

ABSTRACT

WA-I-414

19th Century

Sterling House

Williamsport Vicinity

private

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

WA-I-414
District 2
Map 56
Parcel 129
MAGI # 2206245504

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Sterling House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Sterling Road

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF **Williamsport** **6**

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

Washington

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Wilbur L. Sterling

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 2

CITY, TOWN

Williamsport

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21795

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: **224**

Folio #: **672**

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

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED \leq 50%

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house is located on the south side of Sterling Road, just west of the Penn Central Railroad tracks, east of Williamsport in Washington County, Maryland. It faces north toward the road.

The building is a two story, three bay brick structure resting on low fieldstone foundations. Bricks are laid in common bond at all elevations and the entire structure is painted white. Flat arches of upright bricks are present above the openings.

Apparently, Sterling Road is relatively new and was constructed to link two parts of Doub Road which makes a bend to the south below this house. According to maps, this house was formerly approached by a private lane extending from the portion of Doub Road lying to the west of this house. The original front elevation of the house may have been its south facade. Part of the south wall was recessed under the main roof span and had a double porch. This has since been enclosed with siding. Many houses in Washington County have porches like this at their front elevations.

Windows and doors have narrow frames finished with a bead at the inside edge. They hold single pane, double hung sashes. Some retain pairs of shutters with movable louvers.

An entrance is located in the center bay of the north elevation. Another door is located in the inset porch in the south wall. An enclosed one story front porch extends along the entire front elevation.

The roof of the house is sheathed with standing seam sheet metal and extends beyond the end walls. Small brick chimneys are located inside the end walls.

The house appears to be in fair condition and stands on a tract containing 30.88 acres.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<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

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 30.88 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

TELEPHONE

791-3065

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

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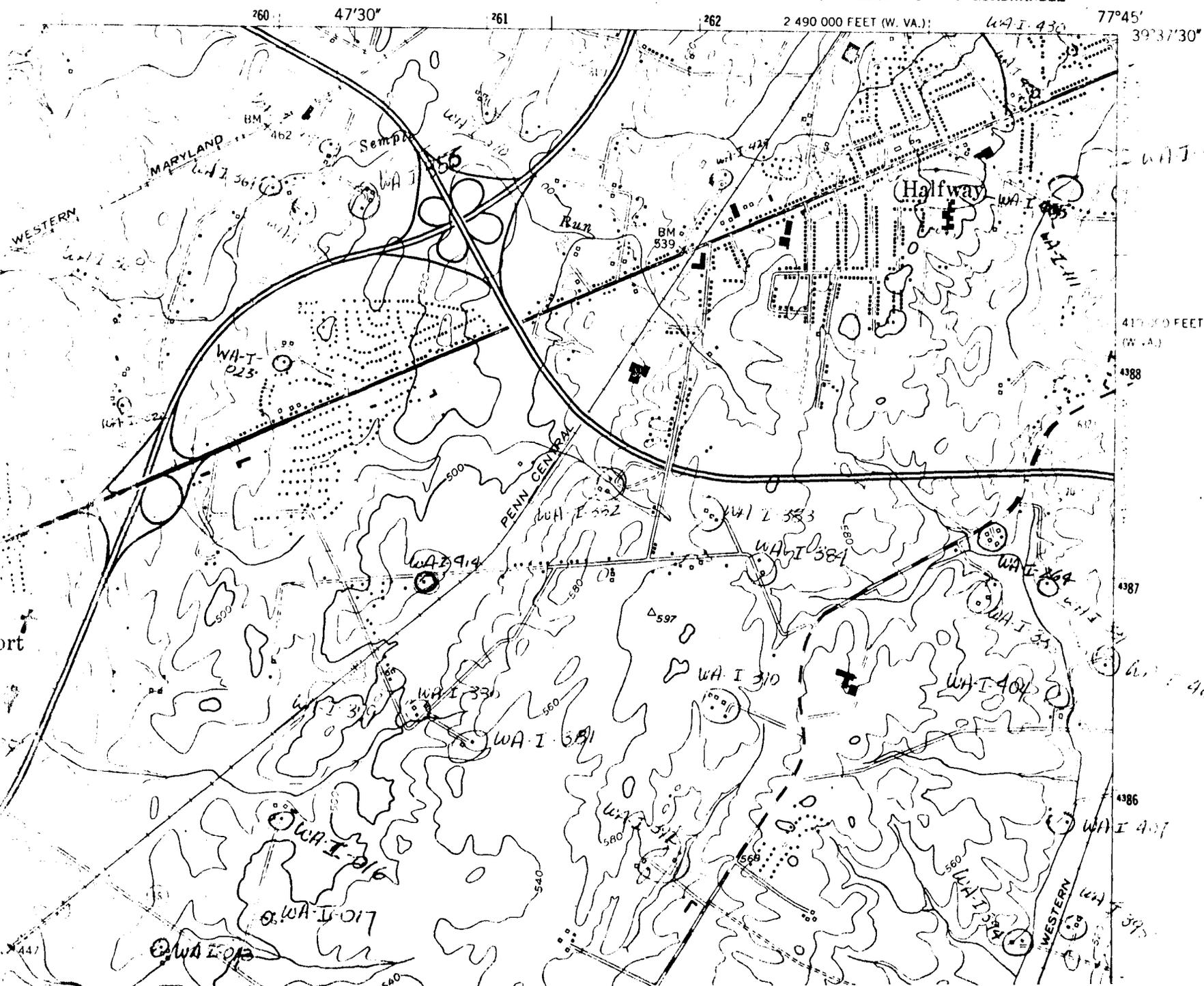
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THE ARMY
ENGINEERS

WILLIAMSPORT QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND-WEST VIRGINIA
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
SE/4 WILLIAMSPORT 15' QUADRANGLE

5463 II NW
HAGERSTOWN



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410 000 FEET
(W. VA.)

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WA I 405-

4386

WA I 414

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1/10/1972

Stirling House
Stirling Road
Williamsport vicinity

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