

ABSTRACT

WA-II-014

19th Century

Jericho Farm
Boonsboro Vicinity
private

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

WA-II-014
District 6
Map 68
Parcel 46
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Jericho Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

South of Maryland route 68, West of Mill Point

CITY, TOWN

Mill Point

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF Boonsboro

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
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Dr. & Mrs. Alfred E. Smith

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 1, Box 171

CITY, TOWN

Boonsboro

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21713

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 619

Folio #: 531

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

WA II-019

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Jericho Farm is located along a private lane extending in a southerly direction from Maryland route 68, about 3/4 mile west of Mill Point in Washington County, Maryland. The house is situated on an area of relatively level ground and faces north. It is a two story, three bay brick structure resting on low fieldstone foundations. A two story, three bay wing extends to the rear or south. The entire structure is painted white. The bricks forming the walls are laid in Flemish bond at the front elevation while American or common bond is used at the side and rear walls. Trim at the exterior includes wide wooden lintels with decorated corner blocks over the openings.

Windows which are aligned with each other in the walls, have narrow frames which hold six over six pane double hung sashes. Most windows are flanked with pairs of louvered shutters.

The main entrance is located in the east end bay of the front elevation. The entrance opening is broad, including a seven light transom over the door and side lights. The wide door has six rectangular panels and is flanked with pairs of slender colonnettes. Sheltering the entrance is a one story flat roofed porch supported by four slender doric type columns. Adorning the frieze of the porch is a delicate carved garland punctuated with bow knots.

The roof of the house is sheathed with slates and terminates with barge boards set direct against the end walls. A large brick chimney is located inside the west end wall. A second chimney which has no apparent functional purpose extends from inside the east end wall.

The interior of the front portion of the house is divided into two rooms and a broad stair and entrance hall. Prominent in the hallway is the stair which is open to the attic and a round medallion apparently of molded plaster from the center of which hangs a light fixture. Door frames in the front section of the house have symmetrically molded trim with decorated corner blocks. Six panel doors display carpenter locks. Fireplaces are trimmed with mantels having doric colonnettes. Recessed panels are present beneath parlor windows. Found in the kitchen fireplace at the rear of the house was a cast iron stove plate or fire back of Pennsylvania German design, dated 1767.

A barn and agricultural outbuildings are located south of the house. A stone dwelling southwest of the house is discussed in form WA-II-015.

The house appears to be in excellent condition and stands on a tract containing 104 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	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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In 1832, George S. Kennedy purchased 264 3/4 acres of "Jericho," "Jericho Hills," "Contentment" and "Chopper" from John Booth for \$9,262.25 (NN/663). Jericho Farm remained in the Kennedy family, descending to Elizabeth Ellen Wilson, George Scott Kennedy's daughter and her heirs, until 1952. (82/377, 137/610, 139/163, 214/21, 267/213).

According to T.J.C. Williams' History of Washington County, George Scott Kennedy was one of the wealthiest citizens of Washington County and a graduate of Princeton University. He is described as an influential man who was instrumental in the construction of the Washington County Railroad. The hospitality of George Scott Kennedy at his home, "Jericho" was noted throughout 19th century Washington County. ¹

¹ T.J.C. Williams, History of Washington County. Hagerstown, Md: Mail Publishing Co., (1906) p.1189.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington County Land Records.

Williams, T.J.C., History of Washington County. Hagerstown, Md: Mail Publishing Co., 1906.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 104 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

March 1977

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

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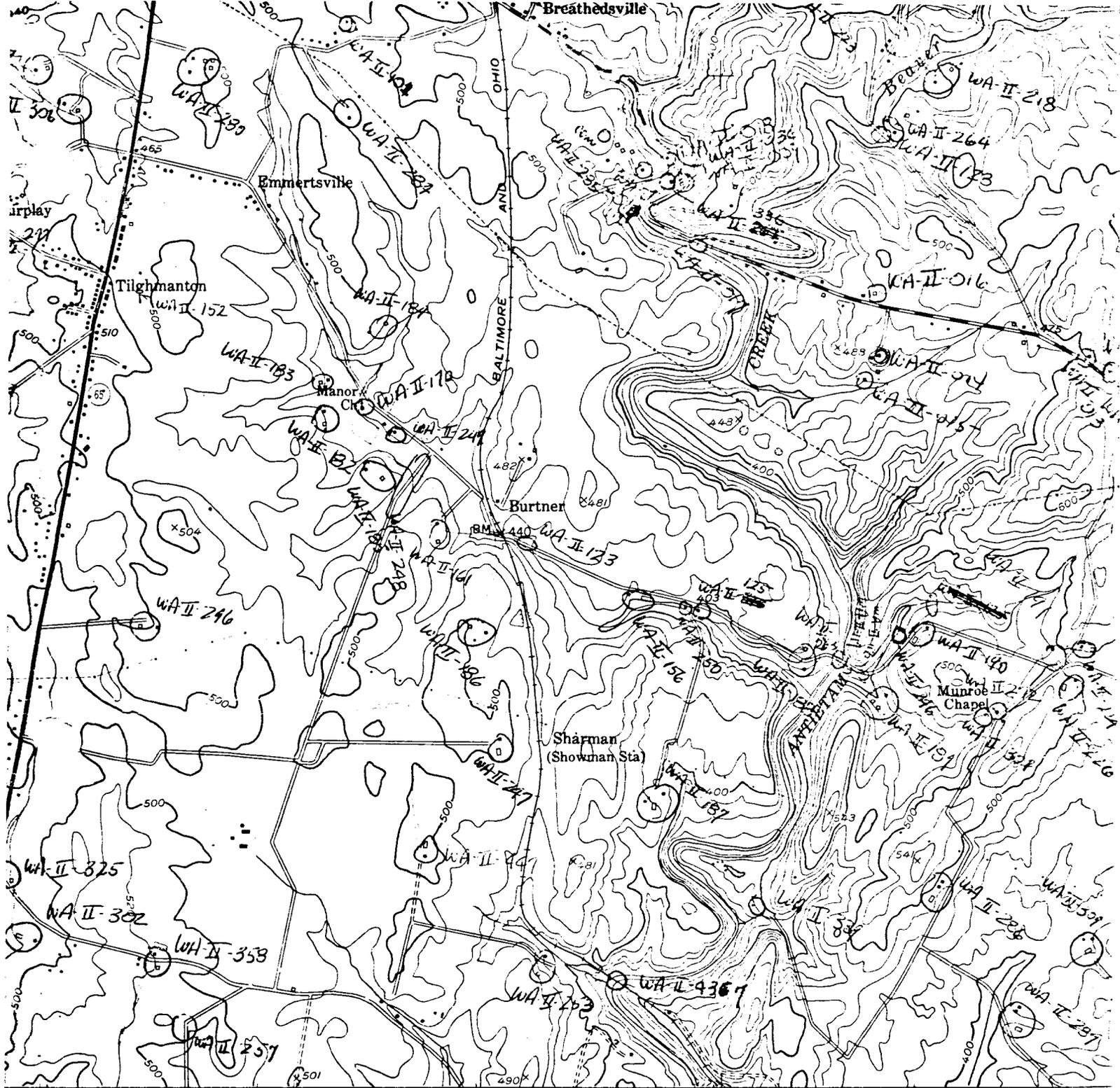
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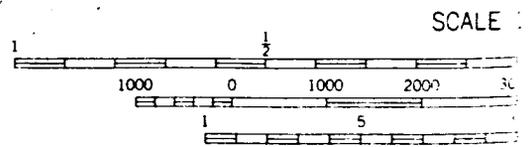
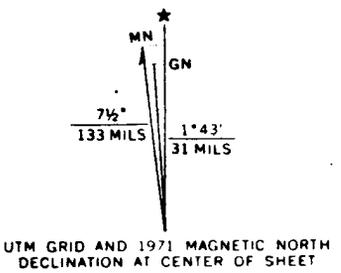
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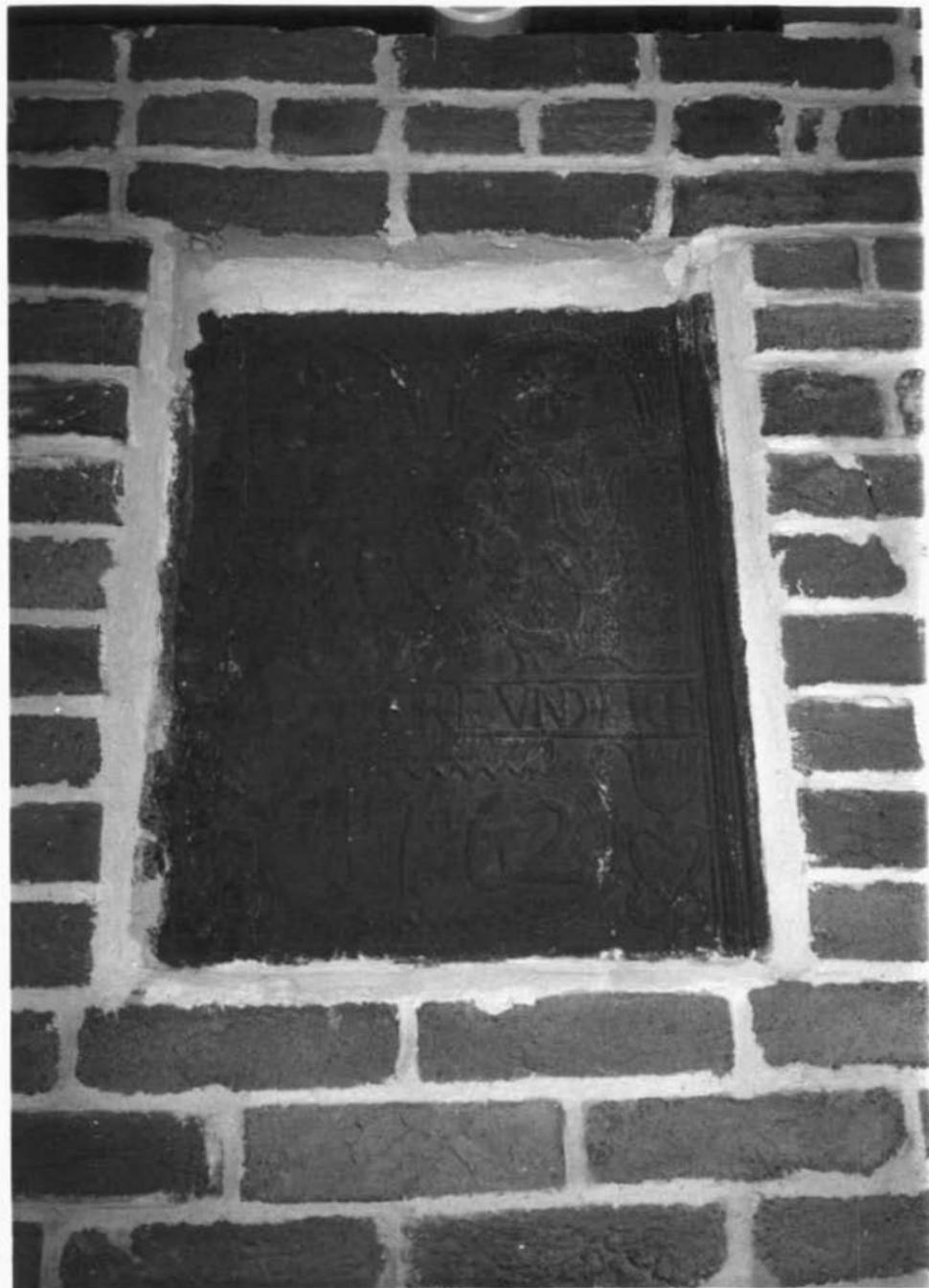
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