

ABSTRACT  
WA-I-296  
Hammerman Farm,  
Hagerstown Vicinity  
private

19th Century

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

WA-I-296  
 District 13  
 Map 23  
 Parcel 113

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

MAOI # 2205705435  
600

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
 Schley's Fording

AND/OR COMMON  
 Hammerman Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
 Spade Road east of the Conococheague Creek

CITY, TOWN  
 West of Hagerstown

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME  
 Murray F. Hammerman

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER  
 11509 W. Hill Drive

CITY, TOWN  
 Rockville

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
 Maryland 20852

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Washington County Court House

Liber #: 638

Folio #: 406

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

Wh-I-276

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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 at the end of Spade Road just east of the Conococheague Creek, west of Hagerstown in Washington County, Maryland. The house and barn stand on high ground above the creek and face south.

The house is a two story, three bay structure sheathed with composition siding and resting on limestone foundations. Thickness of the walls at the door and window jambs suggests that the building is of log construction. Double porches which are not included under the main roof span extend along the front and rear elevations of the house.

Windows and doors are not arranged symmetrically in the walls. The upper story windows appear to be larger than those at the first story which may suggest that the second story was added or enlarged. Windows which were observed have single pane double hung sashes with plain casing having flat top pieces with a back band. Main entrances are located at the east and west ends of the front elevation. They are trimmed similarly to the windows. An entrance is also located in the center bay of the south elevation at the second story level.

The roof is sheathed with corrugated sheet metal and extends beyond the end walls of the house. A rather large brick chimney extends from the center of the house.

Southwest of the house is a frame bank barn set on fieldstone foundations. Various sheds and outbuildings are located nearby.

South of the barn is a depression in the ground, apparently an old road bed, a continuation of Spade Road leading toward the Conococheague Creek. Presumably, what is known as Spade Road today crossed the creek at a place called Schley's Ford. East of the house is evidence of another road which ran in a northerly direction from Spade Road.

The buildings appear to be in good condition and stand on a tract containing 138.55 acres.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<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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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 138.55 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

June 1977

STREET &amp; NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

TELEPHONE

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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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POSITIVELY  
NO SMOKING  
OR  
TRIPPING

W. J. D.

1880-1881

1882

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