

ABSTRACT

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Reiff-Keener Farm

Hagerstown Vicinity

private

19th Century

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District 13
Map 23
Parcel 81

MACI # 2204435535
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Reiff-Keener Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

(Cearfoss Pike)

East of Maryland Route 58, southeast of Cearfoss

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF Hagerstown

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

Edgar M. Keener

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 #: 246

Folio #: 381

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 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		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This farm complex is located just southeast of Cearfoss, east of Maryland Route 58, the Hagerstown-Cearfoss Pike. The barn and house face south and are situated near a small stream which originates from a spring on the property.

The house is a two story, four bay brick structure with a two story, two bay addition to its east end wall. The addition has a lower roof line and is narrower than the main section. The west or original portion of the house rests on fieldstone foundations which become a full story in height at the rear elevation. Bricks forming the walls are laid in Flemish bond at the front elevation with other walls showing common bond. Flat arches of brick are present above the openings.

Windows are aligned with each other in the walls. They have narrow frames which hold nine over six light sashes at both the first and second story levels. Six over six light sashes are present in the addition.

Entrances in the main section of the house are located under the recessed double porch. The doors appear to be framed similarly to the windows and are topped with transoms. Two doors are present at the main story level, one in the third bay from the west end of the front wall and one in the west wall of the recessed porch. Doors are also present at the second story level. The porch is supported by square posts with brackets.

The roof of the house is sheathed with sheet metal and terminates with barge boards set directly against the end walls. Brick chimneys are located inside the end walls.

Behind the house are a pair of outbuildings, a stone and board and batten springhouse and a frame outkitchen, also board and batten.

Just west of the house and outbuildings the stream passes beneath a stone arched culvert displaying carefully cut radiating voussoirs.

Northwest of the stream and the other buildings is a large stone end bank barn. Like most stone end barns in this region, it has vertical ventilator slits in its end walls. According to the owner, a datestone on the barn near its roof is inscribed with the year 1825.

The buildings appear to be in excellent condition and stand on a tract containing 53.50 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 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	Barn 1825	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This farm group consists of a two story, four bay mid 19th century house with a recessed double porch along part of its front elevation, and a large stone end bank barn dated 1825. A springhouse, outkitchen and other secondary structures are also part of the complex. Together they form a comprehensive farmstead with a typical arrangement of necessary structures. The house with its recessed double porch is an example of an important 19th century regional form. The barn, like many structures in Washington County utilizes native stones as the building material. Also worthy of note is the stone arched culvert near the home. A number of stone bridges and culverts remain in Washington County, although most are located on public ways. It is unusual to find a structure this elaborate on a private lane. Since the mid 19th century this farm has been in the Reiff, Strite and Keener families. It includes part of the land grants "Salem" and "Republican." See deeds IN15/162, IN19/141, 76/473, 74/474, 99/481, 129/320, 209/69.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington County Land Records.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 53.50 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

May 1977

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

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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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A N T R L M

Scar

White Pine Sch

Goseytown

Pleasant Hill Ch

LINE 111

FRANKLIN CO
WASHINGTON CO

Mason and Dixon

CREEK

Toms

Run

Mt Zion Ch

Cearfoss

Reiffs Ch

Broadfording

PENN CENTRAL





REIFF-KEENER PTGM

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S.E.



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REIFF-KEENER FARM

N.W.

Apr. 1977



REIFF-KEENER FARM

Row - 5

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KEIFF-KEENZER FARM

E. view

April, 1977

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Base 5.



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Culvert

W:

Dec. 1974

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