

Survey # WA-I-753

Approximate date Ca. 1850-1875

Mowen House

Street Address 13816 Maugansville Road

Town, State Maugansville, Maryland 21767

private X, public ____

This property includes a two story, three bay side-gabled, brick-cased log house with a frame rear extension and a frame stable. It appears to be one of the older houses in Maugansville. The building is cased with all stretcher bricks which have shifted, dropping a first floor window lintel at the front elevation. Windows have six over six light sash and the entrance is located in the center bay of the front elevation. A secondary entrance is located in the south gable end of the log section. This entrance has a hip roofed porch with bracketed turned posts. The front entrance has a gabled porch which appears to date from the 20th century. The two story extension to the rear has been covered with aluminum siding. The house is significant as one of the oldest remaining buildings in the village. Date attribution is based on log construction, brick casing and overall form and appearance. Evidence of log construction beneath the bricks includes the use of all stretcher brickwork, and the projection of the brick veneer beyond the door and window trim. Veneering of log construction with brick was common in Washington County during the third quarter of the 19th century. Also, a properly bonded brick house probably would not have shifted as the facade of this house did. While further examination would be needed to state definitively that the initial construction material was log, available evidence indicates log construction.

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

- I. Geographic Organization: Western Maryland
- II. Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Agricultural-Industrial Transition 1815-1870
- III. Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning
- IV. Resource Type:

Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single Dwelling, Stable

Photo Reference: Photo # 14, 14A

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Miller House

and/or common Mowen House (preferred)

2. Location

street & number 13816 Maugansville Road _____ not for publication

city, town Maugansville _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district

state Maryland _____ county Washington

3. Classification

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

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

name Mrs. Harry F. Mowen

street & number 13816 Maugansville Road telephone no.: 301-733-8523

city, town Maugansville state and zip code Maryland 21767

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Washington County Courthouse Liber 447

street & number 95 West Washington Street Folio 219

city, town Hagerstown state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date _____ federal _____ state _____ county _____ local

depository 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 type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date of move

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

Built between 1850 and 1875, is this two-story, three-bay, brick cased log house with a frame rear extension and a late 19th century frame stable. The building is one of the oldest in Maugansville. Located on the southwest corner of the intersection of Maugansville Road and Eby Lane, the building is in a residential/commercial area. Although altered by the rear extension and the addition of porticos over doorways on the facade and the south elevation, the dwelling retains its original central massing.

The building is flanked by dwellings to the north and south and a car dealership across the road to the east. An alley extends across the rear of the property and a frame stable that appears to date from the late 19th to early 20th century is located southwest of the building at the end of a driveway. The lot is framed by a hedge row and has a very large evergreen in the front yard.

The dwelling is covered by a side gable roof sheathed with standing seam metal and the brick on the main block is all stretcher bond which has shifted, dropping a first floor window lintel at the front elevation. Evidence of log construction beneath the bricks includes the use of all stretcher brickwork and the projection of the brick veneer beyond the door and window trim. Veneering of log construction with brick was common in Washington Cuntly during the third quarter of the 19th century. Also, a property bonded brick house probably would not have shifted as the facade of this house did. While further examination would be needed to state definitively that the intial construction material was log, available evidence indicates log construction.

Originally massed as a rectangle, the building's footprint has been elongated to the west by a two-story frame addition. A brick chimney is located inside the gables on the south and west elevations. The symmetrical facade consists of a central passage entry flanked by two 6/6 double-hung windows with soldier coursing on the first floor. A later pediment porch with a concrete floor and wood railings covers the half-glass door. Matching windows are in the second floor.

The south side elevation of the main block has a secondary entrance and one window on the first floor to the east of the door and two small square 2/2 windows equally spaced in the gable end. The doorway features a porch with bracketed turn posts and a hipped roof covered with standing seam metal. The south facade of the addition consists of a screened porch over an entranceway and a 1/1/ double hung window to the east of the porch on the first floor. Two widely spaced 1/1/ windows appear on the second floor.

The west rear elevation has a 2/2 window in the first floor addition and an off-center small 2/2 window on the 2nd floor.

The north side elevation consists of an aluminum clad addition with a half-glass central door flanked by 2/2 windows on the first floor, a 2/2 window on the north end of the second floor and a small square 2/2 window on the east end of the second floor. A porch over the doorway has a standing seam metal roof, cement floor, round posts, and hip roof. A 2/2 window is in the shed extension.

A two-story, frame, side-gabled late 19th century stable is located on the southwest corner of the property. The roof is covered with corrugated metal roof panels. The facade contains a double door on strap hinges on the lower level and a single door on strap hinges in the upper level. An large open entry is located on the north end of the elevation and a one-story extension is also located on this end that contains two single doors.

The main block of the dwelling has been altered by the addition of porticos on the facade and the south elevation and feature Victorian trim from a later time period. The porticos have not damaged any of the original elements of the main block and therefore do not detract from the integrity of the building. The

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rear addition covers the original exterior wall of the main block. Despite these alterations the building conveys its early log construction in its overall massing and scale.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below						
prehistoric	archeology-prehistoric	community planning	landscape architecture	religion				
1400-1499	archeology-historic	conservation	law	science				
1500-1599	agriculture	economics	literature	sculpture				
1600-1699	x architecture	education	military	social/				
1700-1799	art	engineering	music	humanitarian				
x 1800-1899	commerce	exploration/settlement	philosophy	theater				
1900-	communications	industry	politics/government	transportation				
		invention		other(specify)				

Specific dates ca. 1850-1875	Builder/Architect				Unknown			
check: Applicable Criteria:	A	B	x C	D				
and/or Applicable Exceptions:	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	
Level of Significance:	national	state	x local					

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

The Mowen House is an example of a third quarter 19th century brick house that survives as a rare example of early housing in Mougansville. Available evidence indicates log construction. Surrounded by early 20th century development, the building represents the original appearance of Mougansville as a crossroads village that originated to serve the surrounding agricultural area. Its overall massing and modest scale reflect its log construction. The building retains a good level of integrity despite the addition of a rear ell and porticos.

History

The Miller House is located on land that was conveyed by Joseph Horst, a large land owner and developer in Mougansville, to Abraham Miller in 1876 for his lifetime. Miller is listed in the 1880 census as a retired farmer. An A. Miller appears on the 1877 Washington County Atlas and was most likely the Miller that lived on this property. Since Joseph Horst lived on a farm south of this property, it is possible that Miller may have built this house. The deed noted that this land was a part of the Salem tract land grant; part of the original lands of Mougansville much of which was conveyed to Joseph Horst by John Horst, an early Mennonite settler who migrated from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania to the Mougansville area in 1837 to take advantage of the fertile soil and low land prices¹.

In 1886, Miller's heirs conveyed the property to Joseph and Elizabeth Negly who kept the property for only two years before selling it to Benjamin Stouffer.² When Stouffer purchased the land he received another tract for a total of about 199 perches together with tenements, appurtenances and remainders, rents, issues, and profits thereof. Based on the description, the property may have been a source of rental income for Stouffer. Stouffer is also associated with the deeds of an adjacent property dating from the same time period as this house (WA-I-754).

Benjamin devised the property to his children, Benjamin E. and Mary who had married Michael Horst. Benjamin E. Stouffer is listed as a farmer in the 1900 census and it is unknown whether he lived on a farm or on this property. The property remained in the Stouffer family for 22 years. The Stouffers and the Horsts sold the property to a Benjamin Shadrach in 1910 who is listed in the 1920 census as a salesman in a grocery store. The Shadrachs owned it for 17 years and may have lived on the property based on Mr. Shadrach's occupation. Shadrach's heirs sold it to the Mowens, the current owners, in 1927, who have owned it for the past 70 years.

¹ Williams, Thomas J. C. A History of Washington County, Maryland. John M. Runk & L. R. Titsworth, 1906, p. 654. Joseph Negly is not listed in the 1880 census and the Washington County Library does not have a copy of the 1890 census.

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Theme

Third quarter 19th century architecture in Maugansville: The Village of Maugansville developed in response to a variety of factors including Washington County's strong agricultural economy, the railroad, the village's location near the county seat, and most uniquely its association with the Mennonites, such as the Horsts who owned this site at one time. The first phase of building development in the village began as a linear town that grew from a small cluster of buildings in the mid-19th century located along Maugansville Road north of its intersection with Maugans Avenue, from just south of Eby Lane to just south of Alpine Drive. These buildings coincide with a cluster of buildings show on the 1877 Washington County Atlas and are comprised of the Mowen House and a frame encased log building (WA-I-754) from the mid-19th century; and four buildings dating from before approximately 1880. These include a frame building (WA-I-757) a log and frame building (WA-I-758), a log building with asbestos shingle siding (WA-I-759), and a brick building (WA-I-769). Support structures from this time period are common and three of the above properties contain outbuildings ranging from a former chicken house to small barns.

It was during the mid-19th century that Maugansville was becoming established as a rural village center meeting the needs of farmers and expanding due to the influence of the railroad. The Mowen House is particularly significant as one of two buildings that serve as the earliest visual evidence of Maugansville's existence prior to the late 19th century and its rapid growth in the early 20th century brought on by nearby Hagerstown's rise as a manufacturing center. The dwelling is an example of third quarter nineteenth century construction that was typical in Washington County throughout the 18th and 19th centuries and the stable is characteristic of the frame two-story support structures built in this time period in Maugansville.

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Chain of Title

- 01/02/1886 Andrew H. Miller and Catherine Miller, et al, heirs of Abraham Miller to Joesph N. Negly & Elizabeth Negly
The deed states that the property conveyed was land that had been conveyed to Abraham Miller by Joseph Horst for life in 1876. No Abraham Miller is listed in the grantee index as receiving land from Joseph Horst.
Liber Folio
- 08/11/1888 Joseph N. & Elizabeth Negly to Benjamin Stouffer
Liber 92 Folio 294
Refers to land conveyed from Joseph Horst & wife to Abraham Miller in 1876
Benjamin devised to his son, Benjamin E. Stouffer & Mary Horst
Will H/275
- 03/19/1910 B. E. & Susan B. Stouffer and Mary & Michael E. Horst to Benjamin F. Shadrach
Liber 133 Folio 472
Property was devised to Anna Edna Hoffman, Cora E. Young, Berth R. Keadle, Hattie R. Mauch, Emma Wolfensberger, and to Wilma K. Shadrach, wife, for her lifetime, d. 07/09/1927.
by last will of Benjamin F. Shadrach
Wills Liber 15/422.
- 10/01/1927 Anna Edna Hoffman, Charles H. Hoffman (husband), Cora E. & Charles W. Young, Bertha R. & George H. Keadle, Hattie R. & George W. Mauch, Emma G. & Albert S. Wolfensberger to Estella E. & Daniel M. Mowen
Part of Salem in Village of Mougansville
Liber 178 Folio 425
When Daniel died 04/03/1966, intestate, the land went to Estella as his survivor. She died 08/31/1966 intestate and the land went to her son Harry F. Mowen.
- 10/11/1966 Harry F. & H. Mowen to Harvey M. Miller, Trustee
Convey back to the Mowens
Liber 447 Folio 220

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HISTORICAL CONTEXT:

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Known Design Source: Unknown

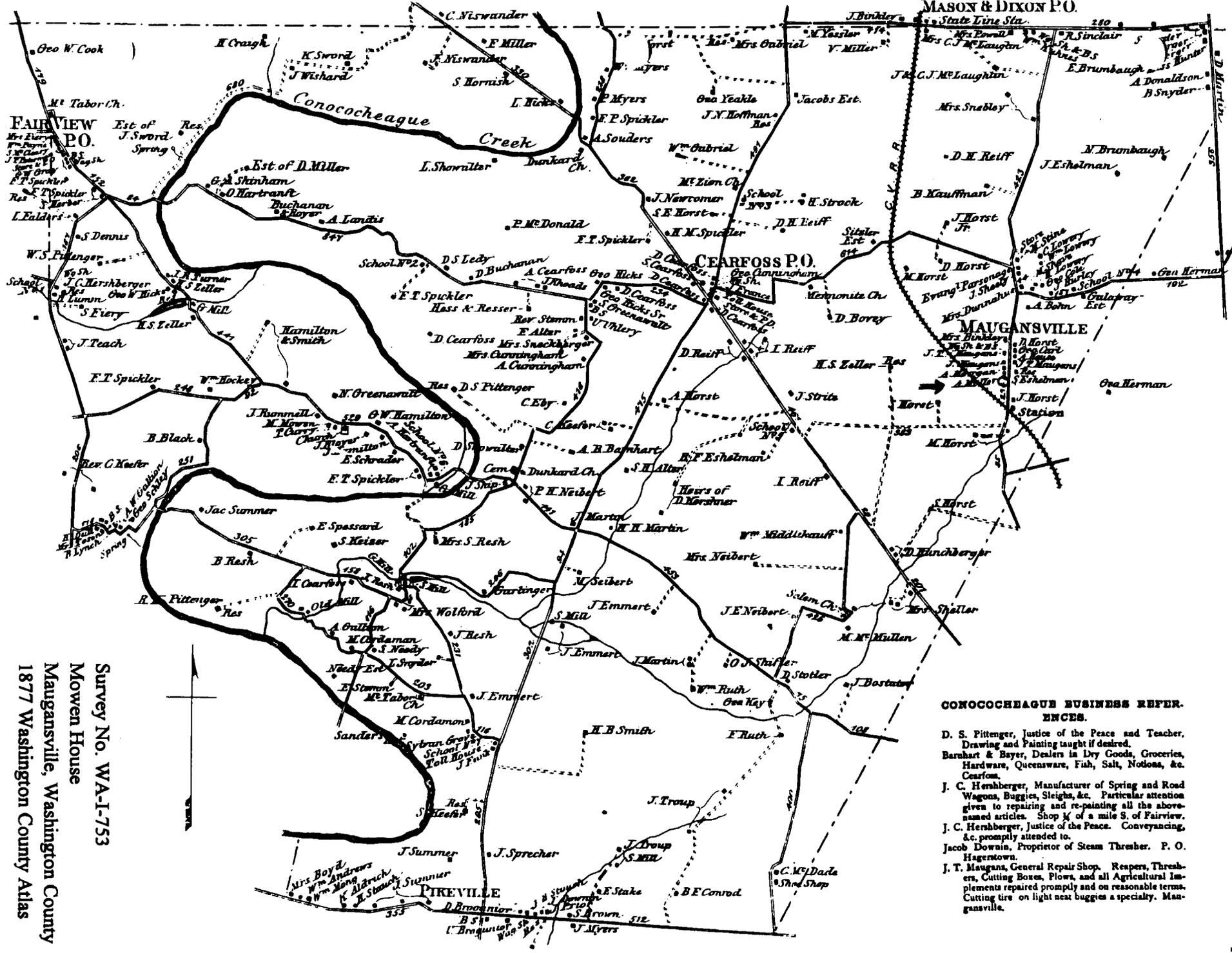
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Washington County
Continuation Sheet 9.1: Major Bibliographical References

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Williams, Thomas J. C. A History of Washington County, Maryland. John M. Runk & L. R. Titsworth, 1906.



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 Mowen House
 Maugansville, Washington County
 1877 Washington County Atlas

CONOCOCHEAQUE BUSINESS REFERENCES.

- D. S. Pittenger, Justice of the Peace and Teacher. Drawing and Painting taught if desired.
- Barhart & Bayer, Dealers in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, Queensware, Fish, Salt, Notions, &c. Cearfoss.
- J. C. Hershberger, Manufacturer of Spring and Road Wagons, Buggies, Sleighs, &c. Particular attention given to repairing and re-painting all the above-named articles. Shop 1/2 mile S. of Fairview.
- J. C. Hershberger, Justice of the Peace. Conveyancing, &c. promptly attended to.
- Jacob Downin, Proprietor of Steam Thresher. P. O. Hagerstown.
- J. T. Maugans, General Repair Shop. Reapers, Threshers, Cutting Boxes, Plows, and all Agricultural Implements repaired promptly and on reasonable terms. Cutting tire on light near buggies a specialty. Maugansville.

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MICHAEL W. LORSHBAUGH SR
891/1066

R. E. OCKER
235/379

HARRY F. MOWEN
447/220

EDWARD W BREWER
643/239

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B&M CORPORATION

978/837

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930/298

EDWARD W. BREWER
438/371
802/765

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AMANDA E. MARTIN
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557/523

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CLARENCE BARNHART
547/564

DONALD K. ALT
530/93

ROBERT E. HOLSINGER SR.
742/1096

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742/719

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364/78

JOHN E. BARTLES
377/748

MARTIN L. BUMBAUGH
557/715

ROBERT E. HOLSINGER
378/477

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230/248

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554/303

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Tax Map No. 24-3

DRIVE

MAUGANSVILLE ROAD

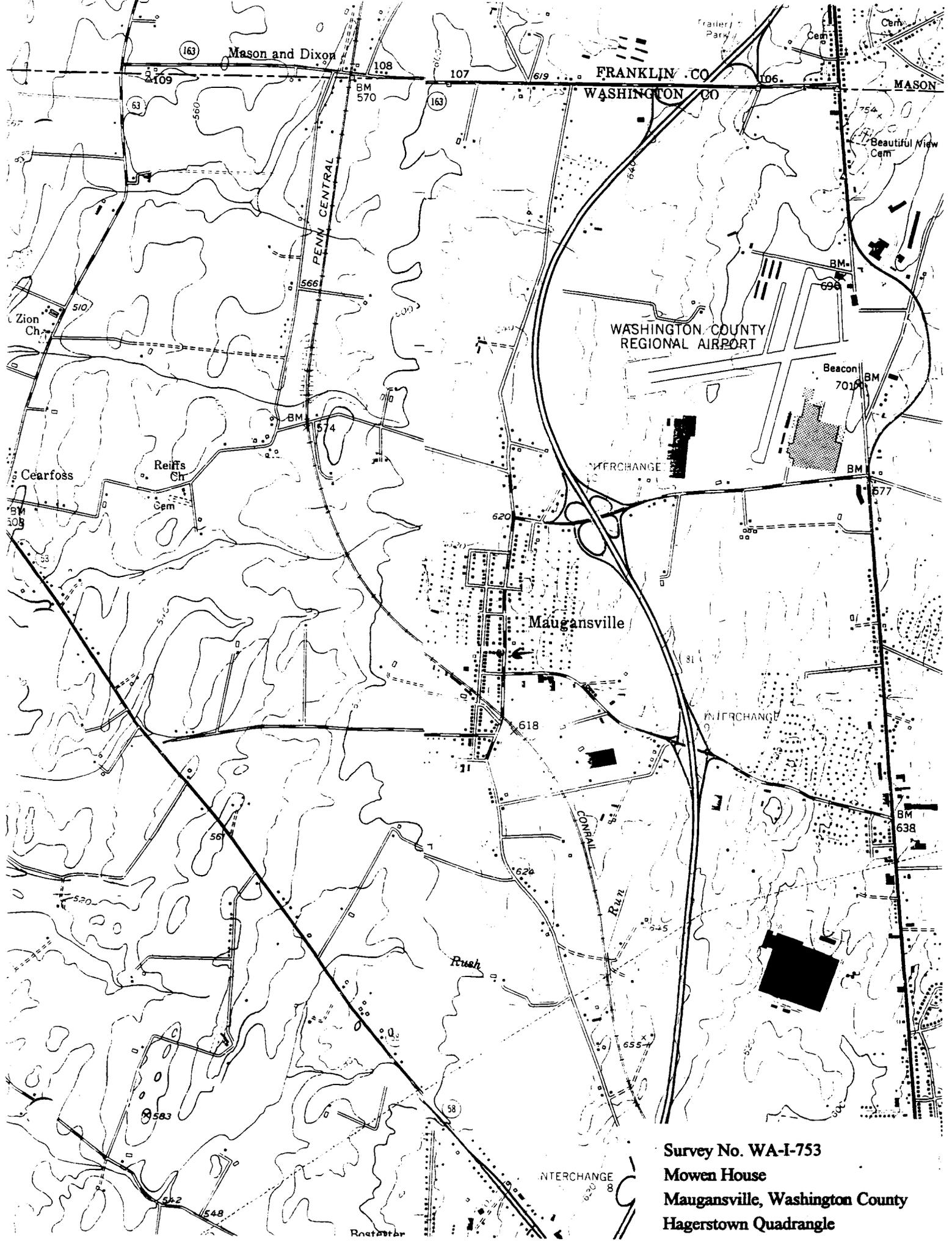
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Mowen House
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Hagerstown Quadrangle



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Mower House, Maugansville

Washington County, MD

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Mower House, 13816 Maugansville Rd. NW View

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Moran House, 13816 Piquette Rd, St. Vitus

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