

ABSTRACT

WA-I-340

19th Century

Schindel-Custer Farm

Cedar Lawn Vicinity

private

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

WA-I-340
District 24
Map 36
Parcel 31

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1443 # 22 1379 50

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Schindel-Custer Farm

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street (MD 144)

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

VICINITY OF

Cedar Lawn

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

Willard R. Custer

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

1905 West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

VICINITY OF

Cedar Lawn

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21740

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 273

Folio #: 632

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Maryland Historical Trust Survey

DATE

Summer 1967

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR

SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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 is located at the end of a private lane which extends in a southerly direction from West Washington Street, Maryland Route 144, near its junction with U.S. Route 40 west of Hagerstown in Washington County.

The house is a two story, five bay brick structure resting on low fieldstone foundations. It faces north. A one bay, two story wing sheathed with rough cast or stucco and with an exterior chimney is attached to the east end wall. The three eastern bays at the rear of the house are recessed behind a double porch which is included under the main roof span.

Bricks forming the walls are laid in common bond at the front elevation with, generally, seven courses of stretchers between header rows.

Windows and doors appear to be arranged symmetrically in the front elevation. The windows have narrow rounded frames with wide wooden lintels trimmed with decorative corner blocks at the front elevation. Six over six pane double hung sashes are used at all windows. Some first story windows at the front elevation retain pairs of louvered shutters. A pair of paneled shutters is present at the rear or south wall. Hinge pins in the frames indicate that all windows had shutters at one time.

The main entrance is located in the center bay of the front elevation. The opening is w including a broad transom and side lights with diamond shaped panes. Paneled jambs line the opening. Double doors with four molded panels are flanked by fluted stylized half columns.

Extending across the entire front elevation is a one story porch with a low hipped roof supported by round doric style pillars. A series of simple dentils are attached to the frieze.

The house has a low pitched hipped roof sheathed with corrugated sheet metal. A pair of brick chimneys is located inside the west end wall and a single chimney extends from inside the east end wall. A series of scroll cut wooden brackets finishes the eaves.

Southwest of the house are ruins of a stone end bank barn. West of the barn, leading in a southerly direction is a field lane which may have been a former public road. It intersects with another lane which runs between the barn and house east to the present Hopewell Road. Along this second lane east of the barn is a small stone secondary dwelling with a second story entrance.

Outbuildings near the house include a hipped roof smoke house and frame sheds. The buildings appear to be in good condition and stand on a tract containing 134.463 acres.

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"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Ab 1795, Ludwig Schindel, a man of German descent came to the Cumberland Valley from York County, Pennsylvania to buy farms for his three sons. This farm is part of that which he purchased for his son Samuel. Samuel retained the farm until 1855, selling it to his son, George (IN10/468), who owned it until his death after which it passed to his son, Norman E. in 1894 (101/569). The farm remained in the Schindel family until 1953 when it was purchased by the present owner.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington County Land Records.

Williams, T.J.C. History of Washington County. Hagerstown, Md: Mail Publishing Co., 1906.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 134.463 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

September 1977

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

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CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

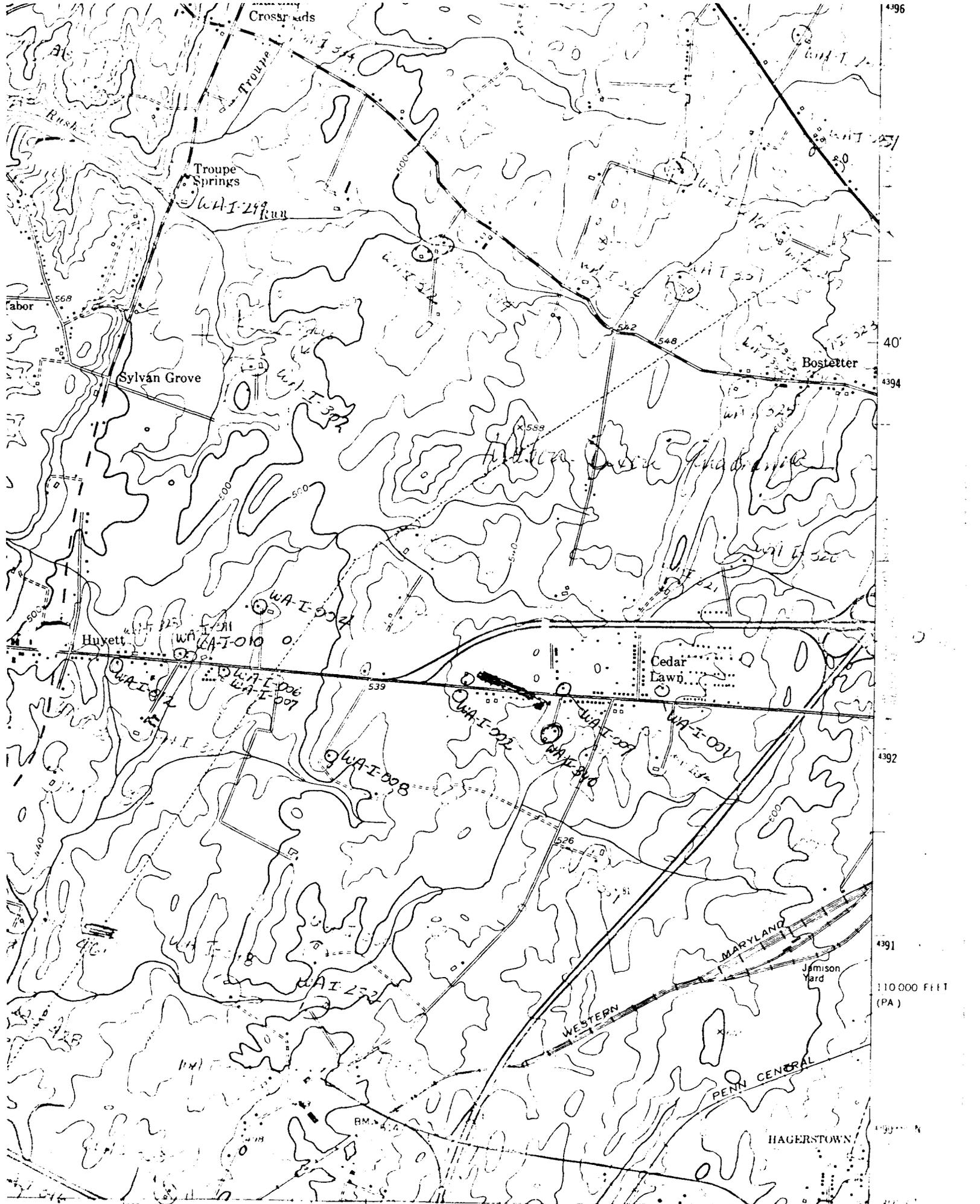
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Maryland 21740

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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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