

**ABSTRACT**

**WA-I-435**

**19th Century**

**Landis Farm**

**Hagerstown-Funkstown Vicinity**

**private**

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

WA-I-435  
 District 10  
 Map 58  
 Parcel 47  
 MAGI # 2206585435

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Landis Farm

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Landis Road

CITY, TOWN

 VICINITY OF Hagerstown-Funkstown 6

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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

Joseph Troxell

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Route # 9, Box 171

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 #: 221

Folio #: 200

STREET &amp; NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Maryland Historical Trust Survey #3022

DATE

Summer 1967

 FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR

SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

**7 DESCRIPTION**

WA I-435

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input 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 < 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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 DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE
 

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This farm is located on the north side of Landis Road at a sharp bend in the road about one mile west of White Hall Road southeast of Hagerstown in Washington County, Maryland. The house and barn stand on a rocky limestone ridge and face southeast.

The house is a two story, four bay limestone building with a one story shed roofed stone and frame enclosed porch. The stone end wall of the porch extends out from the main rear wall of the house and may have been part of an earlier extension to the house. The walls display roughly coursed stone work with some early inverted V pointing remaining. Flat arches of stone are present above the openings of the front elevation. In general, the masonry of the facade is more refined than that of the other elevation.

Windows and doors are aligned with each other in the walls but do not appear to be arranged symmetrically. Window frames are narrow, some with ogee molding, and hold two over two pane sashes which are replacements. Two pair of shutters with movable louvers remain in place.

The main entrance is located in the second bay from the east corner of the house. It shows evidence of alteration in the form of new stonework at the east jamb of the door. A Victorian period door and paneled jambs are present. A narrow transom remains above the door. A shed roofed porch now extends along most of the front elevation. It rests on high stone piers to accommodate the drop in ground level from the back to the front of the house.

The front slope of the roof is sheathed with standing seam sheet metal while the back part has newer channel groove sheet metal. Brick chimneys are located inside the end walls. They are topped with a series of corbeling.

Protruding through the end walls in the gables are tie rods secured with star shaped flanges.

East of the house is a large stone end bank barn with a brick-lined round tablet in its southwest end wall. Above it is another square tablet. Part of an early wood shingle roof remains on the barn. South of the house along Landis Road is a one and a half story outkitchen and possibly secondary dwelling. It is built into a steep slope being two stories in height at its road facade. Apparently another structure was once added to its north end wall where interior plaster and stove pipe openings can still be seen. A brick chimney extends from inside this end wall. Also in the complex is a stone smokehouse with a wood shingle hipped roof. The farm contains 109.85 acres.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 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"/> 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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No actual construction date appears on these structures. However, they have characteristics which suggest that they may have been built during the early 19th century, possibly during the second quarter. According to the Washington County Land Records, this farm was part of the land purchased by Henry Landis from Samuel McCauley on December 22, 1832. It presumably remained in the Landis family through the 19th century being sold in 1913 by William H. Landis to George M. Kitzmiller (141/171). Kitzmiller owned the farm briefly selling it in 1915 to George M. Stouffer. It descended through the Stouffer family being sold in 1946 by Charles Stouffer to the present owner.

The house may have been built during the McCauley or Landis ownership. It should be noted, however, that Samuel McCauley owned a large amount of land in the vicinity including a Ca. 1800 brick house a short distance east of this complex. Presumably Landis Road got its name from the Henry Landis family, as did Landis Run which begins on the property.

Land grants included in the farm are "The Resurvey on Meshack's Garden," "Bond's Refusal" and "The Resurvey on Old Fox Deceived."

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Washington County Land Records.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 109.85 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

**January 1978**

STREET & NUMBER

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

TELEPHONE

**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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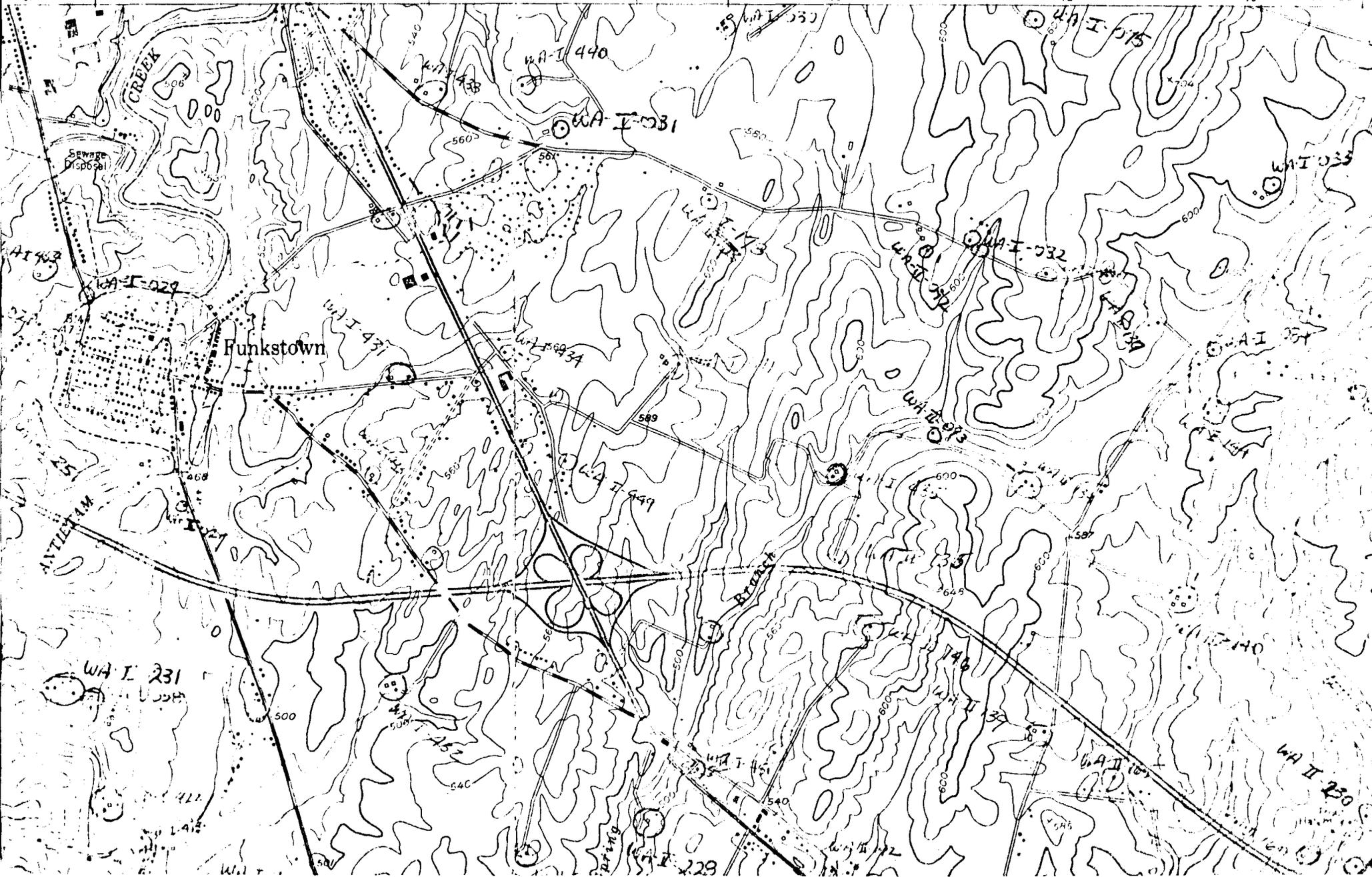
UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
CORPS OF ENGINEERS

5463 II IW  
(HAGERSTOWN)

*Washington Quadrangle*

FUNKSTOWN  
MARYLAND  
7.5 MINUTE  
SW 4 HA

767 42'30" 768 769 270 271 40' 272 273 620 000 FEET





WA-I-345  
S.E.  
April 1944

Landis Farm

WA-I-435  
N.E.  
April 1944

Landis Farm

Landis Road  
Hagerstown-Funkstown Vicinity

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Landis Farm

Landis Road

Hagerstown-Funkstown Vicinity

WA-1-436

Box 200

Landis Farm

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WA I-435

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1915

**Landis Farm**

**Landis Road**

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WV I-435  
NE Corner  
185

**Landis Farm**

**Landis Road**

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044-925

Cockburnville, TN

Apr 1900

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**Landis Road**

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11/12/1978

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April 1978

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