

Survey # WA-I-527

Approximate date 1921

Street Address Frederick Road, Baltimore Street and Chewsville Road

Town, State Funkstown, Maryland 21734

private , public x

Description:

Located on a triangle of land between Chewsville Road, Baltimore Street and Frederick Road (U.S. Route 40-A) is the Doughboy Monument. It is a monument to soldiers who fought in World War I. It consists of a bronze figure of an Infantry man on a granite base with a bronze tablet listing Funkstown soldiers who died in World War I and more recent conflicts. Later features include a canon and a later sign board. The memorial is said to have been the brain child of J.C. Weisner who with his daughter persuaded other Funkstown citizens to build the monument. It was dedicated in 1921.

The 1877 Washington County Atlas shows a blacksmith and wagon shop on this site.

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

I. Geographic Organization: Western Maryland

II. Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930 A.D.

III. Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Social/Education/Cultural

IV. Resource Type:

Category: Object

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Monument

Photo Reference: Photo # 2

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Washington County
Capsule Summary

The World War I Doughboy Monument in Funkstown stands in a small landscaped park at the southwest corner of the intersection of U.S. Alternate Route 40 and Baltimore Street. The life-sized sheet copper sculpture faces south from atop a granite pedestal, its profile aligned with bronze plaques on the east and west sides of the pedestal.

The Funkstown Doughboy Monument is significant for its commemoration of those who served and died in World War I. It is also a representative example of a stock Doughboy monument. The Funkstown monument was dedicated on 23 July 1921 and cost \$2,500. The monument was produced by the Mullins Sheet Manufacturing Company. The granite was carved and finished by Joseph T. Heaslip of Hagerstown.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WA-I-527

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic World War I Doughboy Monument

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Alt. Rte. 40 and Baltimore St. not for publication

city, town Funkstown vicinity of congressional district 6th

state MD county Washington

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other commemorative

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Town of Funkstown

street & number PO Box 235 telephone no.: (301) 791-0948

city, town Funkstown state and zip code MD 21734

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Washington County Courthouse liber

street & number 95 West Washington St. folio

city, town Hagerstown state MD 21740

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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The Doughboy is posed in mid-stride, nearly in a crouch, with rifle and bayonet forward, as though charging up a rocky incline. The copper plinth which supports the modeled rocks carries a plate with the inscription, "Manufactured by / Mullins Body Corporation / Salem, Ohio, USA." The granite pedestal is composed of a stepped rock-faced plinth, which supports a smooth die block with the bronze plaques. Above the die block is a rock-faced cap which supports the sculpture.

Both plaques are similar in their vertical three-part composition, but are not identical in detail. The plaque on the east side of the pedestal is composed of the Red Cross flag and the American flag crossed behind a U.S. shield and surmounted by an American Eagle. The eagle's wings are open but not uplifted; it is flanked by laurel branches. The flags drape over the top of the first panel, which is a bas relief of a soldier and sailor, each kneeling with rifles ready. Between the two is a banner which reads, "1914 WORLD WAR 1918." In the background beyond the soldier are cannon, trenches and the shell of a building; beyond the sailor are ships, waves, gulls and a buoy. The panel is bordered at the sides with laurel leaves. Below the sculptural panel is a flat inscription panel which reads:

IN MEMORIAM
TO THOSE OF THE FUNKSTOWN DISTRICT
WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN
THE WORLD WAR, 1914-1918

Seven names are listed along with the circumstances under which they were killed. This panel is also bordered with laurel leaves. The lowest panel on the plaque is composed of a scroll with the inscription:

GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN THAN
THIS, THAT A MAN LAY DOWN HIS LIFE
FOR HIS FRIENDS.

JOHN 15:13

A cross is on each side of the panel.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1921 **Builder/Architect** Mullins Sheet Metal Manufacturing Co.

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
 and/or
 Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Funkstown Doughboy Monument is significant for its commemoration of those who served and died in World War I. It is also a representative example of a stock Doughboy monument.

The Funkstown monument was dedicated on 23 July 1921 and cost \$2,500. The granite was carved and finished by Joseph T. Heaslip of Hagerstown.¹ The maker of the Funkstown monument, the Mullins Sheet Manufacturing Company, was one of the few that could maintain a sizeable inventory.² After the Civil War and until the Great Depression, the American monument industry produced hundreds of mass-produced sculptures. The other sheet copper Doughboys in Maryland, found in Emmittsburg and Crisfield, are examples of the most popular Doughboy sculpture, "The Spirit of the American Doughboy," copyrighted by E. M. Viquesney of Spencer, Indiana.³ Of the rest of the seven Doughboy statues found in the state, there is one of bronze in Williamsport, marbles in Hurlock and Elkton, and one of granite in Lonaconing.

¹Hagerstown Daily Mail, 20, 25 July 1921.

²Michael W. Panhorst, "Memorial Art and Architecture in a Vernacular Mold: Mass-Produced War Monuments in the United States, 1861-1929" (unpublished paper presented at the Vernacular Architecture Forum Conference, Staunton, Virginia, 1988), 5.

³Ibid., 3.

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The bronze plaque on the west side of the pedestal is surmounted by an eagle with uplifted wings and flanked by two flags, one of stars and stripes and the other all of stars. A banner beneath the eagle reads, "U.S.A." The bas relief scene on the first panel of this plaque features artillery: three cannons lined up with men carrying shells and loading the guns. Trees and stumps complete the scene. The side border of this plaque is made up of a repeating pattern of leaves and berries, which runs uninterrupted to the lower panel. The center panel of the plaque carries the inscription:

THIS PLOT IS DEDICATED TO PUBLIC USE BY THE
CITIZENS OF FUNKSTOWN DISTRICT
IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION OF THE
SERVICES OF THOSE OF HER CITIZENS
WHO WERE ENGAGED WITH THE
MILITARY, NAVY AND MARINE FORCES
OF THE UNITED STATES
IN THE WORLD WAR
1914-1918

A roster of fifty-one names follows. The lowest panel of the plaque carries the inscription:

THESE GALLANT MEN OF OUR ARMED
FORCES HAVE FOUGHT FOR THE IDEALS
WHICH THEY KNEW TO BE THE IDEALS OF
THEIR COUNTRY.

Woodrow Wilson 1918

The small park is landscaped with grass and mulched planting beds. A cement walk surrounds the monument. To the south of the monument is a flagpole with the U.S. flag and a wood and glass case containing a roster of those who served in World War II. A gray painted cannon is mounted on a white painted concrete plinth just to the south of the flagpole. Further south in an adjacent grassy area is a World War II artillery piece painted gray.

In the winter of 1993, the sculpture showed a significant amount of light green basic copper sulfate and black copper

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sulfide corrosion. The east plaque had a cloudy surface which could have been a film or residue. The west plaque was much darker in color and may have been coated with paint or another substance. Dark haloes were observed on the granite at the edges of both plaques. The granite pedestal was in excellent condition. Some of the original mortar between blocks had been replaced with a caulking compound.

In October 1994 the monument was washed with a non-ionic detergent and water. The copper sculpture was treated with a cold patina on green areas. Benzotriazole was sprayed on and then rinsed with water. The sculpture was then coated with wax applied to the warmed copper surface. A second coat of wax was applied with brushes and then warmed with a torch to melt and blend. A third application of wax was made to the cooled copper surface and then buffed. The plaques were also given three coats of wax. The bayonet, which was a replacement and appeared to be made of aluminum, was darkened with a coat of pigmented wax.

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

STATEWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXTS

Geographic Organization: Western Maryland

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Industrial/Urban
Dominance (1870-1930)

Historic Period Theme(s): Social/Educational/Cultural

Resource Type:

Category: Object

Historic Environment: Town

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): RECREATION AND
CULTURE/monument

Known Design Source(s): Mullins Body Corp., Salem, Ohio

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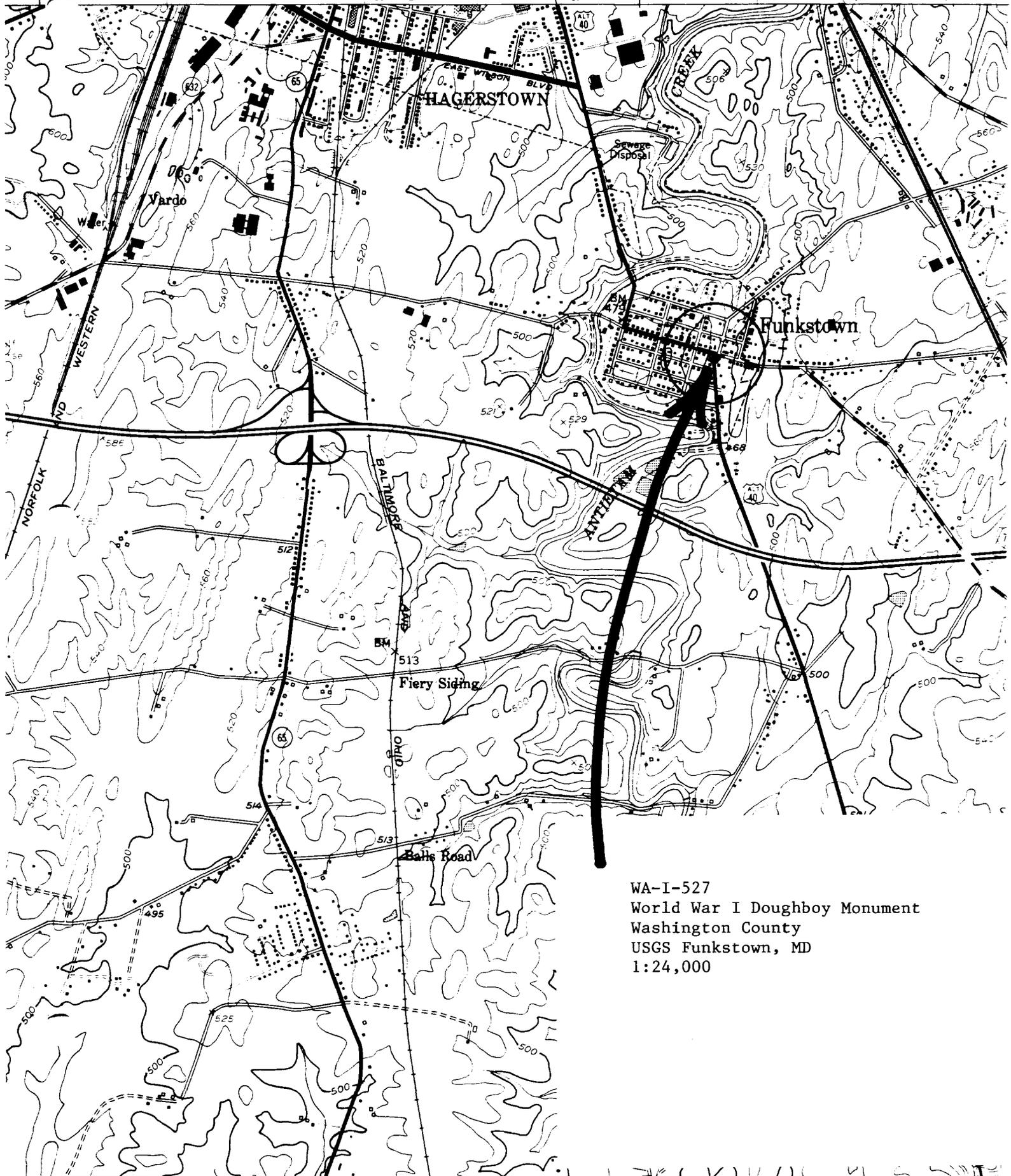
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Funkstown Quadrangle

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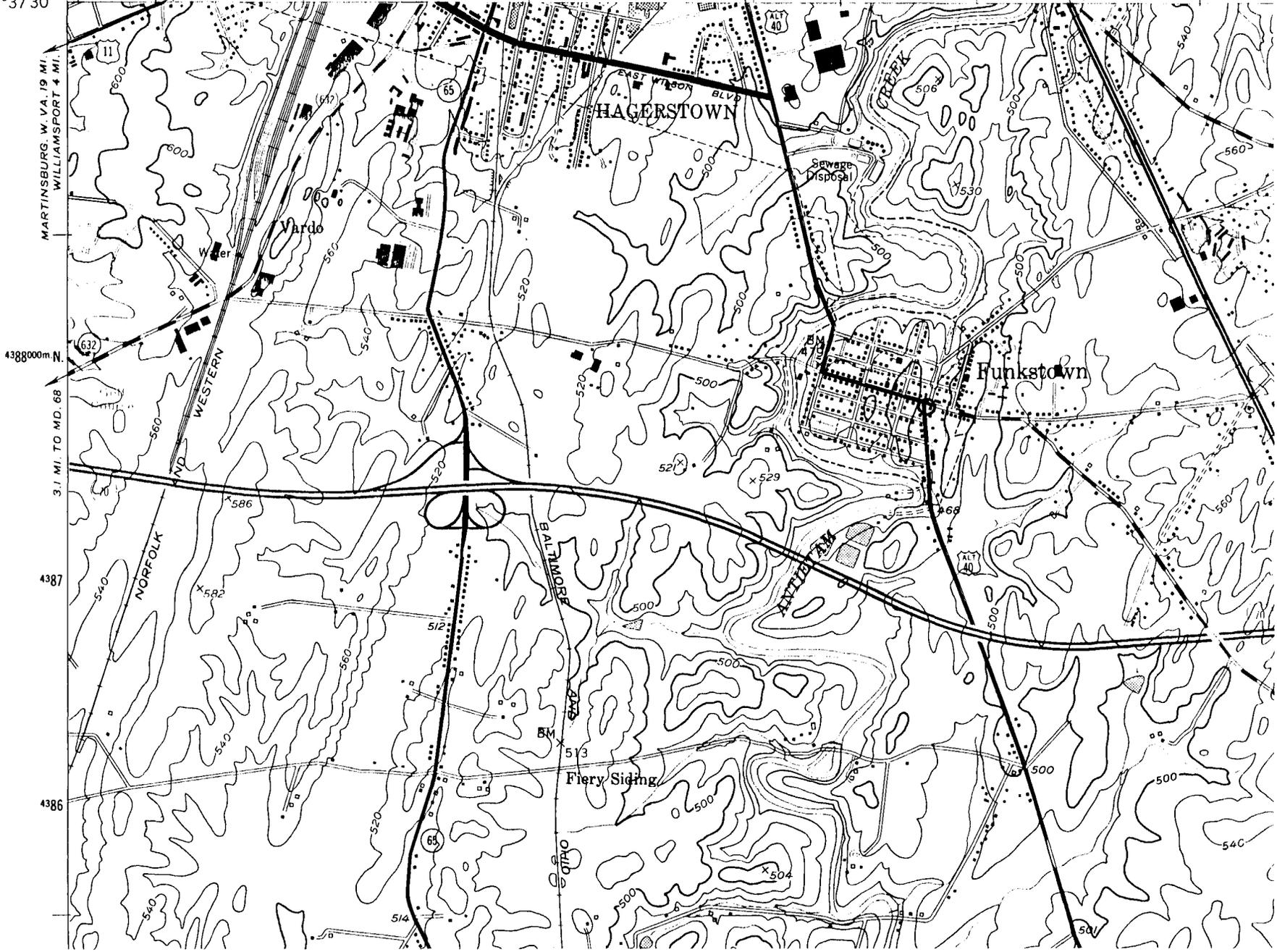
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