

ABSTRACT

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**Good Spirits Farm
Funkstown Vicinity
private**

Mid 19th Century

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 District 10
 Map 58
 Parcel 64
 MAGI # 2206435435

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Good Spirits Farm**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Route 40-A south of Funkstown

CITY, TOWN

 VICINITY OF **Funkstown**

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

Col. Alexis M. Gagarin

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 9, Box 405

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 #: **486**Folio #: **72**

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED \leq 50% | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____ |
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 DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Good Spirits Farm is located on the east side of U. S. Route 40-A south of Funkstown in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated on a hill with the house facing west and the barn south.

The house is a two story, six bay structure sheathed with stucco which conceals stone or brick construction. The four southern bays of the front elevation are grouped together with a large expanse of wall appearing between them and the two northern bays. Window levels vary between these two parts of the house suggesting that the northern two bays may be an addition.

All windows have six over six pane double hung sashes held within narrow frames. Windows in the south section appear to be slightly longer than those of the two north bays. Pairs of shutters with movable louvers are present at most windows.

The main entrance is located in the third bay from the south end of the front elevation. A six panel door is hung beneath a transom. A one bay flat roofed Victorian entrance porch topped with a modern lattice work balustrade shelters the front door. Other entrances are located at the rear of the house.

Modern asphalt shingles finish the roof which extends beyond the end walls of the house. Dormers have been added to both the east and west slopes of the roof. Brick chimneys are located inside the end walls.

Behind the house is a brick smokehouse with a wood shingle roof. A hole in its wall is said to have come from a cannon ball. Northeast of the house is a large stone end bank barn. Built of native limestone with vertical ventilation slits in the end walls, it bears a date stone inscribed with the initials R. W. H. and the year 1849.

A tombstone found by the present owner on the farm has the initials C. B., 1784 and the year 1785. The farm, formerly known as Tower Hill Farm contains 170.5 acres.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES **Barn R. W. H. 1849**

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington County Land Records.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 170.5 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

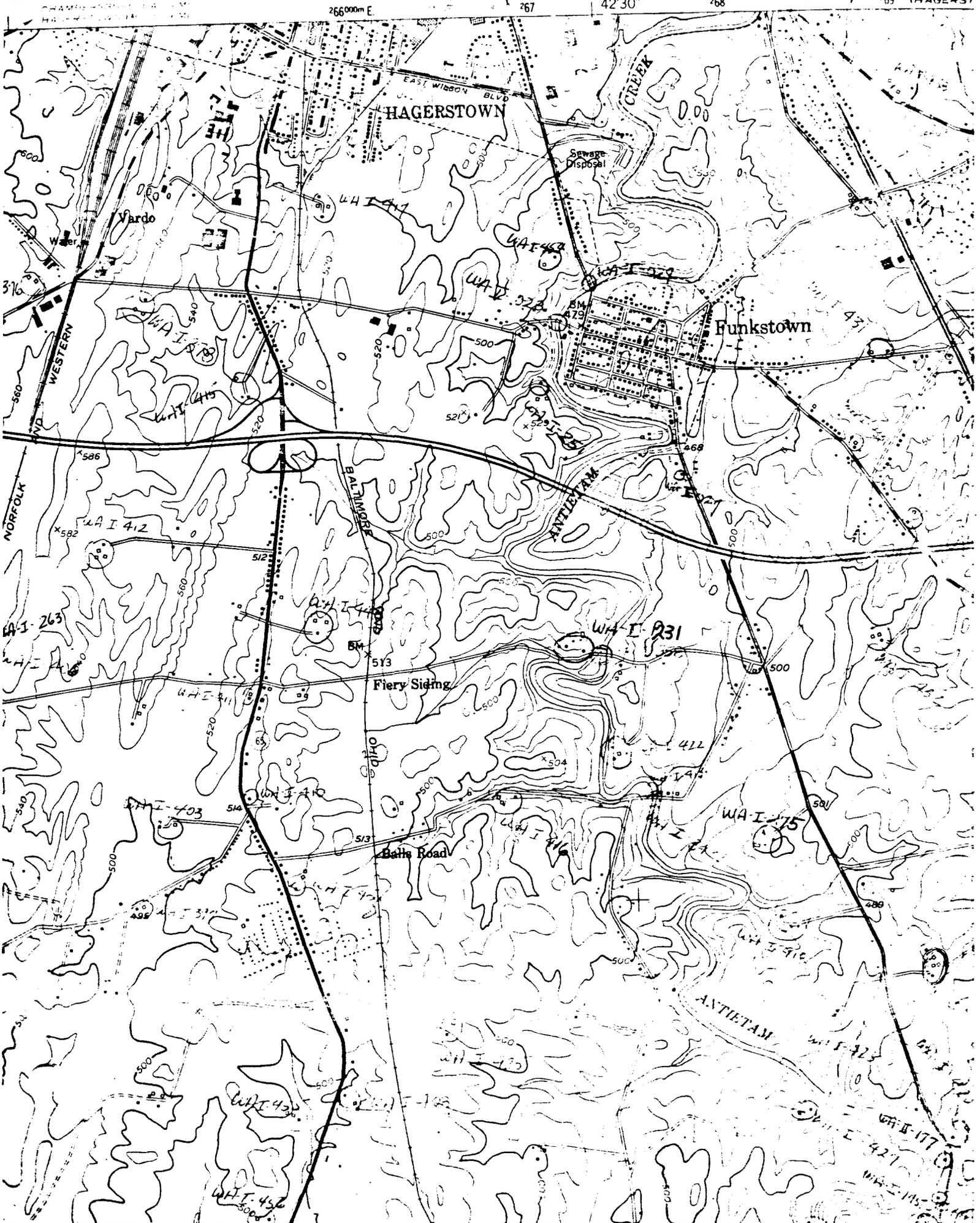
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Maryland 21740

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May 10-15

Good Spirits for

Route 40-A south of Sucktown

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