

Survey # WA-I-754

Approximate date Ca. 1875

Mummert House

Street Address 13818 Maugansville Road

Town, State Maugansville, Maryland 21767

private x, public \_\_\_\_

This property includes a two story, four bay German sided log house with a two story rear extension and a frame stable converted to a garage. It is located at the corner of Maugansville Road and Eby Lane. The front and side of the property are defined by a thick hedge row. The front (east) elevation is distinctive with a window, door, door, window configuration at the first story with only two bays at the second story level. Depth of window and door jambs indicates log construction. Windows in the south gable wall of the main section have peaked architraves indicative of the late 19th century. One window at the second story level, larger than the others, has a nine over six light sash. Others have newer single pane sash. A two story shed roofed addition is at the rear. It is in part covered with aluminum siding. The first story of this section may be older than the upper part since the second story gable end window is larger than the others. The roofing material is standing seam sheet metal. Probably dating from the late 19th century, this is one of the older houses in the village.

#### MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

- I. Geographic Organization: Western Maryland
- II. Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930
- 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, Garage

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## 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Mummert House

## 2. Location

street & number 13818 Maugansville Road

not for publication

city, town Maugansville

vicinity of

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  
 not applicable

### 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 (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Richard L. Mummert

street & number 13818 Maugansville Road, P.O. Box 12

telephone no.: unpublished

city, town Maugansville

state and zip code Maryland 21767

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Washington County Courthouse

Liber 556

street & number 95 West Washington Street

Folio 581

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input 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.

Resource Count = 2

Located in the oldest section of the Village of Maugansville, the Mummert House occupies a corner lot which fronts along Maugansville Road, the original linear street of Maugansville. Built circa 1875, the Mummert House is a one-and-one-half story, 4-bay, German sided log house. A frame stable converted to a garage also occupies the site. The Mummert House is one of the oldest houses in the village.

Oriented to the east, the Mummert House is located on a residential tree-lined street at the corner of Maugansville Road and Eby Lane, the house sits back a few feet from the road on one of the smallest parcels in the village. Bushes line the corner of the treed lot and a small barn occupies the rear of the lot. Conspicuously smaller in scale than other dwellings in the village, the Mummert House is surrounded on the north by a 1923 Foursquare house, on the south by a mid-19th century brick encased log house, and on the east by a mid-20th century commercial building across the road.

The single pile, rectangular shaped dwelling contains an upper half story covered with a side gable roof sheathed with standing seam metal. Paired brick chimneys are located within the interior of the gable ends. Originally massed as a rectangle, the building's footprint has been elongated to the west by a full two-story addition covered with a low end gable roof that extends into the cornice of the main house, further emphasizing the modest scale of the original section of the house. The first story of the addition may be older than the upper part since the second story gable end window is larger than the others.

The facade, facing Maugansville Road, is distinctive with a window, door, door, window configuration at the first story with only two bays at the second story level. The centrally located doors are flanked by 1/1 windows with peaked hood architraves indicative of the late 19th century. Depth of window and door jambs indicates log construction. The second story has widely spaced 1/1 double-hung windows with shutters. A porch spans the first floor and, based on the turned spindles of the turn-of-the-century Victorian period, is a later addition.

The south gable wall of the main section has a window on the second story level, larger than the others, with a 9/6 light sash with a peaked architrave. The first floor window has the newer single pane sash. The addition on this side has a shed roof extension from the first floor over a concrete floor with a half-glass door, 2/2 window to the west of the door, and an aluminum 8/8 window with shutters in the second floor.

The rear (west) elevation consists of vertical siding on the first floor of the addition, an exterior cement block chimney in the low gable end, a 6/6 aluminum window on the second floor and a half-glass door on the 1st floor. The north side of the addition consists of vertical siding on the first floor, aluminum siding on the second floor along with a row of five 3/3 aluminum windows and an aluminum 1/1 centered window on the second floor. The north side of the original building has a 1/1 window on the first floor and an off-center window in the second floor.

The floor plan of the main building is a linear simple plan with a width of two units. The rear addition altered the building to a compound T-plan.

The wood frame, front gable shed has double doors made of vertical siding that are mounted with strap hinges. Each door has a small square 2/2 window and the gable has a small centered doorway. The roof is covered with standing seam metal and has exposed rafters.

The Mummert House represents a mid-19th century log dwelling that has been encased in wood. Architectural interest lies primarily in its modest scale and low second story. The rear addition has

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destroyed the original exterior wall and many of the windows are replacements, and the porch is a later addition. However, despite these changes the original massing is visible.

## 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. 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 Mummert House is significant as an example of a wood encased log house and survives as a rare example of early housing in Maugansville. Surrounded by later early 20th century development, the building represents the original appearance of Maugansville as a crossroads village that originated to serve the surrounding agricultural area. The building's overall massing and modest scale reflects its log construction as evidenced in its one-and-one-half story height, a common feature of log construction. The building retains a good level of integrity despite alterations.

### History

The 1877 Washington County Atlas indicates that either a Morgan or a Maugans may have lived on this property which is located directly north of a property owned by A. Miller (WA-II-753). The builder of this property is unknown. At the period of time the house was built, Maugansville was the most populated village in its district, and the only village with a station for the Franklin Valley Railroad, built in the 1830s, adding to its significance as a trade center for the surrounding farmland. By 1865 the railroad had been taken over by the Cumberland Valley Railroad which was the first of four railroads to converge into Hagerstown. As a result, the city emerged as the manufacturing center of the county as well as a major manufacturing center in the state. Thus, from the 1870s, the city's population and the population of the immediately surrounding area began to grow.

The first listing located in a primary record for this property is in the late 19th century when Benjamin Stouffer left the property to Susan Stouffer, his wife. The Stouffer family settled in Lancaster, Pennsylvania in the 18th century and Benjamin H. Stouffer came to Washington County in 1869. The Stouffer name is traced back to German and Swiss heritage and Benjamin was a grandson to a descendant who arrived with a group of Swiss Mennonites in Philadelphia in the early 18th century<sup>1</sup>. The Mennonites greatly influenced the character and economic development of the Village of Maugansville which developed in the mid-19th century 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, who began settling in the area at this time.

Susan Stouffer left the property to their daughter Mary E. Horst. The Horsts sold it to Benjamin E. Stouffer ( Benjamin H. Stouffer's son) and his wife who owned the property for 23 years. 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 was sold to an Annie Hartranft who owned it for thirteen years and who conveyed it to Issac Horst in 1919. Horst is listed as a carpenter in a factory in the 1920 census. The property changed hands three more times until 1945 when the property was acquired by William C. Maugans and

<sup>1</sup> Williams, Thomas J. C. A history of Washington County, Maryland. John M. Runk & L. R. Titsworth, 1906, p. 653.

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his sister, Jessie M. Maugans. During that time, the property is known to be a rental because the Maugans were then living in the house to the north which William Maugans had built (WA-I-755). The current owners bought the house in 1973 and have resided there since.

### Theme

**Mid-19th century architecture in Maugansville:** Maugansville 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 by the Mummert House and a brick encased log building (WA-I-753) 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.

The Mummert House is particularly significant as one of a two buildings that serve as the earliest visual evidence of Maugansville's existence prior to 1880 and its rapid growth in the early 20th century. The dwelling is an example of log construction that was typical in Washington County throughout the 18th and 19th centuries as shown by the vast numbers of remaining log houses built before 1860 that ranged from small cabins to large homes. A previous Washington County survey reported that log buildings were almost always covered with clapboards, stucco, or in, the 19th century with brick casing. An examination of log structures in the area show little or no weathering on their log walls beneath siding, indicating that covering the logs in most instances seems to have been the intent upon construction<sup>2</sup>. Log buildings in Western Maryland were typically a story and a half in height with double-hung, six-over-six windows as seen in the Mummert House<sup>3</sup>.

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<sup>2</sup> Reed, Paula S. "Keedysville Survey Report." Preservation Associates, Inc., Hagerstown, MD December 1993, p. 9.

<sup>3</sup> Mueller, Julianne. "Town of Smithsburg." Quoting Douglass Reed in his article "Building of the Western Maryland Frontier." Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form, 1991, Section 8, Page 3.

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### Chain of Title

Benjamin H. Stouffer to Susan Stouffer, Widow  
then to Mary E. Horst after Susan's death and to Benjamin E. Stouffer  
(Wills Book H/275, will dated 08/06/1886. Benjamin E. and Mary, wife of Michael E.  
Horst, are listed as his two children. Michael E. Horst and Benjamin E. are executors)

- 02/21/1893 Michael E. Horst, Mary E. Horst, and Susan Stouffer to Benjamin E. Stouffer (son)  
Liber 100 Folio 88
- 03/16/1906 Benjamin E. & Susan B. Stouffer to Annie Hartranft  
Liber 123 Folio 461
- 02/28/1919 Annie Hartanft, widow to Issac Horst  
Liber 154 Folio 616
- 02/21/1925 Issac & Willie Horst to William W. & Edith L. Brewer  
Liber 170 Folio 520
- 11/18/1939 William W. & Edith L. Brewer to Earl D. & Anna L. Pike  
Liber 211 Folio 1
- 04/14/1943 Earl D. & Anna L. Pike to Harold H. & Mary R. Hutson  
\$1,100 mortgage from the Pikes to William W. & Edith L. Brewer  
Liber 222 Folio 394
- 01/09/1945 Harold H. & Mary R. Hutson to William C. Maugans & Jessie M. Maugans  
Liber 228 Folio 631
- 03/15/1973 Omer T. Kaylor, Jr., Personal Representative of Jessie M. Maugan to Richard L. and  
Connie E. Mummert  
Liber 556 Folio 581

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Known Design Source: Unknown

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**Continuation Sheet 9.1: Major Bibliographical References**

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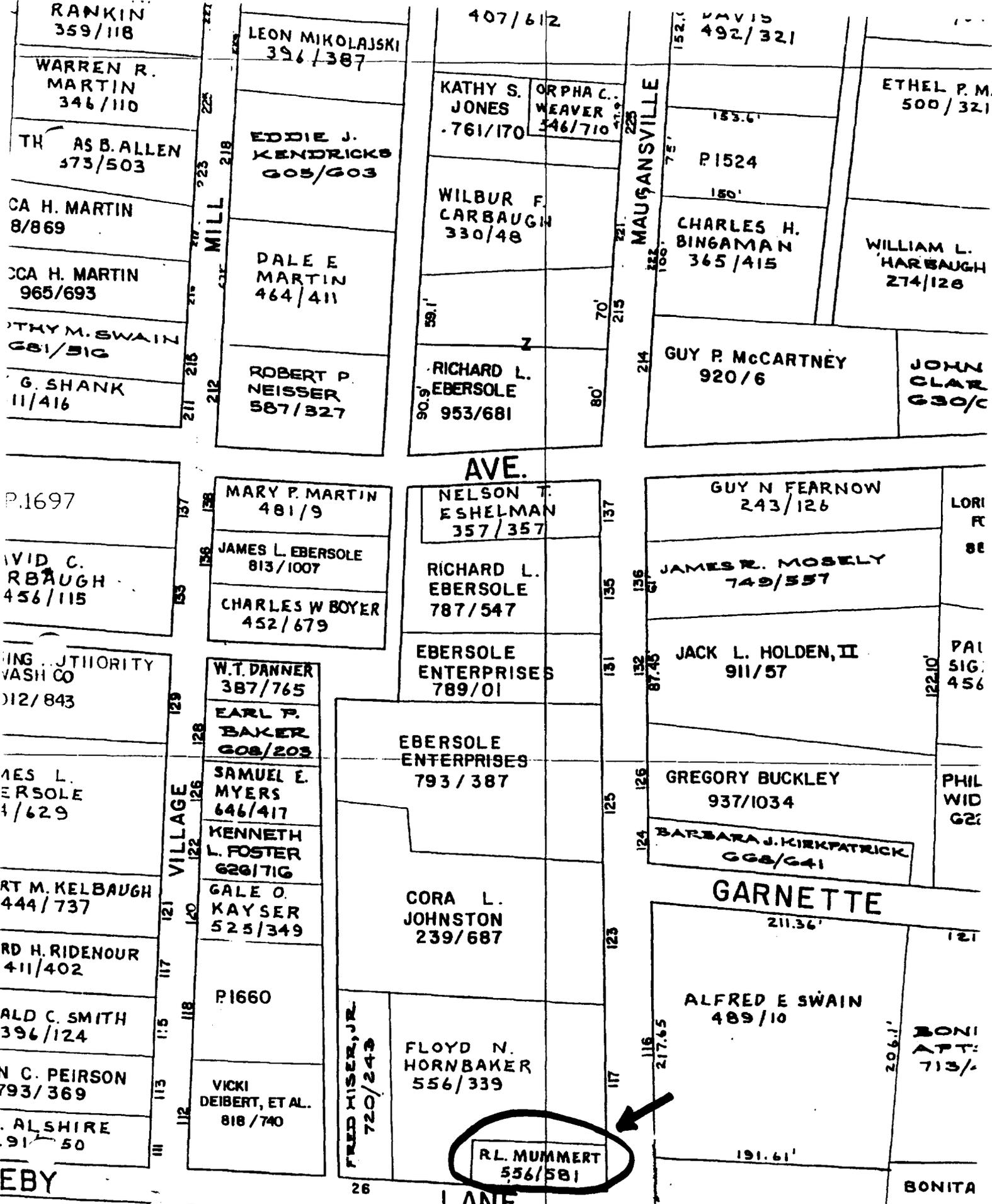
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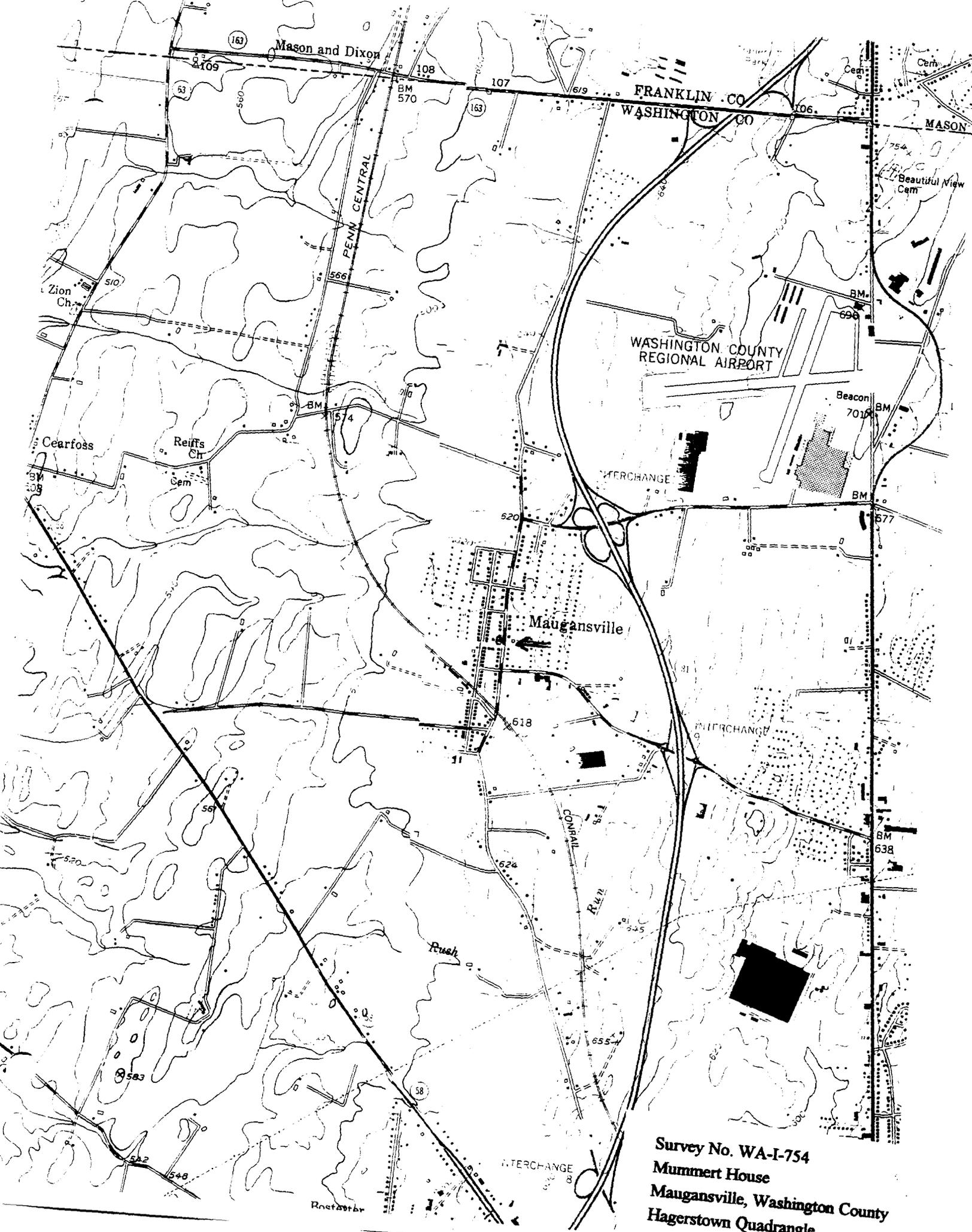
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Maugansville, Washington County  
Tax Map No. 24-2



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Mummert House  
Maugansville, Washington County  
Hagerstown Quadrangle



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Mumma's House, Mangroveville

Washington County

SC Salvatore

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Mumma's House, 1386 Mangroveville Rd, NW View

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Mummers House, 11000th St

Washington County, MD

SE Salvator

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neg. MD State

Mummers House, 11000th St, SE View

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Murphy House, Maysville

Washington Co, MD

SC Salvator

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neg: MA SHPO

numbered photo 13818 Maysville Rd, NE View

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