

ABSTRACT

WA-I-275

Mid 19th Century

Farm House

Funkstown Vicinity

private

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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District 10
Map 58
Parcel 79

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Brick Farm House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

West of 40-A just south of Funkstown

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF Funkstown

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:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

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Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

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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 #: 598

Folio #: 739

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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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 farmstead is located on the west side of U. S. Route 40-A about one mile south of Funkstown in Washington County, Maryland. The buildings are situated on an area of high ground between the highway and the Antietam Creek.

The house as it appeared in December of 1974 is a three story, five bay brick structure which faces east. A two story brick wing since removed extended to the rear or west. The main portion of the house rests on coursed limestone foundations. Its walls display Flemish bond brick work at the front elevation while American or common bonding with five courses of stretchers between header rows is used at the side and rear walls. Flat arches of brick are present above all openings at the first and second story levels. The building is topped with a mansard roof from which protrude gabled dormers.

Windows and doors appear to have been spaced evenly in the front elevation. They have narrow frames with a bead at the inside edge. Windows of the second story and first story at the rear of the building have six over six pane sashes. First story windows at the front of the house have two over two sashes with arched tops replacing the original lights. Most windows are flanked with pairs of louvered shutters. The windows in the roof match those of the first story front. They are set in 19th century dormers with overhanging gables and scroll cut trim.

The main entrance is located in the center bay of the front elevation. The six panel door is hung beneath a diamond pane transom and surrounded with an entrance piece with a broken pediment. A flat roofed, one bay porch topped with a balustrade shelters the door. Another entrance is centered in the rear wall. It has a six panel door in which the two upper sections have been replaced with glass.

The roof is sheathed with slates arranged in an imbricated pattern. At all elevations the eaves are trimmed with pairs of scroll cut brackets. Twin brick chimneys with several courses of corbeling at their tops are located inside the south gable end wall.

The interior of the house is divided by a central stair hall with two large rooms on each side. Interior woodwork includes symmetrically molded trim around the doors with corner blocks decorated in a square motif. The attic rooms are finished in a manner similar to the two main floors. One carpenter lock was found on a second story closet door. Other locks are of a more recent type. The owner of the house has said that stenciling and hand painting was present on the walls of the main hallway. There was no door from the main section of the house to the wing.

Behind the house is a stone barn which has a date tablet with the year 1840 and the partially readable name Will C. Wright. North of the house was a modern concrete block barn which rested on old stone foundations. A ramp or bank barn apparently from an earlier building was located against the newer building. This barn has been removed.

Since the house was photographed in 1974, it has been renovated with changes to the exterior which include the addition of two story columns along the front elevation and the construction of a pair of brick dependencies flanking the main house replacing the wing.

The buildings appear to be in excellent condition and stand on a tract containing 305 acres.

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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		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
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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 Barn Dated 1840 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This farmstead consisting of a large brick house, stone barn and outbuildings provides an example of a prosperous farm which appears to date from the middle third of the 19th century. Exterior and interior work characteristic of the mid 19th century includes the type of masonry, window framing and the interior doors and trim. The 1840 stone barn may be contemporary with the house. Old foundations suggest that there may have been structures on the property prior to the mid 19th century.

Throughout its history the farm has sold for high prices suggesting that its owners were prosperous and had funds to renovate the buildings as fashions changed. The house was extensively altered during the latter part of the 19th century as indicated by the mansard roof, the Victorian dormers and first story windows at the front elevation. The interior of the house appeared, however to retain much of its original woodwork.

The farm has contained slightly more than 300 acres since 1836 when Sophia Fitzhugh sold it to Benjamin and Samuel Emmert for \$15,000. This substantial price suggests that improvements were present then. The farm remained in the Emmert family for much of the time since then (SS/285, WMcKK3/396, 76/479, 114/648, 273/400, 423/196). The property includes parts of the land grants, "White's Lot", "Binkley's Lot" and "Neglect."

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 305 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

January 1977

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

TELEPHONE

791-3065

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

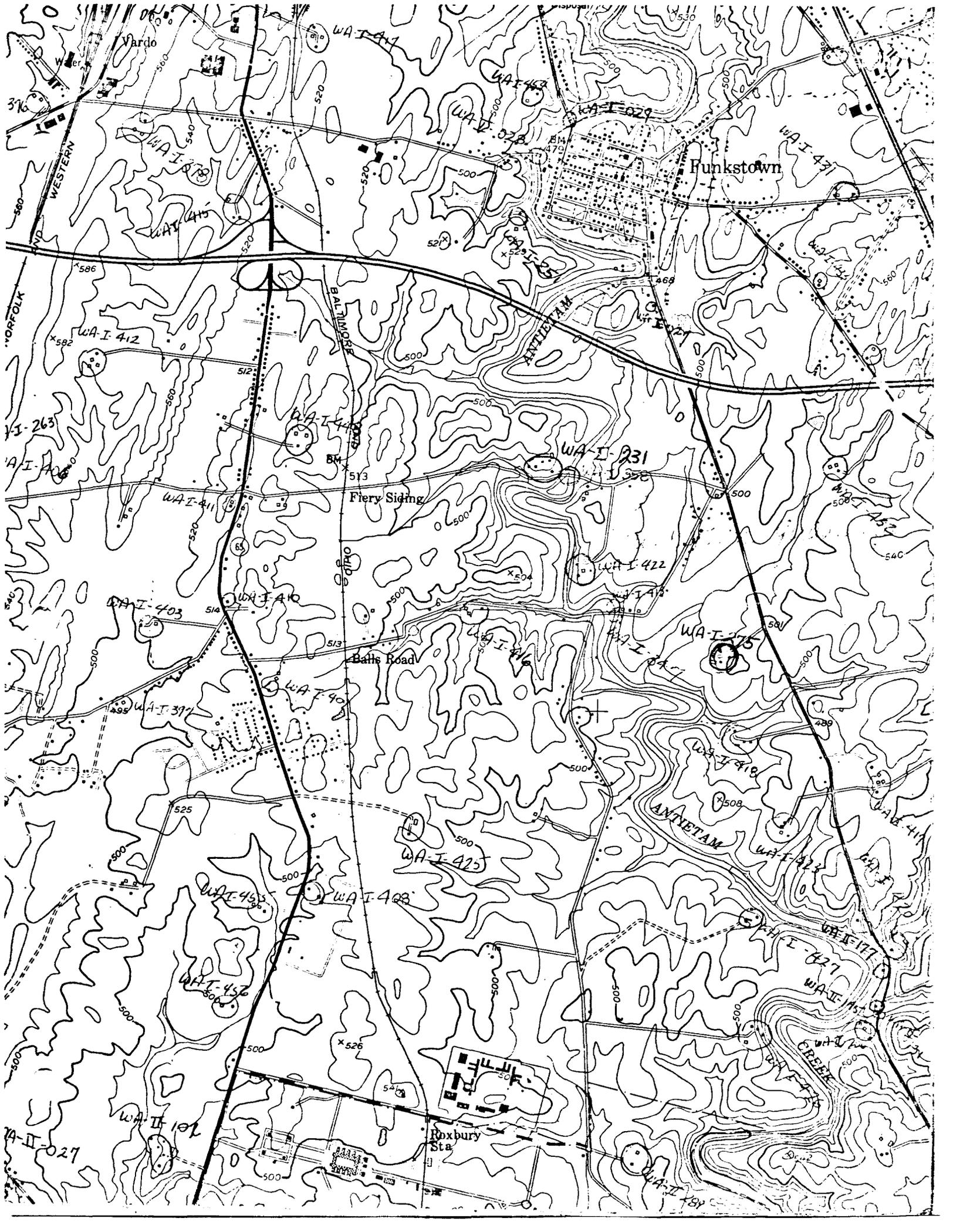
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Maryland 21740

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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