

ABSTRACT

WA-I-258

1885

Miller's Asparagus Farm  
Hagerstown Vicinity  
private

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WA-I-258  
District 13  
Map 29  
Parcel 528

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Miller's Asparagus Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER (Cearfoss Pike)  
North of Route 58, just west of Hagerstown

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF Hagerstown

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

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

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Amos A. Miller

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 #: 465

Folio #: 300

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 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

Miller's Asparagus Farm is located on a private lane which extends in a northerly direction from Salem Avenue extended, Maryland route 58, between Hagerstown and Cearfoss in Washington County, Maryland. The house and barn stand on an area of level ground and face southwest.

The dwelling is a two story, five bay brick structure painted white and resting on low fieldstone foundations. A one bay, two story addition is attached to the southeast end wall. A date stone centered in the front wall at the second story level indicates that the house was built by Samuel and Lydia Horst in 1885.

The house has an unusual window and door arrangement at the front elevation with five openings at the first story level and four at the second story. The front of the house appears symmetrical. Windows have narrow frames which carry two over two pane double hung sashes. Windows at the first story are flanked with pairs of two panel shutters while those at the second story level have louvered shutters. Entrances are located in the second and fourth bays of the front elevation. The entrances are sheltered with a three bay one story porch with a balustraded flat roof.

The roof of the house is sheathed with sheet metal and extends beyond the end walls of the house. Brick chimneys with corbeling at their tops are located inside each gable end.

Just east of the house is an unusually long frame bank barn with louvered ventilators in its end walls. The buildings are in excellent condition and stand on a tract containing approximately 84 acres.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
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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      **Built 1885**      BUILDER/ARCHITECT      **Samuel and Lydia Horst**

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Washington County Land Records.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 84.01 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

March 1977

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

TELEPHONE

791-3065

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

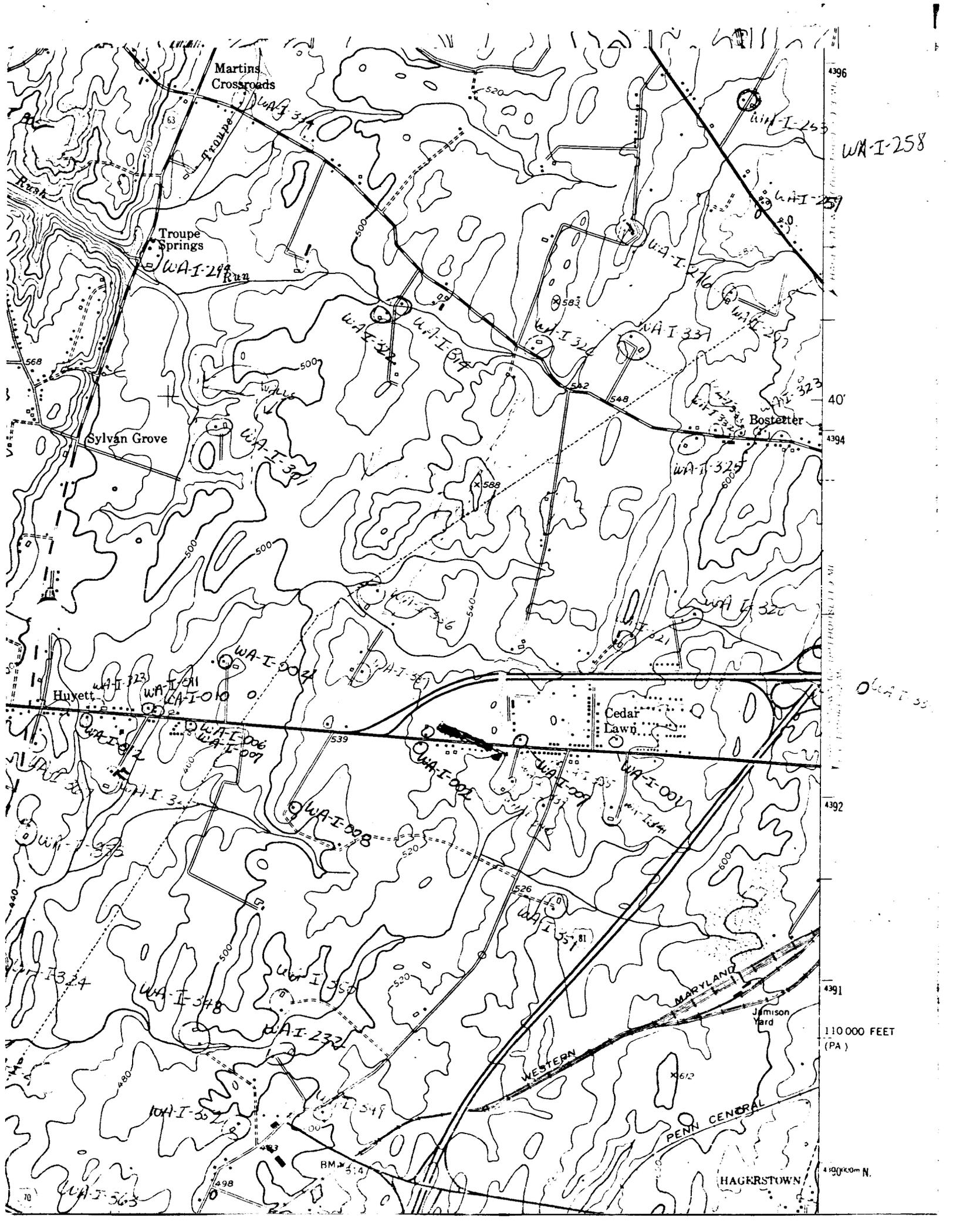
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Maryland 21740

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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Martins Crossroads

Troupe Springs

Sylvan Grove

Huyett

Cedar Lawn

Jamison Yard

HAGERSTOWN

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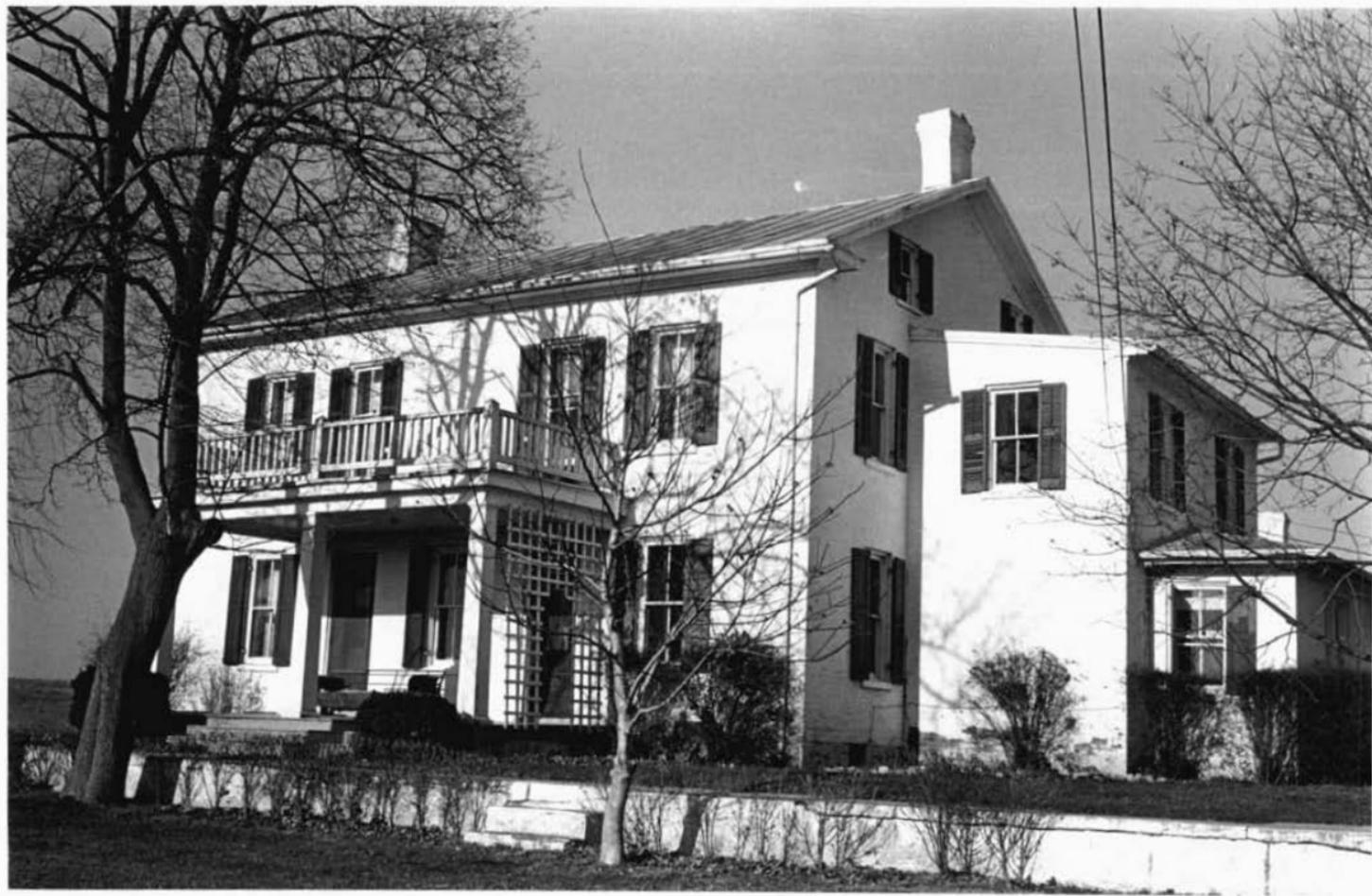
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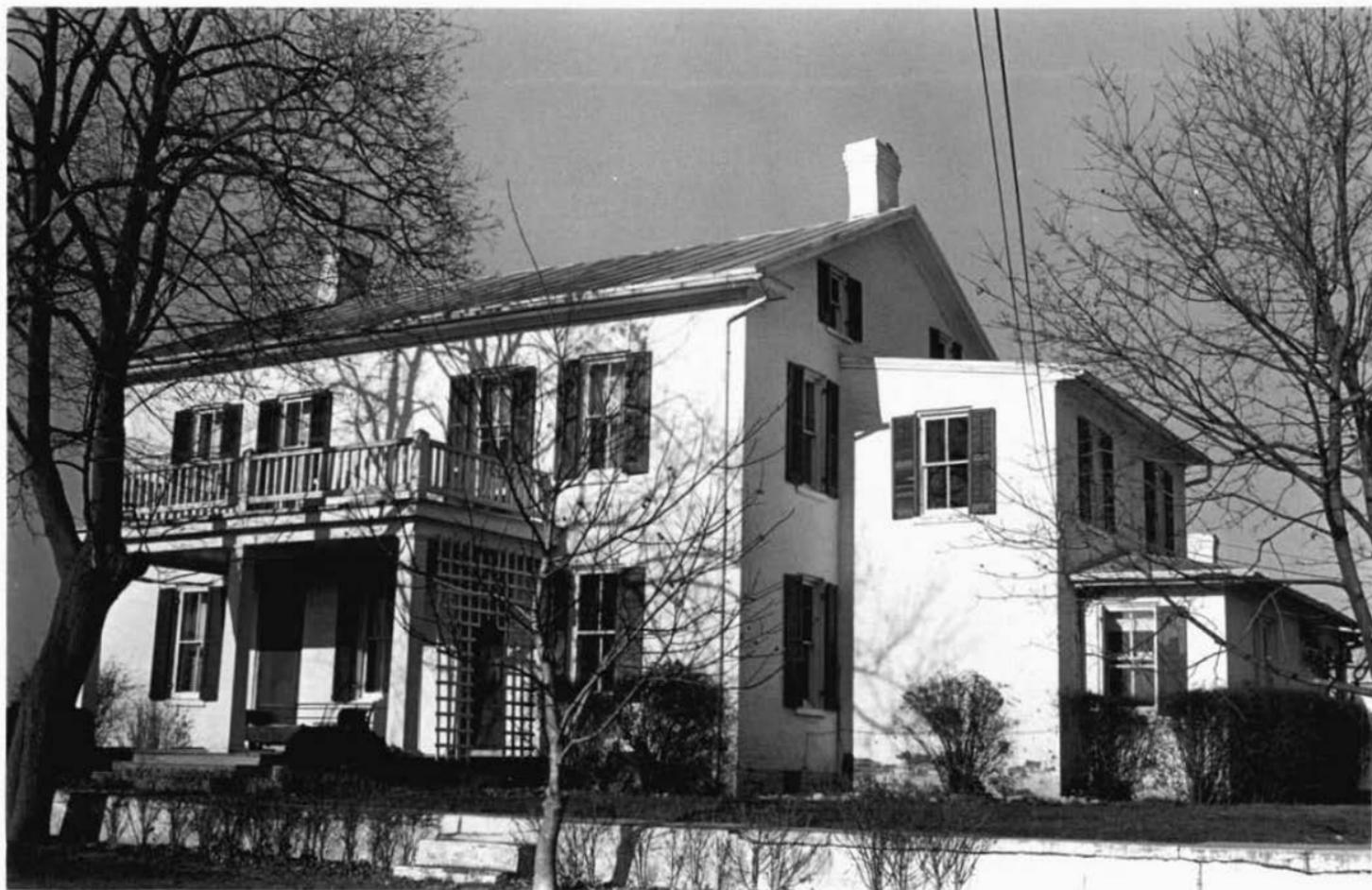
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W.F. 253 MILLER'S ASPARAGUS FARM

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MILLER'S ASPARAGUS FARM

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