

**ABSTRACT**

**WA-I-405**

**early 19th century**

**Fiery Farm**

**Glendale Farm (common)**

**Hagerstown Vicinity**

**private**

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

WA-I-405  
 District 10  
 Map 57  
 Parcel 98  
 MAGI # 2206125335

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

**Fiery Farm**

AND/OR COMMON

**Glendale Farm****2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

**Rench Road**

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

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Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

**Route # 9, Box 154**

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 #: **295**Folio #: **536**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

**West Washington Street**

CITY, TOWN

**Hagerstown**

STATE

**Maryland 21740****6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

**Maryland Historical Trust Survey #088**

DATE

**Summer 1967** FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR

SURVEY RECORDS

**Maryland Historical Trust**

CITY, TOWN

**Annapolis**

STATE

**Maryland 21401**

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<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 northerly direction from Rench Road just west of the Norfolk and Western Railroad tracks, east of the Downsville Pike, Maryland route 632 in Washington County. The house and barn are situated on an area of relatively level ground with the house facing north and the barn southeast.

The dwelling is a two story, four bay brick structure resting on low fieldstone foundations. A shed roofed frame addition is attached to the east end wall. Bricks forming the walls are laid in Flemish bond at the front elevation with common bonding using a ratio of five stretcher rows to each header course displayed in the side and rear walls. Flat arches are present above the openings.

Windows and doors are aligned with each other in the walls but are not arranged symmetrically. Three bays are placed rather closely together toward the west end of the building, the one remaining bay offset toward the east. Windows have moderately wide frames with pegged mortise and tenon joints. Most frames have hinge pins for shutters although no shutters were present when the house was photographed. The east end window of the front elevation at the first story is shorter than the others, apparently to accommodate a cellar entrance below it. Window in the front wall as well as some at other elevations have two over two pane sashes which have replaced the originals. In the rear wall a number of nine over six sashes remain.

The main entrance is located in the second bay from the east end of the house and appears to be nearly centered in the front elevation. The door is relatively elaborate among Washington County farmhouse entrances. Above the door is a semi circular arched fan light flanked by fluted pilasters resembling the doric order. An unsympathetic modern entrance porch has been added. Other entrances include an opening to the cellar toward the east end of the front elevation and a door in the south wall approximately opposite the front door. This entrance treatment is plain with a door having six raised panels.

The roof is sheathed with slates and extends beyond the end walls. Inside the end walls are massive chimneys with courses of corbeling at their tops. A course of dentil molding is present beneath the eaves boxing.

North of the house is a large stone end bank barn which shows evidence of relatively recent repointing. Vertical ventilation slits pierce its end walls. High in its southwest gable is an arched top recess into which is set a wooden tablet. Presumably to record the date, the tablet as observed from the ground offered no such information.

Between the house and barn are numerous sheds and outbuildings including a brick outkitchen and a small frame structure.

The complex appears to be in fair to good condition. The farm contains 157.20 acres.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 3 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		
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900- <b>early</b>	<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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This farm has been known by two names, "The Fiery Farm" and the "Murdock Homestead." In 1799 Joseph Fiery purchased 312 acres of the land grant "Marsh Head" from Philip Earhart (L/642). The farm descended through the Fiery family until 1879 when it was purchased by John Murdock. It remained in the Murdock family until 1943. It would appear that Joseph Fiery was responsible for the construction of the buildings.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Washington County Land Records.  
 Washington County Probate Records.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 157.20 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

**December 1977**

STREET & NUMBER

**County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street**

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**791-3065**

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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April 1978

Stony Farm - Glendale Farm

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*Henry Farm - Glendale Farm*

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Firey Farm - Glendale Farm

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Tracy Farm - Glendale Farm

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1000 1/2 N. 1st St. Glendale

April, 1975

Siery Farm - Glendale Farm

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