

ABSTRACT
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Linden Hall
Hagerstown Vicinity
private

19th Century

This large two part, stucco-covered stone house is significant for its architecture as representing stone building during the early and mid 19th century and for its association with the Civil War as a Signal Corps Post used by the Confederate Army during the retreat from Gettysburg in July, 1863.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
 for the
 NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME					
COMMON: Linden Hall					
AND/OR HISTORIC:					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER: Downsville Pike (MD 632)					
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown Vicinity					
STATE Maryland			COUNTY: Washington		
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Public	Public Acquisition:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied	Yes:
<input type="checkbox"/> Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process	<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> Restricted
<input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____	
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME: Roy S. Byers					
STREET AND NUMBER: Route # 2					
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown			STATE: Maryland		21740
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Washington County Court House					
STREET AND NUMBER: West Washington Street					
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown			STATE: Maryland		21740
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 348/51					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Historical Trust Survey # 4111					
DATE OF SURVEY: Summer 1967 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust					
STREET AND NUMBER: 21 State Circle					
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis			STATE: Maryland		21401

8. SIGNIFICANCE			
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate) <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century			
SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)			
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> Historic <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> Art <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> Communications <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> Industry <input type="checkbox"/> Invention <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> Literature <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Political <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- losophy <input type="checkbox"/> Science <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- itarian <input type="checkbox"/> Theater <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Local History</u> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE <p>Linden Hall is significant for its architecture and for its association with the Civil War as a Signal Corps Post after the Battle of Gettysburg in 1863.</p> <p>Architecturally Linden Hall displays more than one period of building and so reflects the development of vernacular architecture during the 19th century in Washington County. The front or main section of the house appears to be newer and displays decorative work and construction details which have been associated with buildings erected during the middle third of the 19th century in Washington County. Hipped roof dwellings are rare in 19th century architecture of the County.</p> <p>The long rectangular extension to the rear may have been built in two parts and appears older than the front section. Its form is more typical of Cumberland Valley architecture from the late 18th and early 19th centuries.</p> <p>Both portions of the house are of stone construction and thus represent an important architectural group in the Cumberland Valley.</p> <p>The property has been in the Byers and related families since 1875. (Deed Liber 73, Folio 578). Prior to that time it was involved in complicated litigation in the equity case of George W. Smith and John W. McKee, creditors of James Wason VS. Robert Wason (Chancery Records 12/301). A sale bill for this real estate dated 1867, and included in the court record reveals that the house appeared much as it does today: "...a 335 acre farm with 40 acres of good timber on the Manor Road. Improvements are a large two story stone rough cast dwelling house with an extensive back building in good repair, a very large bank barn, a small tenant house and other necessary out buildings, two never failing wells of water, a fine orchard of choise apple trees, also a fine peach orchard and a variety of other choise fruit..."</p> <p>On January 24, 1842, William and Ann C. Schley of Baltimore sold the property, then containing 271 1/4 acres, to Richard T. Holliday for \$10,000 (YY/831). Schley (listed as a resident of Washington County) purchased the farm on April 12, 1827 from Frisby Tilghman (II/328). Tilghman who had sizable land holdings south of Hagerstown had purchased the land on May 21, 1824 from Samuel Ringgold, Jr. and Isaac L. Swearingen for \$9578.75 (GG/936). In a deed of trust made April 1, 1824, General Samuel Ringgold conveyed 6,000 acres of his 17,000 acre "Conococheague Manor" to Samuel Ringgold, Jr.</p>			

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Scharf, J. Thomas, History of Western Maryland. Vol. II, Philadelphia: Louis H. Everts, 1882.

Tracey, Arthur G., Research compiled on Maryland Land Grants, 1954.

Washington County Land Records.

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

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 172.79 acres.

Acreage Justification:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION: Washington County Historical Sites Survey DATE: February 1976

STREET AND NUMBER:
Court House Annex

CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:
National State Local

Signature

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blocks. The ceilings in this portion of the house are 12 feet in height. Written on plastered partitions in the attic are signatures of several Confederate Soldiers, Members of the Signal Corps in Major General McLaws' Division of Lt. General Longstreet's Army Corps and the date July 10, 1863.

West of the house is a large frame bank barn and numerous other buildings related to agricultural use. The property contains 172.79 acres.

and Isaac L. Swearingen. (The Ringgold, Tilghman and Schley families were related by marriage. General Samuel Ringgold, a Veteran of the American Revolution was one of the wealthiest men in Washington County. He died in 1845).

Linden Hall is made up of lands which were parts of two land grants, "Conococheague Manor" and "David's Contentment." David's Contentment was surveyed for David Funk on September 3, 1796. It consisted of 388 acres and was a resurvey of parts of earlier grants including several such as "Marsh Head" which were surveyed for other members of the Funk family. By 1802, David's Contentment had passed from David Funk to David Hammett who was presumably related to the Funk family by marriage. (O/288,291). On May 9, 1803, David Hammett sold 57 3/4 acres of David's Contentment to Samuel Ringgold for £395. (P/318). It has not been determined whether the buildings at Linden Hall are located on David's Contentment or Conococheague Manor.

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A description of the Williamsport Election District printed in William Scharf's History of Western Maryland gives the district's eastern boundary as the "road by David Hammetts to the mouth of the Opeckon Creek."¹

Linden Hall also derives Military significance as a Signal Corps Post in 1863. The deck on the roof of the house affords an extensive view of all directions making it a prime location for a signal operation. The signatures on the attic wall were dated July 10, 1863, indicating that the Confederates had stopped at Linden Hall during the retreat from the Battle of Gettysburg. The names were Alwyn Grant Wilkins, Signal Sergeant, David Hugh Crawford and Calhoun Wallen. One other name could not be read clearly.

The Center Hall School was located on land along the Downsville Pike donated from this property by David Long in 1901. The School is no longer standing.

¹ Thomas J. Scharf, History of Western Maryland, Vol. II
Philadelphia: Louis H. Everts, (1882) p. 1220.



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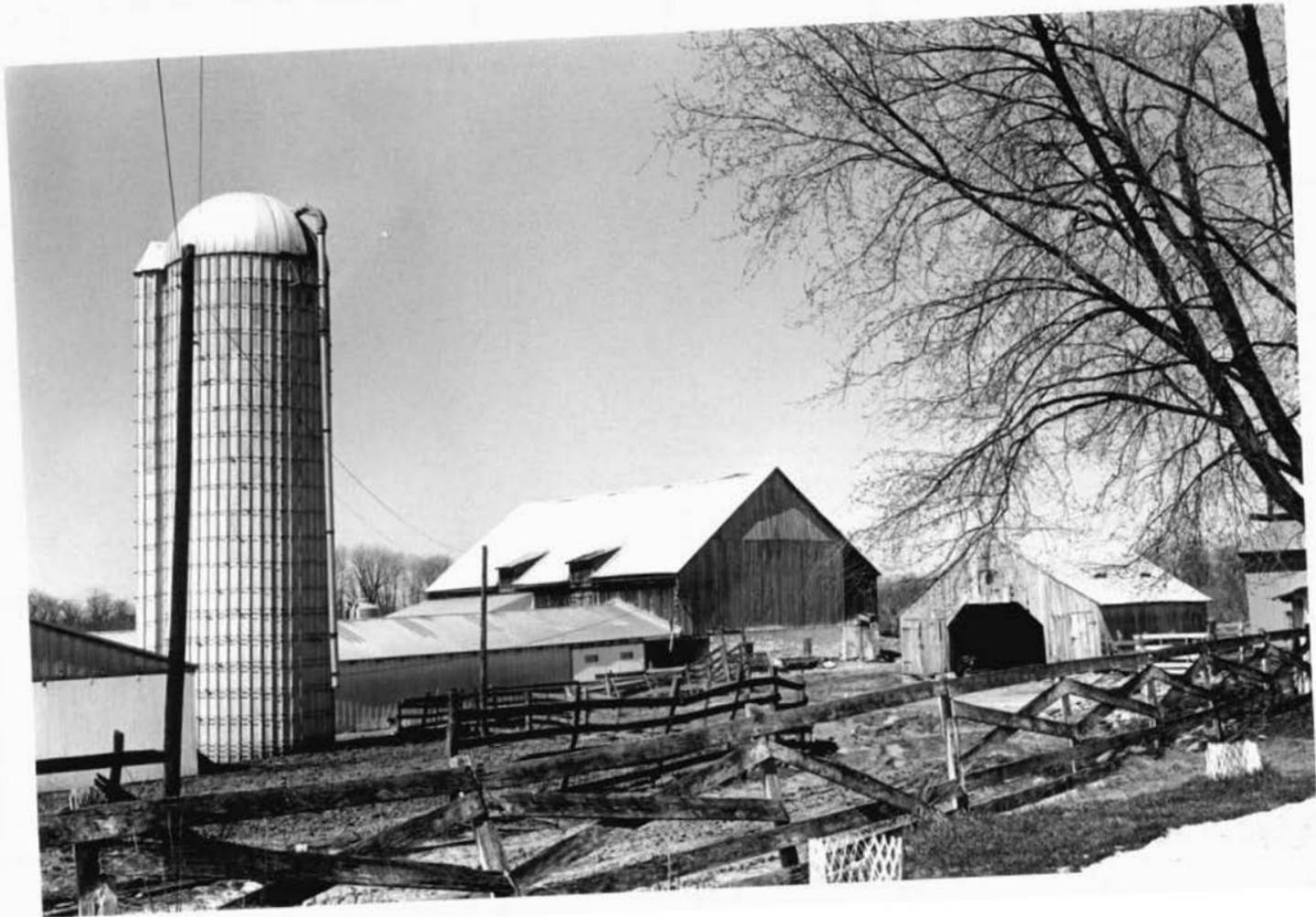


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