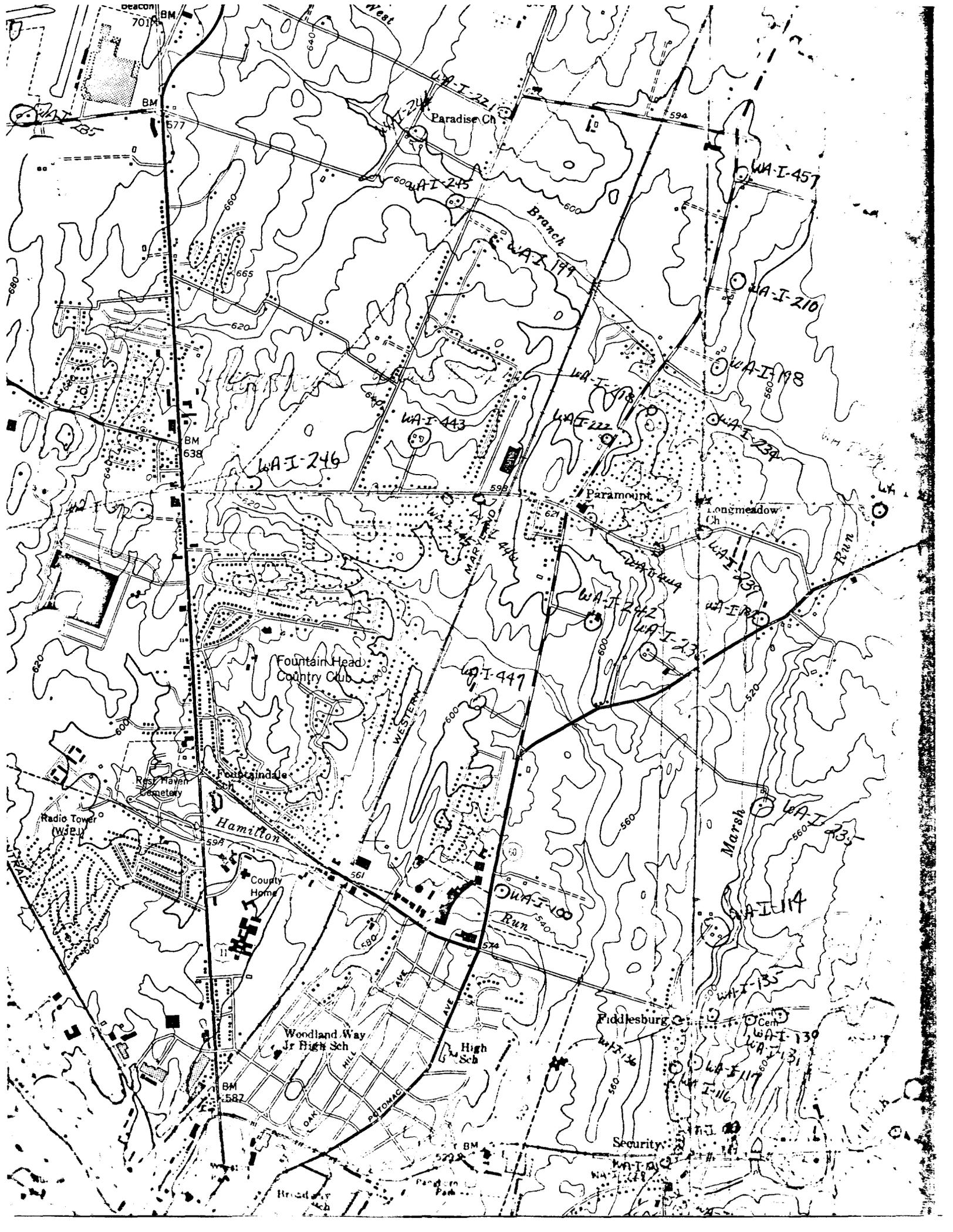
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**Maryland 21740**

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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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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BM 7011

BM 577

Paradise Ch.

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WA-I-210

WA-I-198

WA-I-234

Branch

WA-I-443

WA-I-222

WA-I-246

Paramount

Longmeadow Ch.

WA-I-231

WA-I-235

Fountain Head Country Club

WA-I-447

WA-I-242

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Radio Tower (WJLU)

Res. Haven Cemetery

Fountaindale

County Home

Woodland Way Jr High Sch

High Sch

Fiddlesburg

Security

Marsh

Run

Hamilton

WESTERN AVE

POTOMAC AVE

OAK HILL

Hoadway Sch

Paradise Park

BM 587

BM 572

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