

ABSTRACT

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1807

Bostetter Farm
Hagerstown Vicinity
private

The house on Broadfording Farm, a two story, five bay brick structure built in 1807 by Jacob Bostetter, is significant primarily for its architecture, being one of a very few pre-1820 brick houses in rural Washington County. As a farm it is also important for its contribution to local agricultural history. Additionally the property is worthy of note as having been in the Bostetter family since the late 18th century.

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1 NAME

HISTORIC

Bostetter Farm

AND/OR COMMON

Broadfording Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Broadfording Road near Bostetter

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF **Hagerstown**

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

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

Martin V. B. Bostetter Estate

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

520 Salem Avenue

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 #: **261**

Folio #: **599**

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

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This farm is located on the north side of Broadfording Road, just west of the village of Bostetter, west of Hagerstown in Washington County, Maryland. The house and barn are situated on level land on either side of a private lane.

The house is a two story, five bay brick structure built in 1807 by Jacob Bostetter. It rests on low fieldstone foundations. The walls display Flemish bond brickwork at the front elevation while common bonding with three courses of headers between stretcher rows are used in the south, west and north walls. Flat arches are present above main story windows and a round arch of brick finishes a window in the rear elevation. A two story wing with a shed roof, also of brick construction is attached to the north end wall. It would appear to date from the late 19th century.

Openings seem to have been spaced symmetrically in the front and rear elevations. First story windows are noticeably larger than those at the second floor level. Generally the windows are small in relation to wall area. Windows at the two main stories have narrow casings trimmed with a bead at the inside edge. The original sashes have been replaced with two over two pane double hung windows. At the front elevation all windows are flanked with pairs of louvered shutters. Those at the upper story have movable louvers. At the rear elevation pairs of two panel shutters remain at the first story level. Of particular significance in the west wall is a long narrow window with a round arched head centered in the second story. Above a nine or six sash are six smaller panes held within curved muntins, filling the arch. The window appears to be original and lights the main stair landing. It has a moderately wide molded frame. In the south gable are two small attic windows having wide frames joined with pegging.

The main entrance is located in the center bay of the front elevation. The door has six raised panels and is hung beneath a transom. The interior surface of the door is of vertical boards. Opposite the front door is another entrance in the rear elevation which also has a door with six raised panels and what appears to be an original elbow lock. Some sort of entrance porch was once present at this door. At the east elevation a three bay, one story porch appearing to date from the late 19th century shelters the front door. Double porches are present along the front and rear elevations of the addition.

The roof of the main house is sheathed with sheet metal and extends beyond the end walls. A band of cove molding finishes the eaves. Large brick chimneys with several courses of corbeling at their tops are located inside the gable end walls. The south end chimney is placed slightly west of the center. Its flues are separated by a decorative brick filled arch.

The interior of the main section has four rooms at the first story, two on each side of a central hall. The stair is constructed into a recess in the hallway. Interior doors have six raised panels which match paneled window jambs. Mantelpieces are trimmed with decorative reeding. Most have central tablets, some with oval medallions. Chair rail and baseboards appear to be original.

Behind the house is a small brick outbuilding or kitchen which does not appear to be as old as the main dwelling. Several hundred feet east of the house is a large frame bank barn which faces east. It, too, appears to be newer than the house.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 145 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

August 1977

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

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CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

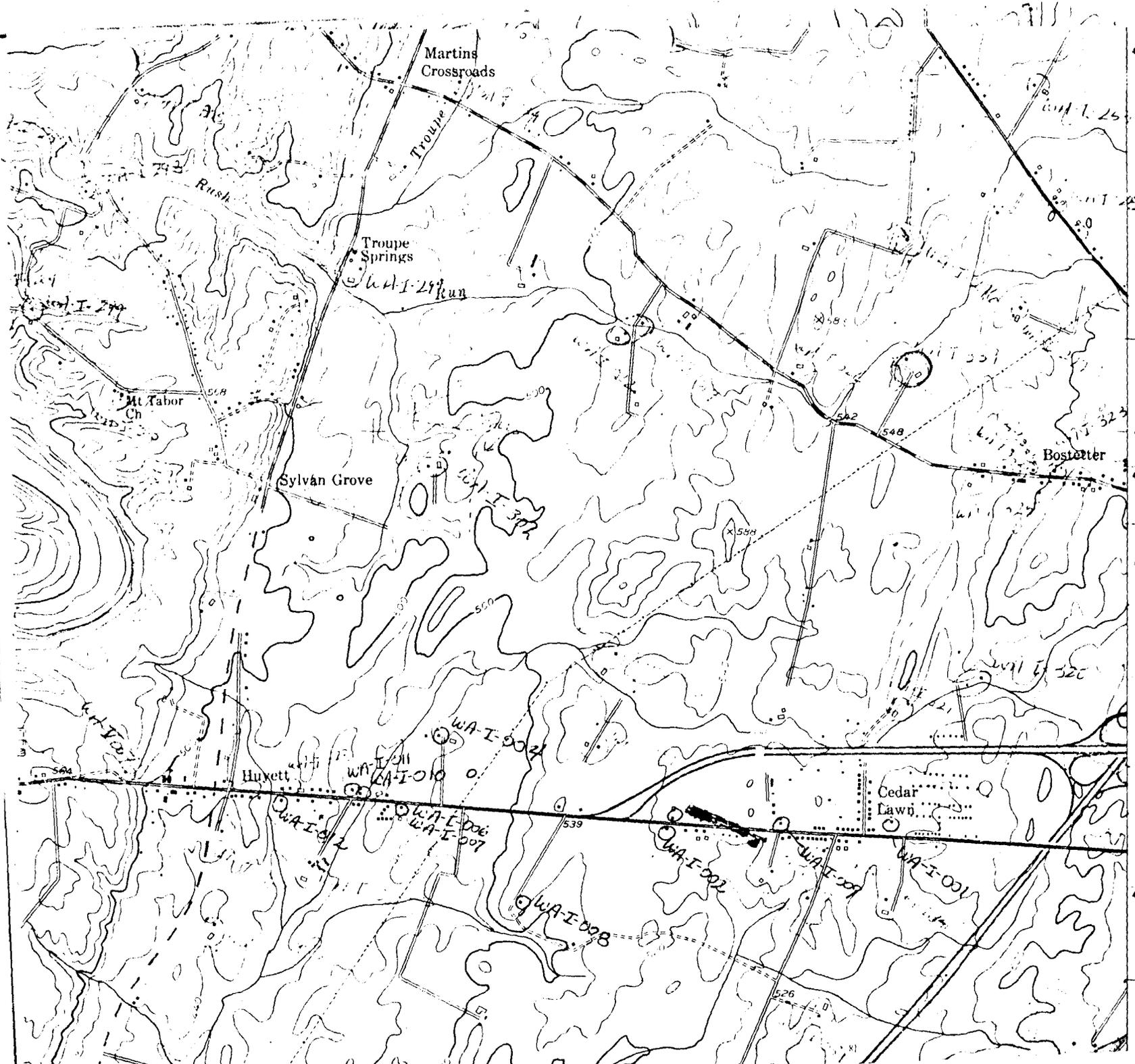
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Southeast of the house is a cemetery which includes markers inscribed with the surnames Murray, Gearhart and Foutz, all of whom were relatives of the Bostetter family. According to the present owner, Bostetter graves were moved from this cemetery. Also present is a farm lane south of the house which leads in a westerly direction. It may have been an early road, possibly a route to the nearby Salem Church.

The house and barn appear to be in good condition. At the time the property was visited in 1975, the house was being renovated. The farm includes parts of the land grants, "Resurvey on the Swamp of Experience," "Clyde's Dale," "Wolf's Purchase," "Troxell's Resurvey" and "Tom's Chance." It contains 145 acres and has been in the Bostetter family since before the house was built in 1807.



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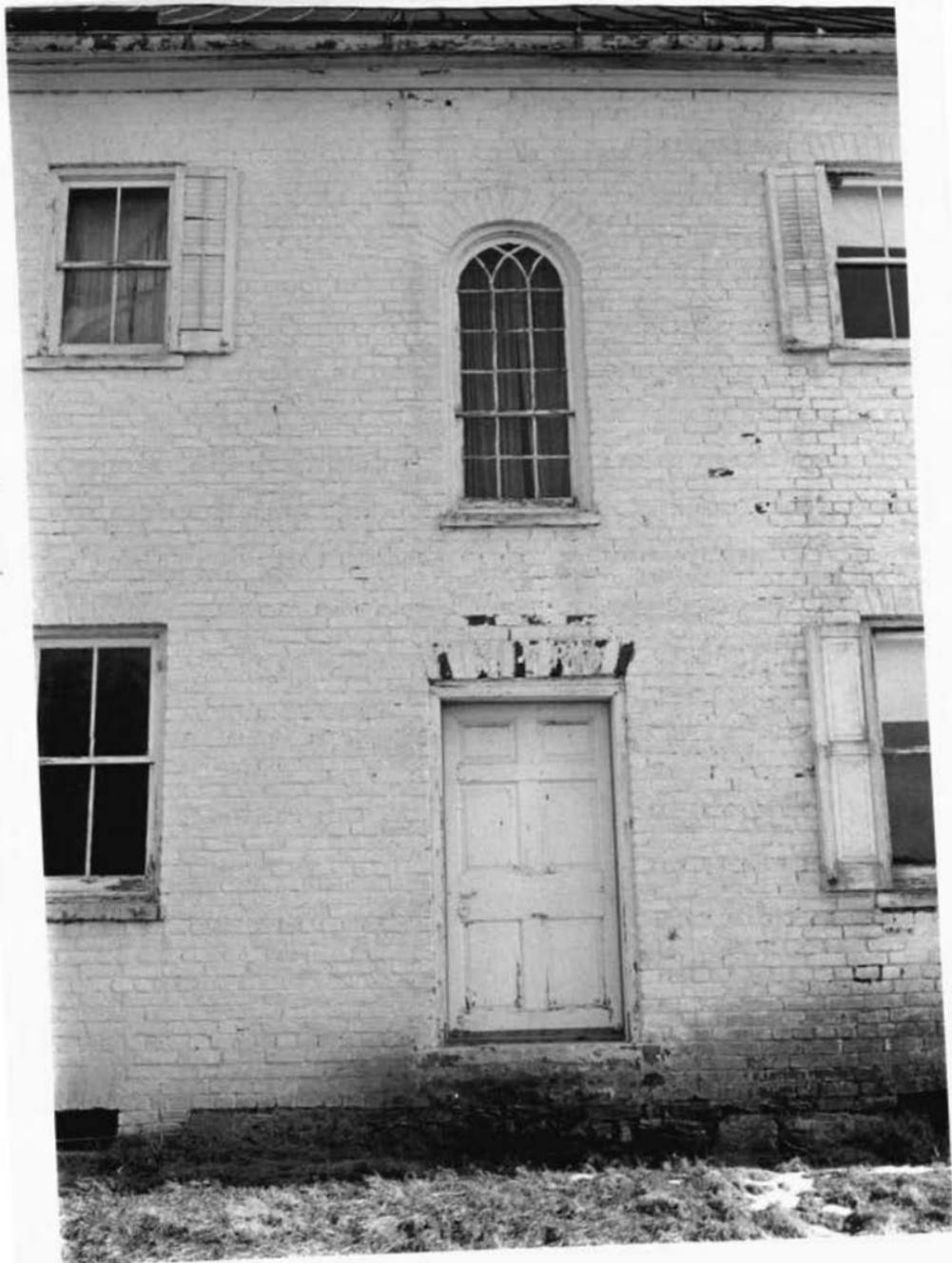
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